

# Minor atoms look good against tough Stoney Creek

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rewarded with two goals, nestled between two by a whirlwind of energy in Aaron Cowey, who made a beautiful backhand for the fourth marker.

Billy Stevenson had a great game and was always in the action. Ryan McManus made some pretty saves before being shaken up, turning duties over to Matt Fielding late in the second. Assists were credited to Ellis, Citton and Johnny Glead.

The next day, against Guelph, the team built on their strengths with accurate passing and dogged defensive harassment, making the game a contest decided by several end to end rushes which paid off in the 4-0 win.

Centre Mike Ley was flying, covering both ends of the ice, while Ellis made a nice play coming from deep in his end to tuck it under the opposing goalie's pads.

Glead was outstanding with his work from the defensive end to carry the puck in for a couple of rocket shots, one of which went in off a rebound and the other through the goalie's glove.

Matt Clark played superbly with vigorous backchecks to strip the puck from the Guelph forwards while William Goba patrolled his wing, pouncing on chances to force the play in the offensive zone.

Chris Hay was strong to catch the opposition rushes and deflect them to the corners. Fielding had the shutout, his first of the year, and played well to round out a strong effort by the whole team. Other goals were scored by Ellis and Stockton, and other assists were recorded by Ley, Glead and Ellis.

In other recent action, the Hurricanes were back after a five day layoff. Halton took awhile to find their stride but Mike Ley ignited the fire with an end to end score.

William Goba kept the fireworks alive with two goals and an assist. Fine passing and control in the offensive zone meant the score could have been much higher than the

4-3 final in Halton's favour. Defenceman Josh Vanderbreggen gave something extra, earning an assist, and was also effective in directing that effort into controlling the opponents.

The defence was feeding the forward lines through the neutral zone and it paid off as rushes kept the pressure on until centre Ryan Ellis netted the winning goal. The seesaw battle was stopped cold by a Ryan McManus clutch save in the waning minutes to ice the victory. Chris Hay and Aaron Cowey also added assists.

In perhaps their best game to date Halton met Oakville on the road and despite playing well enough to win, came up just short in a 3-2 score.

The new blueline tandem of Hay and Johnny Glead were impressive, shaping plays with sharp passes and providing a constant threat of a rush from deep in their end. Goba made one pay off, finishing with a deft backhand over the goalie's shoulder.

Matt Clark made things happen on his line with Stef Citton and Billy Stevenson as the threesome broke in on goal with several good attacks, followed by dogged harassment on backchecking duty.

Matt Stockton had a good night and came up with an assist. Tyler Prue showed up to play hard and kept it up all game, as did Chad Brownlea. Goaltender Matt Fielding stung the opposition with a couple of improbable glove saves and kept good position to cut off the angles. Ellis and Goba scored the other goals.

In Streetsville the team continued their trademark fast break first period, but on this occasion their opponents matched the pace. The result was an entertaining matchup with accurate playmaking and strong skating.

Clark got two past the Streetsville goalie and Goba took a pass from Ellis to round out the scoring in the 3-2 victory. Billy Stevenson did a fine job of covering his check all

game. McManus in goal was tested late in the game with the Streetsville net empty but was up to the challenge.

The team made its way through a howling snowstorm to a game in Welland, and al-

though they kept it tied through the first period fell by a 6-1 score. The defensive trio of Vanderbreggen, Hay and Glead worked most of the game and did an admirable job of offsetting the larger sized Welland players.

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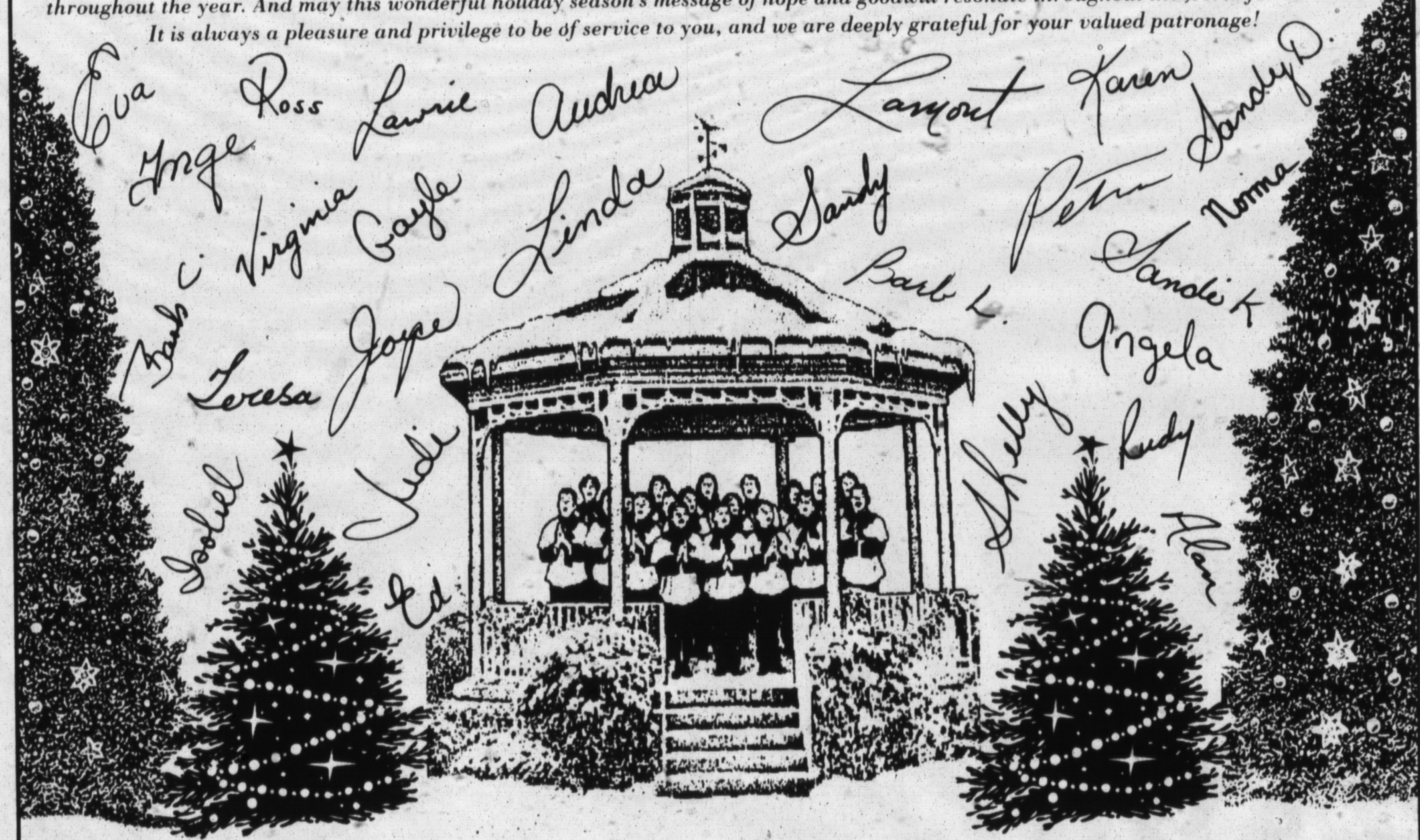


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