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Old Father Time must have had a perplexed expression last Thursday evening when they turned back the hands of the clock to the delight of over 1,000 fans in Acton arena. He must have been even more dumfounded when the following who were classed as has-beens 15 years ago, romped around the ice like colts on a spring frolic.

What took place in the highlight of the evening was a game that, with reservations, would stand up to Intermediate hockey as it's played today. If the men on the ice had been at their peak, think of the hockey team Acton would have!

Instead of merely turning in an appearance, the old time hockeyists traded bump for bump, bruise for bruise with the 1939 champs, who looked pretty sharp at times, although certainly out of practice.

Both teams threw passes that just aren't seen in Intermediate hockey today. And of stickhandlers there was no lack. Fellows like Frank Gibbons, Norm Morton, "Dang," "Sonny" Townsley, and Ilio Marzo kept the puck between their shillelaha like adhesive.

Casualties were kept to a minimum. Clarence Kentner sustained a cut in the proboscis which required three stitches to close, and Henry Arbic cracked a few ribs in the early minutes of the game when he hit "Minute" Walters. "Minute," when asked why he played for keeps, was reported to have said he always played hockey like that and he just couldn't get used to playing otherwise. It didn't slow "Duke" Arbic up anyway. By the time the game was in the third period, he was flying.

Real character on the ice was "Dang" Kentner who personalized our impression of how players looked and dressed 28 years ago. "Dang" could still step out on the ice for Georgetown and constitute a real menace to the opposing team. For his own sake, we hope he doesn't.



ACTON BRANCH of the Canadian Legion, represented by Bill Maddox, presented a trophy to the Acton Minor Sports Club for annual competition in the senior section of the town league on Booster Night. Above, Ernie Marks, vice-president of the Minor Sports Club is seen accepting the handsome trophy. —Staff Photo

Near Capacity Crowd as Gay Blades, Minors, Play

One of the best Booster Nights ever seen in Acton was unfolded last Thursday night at the arena as a near capacity house watched and thrilled to a unique program that brought many nostalgic memories back and kindled new hopes for the future in the breasts of hockey fans. Highlight of the evening was a game between the old time hockey stars and the 1939 O.H.A. Intermediate champions, which delighted the assembly with a full 30 minutes of play that lacked neither color nor enthusiasm.

In fact, the event dripped color as the champs had their hands full with a battling gang of old timers dressed in the flashy uniforms of the Georgetown Raiders. The Champions won 5-3 but were hard pressed at the end as the old timers put on a 12-man power play that kept the Tanners hemmed in their own end and netted the lasers a goal.

The game climaxed an evening of hockey that saw nearly 150 players, members of Acton Minor Sports Club league, play brief games to give citizens an idea of what the Club is accomplishing for boys in Acton. All proceeds of Booster Night, which was a decided financial success, go to further promotion of minor sport.

The ten minor hockey teams played in age groups with the paper weights playing the first game and it resulted in a 2-1 win for one of the clubs. Referee for the minor games was Vic Masters, Wilf Duval and George Hollinger.

The town league's junior division game on next. In the first game, Leno Marzio's and Ernie Mark's teams battled to a scoreless draw. In a really exciting second game, Ray Mason's team edged out Gord Cunningham's 1-0 on a neatly executed goal by Emmerston Baxter.

The crowd came to its feet as the first game of the senior section of the league saw Kerwin McPhall's Buzzers and Bill Holloway's Slow Pokes belt each other around to a 1-1 draw. Bob Anderson's club was white-washed 3-0 by Doug Dawkins' team in the final game.

At this juncture, the ice was cleared and the Old Timers and the champs came on to warm up for the evening's feature which the crowd eagerly awaited.

The band broke into a march and with the Old Timers and the Champions lined up at their respective blue lines, a grand parade of all the players in the Minor Sports Clubs league took place. The boys presented an impressive sight as they lined up around their arena in single file in their bright sweaters from the kids who were just learning to skate to those of junior age.

An air of solemnity was injected into the ceremony, here, as the master of ceremonies, Dr. Frank Oakes, signified there would be two minutes' silence in honor of the king. The arena was darkened and a spotlight played on a portrait of his late Majesty, King George VI as the silence was observed. When the lights went on the band played the National Anthem.

Timmins, Stewart Take Score Credits

Believe it or not, this was the scoring credit following Baxter Laboratories' weekly scuffle in Georgetown — Stewart, unassisted; Stewart from Timmins; Timmins from Stewart and Timmins from Stewart. The Timmins - Stewart spirit put Acton's scoring count at 4 with a bedazzled Burns Transport only twanging one puck in the net.

