



GEORGETOWN AND ACTON took the lid off the 1956-57 junior hockey season in Georgetown Tuesday night when the home club administered a sound drubbing to Acton. Here Bob Coon, Acton pivot, leads a raid into Georgetown territory with left winger Ted. The well-conditioned Georgetown club were full measure for the win over poorly conditioned Acton.

Acton Absorbs 17-2 Loss In Junior Hockey Opener

Scoring the first goal in the first game of the 1956-57 season didn't help Acton Juniors. Georgetown scored 10 before Acton got another one in Georgetown's 17-2 victory on Tuesday night in the neighboring town.

Led by Charlton and Beckett who each contributed a hat trick and Thompson, Richardson and Hart with a pair apiece, the Georgetown team led 4-1 at the end of the first period, 8-1 at the end of the second and finished the game on the long end of 17-2. Bob Coon and Mackay sniped the Acton goals with Coon assisting on Mackay's.

Georgetown had little trouble downing Acton although they showed no marked superiority in play. They displayed much more polish

Agricultural Society Holds Social Evening

Acton Agricultural Society social evening was held in Stewarttown Community Hall on Friday.

Winners at each were: Ladies' high, Mrs. S. Matthews; second, Mrs. S. Robbins; lone hands, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. H. S. Matthews; second, W. Britton, lone hands, W. Thompson.

Prize for ladies' lone hands was a voucher for two pounds of butter donated by Acton Creamery and for men's lone hands, merchandise donated by Gordon Hardware.

The door prize, won by J. J. Atkins, Stewarttown, was a Christmas cake donated by Ledger's L.G. A Christmas cake donated by Grand Union Carroll's to the long-out married couple, both present, was also won by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Atkins.

Spot dance winners were Eliza both Gibson and Frank Wilson; elimination dance, Mrs. W. Swackhamer and Harold Wilson. Music was supplied by McEneaney's orchestra of Ballinacat.

James Aitken Wins Trophy For 4-H Project

Thirteen boys completed the 4-H Grain Club project sponsored by the Acton Agricultural Society. One acre of grain was grown and after monthly club meetings, examinations were written. A financial statement and sample of grain were prepared for their achievement night held in Lorne School. Examinations were originally scheduled to be held at Acton Fair, was postponed due to the late harvest.

James Aitken, R.R. 3, Acton, was the winner of the E. Braida and Son challenge trophy for the boy having the highest score in the Acton 4-H club for 1956.

At Christmas Oakville Boys Collect Toys

OAKVILLE Scouts throughout the Oakville-Trafalgar-Bronte area have collected 225 toys for the children of stricken families of the Spranghill, Nova Scotia, mine disaster last month.

Started originally as a Sixth Oakville Scout Group project three weeks ago, the drive eventually enlisted the co-operation of every scout group in the area.

Record Sales Volume For Ontario Co-Ops

Record sales volume and record capital expenditures were chalked up by United Co-operatives of Ontario for its fiscal year ended September 30, 1956.

This was indicated by Hugh Bailey, general manager, in his report to the annual meeting of United Co-operatives held in Toronto, December 10 and 11. Halton Co-operative Supplies is affiliated with the United Co-operatives of Ontario.

Sales volume for the past year at \$5,890,748 was up 15 per cent, or \$7.5 million compared with the preceding year. The capital expansion program for the 12 month period ended September 30, 1956 totalled \$1,750,000, the largest since the company was first organized in 1940.

Major items in the capital expansion program were the opening of a new, ultra-modern feed mill in Guelph, a new agricultural chemicals plant in Stratford, and Mr. Bailey reported that capital expenditures during the past year have been made out of operations, depreciations and the sale of about \$600,000 in debentures.

The general manager said that local co-operatives, of which there are some 150 across Ontario, increased their volume and earnings more than ever before, particularly in co-op feed, western grain and petroleum.

Representing Halton Co-operative Supplies from Halton were William Hume, David Lawson, William Mahon, Dave Savelle, Jack McDonald, Charles Harris and Victor Lawrence.

Parent-teacher interviews were held at the school Monday and Tuesday after school and in the evenings. Many parents took the opportunity of talking over their youngsters' progress with teachers.

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"WELL, IT WAS a good practice." That's how Billy Middleton reacted after watching Georgetown's well conditioned Juniors shake up a lap-sided win over Acton in the Junior league opener in Georgetown Tuesday evening.

His words pretty well sum it up. The Acton club, far from peak condition, weren't nearly as bad as the score would indicate. They skated with Georgetown most of the way, out-thumped and outbumped them, but showed little finish once they crossed the blue line. Georgetown's netminder had a comparatively easy time restricting the locals to two goals.

