



**RUB AND SCRUB:** Curlers were hard at it Saturday enjoying a congenial game at the Acton Curling Rink. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

# SPORTS

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 12 NOON

## Minor Atoms are finalists at Erin/Hillsburgh tourney

**By Dianne Mellon**  
Acton Minor Atoms were finalists in an Erin-Hillsburgh tournament last weekend. In their first game Dec. 2 the Tanners played a strong game against Mount Forest with Tyler McNiven scoring two goals, Stephen Bennett one goal and three assists and David Gardner with a goal. Assists went to Alexander Brake, 2, Bryan Curry, 1.

Thomas Harding played steady in net. Game MVP was Jacob Curcija.

The next game was in Hillsburgh against Pelham and the Tanners played a very patient and close checking game, building the score 4-0 after the second period. The third period became very rough but the Tanner held the lead winning the game 4-2. Evan Lavellee had a strong game in net.

Goal scorers were Bennett, Dustin Ballentine, Gardner and Brake. Zack Woolford and Michael McKeon had assists.

In the championship game played in Erin, the Tanners

started out fast with McKeon scoring from the blue line assisted by Brake and Bennett. The Tanners pressed for the rest of the first period, but bagged no goals.

The second period was played even with the Devils getting one goal. In the third period lack of passing and poor defensive coverage allowed the Devils to score four goals to the Tanner's one, and they lost 6-2.

Acton's second goal was by Gardner from Curry. McKeon was MVP. Other team members were Aaron Hnatiw, Matthew Bentley, Luke Gibbons, Kevin Vickery and Tyler Heming.

## Acton Minor Atoms dump E/H 6-4

Acton Minor Atoms came on strong in the third period to defeat Erin/Hillsburgh 6-4 at the Acton ice palace on November 28.

The Tanners enjoyed a 3-0 lead after the first period but the visitors bagged three goals in the second stanza to tie the game up. That set the stage for a three goal third period burst by the Tanner.

Zack Woolford and Alexander Brake each scored two goals to lead the Tanner offence while Dustin Ballentine and Stephen Bennett each bagged one. Assists went to Bennett (2), Woolford, David Gardner, Tyler McNiven (2), and Tyler Heming.

The Minor Atoms played Hespeler last night (Wednesday) in Acton.

## Yaks tie, lose

Acton Yaks Under 11 rep Indoor Soccer team recently kicked off their season with a tie and a loss.

In the Season opener Acton fell behind 2-0 to Kleinberg but gained a hard fought tie. Evan Colvin opened the scoring for the locals and Tyler Hillhouse netted the equalizer.

The Yaks second game saw Acton fall behind early and weren't able to rebound

this time, falling 4-1 to Malton. Talon Sasek scored Acton's only goal on a penalty shot.

The Acton Yaks are a second year rep team recently being promoted from the second division finishing second and narrowly missing first place. This upcoming year will be an exciting one for the Yaks as they build their way to premier status in Ontario Soccer.

## High School cagers shine at tournament

**By Anne Andrews**  
Last Wednesday, the senior Girls' Basketball team from Acton High travelled to Sturgeon Falls to take part in the OFSAA 'A' basketball tournament.

Acton started playing the third seed team of Chatham, and lost 46-20. Scoring for Acton were Ruth Eddolls and Chrissy Pereira two points, Holly Goddard and Meghann Williams four points and Sarah Berry eight points.

Next, Acton had to play O'Gorman from Timmins. They had won their first game but Acton defeated O'Gorman in a nail biter 40-39. Scoring for Acton were Meighan McIntyre and Laura Anne Sheehan two points, Sarah Berry four points, Holly Goddard six points, Chrissy Pereira seven points, Ruth Eddolls nine points and Meghann Williams ten points. This win put Acton into the quarter finals.

Their next opponent was North Middlesex from London. North Middlesex was the number one seed in the tournament and Acton lost 48 to 33. Scoring for Acton were Chrissy Pereira and Holly Goddard four points, Laura Anne Sheehan six points.

The above girls along with Meghen Verheul, Ashley Stinson, Devon Lambert, Kim Roberts, Meghan Wilson and assistant coach Caley French were excellent ambassadors of both the school and community in the 16 team tournament, finishing as quarter finalists. It gave the team a finish in the top eight in the province at the OFSAA 'A' Basketball Tournament.

