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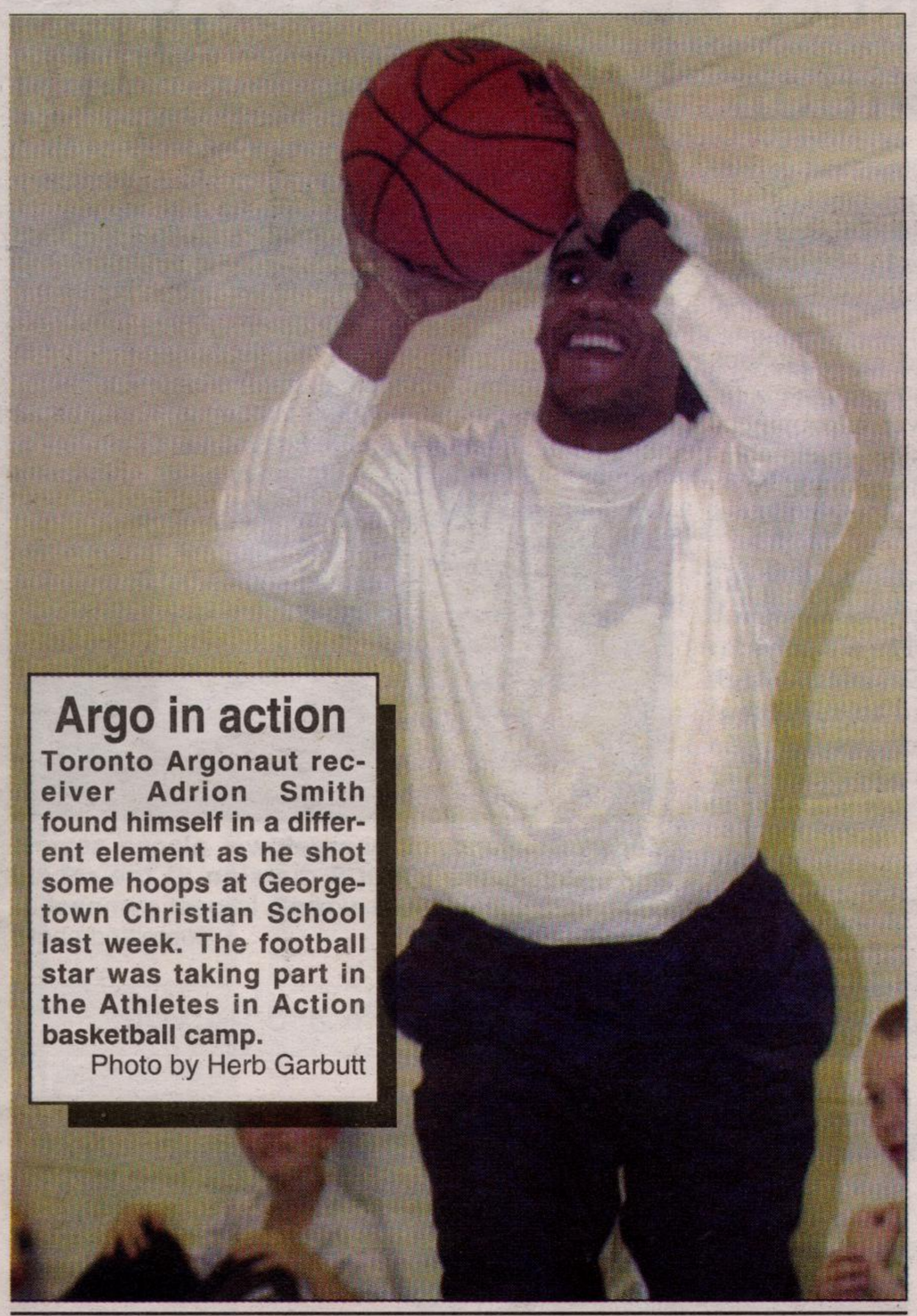


Argo in action

Toronto Argonaut receiver Adrion Smith found himself in a different element as he shot some hoops at Georgetown Christian School last week. The football star was taking part in the Athletes in Action basketball camp.
Photo by Herb Garbutt

Tanners' titles times two possible

The Acton Tanners could find themselves hoisting two Ontario Minor Hockey Association championships banners Saturday afternoon.

