

SPORTS

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 12 NOON

HOUSE LEAGUE HOCKEY

TYKE

Jescan Power - 5

A&S Engraving - 2

Jescan Goals: Bret Allonby (2), Samantha McCarthy, Spencer Evans, Kevin Giordano. Assists: Evans (2), Brad Corpe (2), Tyler Schouten, Lauren Saelzer, Christopher Giordano, Paula Chadwick, McCarthy. A&S goals: Nicholas Begin, Bradyn Moore. Assists: Nicholas Cole, Noah Weir.

M.K. Masonry - 5

Tim Hortons - 1

Masonry goals: Bradley Timmerman (3), Michael Kri, Harold Kirkness. Assists: Bradley Koperdraad (2), Brendin Shannon, Matthew Scannell, Lyla Dixon. Hortons goal: Tyler Tremblay. Assists: Patrick Conlin, Billy Barnes.

NOVICE

MacMillan's - 2

Giant Tiger - 0

MacMillan's goals: Joshua Kalbhenn (2). Assists: Mitchell Gendron, Jason Lockyer.

Yourway Auto Repair - 6

End Zone Sports - 2

Yourway goals: Joshua Doucette, Jake Corp, Nicholas Molinaro (2), Christopher Porty (2). Assists: Porty (2), William Richards, Corpe (2), Angus Agnew, Tyler Kirkpatrick, Avery George, Brian Morris. End Zone goals: Dylan Schouten, Quinn Harding.

Daniel Varanelli - 5

RKD Internet.ca - 3

Varanelli goals: Eric MacCallum, Vincent Marciano (2), Michelle Griffiths, Eric Vlasic. Assists: Joseph Romhanyi (2), Colin MacDonald, Scott McLean, Romhanyi, Vlasic, Scott Clark,

Marciano, Liam McNaull. RKD goals: Evan Oulton, Luke Diemer, Jacob Lehman. Assists: Thomas Potter, Dylan Croft, Mitchell Goclak.

ATOM

Ron's Burner Service - 5

Best Transfer - 3

Ron's goals: Jacob Box, Greg Wells (3), Cameron Erb. Assists: Sean Horricks, Box, Justin Hachey, James Dziepak. Best goals: Troy Weaver (3). Assists: Malcolm Eppinger, Kaitlin Chadwick.

City Limits Consulting - 7

Halton Power Line - 4

City goals: Travis Brown (5), Dylan Payne, Brendan DeWinter. Assists: Indiana White (2), DeWinter (2), Paul Kutasienski, Brown, Josh Campbell, Trent Regular, Christian Begin, White. Power goals: Zach Payne, Shaun Thomson, Jordan Luceri, Nick Fatrda. Assists: George Kennedy (2), Shaun Thompson (3), Luceri, Trent Regular.

Georgetown Chrysler - 5

The Graphic Shoppe - 5

Chrysler goals: Josh Martin (2), Erik Victoria (2), Chris Azzopardi. Assists: Victoria, Joseph Landry (2), Michael Kouskik, Eric Szajda, Connor Hitchcock (2). Graphic goals: Kyle Glover (2), Justin Nadon, Coy Fram, Matthew Stubbington. Assists: Dalton Adams (3), Armin Ashrafi, Jacob MacPherson, Stubbington (2), Glover, Fram.

PEEWEE

Gibbon's Painting - 5

R&M Construction - 3

Gibbon's goals: Conor Gibbons, Aaron French, Eric Small, Mark Wells (2). Assists: Ryan Mertens, Wells (2), Gibbons, Ted Smith, Ethan Job, Daniel Azzopardi,

Eric Otten. R&M goals: Matthew Mills, Travis Wright (2). Assists: Evan McMeekin, Tyler Einmann, Matthew Plickert, Jesse Case.

Acton Precast - 2

Acton Subway - 2

Precast goals: Jacob Dougan (2). Assists: Cameron Coady, Lucas McIntyre, Phillip Conlin. Subway goals: Brendan Pickett, Joe Frechette. Assists: Frechette, Curtis Howson.

Nellis Construction - 3

Time Out Sports - 1

Nellis goals: Dayne Black, Davis Many, Michael Shortt. Assists: Many, Kieran Taylor. Time Out goal: Dylan Burgess. Assists: Cole Brumwell, Monique Lalande.

