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HOCKEY HERO: Acton's Ron McKnight was the man of the hour as he was named the 1998 Georgetown Hockey Heritage Ward recipient at an awards banquet on Monday in Georgetown. McKnight, after getting a kiss and a plaque from Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson, said the best wishes and congratulations from his hockey buddies overwhelmed him. - *Frances Niblock photo*

Sabres, Trenton deadlocked in best of five semi-finals

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The New Tanner

The Acton Juvenile Sabres are tied at one game each with Trenton in OMHA semi-final playoff action following a 1-0 loss in Trenton on Sunday.

Although Acton is playing a best-of-5 game series, game 3 in Trenton tonight (Thursday) is critical because the winner will have the advantage heading into game 4 on March 14 at Acton.

Netminder Mike Kempton was superb in Sunday's loss to Trenton. Trenton scored its lone marker half way through the second period on a power play– a period that Acton played short-handed by two men because of a string of penalties.

Although Acton outplayed Trenton, they were unable to capitalize on their numerous power play opportunities and had to settle for the 1-0 loss.

"I couldn't have asked them to play better," coach Rob Pembleton said on Monday. "They played smart hockey and I know that they can do it again."

It took 10 minutes of sudden death overtime for the Sabres to clinch a 4-3 win in the first game on Saturday in Acton. Trenton opened scoring in the first period and the Sabre's came back when Trevor Malloy scored with just five seconds left in the first period.

The Sabre Juveniles moved ahead five minutes into the second period when Rob Turpin let go a blistering shot in the upper left corner that seemed to catch the Trenton goalie unaware to make it 1-1.

Phil McIntyre scored quickly in the third period before Trenton retaliated with two goals to end the period in a 3-3 tie. This necessitated ten-minute sudden death overtime. Four minutes into the overtime period, Phil McIntyre scored single handedly to get his second goal of the game. McIntyre also set up two goals in the game with single assists going to Steve Forbes, Trevor Williams and Trevor Malloy.

Heading into tonight's game coach Pembleton said," Both teams are evenly matched and it's probably going to be a goaltenders' duel,"adding that he hopes the team gets the message that they must stay out of the penalty box.

"Basically now we're into a best 2-out-of 3 series. If we take tonight's game in Trenton then we will have home ice advantage on Saturday and this team loves to play at home."

House league playoffs

TYKE

Fourth place J.T. Young Power fought to a 5-3 win over first place Best Transfer on Saturday. **Shawna Druif** and **Sean Terry** each scored twice for J.T. Young and Druif also had an assist. The other marker was scored by **Alexander Brake**.

League points leader **Stephen Bennett** scored two goals and had an assist for Best while **Aaron Hnatin** found the net once and assists went to **Gordon McKeon** and **David Carscadden.**

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David Gardener scored four goals and had an assist in second place Acton Auto Tech's 6-4 win over third place A & S Engraving. **David Bingeman** found the net twice for Auto Tech while **Dylan Burgess** had an assist.

NOVICE

Points leader **Jeremy Stevens** was unstoppable, scoring all five of MacKenzie Chapman's goals in a 5-3 win over MacMillan's Frozen Foods on Saturday. Assists went to **Kris Van Soelen, Kyle LaBlanc** and **Dylan Beardall**. **Kevin Deforest** had a hat trick for MacMillan's while assists went to **Dylan McPhail** with 2, **James Wilkinson** and **Adrian Schroeder**.

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Joshua Ceccotti and **Elias Frechette** both had singles as third place Legion Branch 197 defeated fourth place M & M Pro Sports 2-1 on Saturday. Legion assists went to **Garrett Jones** and **Preston Becker**. **Liam Heelis**, unassisted, scored M & M's lone marker.

ATOM

Mike Kuipery found the net five times in R/M Construction's 10-3 shellacking of Allostra Catering. **Elliott Schrive** and **Jonathan Tysoe** each scored twice while **Jimmy Bessy** had a single. R/M assists went to **Luke Hurren, Richard Island** and Shrive. **Joshua Stevens** had two of Allostra's goals while **Robbie Rolfe** had the third and assists went to **Kyle Murray, Brandon Ceccotti** and **Matthew Sebastian**.

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Halton Power Line handed Georgetown Chrysler a 6-1 loss. Both **Andrew Friolet** and **Jason Beatty** found the net twice and **Derek Mandy** and **Darryl McKnight** rounded out Power Line's scoring. Assists went to Friolet with 2, Beatty, **Brian Moore** and **Dalton Winstone**. **Neil Armstrong** had Georgetown's lone marker with help from **Dennis Hunak.**

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Michael Bentley had a hat trick in the Graphic Shoppe's 5-3 win over Nellis Construction. **Reid Hendry** and **Ryan Stroud** each had singles while assists went to **Jay Lalonde, Ryan Gatner** and Hendry. **Joel Graydon** had a goal and an assist for Nellis while **D'Arcy O'Driscoll** and **Trent Toeletzka** each had singles.

PEEWEE

Jacob Kentner and **Mike Chapman** scored four goals each to lead Daniel Varanelli to a 16-2 rout over Georgetown Apple Auto Glass on Saturday. **Blaine Murray** had a hat trick while **Aston Demers** scored twice and **Brendon Blair, Shawn Hitchcock** and **Dylan Jacobs** netted singles.

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Shane Drexler had deadly aim, scoring six goals in Acton Terminal Warehouse's 7-4 win over Acton Precast. **Anthony Zamernik** had a single and an assist for ATW while assists went to Drexler, **Kevin Waring, Tyler Veness, and Chris Foster. Nick Mastro** had a hat trick and **Tyler Chapman** had a single and two assists while **Matthew Chapman** had an assist.

BANTAM/MIDGET

Goalie **Kevin Cullingham** had a shutout as St. John's Trophies blanked Galvcast on Sunday. **Caley French** and **Derek Nolan** scored twice while **Shane Haslam** had a single and assists went to **Mike Smith** (3), **Sean McGee, Jesse Deforest** and **Travis Toth.**

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Frank's Bunch took at 3-1 win from Acton Subway on Sunday. **Ryan Oudelsluys** found the net twice for Frank's and **Dan Miller** had a single and an assist. **Kurtis Bosh** scored Subway's lone goal with help from **D.J. King** and **Devon Fraser.**

On Friday Oudelsluys, Miller and Rowsell each had singles to lead Frank's Bunch to a 3-1 win over St. John's trophies. **Richie Dalziel** had St. John's goal with help from **Shane Haslam**.

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