Meanwhile, Jack Marshall in the Acton nets, was called upon to make repeated saves in a losing effort. His defense was easily pulled out of position and he had little chance on the 17 pucks which eluded him.

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CONSIDERING the Acton team has had only three or four practices they did very well. Freddy Kentner had them handing out some bruising body thumps that really showed down some of the fast Georgetown forwards.

Acton's glaring weakness was shooting. Like the Americans at Bunker Hill they didn't fire until they saw the whites of the goalie's eyes.

A month from now with two or three more games and plenty of practice time under the belts, the results should be much different. No amount of pleading, cajoling or pep talks can work improvements like plenty of ice time can.

From where we sit that's the only thing missing from the Junior team. The shabby shape into what Con Smythe of the Toronto Leafs calls a real fighting team, and we don't mean literally.

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WERE YOU lined up to last Friday night's boxing card from New York in which Gordon Wallace, from nearby Bramford fought in the headline bout?

We were.

Just got comfortably ensconced in front of the TV set for what we thought was going to be an ordinary fight when Wallace was knocked out through the ropes heading over the ring apron. All that was visible of Wallace were his legs, dangling awkwardly in the air while he cradled his head in an announcer's lap.

However, Wallace, light heavy champion of the British Empire incidentally, made a fast recovery. He regained his composure, crawled through the ropes and was on his feet when the referee signalled to TEN in boxing, ten means you are out.

Was Wallace on his feet when the official counted ten? In spite of the referee's decision, which was unfavorable to the Canadian, we would say a decided YES! The crowd concurred with our estimate. They booted the decision lustily.

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WAS IT A FAST COUNT? Some of the fibers seemed to think so. Some seemed to think Wallace took a dive (later photographs rejected that one). A dive in boxing is when the fighter purposely falls and feigns a knock out, but Wallace was hearing hardies as subsequent photos proved.

Now you may say it doesn't matter much. Anyone who was clattered as hard as Wallace wouldn't have a chance to win, anyway.

However, Wallace's manager in his post fight remarks said that Wallace was in an identical situation in the first round of his fight with Randy Turpin and he came back into the ring to win by a knock-out.

In other words our boy is a slow starter.

Obviously he wasn't hurt, was eager to continue and thought he was timing himself with the count. Unless Wallace, who ranked fifth in the ratings before Friday's debacle can pull an upset win over some leading contender now he's destined for fists oblivion after a fleeting moment in the time light.

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SCENARIO A note on hand from Oakville says "We are interested in having exhibition games work ends Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Our team is a Commercial 'B' Club. The average age is 28 and the club is very anxious to play out of town. Anyone interested please contact Jack Robertson, Sports Chairman, Box 402, Oakville, Ont."

Saturday's east-west all star football game was a flop from the east's point of view but heightening the difference in standard between the two leagues. The East no longer dominates the picture. Milton Pontiac Chiefs after a fast start in the big seven Senior B circuit are now in fifth place with three wins and as many losses.

Georgetown meanwhile is in a four way tie for first with four wins and three losses. Another Acton boy playing in Milton is Scotty McCusker playing Intermediate C with Milton Canadian Fire. He notched a goal in the league opener this week.

Free Press Picture Brings Recollections

Writing to renew his subscription to the Free Press, a gentleman from Manitoba adds the following to his letter:

"Some time ago in the Press were some pictures of trees being cut down and one, was an old one, showing Mr. James Matthews' house. Lawn, old telegraph office, post office and a store on the site of present post office. I think the store was Noble's flour and feed store. It was as cold as a barn in the winter as only the small office was heated. It was an outlet for Norval Flour Mills (Noble's).

"There was something else in the picture that couldn't be seen for shadow. Back of the short lawn was a lattice work structure. Roof and sides were all the same. It was built to imitate as much as possible bush conditions of shadow and filtered sunlight. It was between the post office building and Mr. Matthews' house.

"He took me in one day and showed me his ginseng plants. He said it took two years to get returns but it paid well if a person wanted to wait that long. Growing ginseng root in those days was like silver fox and mink raising was later and now it's the chum-chilla.

A. M. Z.

Report Increase Farm Efficiency Could Raise Quality - Forums

Are farmers operating efficiently or is the need for increased efficiency a major problem in Canadian agriculture? This question was discussed in Halton farm forums under the topic heading, What Price Efficiency?

Reports from local forums showed good discussions and varied opinions. One group expressed the opinion that Canadian farmers had done an excellent job in providing food, not only for Canadians but many outside Canada.

Other groups felt increased efficiency would result in higher quality products but warned against overproduction causing surplus. More efficient marketing should also receive attention. This should increase the farmer's income, they said.

All forums agreed there were not too many farmers. With an ever-increasing population, much food will be needed. One group decided that some who were not trying to make a success of farming might be better employed in different work.

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