

# Acton Tanners Win Group Championship 1947

## Tanners Take Second Game in Orangeville Thursday

**Greenhirts Held for Two Periods and Gave a Real Display Only to be Overcome in the Final Frame by a Four Goal Scoring Spree — Group Finals Second Game Won by a Score of 6-1.**

Spurting with four goals in the final period, Acton overwhelmed Orangeville for the second time last Thursday night to take a two game lead in the best of five series for group honors. Playing on the Dufferin arena which displayed a rather rough sheet of ice the Tanners banged in six goals to a solitary one registered by the Greenhirts in the first session in front of a packed house.

It was one of the closest checking tilts seen yet this season as the Greenhirts attempted to cling tenaciously to their checks and besides this maneuver a few goals in the meantime. Their strategy clicked in the first period, managing to take a one goal lead at the 11:00 mark. R. and W. Gillespie combined to flip the pill past Evans, standing solitaire. Clinging to Ilio Marzo like swarming bees, Orangeville thwarted again and again attempts of the start-off trio, skating them to leeward, menacingly holding high sticks to ensure Lackey's shutout.

But all this came to no avail in the second session. For no sooner Ilio gained the ice when he flipped a pass to Johnny Goy, burning the left boards who immediately deposited it in a quivering Orangeville cage to tie the score. The Tanners broke up Greenshirt attacks until Lindsay and Morton decided enough was enough, so Morton banged in another tally on Lindsay's pass-out, pushing a one goal lead to the fire. All the time Dufferin was confident of a win, expressing themselves in rounds of applause for the galloping Gillespie Bros.

During the first and second periods two of Acton's stalwarts who guard the locals' bastion performed outstandingly. Evans and Riddall were speaking of "Porgie" broke up attacks while "Dooney" Evans smothered shots which happened to reach him with an accuracy that was unerring. Each and every attacker either cartwheeled off the torso of Riddall or submitted to the judgement of Evans, failing to tally even when Acton was shorthanded.

All Orangeville's high hopes were shattered in the third period as they literally fell apart from the constant storming of their end. Lackey who had been kicking out shots all night instinctively started fishing them out after Lindsay caught a long forward pass from "Iech" Marzo blazing the first of a four goal salvation. In the dying minutes, a tough grind seemed to make way for one that boasted of simplicity, for Johnny Goy added his second tally of the night and was the assist in two others. Gillespie (Acton variety) and Ilio Marzo were the recipients of Goy's passes, bulging the twine twice in no haphazard manner.

Although Acton emerged with a five goal win the score certainly does not reflect the play. The Orangeville club were checking like mad all night and the issue hung in doubt until the final canto when Lindsay initiated a scoring spree. Referee Houston was assisted by a linesman in the encounter but in our opinion he does a much better refereeing chore by himself. Only eight penalties ensued brief respites in the dime-sized six min. five of these were Tanners. It must have been amusing to the Orangeville fans to view the Bros. vs. Bros. battle of the two teams.

Another feature we neglected to mention was the combination of the Tanners that broke on Lackey in the Greenshirt nets. Pucks were jockeyed like demons—one play in which Kentner, Goy and Gillespie blossomed although it failed to score, was the prettiest of the night, mixing an already bewildered opposition into perplexity.

**SCORING SUMMARY**  
First Period  
B. Gillespie, (W. Gillespie) O. 11:00  
Goy, (L. Marzo) A. 13:00  
Morton, (Lindsay) A. 14:40  
Second Period  
Lindsay (E. Marzo) A. 12:35  
Gillespie (Goy) A. 16:00  
Goy (E. Marzo) A. 18:00  
I. Marzo (Goy) A. 19:10  
LINE-UPS  
Orangeville: Lackey, goal; Jeffers, Gregg, defense; R. Gillespie, center; W. Gillespie, Hoare, wings; Alternates, Hackett, Binsel, Ferri.  
Acton: Evans, goal; Kentner, Riddall, defense; G. Gillespie, centre; I. Marzo, Townsley, wings; Ails, E. Marzo, Bayliss, L. Marzo, Morton, Lindsay, Goy.

The myth that tuberculosis is nearing the point of being conquered has received two rude shocks of late. The first is the discovery of tens of thousands of unsuspected cases through mass X-ray procedures. The second is autopsy proof that the infected rate has not lessened proportionately to the decline in mortality.

## COMMUNITY UNITY

A Synopsis of Various Sport and Athletic Activities

We are sorry the Booster Night had to be postponed last week, but it was not because of the Intermediate Play-offs. The ice was very soft and had a good deal of water over its surface. But with all the activities that hockey affected last week, it didn't stop the Junior Chess club which carried on with its regular game sessions last Wednesday night. The boys who are playing this game—and there are about twelve—look forward each week to this battle of brain and concentration. But getting back to the Booster Night, we just don't know how we stand with regards getting a night for this affair. I know that all the Acton boys and girls taking part feel disappointed as do the Georgetown boys. Just as soon as we can arrange a night and the ice is good, we will go ahead with the Booster Night program as planned.