Coach Jamie Shepherd said he was extremely proud of the team that just kept "giving their everything" to win the respect of other coaches, players and referees.

The Red Storm's first win of the season was in the second game of the tournament in a match against a much taller Timmins team.

"We determined to play the game between the three point lines and keep their height away from the baskets," Shepherd said, adding they pressured Timmins like Acton had been pressured all season.

The game was close and Acton tied it when Ruth Eddolls went out with a knee injury in the third quarter. Timmins scored two three-point shots in a row with about two-and-a-half minutes left, to go ahead by six points.

"Our girls just kept on going and were within one point with 40 seconds left. We do this thing where we aggressively jump the players and a girl panicked and threw the ball and Sarah Berry stole it, went down and laid it in to put us ahead by one for a final of 40-39," Shepherd said.

"Our game plan for the season was to keep improving and these girls played incredibly well," Shepherd said, adding thanks to the Town and the olde Hide House, the team was able to give municipal pins and leather key chains to the other teams at meet.

## Minor Novice continue winning

Acton Minor Novice Tanners improved their record to 13-3-2 with a 7-0 win against Hillsburgh on Nov. 29 in Acton.

Bradley Kri had four goals and Billy Burgan had a pair with a single by Garret Kri. Assists went to Rebecca Traversa, Nicolas Eagan, Brandon Masini and Bradley Kri.

**KIDS' corner**

**World FACT:**

WHAT REGION OF THE WORLD, WHICH EXPLORERS WERE TRYING TO REACH SINCE THE 7TH CENTURY, WAS FIRST VISITED BY ROALD AMUNDSEN AND HIS TEAM ON DEC. 14, 1911?

ANSWER: SOUTH POLE

## Winter Quiz

For many people, winter is their favorite time of year. How much do you know about this season? Test your knowledge by taking the quiz below. Circle the answers that you think are correct.

- Winter in Australia occurs at the same time as this season in North America.
  - Spring
  - Summer
  - Fall
  - Winter
- The winter solstice is the \_\_\_ day of the year.
  - Shortest
  - Longest
  - Coldest
  - Warmest
- A long, narrow sled that has no runners and curls up at its front end is called a \_\_\_\_.
  - Bobsled
  - Luge
  - Sleigh
  - Toboggan
- Where did the 1980 Winter Olympic Games take place?
  - Albertville, France
  - Oslo, Norway
  - Lake Placid, N.Y.
  - Sarajevo, Yugoslavia
- What part of the body is a muff designed to keep warm?
  - Hands
  - Feet
  - Head
  - Neck
- Downhill skiing is also known as \_\_\_ skiing.
  - Nordic
  - Alpine
  - Cross-country
  - Super
- This year, winter in the Northern Hemisphere begins on this day.
  - Dec. 1
  - Dec. 19
  - Dec. 21
  - Jan. 21
- How many goals must a hockey player score in one game in order to score a hat trick?
  - Two
  - Three
  - Four
  - Six
- Which is a method of stopping that ice skaters can use?
  - Snowplow
  - T-stop
  - Hockey stop
  - All of the above
- According to the U.S. National Weather Service, how long must a severe snowstorm last before it is called a blizzard?
  - Three or more hours
  - Five or more hours
  - 10 or more hours
  - 24 or more hours
- In what Olympic event did Eric Heiden win five gold medals?
  - Downhill skiing
  - Figure skating
  - Speed skating
  - Luge

**Answers**  
1. b 2. a 3. d 4. c  
5. a 6. b 7. c 8. b  
9. d 10. a 11. c

**TIMELINE**

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- IN THIS YEAR, WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY WAS FOUNDED IN WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.
- ENGLISH MANUFACTURER JAMES SHARP PRODUCED THE FIRST COMMERCIAL GAS STOVE.
- ARTIST EDGAR DEGAS WAS BORN IN PARIS, FRANCE, ON JULY 19.
- ON AUG. 1, SLAVERY WAS ABOLISHED THROUGHOUT THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

**new word**

**runner**

The blade of a skate