

Hi-Lites of the ... Week of Sport

COMMUNITY UNITY

A Synopsis of Various Sport and Athletic Activities

Last week in this column, we spoke of starting a chess club. This developed as a result of interest shown by men in Acton who get a great deal of enjoyment out of playing the game. Fred Ross, owner of the business on the west side of the Y.M.C.A., has offered the use of his shop as a meeting place and it is expected that chess enthusiasts will meet there on Wednesday nights or possibly any night they feel like playing. You may be interested to know that Cy Ranney, a chess enthusiast in Acton, is at present playing six or seven games with six or seven different players, living in different parts of the country, through the medium of correspondence. That's really playing the game. A group of boys in town are also very anxious to start a chess club of their own and they will hold their meetings on Wednesday nights in the "Y". The fathers of some of these boys are men who play the game and are responsible for creating the boys' interest in the game.

Thursday night, February 20th, the Acton Badminton Club will have as their primary guests the Hamilton Badminton Club. This is the first time Acton has played against Hamilton and some say we are in for a hard battle.

A table tennis tournament between the Acton Branch of the Legion and the Y.M.C.A. has been planned. This will take the form of a home and home series with the first match being planned at the "Y". The Legion boys are all ready to go as soon as the "Y" boys get their team lined up.

Plans have been pretty well completed for a Town Teen Agers Club and February 28th has been set for their first official night. A tentative committee has been selected from the many teen agers in Acton and they will serve as a temporary group in getting the program under way. This committee is made up of three girls and three boys, Frances Chew, Joan Coles, Lena Lawson, Don Lamb, Lorne Arnie and Jim Spitznagel. The teen agers themselves feel that their program should be made up of more than dancing all night and as a result special interest groups have been planned for such things as music, recitation, drama, collections as a hobby and photography. These groups will be under the leadership of men who are especially interested in them.

LOVE FOR THE HOME TOWN

The success and development of a community depend to a large extent on how far people feel real affection for it. If some just look at it as a place where they earn money and find a place to live, and if they would just as soon live somewhere else if the opportunity offered, many of them will not feel the energy and enthusiasm to do a great deal for the home town.

If they feel a real and strong love for the home town, it is a pleasure for them to co-operate so far as they can with movements for home town progress and give to community causes, and to do what they can to beautify their home places and make them attractive. People do well to realize that the home town does a great deal for them, in giving them work and opportunity and many advantages, and they should be glad to do what they can in return.

DRASTIC TREATMENT

A man received a sharp letter from one of his creditors. He wrote back to this firm: "Dear Sir: Every month I take all the pills I have and put them on the table, shuffle them and pick out six which I pay. Now if I have any more of your impertinence, why next month you'll be even out of the shuffle."

There is no real leadership in those who would rather lead than serve.

Hockey Standings

Team	Intermediate					Junior				
	P	W	L	T	pts.	P	W	L	T	pts.
Georgetown	9	8	0	1	26	12	12	0	0	24
Acton	10	7	2	1	25	12	6	6	12	12
Orangeville	10	5	3	0	18	12	5	7	10	10
Fergus	9	3	6	0	9	12	1	11	2	2
Elora	10	3	7	0	6					
Milton	10	2	8	0	4					

No Wonder the Tanners Scored 8



Here is one of the goal scoring rushes of the Acton Tanners against the Fergus Thistles last week. Picture shows the Fergus goalie down and out of his goal with four Tanners all in position ready to bulge the twine with the puck. It was a free scoring event.

Tanners Blank Thistles 8-0 in Arena on Thursday

First Shut-Out Game of the 1947 Schedule Earned by Dooney Evans — Tanners Had Another Scoring Spree in Home Game — Fergus Goalie This Year Was Good But Not a Hindernagel

Acton's Tanners were in charge last Thursday night when, after a 60 minute blitzkrieg, the locals subdued and administered last rites over the Fergus Thistles to the frightful tune of 8-0 in the Acton arena. The final whistle announced that the terrific wall-punch in the form of goals half of them in the second period, had overwhelmed the Thistles to leave them gasping for a play-off spot after two sh-lackings from the Tanners.

A one goal lead in the first stanza the forewarning of future pucks winding past Cawthra in the Fergus net and no matter how viciously they checked, seven more were to follow. "Huh" Marzo was to start off the scoring and Gillespie, Lindsay, Tho Marzo and Bayliss were to follow in that order. Then Tho Marzo, Gillespie and Lindsay held a repeat performance in the final period.