BANTAM

Acton Terminal Warehouse - 10

Acton Kinsmen - 4

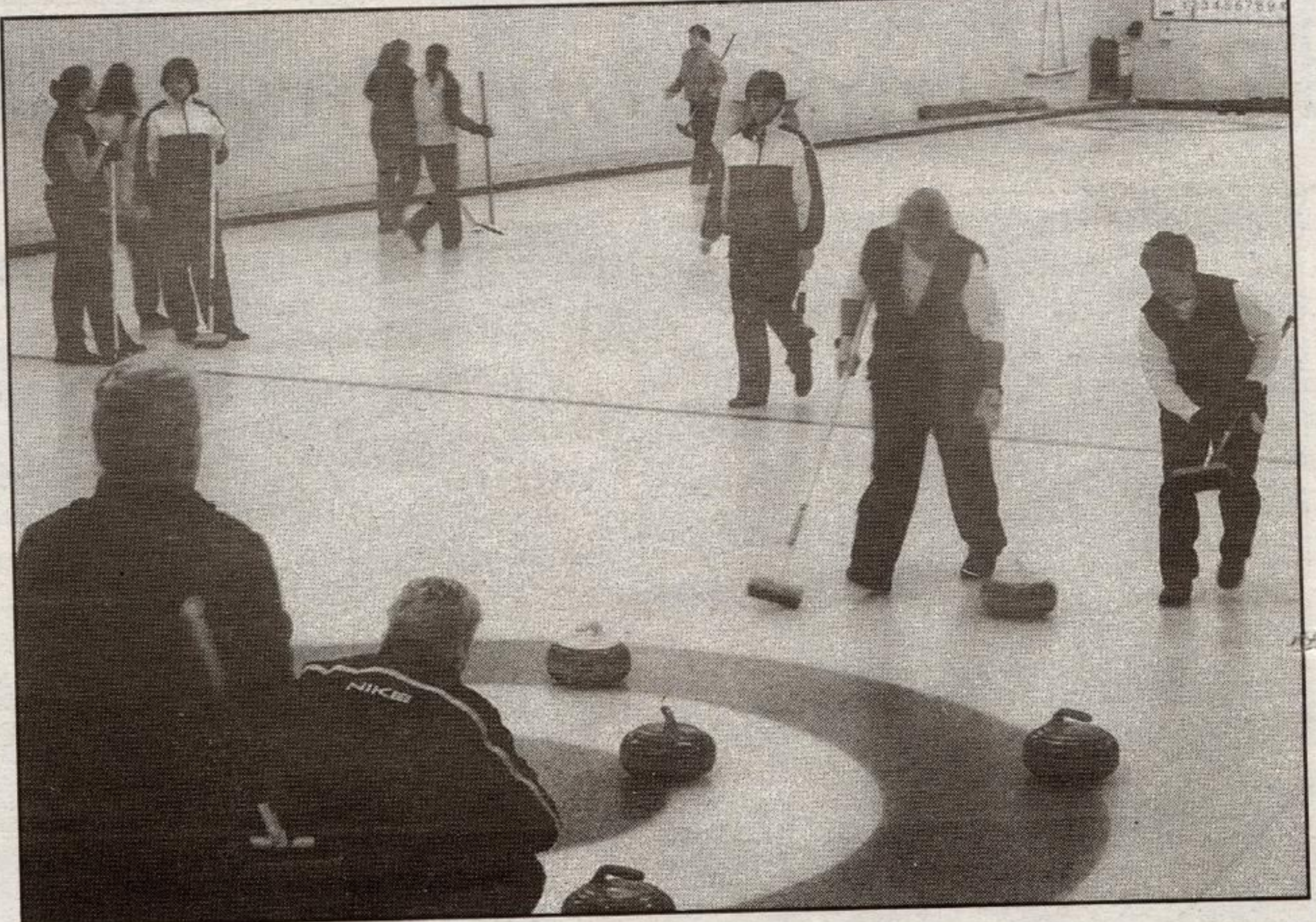
ATW goals: Davis Garvie (3), Clayton Schatti, Alex Hunak (2), Ian Reid (2), Nicholas Glover, Liston Newlands. Assists: Hunak, Victoria Edwards, Garvie (4), Michael Pettitt (3), Michael Dobreen, Glover (2), Schatti. Kinsmen goals: TJ Fry, Kyle Morin, Luca Mazzucco, Corey Drumm. Assists: Morin, Luke Gibbons.

MIDGET

M&M Meats - 8

Actonite Distribution - 6

M&M goals: Michael Kellas (3), Darryl McKnight (2), Robbie Rolfe (2), Tim Tysoe. Assists: James MacLeod (2), McKnight (2), Amanda Schroeder (2), Stephan Gazzola, Tysoe, Kellas. Actonite goals: Jim Blair (2), Denis Hunak (2), Mark Sinkgraven, James Berry.



CURLING PLAYDOWNS: Acton Curling Club hosted the Zone 9 playdowns of the Scott Tournament and the OCA Men's through Friday, Dec. 12 to Sunday Dec. 14. Many spectators were on hand to watch, as in this game when an Acton team skipped by Cheryle DaPonte tried to come back after a shaky start on Saturday morning.

Novice Tanners lose two

The Acton Carquest Nellis Construction Novice BB Tanners lost two similar games this weekend, 4-3 at home to Burlington on Saturday, and 4-3 in Oakville on Sunday. The Tanners outshot Burlington 16-11, but found themselves trailing 4-2 late in the third. An empty net goal for Acton made the final 4-3 Burlington. Ryan Dunlevy had two goals for Acton, both assisted by Walter Kirkness, one also assisted by Callum Bowles. The first goal was scored by Mason Galway

from Michael Evans.

