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Acton Won Semi-Finals In Two Games Last Week

Eliminated Milverton by 7-2 in Final Game at Hespeler. Before 2000 Fans—Only Bucko McDonald's Sundridge Beavers now Stand in the Way of a Championship—Milverton had a Good Team but Lacked the Experience and Power of the Tanners.

Acton Tanners' big guns boomed their salutations to the legendary "Bucko" McDonald's Sundridge Beavers last Thursday night in Hespeler's Memorial Arena. By virtue of two consecutive victories over Milverton Dominions in the Ontario semi-finals, they were finally in a position to finish the home stretch at the head of the chase. After eliminating Port Dover, Port Dover and on Thursday, Milverton, the Tanners promised to make series history by finishing without any defeat since their playdown inception. Now only Sundridge block the bumpy road to that culmination of their extensive practice, their oodles of bruises and bumps, their goal from the open game of a

long group schedule the Ontario Championship.

Last Thursday Milverton bowed out of the picture by absorbing a 7-2 whipping in front of 2,000 payees who saw Acton turn on a last period blitz and hopelessly outclass Dominions. The big three—Gillespie, I. Marzo and Hilson—after squaring Milverton a one-goal lead in a fast initial chapter, banged home the entire seven Acton markers, in a spectacular show of strength during the second and third periods. They were really flying and had Schmidt Dominions' agile net minder, doing everything from a bumble-boogie to a hand spring in his efforts to block their veritable hail of shots. He was hard to beat—that Schmidt. But he had no choice but to submit to these veterans who seemed to know everything in the book.

A roaring crowd drenched the auditorium with applause for another great net minding job by "Frick" Woods. At one point he stopped the rubber with his head. Only a draught of water was needed to revive what someone termed our "heady" goalkeeper. The two shots that by-passed him were definitely labelled. Aply assisted by a hardwall defense, it all made for victory.



By H. COLES

Before Tuesday

Approaching the crux of an exciting hockey season, we only hope that the Tanners' weren't consuming Bucko McDonald's press plaudits when he rocked offensive sorties back on their heels while with Toronto Maple Leafs. They might decide to detour his eminence and try their shots from the red line. And then there's the question of Bucko's bay window. Will it extend beyond the blue line? According to reports it does. But then these same sources say Sundridge is only a bunch of bushwackers. Don't let them kid you. Monday night in a rousing hey rube up in North Bay, the old Bucko and his assorted little Beavers walloped a North Bay crew composed of former pros and satellites such as Pop Kelly 8-5. The National Anthem had to be played before they could break up the boy's fun. Can't you just picture the distinguished M. P. (presuming he was on the ice) rolling around wrestling, then up on hearing "The King" and realizing the humility of such a position for a Parliamentarian, rising to his feet, mouthing a benevolent grin to the opposition just in case one of his constituents complained a portion of the crowd, and in particular because election day is not too far in the future. He was one of the most colorful players to don a Lenfinn monkey suit. The body checks he handed out were alleged to surpass even that of his predecessor and former Leaf—Red Horner. If Rus Brush and his tangle, as they invariably will, the result should be like unto a terrific force meeting another immovable object. That in itself should be worthy of a trip to Barrie for this final series.

After Tuesday

And on Tuesday the Beavers walloped the Tanners 12-6 in the most decisive trimming an Acton Int. club has ever taken. Although the score hardly indicates the play. True to reports, Bucko has welded a rather mediocre bunch of players into a club that knows what team play is. From his stance at the blue line the burly blue-liner directs, sets up, shouts encouragement and backs up all their moves with a sixty minute stint on the ice. In fact, he is the fountain head of the club. Take him off and you wouldn't have much more than a raggedy-ann formation. To-nite they meet again. But even after that walloping we have plenty of confidence in Acton's ability to come through with their backs to the wall. P. S. His stomach was huge but it didn't exceed his other proportions.

the Georgetown-Markham series could be a financial element in there as he intimates. Winner of the final series will meet the Maritime Int. champions to select an Eastern Canadian Titleholder. There are rumors of a jump to Great Britain as well. And to think Canada could barely finance an Olympic entry.

Ross Pearson, Milton's bright sports columnist, has been the target of such undignified epithets as "Raving Rosa," "Sour Grapes," "Trash, Dross" and others from the Georgetown Herald. Constructive criticism on his part received only a personal blast from the Herald. He still hasn't been proved wrong and unless we miss our guess, never will.

OAKVILLE

Thanks to the generous response of the people of Oakville and the district to the appeal for funds, the financial campaign recently concluded by the Oakville and District Red Cross Society has been a tremendous success with the quota of \$4,000 more than doubled.