Fate cast unkind glances at Norm Morton, who showed his best form of the season and robbed him of two or three markers. The fair haired pivot was all over the ice in attempts to push the count higher—but goal posts and Cawthra were unimpaired, especially in the last frame. "Dooney" Evans played a stellar role for the Tanners twice the goalposts and deserved the shut-out—the second of the season in Group 5.

The Thistles were in close several times and the drives they flickered off over-anxious sticks were muffed by Evans and the burly local defense. A feature of the tilt worth noting was the improved blue line tactics exhibited by Bayliss, E. Marzo, Kiddall and "Dung" Kentner. Lusty, clean body checks were delivered by the defense and at times, when in possession of the puck, the Thistles hesitated before approaching the Acton blue line—probably bruises acted as radar equipment and reminded the lads from Fergus of previous forays into enemy territory.

We don't know if Tho Marzo, Grant Gillespie and Johnny Goy had synchronized time pieces, but their habit of being in the right place at the right moment didn't just happen. All the goals of the first string were the result of their picture passing and fleet feet. Penalties were few and far between in the game, only seven trips to the penalty box were imposed by Referee-Burke. Speaking of Burke, he's a new face in this territory and his slight torso doesn't stop him from penalizing the toughest and roughest players on the ice.

Clinching second place in the group, although actually first because of the enforced entry of Georgetown into Intermediate "A" was one result of the Thursday game, another being the continued support of the fans who thronged to the arena in droves and left standing room only for the Fergus visitors.

Scoring Summary

First Period: E. Marzo (Acton)
Second Period: Gillespie (Acton), Lindsay (Acton), Tho Marzo (Acton), Bayliss (Acton)
Third Period: I. Marzo (Acton), Gillespie (Acton), Lindsay (Acton)
Referee—Burke.

Line-ups: Fergus: Cawthra, goal; Henemader, Kelly, def.; Uitley, centre; J. Blino, Brown, wings; Alt, Fleming, S. Montgomery, W. Fuller, A. Montgomery, Chambers.
Acton: Evans, goal; Bayliss, Marzo, defense; Gillespie, centre; I. Marzo, J. Goy, wings; Alt, Morton, Townsley, Tho Marzo, Lindsay, Kentner and Kiddall.

DOUBLE HEADER BUSH LEAGUE GAME FRIDAY IN ARENA

Last Friday p.m. the Bush League ran off a couple of "blood curdling" games in the Arena. The first clash the Junior Farmer team and the "Skinners" team (Beardmore) played to a 1 to 1 tie. No score was registered until the last half of the third period when the Junior Farmers opened the scoring which the Tanners tied in the last 2 minutes of play.

In the second encounter of the evening the Baxter Lab team squared off with the Town Millionaires and came out with a 4-2 victory over the said Millionaires. Baxter's, sporting a complete line from the junior team were aided countless by the goal tending of Pee Wee Masters.

Most of the league games are played on Friday night but this week the games were to be played on Wednesday because of the Legion Carnival.

Tourist Business Is Important

This may not be an inopportune time to again point out the importance of Canada's tourist business. In a few months city folk across Canada and the United States will commence saving perhaps they are already saving and planning for their summer vacations. Good times last year and for several preceding years should mean that they will have more spending money and will therefore be disposed to spend more freely. For the same reason the number of these holiday makers is likely to be larger than in any preceding year.

What does the tourist business mean to Canada? Figures released recently from Ottawa show that tourists from 55 countries left \$212,000,000 in Canada last year. Of that immense sum \$207,000,000 came to this country from the United States. This surely indicates that Canada has become a great vacation land for our neighbors to the south. Figures for 1946 show an entry of 1,422,000 cars compared with 860,000 the previous year, an increase of 73.5 per cent. There is good reason for the belief that there will be a further increase this year.

Of course this heavy increase in the summer influx of holiday visitors means that more accommodation will be required and that more extensive visitors are well looked after when they arrive. The tourist industry is indeed important from a Canadian viewpoint and every effort should be made to foster and develop it. Conditions at the moment are favorable for further development and Canadians would be foolish indeed not to take the steps necessary to capitalize on the great opportunity that lies at their doors.

