

Sabre teams may be movin' on up

The proposed executive slate was accepted fully at the Acton Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting on March 31 — and that means planning begins immediately for the 1996-97 campaign.

"Planning for next year starts right away," explained President Dave McIntyre on Monday. "April 25 is the first meeting of the new executive, in the meeting room at the Legion."

Working with the returning president will be Secretary Rick Boychuk, First Vice-President Steve Prentice, Second V.P. Brian Payne, Third V.P. Wendy Weatherall and Treasurer Gord Chapman.

One of the first items on the AMHA agenda will be the possibility of moving all first teams up to a higher class of competition next year.

Explained McIntyre: "The one thing we're looking at is moving our teams up to the Smith Division of Tri-County. We're now competing in the Harrison Division and this would be one step higher classification."

Second teams (Novice 2, Atom 2, etc.) would remain in their present Doherty Division, said McIntyre.

"We're not sure if this will happen. Our executive will have to discuss the idea and then our Operations Manager (Steve Prentice) will take it to the Tri-County executive to see what they say about it first."

This has been a banner season for the AMHA, as six out of eight eligible Sabre squads made it to their Tri-County championship finals.

Bantam 2 Sabres lose out to Milton

Once again Acton's Bruce Hood Travel Bantam 2s failed to defeat their Hwy. 25 neighbours, Milton. This time it was 8-3 in the championship game of the Milton Optimist Tournament and their season-ending contest.

"No one expected us to get this far, but we knocked off Burlington (6-5) and Brampton (7-4) earlier to earn the right," offered Manager Jim Monaghan.

In the final, Acton was short four regulars and had to shuffle their lineup. It almost worked as Milton was holding on to a slim 5-3 lead with Acton pressing in the third period. Two quick Milton goals squelched any comeback hopes for Acton.

"Milton is basically a Major Bantam squad while we only have four second-year players. This makes it tough, even with our full squad. We're proud of their effort in the final," said Monaghan.

Against Milton, it was Ryan Young, Mike Smith and Derek Lockerbie who scored; Smith was game MVP.

Last Monday, Lockerbie's hat-trick and Steve Protopapas's pair of goals and assists led the way in Acton's 6-5 victory over Burlington. Ryan Young had the other marker while Lockerbie was awarded the MVP trophy.

It was Protopapas's turn to pot a hat-trick as Acton beat Brampton 7-4 last Tuesday. Smith, Young, Reuben Rivers and Matt Bodin, who had three assists and MVP honours, completed the scoring.

Acton's other tourney highlight was Lockerbie winning the shooters' portion of the skills contest Saturday.

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Ladies Hi-Triple: Betty Bousfield, 579; Shirley McKeown, 536; Mabel Barkman, 503; Irene Breen, 502.

Men's Hi-Single: Dee DeForest, 331; Ray Atkinson, 213; Edgar Barnstaple, 205; Frank Thompson, 201.

Men's Hi-Triple: Dee DeForest, 826; Ray Atkinson, 616; George Williams, 533; Wilmer Davidson, 512; John Buckman, 503.

Peewees looking back at big year

On Wednesday in Elora, the URW Local 603 Peewee 2 squad became Acton's third Tri-County champion as they finally eliminated a determined Elora squad 4-2.

It was a hard-fought series that went the distance and featured a tie, two overtimes and no game, other than the last, with a winning margin of more than one goal. Oddly, Acton won all three games in Elora and only managed a tie at home.

"I can't say enough about our goaltenders — Rob Morris and Chad Greenwood — who kept us in every game," said Coach Kurt Durski. The netminders' sparkling GAA of 2.09 is a testament to their contribution to the team's success.

Also key to the season was our big line of Cap-

tain Jeff Young, Stephen Monaghan and Matt Hebden, who scored 93 of the team's 169 total goals," continued Durski. "And in the close games, the defensive corps of Darren Banks, Chris Near, Justin Lockerbie, David Metcalfe, Darren Selihar and Adam Durski were solid."

Everyone contributed to the team's success as all forwards ended with double digits in points. Jordan Zukowski (39), Jason Bonus (30), Andrew Forbes (26), Sam Brunelle (22), Paul Schiller (21) and Simon Drexler (18) played with heart in every game.

"The kids' attitudes, the rest of the coaching staff and the parents were great this year," said Durski.

Rounding out the volunteers were Mike Forbes, Sid Barends and Wayne Hebden.

Three-Pitch loop returns

The Acton Mixed Three-Pitch recreational league is ready to kick off another year, with games slated to begin on Wednesday, May 1.

The league, which began as an industrial loop featuring teams from Beardmore and Hellers, will have eight teams competing on Wednesday and Thursday nights this summer. All games are at Prospect Park.



Each team will have a roster of 18 players, which adds up to a 144-member league.

"It's purely a recreational league, and we really have a lot of fun," says Secretary Dan Tremblay.

"Age range is 16 to at least 50, and lots of couples sign up. We have four couples and one father-daughter pair on our team," say Tremblay.

Other league executive members are President Richard Cripps, Vice-President Tammy Kutasienski and Treasure Jeff Koprowski.

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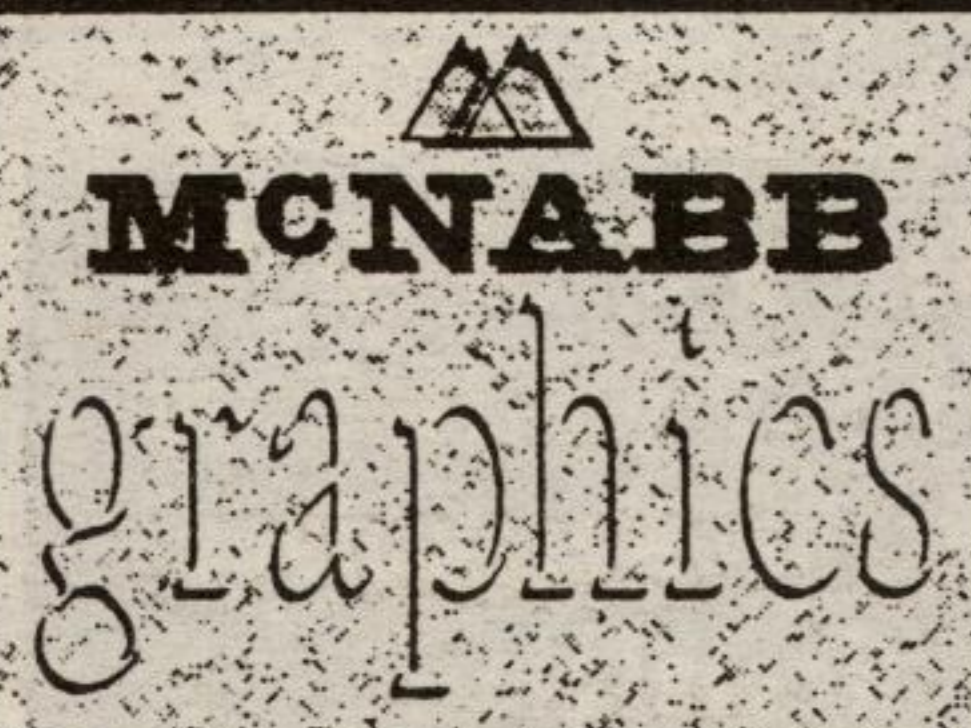
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