

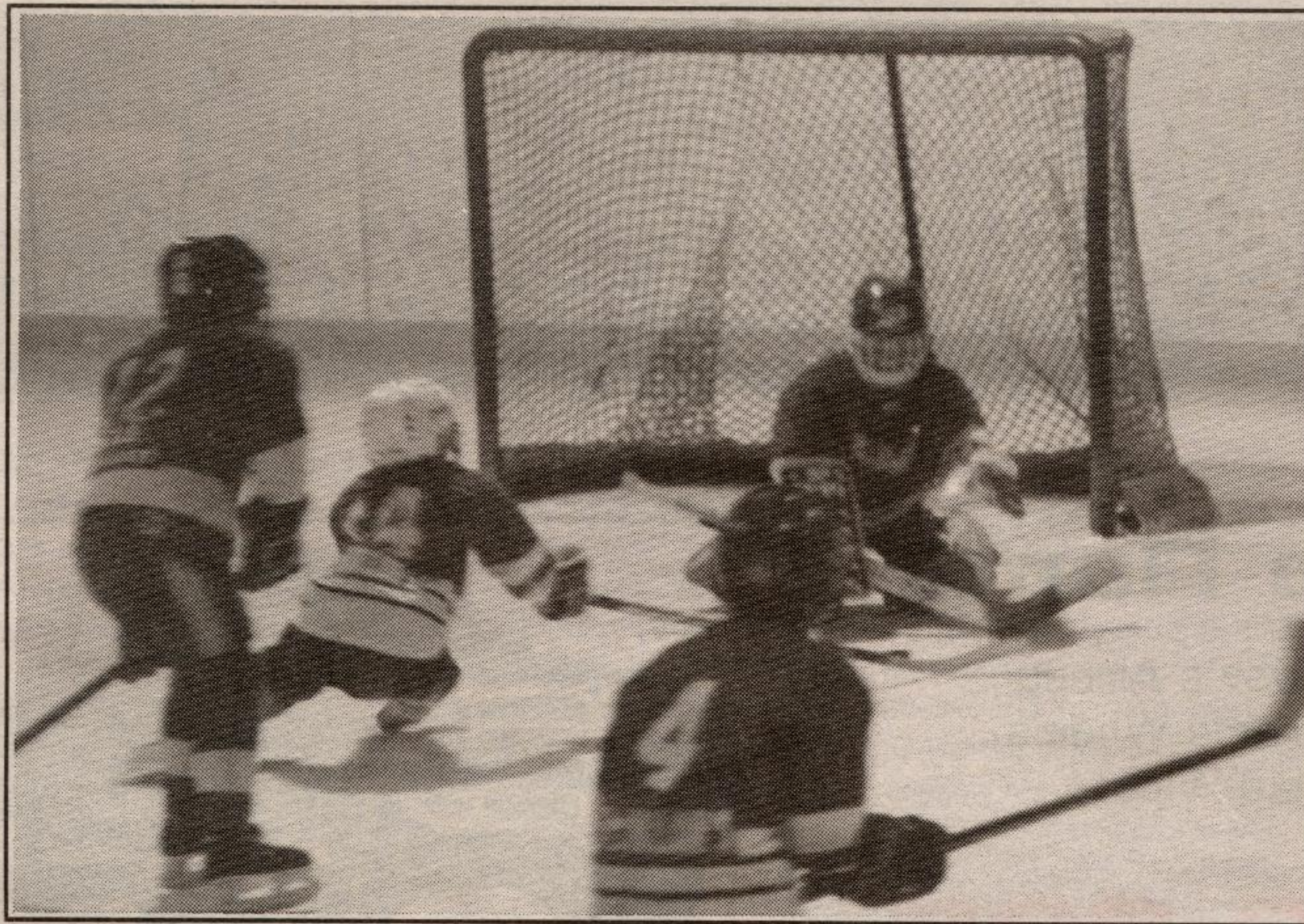
ACTON MINOR HOCKEY REPORT

NOVICE I

In their opening game of Tri-County Round Robin playoff action the Nellis Construction Novice I Sabres lost a tight game 3-2, to Arthur. **Michael Bentley** got Acton on the board, with **Garrett Williams** drawing an assist. **Ryan Winters** scored the second Acton goal from **Braden Artem** and **Brady Masters**. However Acton could not get the equalizer as they dropped their first game of the playoffs.

NOVICE II

It was a busy week for the Andy's Restaurant Novice II Sabres as they concluded league action, started the playoffs and played an exhibition game. They finished the regular season on a high tying Fergus 1-1 on a goal from **Anthony Kri**, and a 7-6 win over Grand Valley. **Sean Nellis** scored his third goal of the game late in the third to give Acton the win. Also scoring in the win were **Greg Henry** (2), **Greg Black** and **Kri**. Earning assists on the goals were **Craig Kirkwood** (2), **Jason Douthright**, **Black**, **Brad Ethier**, **Wade Kuiken-Rogers** and **Kri**. The Sabres then opened the playoffs against Elora dropping a heartbreaker 2-1. Acton came on strong at the end but were unable to get the equalizer. **Kirkwood** scored on a pass from **Henry** for the only Acton goal. Finally in exhibition action Acton dropped a 9-3 decision to Hespeler. **Kirkwood** had all three goals, with **Henry** picking up two assists in the loss. After falling behind 6-0 Acton adjusted to the Olympic



SHUTOUT BOUND: Eagle Technology novice goalie Nick Harris stops the puck as he did throughout the game last Saturday against MacMillan's. Eagle Technology won the game by a score of 4-0. (Eve Martin photo)

size ice rink and played Hespeler even the rest of the way.