Vegetable and Root Seed Production

In the war years, the Government undertook to stimulate vegetable and root seed production, in an effort to replace normal imports from Europe, to meet an increased demand, and to assist in supplying the needs of the United Kingdom and allied countries. That was done chiefly by contracts with growers at guaranteed prices.

Because the situation which existed during the war period is not now considered critical, it is not proposed to enter into any new contracts. In view of this situation, the 1946 Dominion-Provincial Conference was of the opinion that no specific recommendations should be made and that Canadian producers should be advised to produce only those quantities, kinds and varieties for which definite contracts could be obtained.



This week saw the completion of the Intermediate schedule with the exception of one game which is to be played in Georgetown on Thursday night. Fergus are the visitors and unless the hockey picture shows a complete reversal, Georgetown will retain the group leadership without a loss.

With Georgetown forced to enter Intermediate "A" because of "unrestricted use of imports, Acton is at the head of the group and will probably meet Elora in the group elimination bouts. We imagine Orangeville are a cinch to take Fergus in their series to meet the Acton-Elora winner. Milton are left out altogether by a scant margin of two points.

The Junior schedule also drew to a close and Oakville swept the series clean with 12 wins and nary a loss. Georgetown are enjoying the second spot until they meet Milton in the play-downs when we predict an inglorious finish to the Papermakers. Having won only two games and then losing one of these to the O.H.A., Acton are out of the play-off picture altogether.

Incidentally, all the junior talent has been snapped up by the Mercantile Boys, commonly classified as the Bush League where they anticipate picking up the underhanded methods of play go as to be rough and ready next year for a better season.

A short time ago both the Fergus and Georgetown newspapers pointed out to readers what an advantage they had in their respective arenas, each claiming one of the finest edifices in Ontario. One of the more amusing items of that debate was that the Herald (Georgetown) claimed the finest building, but ranked Fergus a close second.

Of course it's proper that citizens of either town should be proud of municipal advantages, such as the arena, but to boast of something which has only a mediocre appearance, is something else.

If our neutral opinions matter, Fergus enjoys the first place this after a careful survey of the advantages of each. The Thistle burg has all the advantages of a time clock, illuminated scoreboard and a dressing room out of the crowd's way, which the Paperstown lacks. However, neither auditorium has anything on the Acton Arena. Compare for yourself the advantages of the local ice palace to the other attempts at perfection. Georgetown has an illumination and seating problem—visitors can hardly be discerned three seats away from the ice, what with girders jutting amongst the seats and shadowy lighting. Acton enjoys unrestricted vision having no length of wire to bar sightseers from players such as Fergus has. This coupled with the other advantages pushes Acton to the fore but on the other hand let Fergus and Georgetown argue it out. We realize the advantages of the Fergus Lake edifice and to put into the words of an Official travelling with the Lakeshore Junior team "Finest arena we play in—wish we could come more often."

We note with pleasure and interest the method which the sports scribe of the Georgetown Herald selects his three stars. Particularly amusing is his latest effort following the Georgetown-Acton meet. "First star of the game goes to Rhodes in the Georgetown net." However, before reaching this amusing morsel we happened to pass through other items which make us doubt the validity of choice. "Sure, Acton scored three goals to our four—but the first was a gift, the second a fluke and the third, well Marzo really scored." and "However a very disillusioned team—(meaning Acton)—returned home considering themselves very lucky to be on the score sheet." "First of all: How come Rhodes rates a star when they state that two unwarranted goals were scored by the Tanners? Hm-m."

Secondly: If Marzo really did score how come we were lucky to get on the score sheet? Hm-m.

Thirdly: According to their version, Acton never got near enough to score (they were just lucky) then if Rhodes wasn't kept busy why does he rate a star? Hm-m.

Another smile passed our lips when we read the description of the "lucky" goal, again we quote: "Early in the third period, Townsley again picked up a pass from I. Marzo to beat Rhodes." Peculiar luck when he had to beat him, what say!

We'd also note they failed to mention Patterson's outlandish gift in the form of Georgetown's first tally. The absence of Houston was explained thusly:

"We didn't dress Houston and his duties were taken over very capably by Pat Patterson of Toronto." You said a mouthful doubtful if even Houston would be that partial. What do you think Ross?

If we don't change conditions in the world, they are going to change us:



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