

Clarkson hockey prize slippery

Dreams that the top prize of the annual Clarkson Invitational Atom Hockey Tournament would fall into Mississauga hands for the second time in three years, fizzled before the final buzzer as Clarkson Alpines — the last rays of local hope — hit the ice.

The blow that fell Clarkson and ended the host team's dreams of taking over from defending titlist Cawthra King Fastfrates as the monarchs of the shiny castle, was delivered in a merciless fashion by an experienced and super-smooth Barrie squad via a 5-1 score in the semi-final series.

A total of 16 teams, including five from Mississauga, took part in the third edition of the annual Christmas holiday atom hockey explosion.

Clarkson, among the top teams of its Metro Toronto Hockey League division, took the first

two hurdles in its stride, outplaying Queensway 6-1 in the opening stanza before disposing of Hamilton 5-3 in a second championship round thriller. Then came the Barrie blow.

"I thought our boys played well, considering that they were up against a very experienced team," said Coach Barry Eeles, pointing out that Barrie has had the same side together for the past three or four years. "When a team has been together for that length of time, it's hard to beat."

Mark Janes, Clarkson leading goal-getter during the tourney, kept the hosts even 1-1 after the opening period. It was the next two frames when Barrie hit for a total of four more unanswered tallies to earn a passport to the final.

In earlier Clarkson games, Janes and Bobby

Dye scored three times each; Reg Taccone chipped in with two; Beric Sykes, John Russell and Gordon Taylor had singles.

Applewood of the MHL AAA series, the only other local team to gain a berth in the championship series when it upset Royals 2-1 in overtime, came up against Agincourt in the second stage and lost 4-2. Joey Ryan and Tim Husted got the goals.

In the Applewood-Royal clash, Ralph Dinger's solo was not enough to offset markers by Dave Connell and Steve Wyles.

Royals fought their way into the consolation semi-finals before being blanked by Cedar Hill, 4-0.

Malton, the fifth local entry, suffered back-to-back defeats from Cedar Hill 9-2 and Oakville 5-2.

Poirier in tune with holiday spirit

The festive holiday season has it that it is better to give than receive and that is precisely what Christie Cookies' forward Bob Poirier did in the pee-wee AA division of the Metro Toronto Hockey League to make Christmas a sweet time for the Mississauga Rep crew.

Poirier proved to be a one-man demolition team as he exploded for seven goals in two games to give his opponents more than they could cope with.

Christies upset league leading Young National Moto-Ski 6-1 in their first game as Poirier led the way with a hat trick.

Bill Harvey, Frank Quinn and Allan Pritchard shot singles for the winners with goalie Mike Caunter turning in a solid performance.

It was all Poirier in the second contest as he scored all his team's goals in a 4-2 triumph over Don Mills.

The victory vaulted Reps into second place in the western division.

ATOM AA
Atom AA PCO "Bug Squad" got superlative goaltending from both their netminders and the result was a pair of shutouts.

Jim Stewart was stingy between the pipes in PCO's 5-0 blanking of Kings.

Stephan Dagosta and Gord Smyth led the "Bug Squad" attack with a pair each. Mike Franchetto shot a single.

In the second encounter, Young Nats not only couldn't beat PCO's Mike Sands, but they couldn't keep him off the scoresheet.

Sands was spectacular in goal and picked up an assist.

ATOM A
Craig Williams and Mark Lamb were the one-two punch York Cartage needed to grab a couple of victories. Both shared the net-minding duties to perfection and the result was a pair of impressive shutouts.

A. Tanti, J. Scanlon, D. Taylor and G. Smyth connected in York Cartage's 4-0 win over local Clarkson.

Hal Moore dropped a similar 4-0 decision to York Cartage as Smyth, Taylor, Tanti and J. Flynn found the range.

MINOR PEEWEE A
After suffering a 2-1 setback at the hands of Royal York, Rex Lumber rebounded for a win and a tie versus Delzotto last week.

Another shutout for Wood

Ian Wood recorded his 10th shutout of the Metro Toronto Hockey League campaign, as Clarkson rep Wimco Steel minor atoms edged Royals 1-0.

Peter Keegan connected on a pass from Steve McKnight for the all-important goal.