Two nights for swimming have been arranged for Acton "Y" members both boys and girls at the Guelph "Y". The girls' swim has been planned for March 19th, and the boys' for March 24th. Now that we have had our fill of winter sports, everyone looks ahead to the good old summer time when you are greeted on the street with, "It's sure warm today" and your neighbor replies, yes; I wish it would cool down a little. When you see a Ground Hog running across a field of snow and three Crows squaking in a tree, you are reminded that warm weather, certainly isn't very far away.

One of the outstanding leaders in recreation on this continent, Mark A. McCloskey, has agreed to address the Provincial Recreation Conference being held in Hamilton, May 23rd, 24th and 25th according to information received to-day by Johnny Gray, Director of Recreation.

The Program Committee of the Conference, headed by John Pearson, Director of Recreation of Brantford, is delighted to make this announcement, as Mr. McCloskey is a much-sought after speaker, due to his international reputation. At present director of the division of Community Education, Board of Education, New York City, he was released during the war years to take over the position of Director of Community War Services, Federal Security Agency, and was awarded the Presidential Medal in recognition of his services.

Arrangements for the program of the 3-day conference to be held at McMaster University in Hamilton are shaping up nicely, Mr. Pearson stated. In addition to outstanding leaders such as Mr. McCloskey for addresses at general sessions there will be many round-table group meetings where problems of large and small communities may be ironed out. While professional workers will gain a great deal of value from the conference, emphasis will be on the "layman", Mr. Pearson explained. With so many laymen participating in Recreation Councils and committees across the province, the planning group accordingly is providing an opportunity for discussion periods on their level.

Anyone interested in obtaining further information regarding this Provincial Recreation Conference is invited to telephone the Director of Recreation at the Y.M.C.A.

## Scoring Summary

Here is a summary of goals and assists recorded by the press during the Acton play-off campaign for group honors. These figures are not official and we regret any omissions which might have been made. We are giving one point for each goal and one for each assist as is the custom in professional loops.

Player	Goals	Assists
Lindsay	5	8
G. Gillespie	5	7
Ilio Marzo	5	5
Morton	4	3
Goy	5	3
Leno Marzo	5	1
Townsley	5	2
E. Marzo	5	0
Riddall	5	0
Kentner	5	1
Royston	1	0



After the Group Championship was clinched by Acton Tanners on Saturday night, the Free Press caught the tired but happy team and officials. Back row, left to right—Frank Holmes, trainer; Norm Morton, Ilio Marzo, Duke Lindsay, Johnny Goy, V. E. Rumley, manager, Geo. Bayliss, Jack Kentner Sr., Herb Woods. Bottom row, left to right—Leno Marzo, Sonny Townsley (playing coach), Dooney, Evans, Grant Gillespie, Ilio Marzo, Pordge Riddall.

## Acton Intermediates Win Group Honors for 1947

**Defeated Orangeville in Three Straight Games to Clinch the Championship of Group 5 — Orangeville Held the Lead of 1 Goal Until the Third Period When Acton Rallied to Drive Home Four Counters — On In-to-Provincial-Play-offs-Again—Meet Preston First in Three Game Series**

Castling a glimpse in the crystal ball of averages and percentages in Group 5, there seemed to be little doubt of Acton carrying away the group championship. Here we are on the threshold of a play-off series with Preston, 1946 Intermediate "B" titleholders, with an added laurel for a lengthy string of titles—1947 Group 5 champions. This honor ascended to the Tanners on Saturday night last when they again defeated Orangeville 4-2 in front of a thousand or more paying customers, triumphantly taking group play-offs in five straight victories, all of these by imposing figures.

Even the efforts of Lackey as super-charged net minder of the Dufferin school couldn't stop the locals from banging in four goals during the last period of play on Saturday. Seemingly saving their energy and scoring aptitude through two periods of play the Tanners entered the final frame suffering under an irritable one-goal lead. With the first whistle of the last stanza, away they went in leaps and bounds, smashing the Greenshirt defense and pumping four pucks into the twine behind Lackey in a five minute scoring spree.

Orangeville added another marker late in the period bringing their total to two for the night's display. The first two cantos were terrific hockey all through—Acton carrying by far the majority of moves, only lacking the extra spurt to flash the light. Back checking like fiends, Orangeville's rendition of Marshal Foch's play "they shall not pass" worked well although they incurred Referee Houston's displeasure on so doing, especially in the middle twenty.