ATOM II

The Acton Proplastex Atom II Sabres played their best hockey of the year as they cruised through their last three games of the regular season last week with two wins and a tie to set their season record at 11-7-10. The Atom II Sabres battled second place Fergus to a 4-4 tie and a 6-1 win. They also routed Arthur 9-1. Then they continued their winning ways with a convincing 9-4 win over the first place Elora team in their first game of the Tri-County playoffs. **Jesse Sparkes** led the Acton scoring with an incredible 13 goals and three assists in four games. Other Acton scorers were **Matt Locke** (2 and 7),

Paul Iaccoca (1 and 8), **Harry Schaefer** (1 and 5), **Alex Dube** (6 assists), **Tim Pembleton** (3 and 2), **Patrick Collins** (2 and 3), **Tylor Baribeau** (1 and 4), **Chad Artem** (3 and 1), **Shawn Gobin** (1 and 3), **Michael Rudat** (1 and 3), **Adrian Chabossol** and **Steve Terry** with 3 assists and **Troy Ethier** with one assist. The Atom II Sabres start a best of five series with Fergus in the OMHA playoffs this Thursday.

PEEWEE II

The URW Local 601 PeeWee II Sabres split their two games last week, which was good enough to earn them a first place finish in the overall standings. They opened up the week playing a tight defensive game against Erin/Hillsburgh. The game was

scoreless until the Devils scored five minutes into the third period. Less than 90 seconds later **Shawn Prentice** scored on an unassisted end-to-end rush, to tie the game. The Sabres winning marker came with only 27 seconds left on the clock. **Brian Field** set up **Jason Bonus** for the winner. In their following game they travelled to Grand Valley to take on their arch rivals in a penalty-filled game, as each team took nine minor penalties. Grand Valley took advantage of the power play scoring three times and held Acton off, winning 3-1. **Darren Banks** from Prentice was the only tally for Acton. The Sabres record stands at 17-6-2, with one game remaining at Arthur. They open up the playoffs against Fergus on January 21.

BANTAM I

The Bantam I Rep Firefighters finished up the regular season in top place and are now heading to both the Tri-County and OMHA playoffs simultaneously. The Firefighters finished the regular season thumping Arthur 7-1. **Shawn Weatherall** led the way with two goals and two assists. Also finding the net in the win were **Matt Bodin** (2), **Paul Withers**, **Mike Hills**, and **Jason Christopher**.

In their first playoff action they downed Fergus 5-3. **Matt Hall** opened the scoring from **Ryan Young** to give Acton a 1-0 lead after one period. They stretched their lead in the second with an unassisted goal from **Jason Christopher** and nice goal from **Shawn Weatherall** assisted by **Chad Farlow** and **Chris Lee**. Fergus responded with one goal of their own in the second. Acton put it away in the third when **Weatherall** and **Christopher** exchanged goals again for a 5-3 win. They will be facing Hespeler in the OMHA finals with the first game at Hespeler. Their first OMHA home game is Tuesday January 28 at the Acton arena.

BANTAM II

The second place Bruce Hood Travel Bantam II team had the week off except for two exhibition and two tournament games. Playing Brampton twice earlier last week, Acton won 3-2 and 6-0. In the first match **Jason Peart**, **David Iaccoca** and **Joey Thompson** staked Acton to a 3-0 lead as Acton held on from there. Drawing assists on the goals were

Ryan Oudesluys, **Mike Smith**, **Adam Durski** and **Jordan Zukowski** with a pair. The next night behind goalie **Robert Morris'** shutout Acton beat up Brampton 6-0. **Matt Habden** had a pair of goals with singles going to **Greg Barens**, **Peart**, **Thompson**, and **Zukowski**.

The team then travelled to Zurich, for their "away" tournament winning one and losing one. Against Blenheim, MVP **Morris** again earned a shutout as Acton edged the visitors 1-0. **Mike Hryn**, set up by **Barens** and **Hebden** provided the winner. Their next opponents, an "A" squad from Thamesford, proved too tough as they waltzed to a 7-1 win. **Peart** from **Stephen Monaghan** and **Jordan Zukowski** broke the goose egg. The team now starts their league and OMHA playoffs.

MIDGET

The Acton Midgets have had a tough time of it lately earning only a tie in their past four games. They tied Chinquousy 1-1 after dropping a 5-2 decision to them earlier in the week. **Adam Petch** from **Mike Palmer** and **Phillip McIntyre** provided the scoring in the tie. In their other two losses they fell 4-1 to Erin and 10-4 to Brampton

To all the coaches who submitted their team reports on time this week, and every week:

THANK YOU!

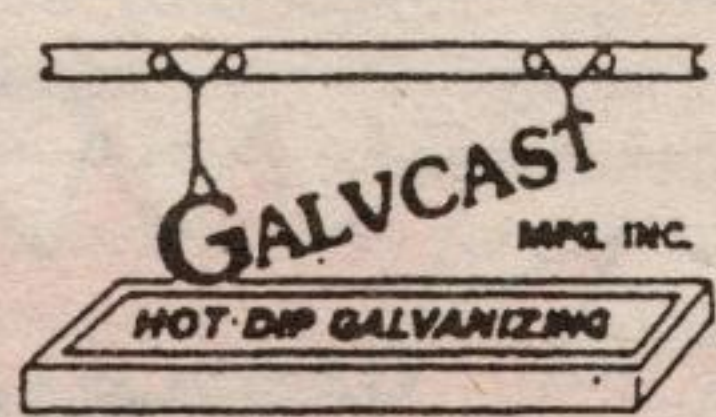
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