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Cheap Pens in 1st Period

Things got a little out of order when Grant's hands in the first stanza. Combined with his companion on the flute—Liscombe—he assessed seven penalties that paved the way for Dominion's first and only goal in that period. Bundascho holsted a screened shot which penetrated a maze of regatta to lodge behind Woods. Actually it belied the trend of play. The Tanners had an edge on the puck but lacked goal mouth polish.

Grant Gillespie knotted the count after repeated banging at the disk from a melee around the Dominion cage in the second period. Kipter was in honore for this one and for the next one also when "Dude" Lindsay's long, ankle-high drive hit the post and first Gillespie, then Hilson took swipes at the rebound. Hilson's clicked. A flip shot over Schmidt that dented the mesh accounted for No. 3. Gillespie hoisted it in as Ilio Marzo's relay from the corner laid on his blade with precision.

Undoubtedly it was the final chapter that decided the issue. It appeared that the Tanners had had enough sparring and they came into their own after Ilio Marzo broke clear at the blue line, drew Schmidt out feet first and slid it in. But Milverton had an answer when Baer cashed in on Dale's fleet rush while Kentner and Bundascho sat on the sinner's bench with majors for fighting. It was a regular old "hey rube" Kentner doffed his gloves and had twenty left jabs at Bundascho before the latter could blink. Then in the ensuing scramble he sat astride him so horsemanlike that we thought he'd break into "Give me my boots and saddle", before Liscombe could finish the count. Kentner won the fracas but it wasn't appreciated and he served time.

From here in Dominions folded like a well read book completely. Ted Hilson finished up a hat trick while on the other wing, Ilio Marzo sniped a singleton to complete scoring. Hilson's last goal came when Acton played a man short.

Norm Morton's absence from the second string was notable. His clever play making and fore-checking was indicated periodically by Townsley and Kentner. Both filled the position well. Grant Gillespie crashed into the boards during the last minutes of the game and had to be assisted from the ice. Fortunately he was unharmed.

SYMPATHETIC PUBLIC

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Facts and Quirks

If hockey players aren't feted any more than the baseball nine were, they might as well toss in the sponge now. Whether they cop Ontario title or not, recognition is due them for a splendid advertisement job. Acton has always been synonymous with hockey playoffs and the name "Tanner" is a by-line for quality. Bentmore's didn't pay for that either.

An informant from Stratford says that "Sonny" Townsley once scored seven goals for Kriehlers when he sported a Stratford sweater. All in one single game.

When the Tanners played in Stratford it was just like old home week for arena oddies. They remembered "Sonny" Townsley, Ted Hilson, Ilio Marzo and Norm Morton when they made their appearance. Every time Ilio Marzo would carry the disk one old gentleman stood up and hollered "Watch him, he's dangerous." Obviously his sympathies were with Milverton.

It was the second time this term for Milverton to be ousted from Int. "B". Predecessor Mr. Foster, Durham Coblins had had a protest with the O.H.A. and after declaring one player ineligible, the O.H.A. elevated Milverton to Senior "B". But they were reinstated later when they agreed to drop Roth, the player in question and in a replay of the series again swept it.

Foster Hewitt's commentary on the Boston-Leaf game transmitted over the P.A. system between periods last Thursday didn't exactly placate excited fans. They were much more interested in the next instalment of the contest they viewed.

"Dude" Lindsay and Ilio Marzo are hitting headlines regularly in Ontario dailies. Guelph Mercury is especially proud of Guelph's Lindsay. How about the Guelph Review "Dude"?

Rus Brush has so much hip action of late we're tempted to refer him to some hula dancer for a post graduate course.

Off the local scene for a moment. Some one wagers that

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SCORING SUMMARY

1st Period

M: Bundascho (Yost) 16:53
 Penalties: Lindsay, Meyer, Hilson (2), Yost, A. Peck, Bayliss

2nd Period

A: Gillespie (I. Marzo) 6:20
 A: Hilson (Gillespie, Lindsay) 8:50
 A: Gillespie (I. Marzo) 14:00
 Penalties: Bundascho, Kyster (2), Kentner

3rd Period

A: I. Marzo (Hilson, Bayliss) 1:14
 M: Baer (Dale) 10:20
 A: Hilson (Lindsay, I. Marzo) 14:17
 A: I. Marzo 17:47
 A: Hilson (I. Marzo) 19:20
 Penalties: Kentner, Bundascho (majors), E. Marzo, Kentner, Groat

Line-ups:
 Milverton: Schmidt, G. Peck, Yost, Dale, Baer, C. Peck, W. Gaul, Bundascho, Meyer, Huffman, Groat, Kipter, Schmidt, alternates.
 Acton: Woods, G. Bayliss, Lindsay, Gillespie, I. Marzo, Hilson, W. Townsley, L. Marzo, Goy, E. Marzo, Hildall, Brush, Kentner, alternates.
 Referees: Liscombe, Grant of Toronto.