If Dame Fortune was anywhere hereabouts in that second stanza, she must have been parked in front of the Orangeville cage for Lackey was nothing short of fortunate during this session. Zooming down the ice, round the defense, emerging directly in front of the Greenshirt net minder, Ilio Marzo and cohorts failed again and again to penetrate the crimson cross. Lackey extended finger nail, skate ends, bristles and whatever you may have to muffle the careening pucks.

Dude Lindsay, patrolling the Orangeville blue streak, first grabbed the pill and let fly, putting Acton on an even basis on the first three minutes played of the third period. It wasn't long until Jack Kentner Sr. zapped home a counter, sending the crowd wild and giving Acton a one-goal lead. As play livened up, a busy ref sent Ilio Marzo to the sinners' box for a breach of the high sticking rule.

A linemate of Marzo's and a former Greenshirt, Grant Gillespie broke away with Ilio still serving time to bring Acton on the three end of a 3-1 score. Attempts by the Dufferinites to make Acton relinquish the two goal lead were many, but "Dooney" Evans came out victorious on all their forays. On one occasion three of the opposition came clattering down on the local goal keeper with nary a defenseman in view, but did this sorry Evans' net. He stopped all three with the coolness of a cucumber.

Adding a fourth tally for Acton and a second for his sholellah was easy for Lindsay, backhanding a beauty into the upper cords with 8 minutes of play past. It wasn't until 13:32 that Walter Gillespie combined with twin Ralph to make the Orangeville end of the picture complete. The game ended in a flurry, just as it started.

**Scoring Summary**  
1st period—Hoare (W. Gillespie), Orangeville, 5:50. Penalties—nil.  
2nd period—nil. Penalties—Ferri, Gregg, I. Marzo, Binsel, Kentner.  
3rd period—Lindsay, Acton, 3:10; Kentner, Acton, 4:00; Gillespie, Acton, 6:20; Lindsay, Acton, 8:02; W. Gillespie, Orangeville, 13:32.



A topic that is discussed around the various meeting places and hangouts frequented by the hockey public is the difference in play exploited by visiting teams to that employed by the Tanners. Some persons have the impression that hockey in its up-to-date fashion deplores the use of combination, putting much more emphasis on forward passes and fast breaks. According to neighboring squads and other teams we've viewed this season, the untiring use of the long forward pass is apparently the fundamental rule of hockey. Combination plays are a thing of the past to these clubs in vogue with existing rules. Ganging all five players down the ice, crowding the opposition's end seems to be the favorite form of getting points with not a thought to the spectator's viewpoint.

Old timers insist that the hockey of their day was much more artistic although maybe lacking in speed content. Criticism has come from both sides directed against the Tanners—one side urging new methods of play and the other a reversion to old ideas.

To our mind the Tanners have a style all of their own, employing the better points of each existing fashion. Combination. They have plenty of it. Speed? Have you ever glimpsed Ilio Marzo in full flight? Use of the forward pass is restricted in some measures but so is the old-style idea of a defenseman remaining on top of the goal mouth.

If you think the Tanners with a distinctive style require a change, note the ease by which they subdue other squads who are supposedly in vogue with hockey fashion. Note the way Acton won the group championship and support the locals for display of hockey surpassed by none. The system is paying off, even had the audacity to tie and threaten to upset an "A" team sporting the hockey-wise talent of Toronto.

Again we pay tribute to the black and green of the Tanners back in the pay-dirt again for the first time since the late war. Acton has a habit of coming up with a winning hockey squad which perhaps wasn't appreciated so much because of that very fact. Being pushed from further outside competition last year by a one goal margin, the locals vowed it wouldn't happen again and sure enough here we are in the O.H.A. higher brackets anxious to show Acton's mettle to other group champions.

Orangeville went down fighting in every game played against them. In the last tilt the spirited Greenhirts threatened to vanquish the locals by a goal margin for two periods, only faltering in the last stanza from the powerhouse attacks of the Tanners. They used only three and four alternates in each of the three games taken so handily by Tannerman, but every man was a bustling atom of energy never faltering even when deluged with goals. Special mention should be given to the Gillespie Bros., twins of a great hockey family.

## Hockey Results

**Intermediate A**  
Sturford 9 Georgetown 5  
O. H. A. Intermediate B  
Acton 6 Orangeville 1  
Acton 4 Orangeville 2  
Acton wins series in three straight games.  
**O. H. A. Junior C**  
Oakville 8 Alvinston 2  
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Oakville wins round 16-4.

**KNOWY OWLS FAR SOUTH**  
CHARLOTTETOWN (CP)—Sawby owls, here in large numbers from the eastern Arctic, have been arriving at the provincial agriculture department at the rate of one per day, \$1 bounty being paid on the birds. Regarded as the enemy of game birds, the owls left the Arctic because of a food shortage.

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