MINOR PEEWEE A
While the mini atoms generated enough heat for their win, minor pee-wee Lyons Interiors failed to short-circuit Globe Electronics on two separate occasions, going down to defeats by 1-0 and 5-2 scores in back-to-back clashes. Jeff Coulton and Darcy Robertson were the only Lyons to roar in the scoring department.

MINOR BANTAM A
Standard Mechanics minor bantams dropped two games to Warren Park, 7-1, and Toronto Olympics, 3-1. Dave Plumb earned assists in both encounters as Lorenzo DeMaestri and Richard Bastow found the range to avoid whitewash defeats.

MIDGET B
Ineffective in front of the goal, Clarkson midgets were kept off the scoresheet in a 2-0 setback at the hands of Wexford.

Mississauga Rep Hockey

Norbie Wirkowski got the shutout in their 5-0 win over Delzotto as Ken Collett bent the twine twice. Ed McCormick, Jeff Wilson and Mike Coffey each contributed a single.

Lumber had their hands full the next time against Delzotto as the two clubs skated to a 4-4 tie.

PEEWEE A
Richardsons emerged 3-2 victors in a closely contested match with Clarkson.

Goaltender Tom Rose staged some last minute theatrics to preserve the win.

Kirk Dowdall, Rick Vorano and Brian Hall were the Richardson marksmen.

Mike Dunlop displayed his puck stopping prowess as Richardson outlasted Royals 2-0 in the second start of the week.

Brian Hall and Harry Banks cashed in on opportunities presented them for the winners.

Mississauga's drive for first place sputtered slightly late in the week as the locals dropped a 3-1 decision to West End.

MINOR BANTAM AA
There was no rest for

Mississauga Police as the team played four games in a hectic week.

Mississauga edged Don Valley 3-1 as Bill Irwin, T. Humenik and Mark Duck tallied for the winners.

Toronto Blues and Mississauga battled to a 3-3 draw earlier in the week with Mark Cooper shooting a pair and Irwin hitting once.

Dorset Park blanked Mississauga 3-0 and Toronto Flames burned the locals 5-3 with John Toguri getting two for the losers.

MINOR BANTAM A
Herron Chev-Olds split a

pair of games by picking up a 5-2 triumph over Royal York before being soundly beaten 7-3 by York Spinners.

Russell Hutchings got the hat trick in the 5-2 win while Steve Bunda and Russ Gerlewych hit once each.

MINOR MIDGET
Mississauga Spacemaker made it 12 wins in 18 games with a tightly fought 3-2 win over first place Ryding Auto Body.

MINOR ATOM A
Scott's Colonels split a pair as they blanked Royals 4-0 but lost a squeaker 2-1 to Ranfacs.

In Scott's victory, Jim Jordan found the range three times while Paul Papagno contributed a single.

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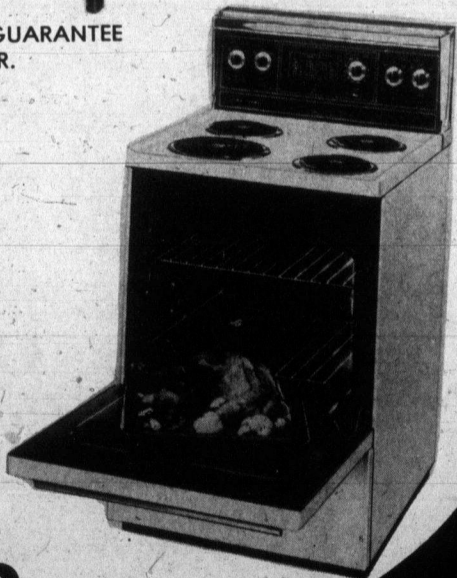
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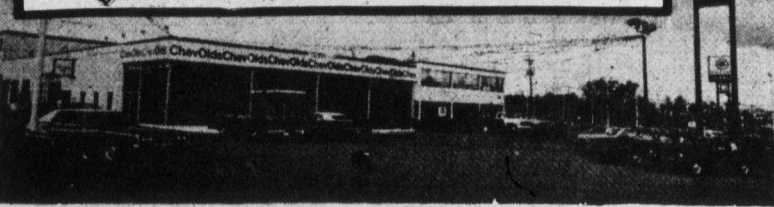
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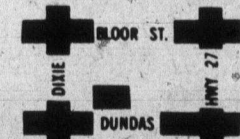
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