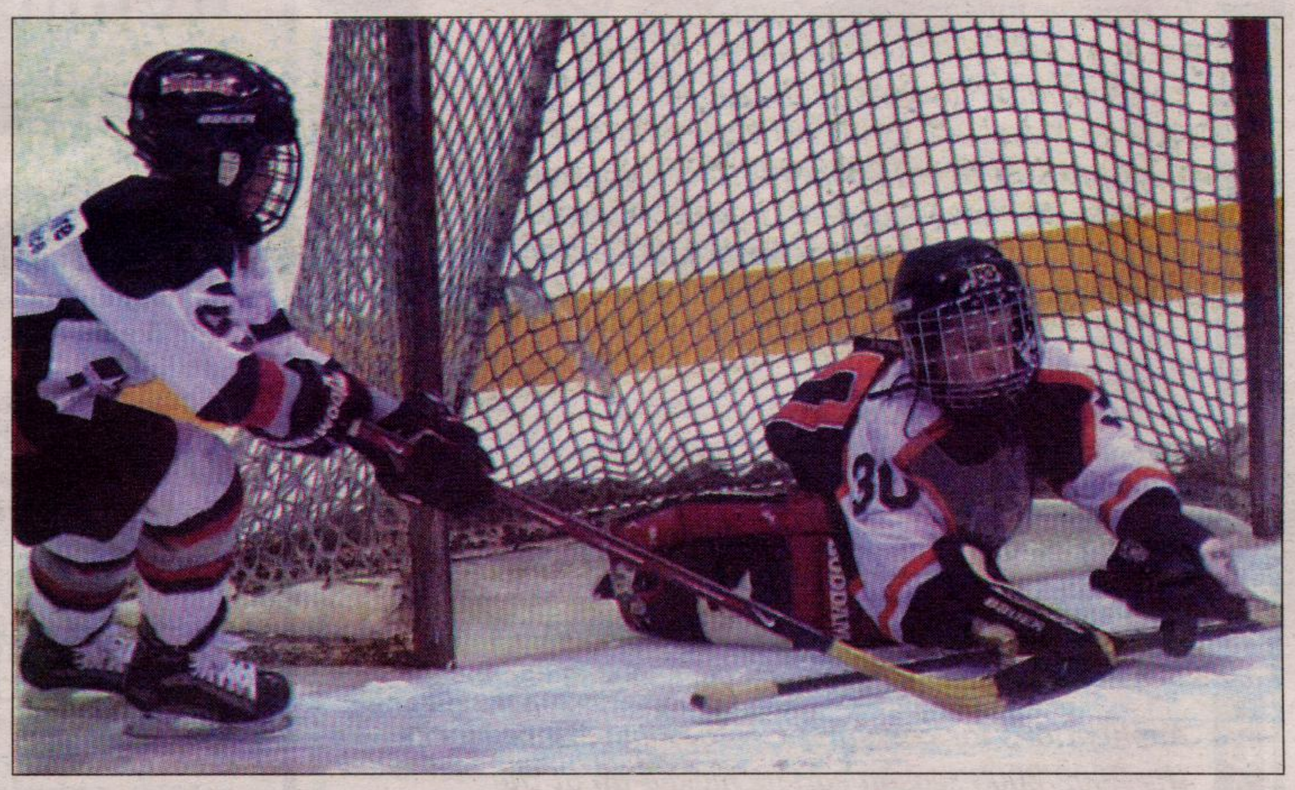
The Acton Carquest Major Novice Tanners took a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five OMHA final Wednesday with a convincing 6-1 win over Caledon. They now return home looking to wrap up the series at 4:30 p.m. at the Acton Arena on Saturday.