Mason Overland celebrated his birthday in Oakville by stopping seven Oakville shots, unfortunately Oakville scored four to build a 4-0 lead. The Tanners mounted a furious comeback, scoring three goals on 17 shots, but once again they fell short. Oakville were assessed a five minute penalty for body checking for sandwiching Billy Mowat, but unfortunately the Acton coaches were given two min-

utes of their own. Acton managed two power play goals, but could not tie the game. David Bickers finally recorded his first goal of the year for Acton, after lots of hard work and near misses, assisted by Ryan Dunlevy and Michael Evans. Dunlevy and Kirkness had the other goals, with assists going to Damian Ewing, Bradley Bollert, T.J. Baker and Callum Bowles. Next home game is Saturday at 5:30, scores and standings at www.actontanners.com.

Atoms outshot, outbumped by feisty team from Erin

Denny's Atom AE Tanners played only one game this week, and lost 4-2 to Erin. The game was once again one sided, as Erin out-shot Acton 35-14.

Colton Wiens played the whole game in goal for Acton, and once again made numerous good saves on breakaways and rebounds. Acton's goals were scored by Mitchell Brake unassisted, and by Dylan

Britton from Jeff Curry. Britton was one of the few bright spots for Acton as he worked hard along the boards and in front of the Erin net.

More coaching innovation was on display from the beleaguered Tanner coaching staff, as they went much of the game using three full lines of forwards, and only three defencemen. The defence was

stretched after Tyler Christopher was ejected for his third stick penalty of the game. Unfortunately, the team did not have a replacement for Christopher's aggressiveness, as they got pushed around by the larger Erin squad.

Next home game is on Sunday at 11:40, scores and schedules are at www.actontanners.com.

Concussions in minor hockey topic at meeting

By **CHUCK TYSOE**

The New Tanner

Legendary Canadian hockey figure Ken Dryden wrote years ago in his great bestseller, "The Game": "Hockey is dead in Toronto. The Leafs killed it."

Dryden has in the intervening years written other books: "Home Game", "In School", "The Moved and the Shaken". He's been Youth Commissioner for Ontario, six times Stanley Cup Champion and a member of three athletic Halls of Fame. And had lots of time to reflect on the views he expressed in "The Game" about the troubles in Canadian hockey, especially the minor game.

December 6, Dryden opened up the ACC and collaborated with the Tom Pashby Sports Safety Fund to host a group of over 600 doctors, coaches, trainers, referees and assorted hockey persons in what could be a watershed meeting in the drive to understand and prevent hockey-related concussions. Dr. Pashby, now well advanced in years, was a pioneer and innovator in the field of eye, head, neck and brain injuries in sports.

Pashby's efforts are responsible for the face protectors now worn by all Canadian youth hockey players. The Pashby Fund, Maple Leaf Sports and other sponsors made free attendance possible for all guests, who were treated to a short, powerful symposium addressed

by a stellar panel of national and international experts in sports medicine; declared "the best of the best" by several of its members.

Dryden opened the meeting with an eloquent, deeply felt analysis of changes in the pro game during his lifetime, singling out shorter shifts as the greatest factor in increasing the game's danger. Often two players on the puck create a distraction, while players like Scott Stevens "lurk like jungle animals" waiting to hit the vulnerable player, often resulting in concussions or other major injuries.

"We've adapted, but not nearly enough", Dryden concluded, and asked whether it was timely, or even desired

in the hockey community, to seriously look at how the game is played and ask if this is what we really want.

Other experts, including top neurosurgeon Karen Johnston of McGill University, spoke of the insidious nature of concussions, how even young players have developed permanent brain damage; the tendency to trivialize "bell ringers," the subtle pressures within the player's main support community to continue, the tendency of athletes themselves toward denial.

The panel unanimously took the position that everyone in the community must take responsibility for change; parents, players, referees, coaches, trainers, league offi-

cial - but above all coaches will be the most significant influence. Unfortunately only 70 coaches were in attendance, and with over 120,000 players registered in the OMHA alone, how quickly will the message get out?

The audience was urged to "always defer to the experts...be very practical," "to always err on the side of safety," to always "do the right thing."

Doctor Johnston spoke of the problem getting information "from the lab bench to the hockey bench." This has always been the great weakness of Canadian hockey. Two players, whose concussion problems were largely incurred in fights, spoke about their experience;

Johnston made a less than passionate appeal for the elimination of fighting.

Who will listen? Is the OMHA listening? Are local associations and coaches?

For many years now, the brightest hockey minds here and worldwide have urged minor hockey to go to a 2:1 practice/game ratio. Apart from the player development benefits, this might alleviate the alarming cost spiral. But the response from Ontario's minor hockey organizations has been total silence from top to bottom.

Is hockey at the grass roots level ever going to listen, and start doing what's both right and important for its most important people - the players?