

# Acton House League's Day of Champions

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April 29 and 30 was the final weekend of hockey for more than 400 Acton House League Hockey Association players held at the Acton Arena. Each player had their final game followed by a banquet and awards ceremony. It was a thrilling weekend with three of the six Championship games needing overtime to decide the winner.

## Atom Championship

The weekend started with the Atom Division Championship between the Acton Fire Fighters Association and Rallis Burger. Rallis' Mathew Field opened the scoring in the first period with assists to Mitchell Turton and Justin Cheng. The lead was short lived as the Fire Fighters' Troy Naminik tied the game just over one minute later with helpers to Owen Jubenville and Julianne Vlastic. Rallis opened a 2 goal lead in the second period with goals from Taylor Leonard and Field. Assists went to Mathew Dawkins on the second goal, another one to Turton on the third and to Michael Muir who assisted on both. Naminik brought the Fire Fighters back within one before the end of the second period from Reilly Constable and Martin Pejic. Early in the third period after a hard shot from Jubenville and the save made by Rallis goaltender Connor Kowalik, the puck lay loose for a second and was banged in the net by Shannon Oulton to tie the score. The play went back and forth with great goaltending at both ends. In the overtime period Fire Fighter goalie Bradley Karat made a huge save on a breakaway by Field which motivated the Fire Fighters as Naminik completed the hat trick with the winner at 4:11 of the overtime period giving the Championship to the Fire Fighters 4 - 3.

## Tyke Championship

The Tyke Championship game was a bit of a barn burner between Jescan Power and Eramosa Physiotherapy



**COMPETITIVE COMRADES:** Players from the Police hockey team (left) pose with the Acton High School team (right) after the game on Thursday past. Redeeming themselves, after losing the last two years, the Police team came out on top and the end of the game filled with fun and pranks. The score is irrelevant as everyone, including the large crowd, enjoyed themselves. (Police 11 - AHS 7). - Tracey Gardner photo

with several players lighting up the scoreboard for both teams. Daniel Nascimento and Yaw Oseimensah both scored two goals to help give Jescan Power the early lead. Eramosa Physiotherapy could not recover the deficit despite a couple of late goals from Caleb Downs. Daniel Nascimento finished the game with a hat trick and had some exciting breakaways including a wraparound attempt. Other Jescan goals went to Tristan Wright and Michael Holmes. Eramosa called a time out with two minutes remaining to try and regroup and pull out the win but the Jescan team would not be denied and won 7 - 5. Other Eramosa goals went to Ethan Krusky, Luke Miehm and Ryan McAskill.

## Novice Championship

The Novice Championship showcased the team from MacMillans versus Maxan Drywall. MacMillans team came out firing on all cylinders and quickly took a two goal lead with both goals from Tanner Canary with an assist to Roman Pryszlak. The Maxan team responded with a hat trick from Cameron Hampton with helpers to Leah Vlastic, Stephanie Parsons, Noah St. Denis and Connor Fagan. Maxan took a two goal

lead at the beginning of the second period with a goal by Fagan from Darren Vanheldon and Vlastic. Before the end of the second Canary brought his team back within one goal. Chances were exchanged at both ends of the ice but both goaltenders, Griffin Cunneynorth and Owen Ferguson could not be beat. Late in the third Canary took matters into his own hands and scored two more goals within twenty-two seconds to put his team ahead for good and MacMillans was victorious 5 - 4.

## Midget Championship

The final game on Saturday had Endzone Sports versus 'X' Marks the Fitness Spot. This was a hard battle with the Fitness Spot team in the lead the majority of the game lead by three goals by Ian Reid. Endzone would not be outdone as Sean Terry scored three of his own goals to keep it close. With the game winding down coach Deb Mills pulled the goalie in the last minute of the game for the extra attacker to

have Garrett Nuttel tie the game with 8.5 seconds remaining on the clock. Scoring chances were exchanged through the overtime period with solid goaltending at both ends of the ice. Endzone prevailed as Terry notched his fourth of the game to give the victory to the Endzone team 6 - 5.

## Peewee Championship

The Peewee Championship was a goaltending battle between R/M Construction's Mark Crha and Acton Precast's Josh Karat. Ironically these two goalies share the tending duties for the Peewee Select Team. The game was a tight checking affair and it was not until the five minute mark of the third period when Precast's Mitchell Griffiths scored with an assist to Liam Goddem. R/M team carried much of the remainder of the play but could not get one past Karat. The games fate was sealed when Griffiths scored his second of the game with under twenty seconds to play. Simon McNally and Colin Mac-

Donald assisted. Karat posted the shutout as Acton Precast won 2 - 0.

## Bantam Championship

The final Championship of the weekend was the Bantam Division Ron's Burner Service versus Godfather's Pizza. The first period was played cautiously with neither team generating many scoring opportunities. Ron's Burner Jonathan Porty opened the scoring in the second with help from Zac Payne but less than a minute later Godfathers Tyler Colby tied the score from Paul Kutasienski and Erika Stokes. Before the end of the second Ron's Burner took the lead again with another goal by Porty assisted by Indiana White. Early in the third Clayton Black gave Ron's Burner a two goal lead from Dylan and Basil Payne. The two goal deficit seemed to motivate Godfathers as Colby scored his second goal and Jordan Luceri tied the score with less than five minutes left in the game. In the overtime period with Godfathers Kutasienski in

the penalty box, James Seymour scored a short handed goal to give the Godfathers team the Championship in overtime 4 - 3.

With the season over Acton House League Hockey Association President Ted Saelzer was thrilled with the weekend. "That was a great finish to a fabulous weekend of exciting hockey. Congratulations to all the players who played their hearts out and provided such great entertainment. Also thank you to the many volunteers who put in countless hours into the weekend to make it such a success. Finally a special thanks to all the League's team sponsors who help make hockey in Acton affordable. Hope to see you all again in the Fall."

The Acton House League Hockey Association is currently accepting registration forms for the 2008 - 2009 season. Registration must be paid in full by April 15, 2008. Visit the Leagues web site at [www.actonhouseleague.ca](http://www.actonhouseleague.ca).

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