The Labmen are now tied for second place and climbing up that old ladder of success. Monday's was an outstanding game with the prominent pair receiving good support from all the team. All team members are high in interest and spirit.

Acton penalties went to McPhall for roughing and Zajac for charging—two minutes each.

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of ACTON PEOPLE AND ACTON PLACES THROUGH MANY YEARS

Still reminiscing on Mill St., there used to be a vacant lot where the Edwards Harness Shop now stands. Here the circusmen, travelling shows, and itinerant photograph cars of more than half a century ago pitched their tents and interested the children and their grandfathers of that day.

The Nicklins built the brick shop and residence some 50 years ago and here they conducted the Excelsior bakery. Later Thomas C. Moore and Son and A. I. Hemstreet ran grocery and crockery stores there. The premises has housed numerous butcher shops, including Neil Patterson, William Landabrough, Jack Smith, Orris Lamb, William Evans and others.

Looking down Mill St. from its intersection at Main, not too many years ago you could notice the silent policeman that used to lean in the middle of the road to direct traffic on either side. It was seldom an upright policeman though because the cars usually hit it quite often putting a considerable slant on it. (To be Continued)

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The 30 champs were intact with the exception of Frank Terry and George Molozzi. The latter was killed in combat during World War II. A very appropriate presentation was the trophy Ken Blow presented to the Minor Sports Club in memory of George.

Oldest player on either team was Gordon Farlow of Milton, whose age is in the neighborhood of 56. Gordon played in Acton as long ago as 1919 on the open air rink situated where the Beardmore bunkhouse is now. He has a son playing for Milton Co-ops in the best tradition of the family. Recently an article in a Brampton paper pronounced Gord Farlow as one of the trickiest players ever to ply the trade in amateur hockey circles.

Jack Greer and Herb Woods held up their end of the rink with a great show of agility, although to look at them you'd wonder how it's possible. Frank (Twit) Holmes is still trying his old dodge of getting in the rink for half price, complaining he can only see with one eye and that's only half price—so why not half price? "Twit" was sub-goalie of the 1939 champs.

Hockey fans who are apprehensive about the future of the game in Acton should have been comforted by what they saw in the minor hockey loops. Material for future Intermediate teams is there so long as they are developed along lines similar to what the Minor Sports Club is doing now. Evidence of support was not lacking Thursday night.

A new column in the Georgetown Herald by "Elmer" says, "Sorry to see old Dude Lindsay of Acton back on skates. Thought he was through 10 years ago." Tsk, tsk, tsk, Elmer. Are you trying to lower the crowds at Georgetown just so you can get a seat? Most people are aware that "Dude" is the brainwaring card on the club. If you don't believe me, ask him! Move is foot to form a new senior baseball circuit which would include Oakville. Bob Rumley and Don Anderson are playing for Georgetown Juvies in their play-down quest of the Ontario Championship.

THANK YOU . . .

The executive of Acton Minor Sports Club wish to thank Acton Council, the Town Foreman, the Band, the Free Press and all others who co-operated to make Booster Night a success it was.

Only goal in the first period was scored by the champs as Ilio Marzo teamed up in a pretty combination play that Ilio rifled past Jack Greer. In the second period, while most of the Old Timers gaped for their second wind, "Dang" Kentner broke in the clear and slid the puck under "Baloney" for a 2-0 lead. Norm Morton lengthened it with a goal before "Dude" Lindsay split the champs' defence and fired one in the cords.

Russ Brush made it 4-1 early in the third period with Norm and Bud Morton assisting. Then Gord Farlow put Joe Kentner in the clear and Joe raced up the wing and beat Woods with a shot to the far corner making it 4-2. Ben Bayless pulled the champs further ahead with a goal shortly after.

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The crowd tensed as the loud-speaker introduced the players for the night's feature and laughed as corpulent Jack Greer beckoned equally heavy Herb Woods, the other goalie, to meet him at centre ice where he presented Herb with a great big Valentine, just to show him where his heart was on this February 14. Herb obliged by stinging the heart into the cords at the back of the net.

Perc Blackburn of Georgetown and "Did" Brush of Milton, dressed in immaculate white sweaters, dropped the puck that started the big game off. "Bud" McDonald, inveterate Acton coach, handled the Old Timers and Vic Rumley managed the champions.

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BROTHER-IN-LAW OF the late George Molozzi, who was killed while serving with the R.C.A.F. in the last war, Ken Blow is seen presenting a trophy, he donated, to Johnny Goy, president of the Minor Sports Club. In memory of George, who was a star defenseman of the 1939 champions, it is called the George Molozzi Memorial trophy and is up for annual competition in the junior section of the town league. —Staff Photo

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