Immediately following that game at 6 p.m., the Acton Minor Atom Tanners will play Prince Edward County, attempting the finish off their series, which they lead 2-0.

The Major Novice Tanners won the opening game of their series 4-0 but lost the next game in Caledon 5-4. Returning to Caledon for game three, the Tanners took an early 2-0 lead and never looked back.

"Last night we jumped ahead and I think it took a little wind out of their sails," said Tanners coach Bruce Chiasson. "Our defence was breaking up the rushes, our forwards were backchecking and we got good goaltending from Jesse Harris."

Roger Kirkness paced the offence with a hat-trick while Jesse Spurrell had two goals and an assist. Nicholas Eagan rounded out the scoring with a goal and two assists. Chris Chiasson and Brandon Lockyer also contributed assists.



Jean Marc Crew of the Georgetown Halton Hills Rad and Tire Major Novice II squad (left) tries to slip the puck past the Orangeville goalie during the Raiders 4-1 OMHA final playoff series win Wednesday at Alcott Arena. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Team came close to folding

Novice II Raiders post 4-1 victory to inch closer to OMHA crown

At the beginning of the season, there was some doubt as to whether they would even have a team. Now, as the season draws to a close, the only thing in doubt is whether they will be Ontario Minor Hockey Association champions.

The Georgetown Halton Hills Rad & Tire Major Novice II Raiders moved within two victories of doing that with a 4-1 win over Orangeville on Wednesday night. For a team that started the year with just 10 skaters and two goalies, it's quite an accomplishment.

There was some talk of folding the team before it even started due to the small number of players at the pre-season practices. Instead, they carried on and finished fifth in the Tri-County standings. But come playoff time, the Raiders have been on a roll. They eliminated Caledon in six games and Flamborough in four, posting a 6-2-2 record in those series.

But when it came to Orangeville, who had finished atop their league, it looked the Raiders had met their match. Orangeville took Monday's series opener 6-2.

Wednesday in front of their home crowd, the Raiders fought back.

After a scoreless first period, Trevor Fillier scored just 17 seconds into the middle frame. Alexandre Crew upped the lead to 2-0 four minutes later.

Orangeville cut that margain in half midway through the second but Zach Tassone would shut the door the rest of the way.

The Raiders would add some insurance in the third when the Orangeville goalie juggled Crew's shot. Cody Gresswell jumped in and poked it home before the netminder could cover the rebound. Fillier would then get his second of the game, tipping in Brent Jones' bad-angle shot.

Jones had a pair of assists in the game with singles going to Jean Marc Crew, Madelyn Williams, Alexandre Crew and Fillier.

Fillier and Brenden Hood scored for the Raiders in Monday's loss as Georgetown goalie Simon Wellington faced a 55-shot barrage as Orangeville took the opener 6-2.

Orangeville outshot Georgetown 55-11.

The Raiders managed to keep the game scoreless through one period but Orangeville exploded for four goals in the second. Fillier responded with the Raiders only marker of the period.

Orangeville added two more goals in the third while Hood had the Raiders' final goal.

Game three of the best-of-five series is Monday in Orangeville at 6:30 p.m. while the Raiders return home for game four Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Alcott Arena.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

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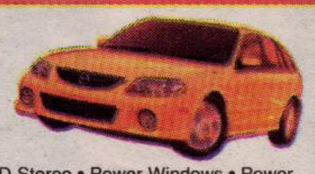

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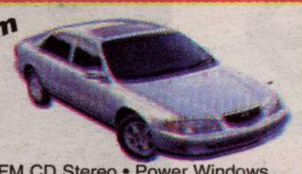

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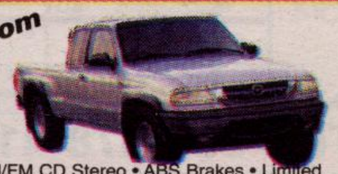

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