

ACTON MINOR HOCKEY REPORT

NOVICE I

The Nellis Construction Novice I Sabres played a strong week of hockey earning five of a possible six points.

They started with a 2-2 tie against Erin/Hillsburgh in Acton. Scott Timmings and Braden Artem were the goal scorers with Garrett Williams and Shaun Harkey earning assists. Goaltender Josh Locke took over from there earning his fourth and fifth shutouts of the year as the Sabres downed Milton in back to back games by the score of 1-0 and 2-0 respectively. Michael Bentley scored the only goal in their first meeting while Andrew Marcoux scored both goals in the following game.

The Nellis I Sabres were also busy in a Christmas tournament. After dropping the opening game of the tournament 6-3 to Schomberg, they went on to hammer the Chinguacousy Blues 12-0 and the Parkdale Panthers 10-0 to win the consolation championship. Marcoux had seven goals in the two games while Kyle McDonald added six goals in the blow out wins. Also scoring were Bentley (3), Harkey (2), Ryan Winters (2), Artem and Kyle Fellows.

NOVICE II

After opening their week with a hard fought victory over Milton 5-3, the Andy's Restaurant Acton II Sabres were no match for Grand Valley in losing 11-2.

Acton came out slow against Milton and found themselves down 2-1 after the first period, however they turned it on after that and

outscored Milton 4-1 in the final two periods. Greg Henry was the offensive hero with a hat trick, while Craig Kirkwood had a goal and three assists. Daniel Woolford had the other Acton goal in the win. In the Grand Valley game the only Acton players to find the net were Jason Douthright and Kirkwood.

The Novice II Sabres were also busy in tournament action as they fell short in the tournament finals to a strong Erin/Hillsburgh team 12-0.

Acton started the tournament strong by downing Oakville 9-0. They played a good first period and jumped out to a 4-0 lead. The team then started to concentrate on defense as they limited the Oakville scoring chances

and preserved the shutout.

In game two, Acton came out slow after a long wait between games. They did manage to lead however, by scores of 1-0 and 2-1 but each time Ayr came back to tie the game. The teams played a scoreless overtime period which sent the game to a shootout. Acton goalie Spencer Veness was outstanding in net during the shootout stopping all five shots he faced, while Greg Henry and Greg Black scored to send Acton to the final.

Craig Kirkwood was named the tournament MVP for his strong play in all three games. The coaching staff was pleased with the effort of the entire team throughout the tournament.

ATOM II

The Acton Proplastex Atom II Sabres split their two games last week.

The Atom II Sabres were all over Erin in a 6-2 win. Chad Artem had a goal and three assists while Matt Locke had a goal and two assists in the game. Harry Schaefer scored a pair, with singles going to Michael Rudat and Paul Iaccoca. Acton started slowly against Elora allowing Elora to jump out to a 3-1 lead after two periods, but rallied to tie the game 4-4 in the third period. Elora scored the winning goal late in the third period to clinch the win. Jeff Sparkes and Iaccoca were in on all the Sabre goals, Sparkes with a hat trick and

an assist and Iaccoca with a goal and three assists. Their record now stands at 8-6-8 for the season.

PEEWEE II

The Acton URW Local 603 PeeWee II Sabres won their game last week against Milton to improve their record to an impressive 12-5-2. Acton won the game 4-0 but scoring details were not available.

BANTAM I

A slow start and a slow finish cost the Bantam I Rep Firefighters a chance at a couple of points this past week.

Shawn Weatherall opened the game against Erin with a hat trick as Acton jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the first period but couldn't hold the lead. Erin got within two late in the first and the teams traded goals in the second as Acton held a 6-4 lead in the third but couldn't hold it.

Weatherall finished with four goals with singles going to Jason Peart and Chad Farlow.

It was a slow start that cost Acton in their game against Arthur, a 6-4 loss. After falling behind 3-0, Acton got goals from Joey Field and Paul Withers to make the game close. Arthur responded with three goals in the third including an empty netter with Acton pressuring, to seal the victory.

Matt Schrock and Field had goals in the third to give Acton a chance but they couldn't recover from their slow start. The game marked the first loss in 16 games for the Bantam Firefighters.

BANTAM II

The Bruce Hood Travel Bantam II team gave their fans an early Christmas present going undefeated in three games leading up to the break.

In Acton on Dec. 16, the bantams demolished Elora 10-1. Though almost everyone on the team got on the scoreboard, it was Joey Thompson's four goals and two assists that stood out. Jordan Zukowski was close behind with two goals and three assists. Other goal scorers were Mike Smith (2), Greg Barends and Adam Durski.

Two days later Bruce Hood ventured to Grand Valley and defeated the hosts 4-2 in a well played game. Zukowski, David Iaccoca, Stephen Monaghan and Jason Peart with the empty netter were the goal scorers.

Finally, the bantams downed a tough Georgetown team 3-0. Zukowski and Peart continued to score as did Rob Blyth in the win. The team's record is now a very solid 16-5-3 with four regular season games left.



CROSSED IN OPPOSITION: Sean Nellis crosses paths (and sticks) with two Erin players during the championship finals in the Andy's Restaurant Novice II Sabres tournament last Friday. Unfortunately, Acton came out on the short end of the stick in the game, losing 12-0. (Karen Wetmore photo)

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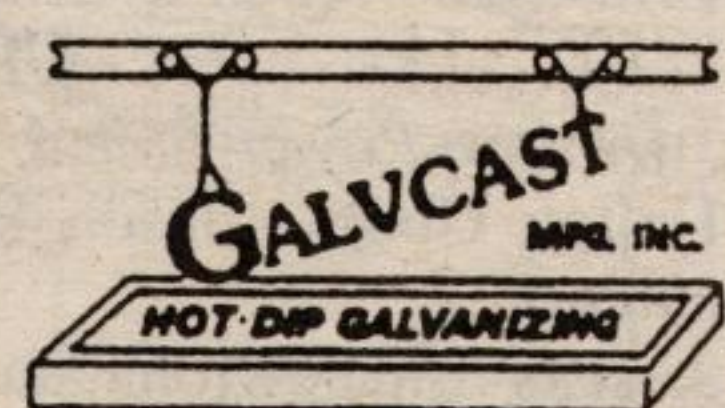
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