

Pounding the Sports Beat



Over in Brampton they're busy preparing for an invasion of over 100 boys between the ages of eight and 10 years. The event is Brampton Lions second annual Novice Hockey Week which opens March 31 and runs to April 8.

There are entries from 48 towns and cities throughout Ontario, Manitoba and even one from the States.

The tournament is broken up into four classifications according to population, "A", for communities over 35,000, "B", for towns of 7,501 to 35,000, "C", 3,001 to 7,500, and "D", up to 3,000. Acton has an entry in the "C" series which includes 13 clubs: Delhi, Walkerton, Oakridge Acres, Ferguson, Hespeler, Orangeville, Milton, Markham, Unionville, Goderich, Aurora, Tillsonburg and Ingersoll.

Once again the Winnipeg Cubs will be making the trip from Manitoba, while a team from Port Huron, Michigan, will represent the United States.

A few of the boys, anxious about the possibilities of an industrial hockey league, asked the caretaker of this column to say a few words on their behalf.

So c'mon folks, time to get heads together and have a league. Lots are willing to do the pads and wear the blades. A few of us can even play hockey.

There is still time to form a local circuit along the lines of the softball league which functioned so smoothly last summer. Maybe the same sponsors would be willing to enter a team in for hockey and keep their names in lights.

Would the executive of the softball league be willing to get this thing started? Just a thought.

Milton Merchants of the intermediates, shaking a slump which has plagued them through the early part of the season, proved they're a different team now when they split with league leading Bradford last weekend.

Nick Ferris' charges dropped an overtime thriller on Friday night on their own hallowed 6-5. Saturday, however, they walked the Fords 8-4 right on their own stamping grounds.

Bradford still occupies the top spot in the seven team league with nine wins, four losses and three ties while Georgetown is breathing down their necks with nine wins, five defeats and one deadlock. Oakville brings up fourth place with 15 points while Milton are in fifth with 12.

Officials of the Lions, Acton's juvenile entry in the tri-county

league, elated at their 3-1 win over Georgetown last night, were optimistic about the team's chances in the play-offs.

Manager Eymie Marks felt the team had faced the powerhouse of the league, many of them 'A' major clubs, in the early stages of the schedule, and now they're meeting teams of their own classification. "Hespeler is the team we will have trouble with," he said, "Georgetown and Milton we can beat."

The Lions meet Preston here on Monday night. Preston is also an 'A' club but the Acton team has chalked up a win over them. Last night's victory was a tribute to the Acton defense. Coach Rich Bayliss has molded the blue liners into an effective unit and they broke up many Georgetown plays with effective checking and a few bone crushing body jolts.

The manager of the Georgetown team apologized to Acton officials for the actions of some of his players as the game drew to a close. The referees handed out three misconducts for abusive language and the Georgetown official attributed it to youthful tempers.

BEAT BITS For Young Canada Night in Milton the local Merchants are meeting Niagara Falls Flyers of the Junior A circuit in an exhibition. 1,500 school children are being given to school tickets for the event and although it isn't until February 1 officials are reported worried whether the arena will hold all who will attend. Kevin Hall of the Acton Businessmen's Pee Wee team sniped his 12th goal in five games on Saturday in Brampton. Three hundred fans were on hand to witness the double bill between the Squirts and Pee Wees.

Juvenile tourney slated for Milton in April is expecting 24 entries. Maurice (Rocket) Richard pulled a neat one the other night in a TV panel show when asked his opinion of Stafford Smythe's controversial opinions on education. The moderator, when told the Rocket agreed with Smythe's sentiments on developing the body, asked: "at the expense of the mind?" Le Rocket replied: "No, at the expense of the government!"

Richard is a strong advocate of physical fitness programs citing examples on his trip to communist countries as proof of their worth. His argument here don't have quite enough snow for ski enthusiasts so several take to the hills around Orangeville on the weekends.

New records at Acton arena or are they the same as last year's skating night? Lots of rhythm in them. What ever happened to "Cruising down the River"? wear out?

Club in a tri-county hockey league game.

Plans were completed for an ice carnival to be staged Saturday evening, February 25. This will be held in the Acton arena and will consist of a complete ice show by the Galt Figure Skating Club, a triple comedy show, and a show by local figure skating stars. The skating will be followed by a hockey game starting the Acton Lions Juvenile



ACTON SQUIRTS hockey team are pictured during a practice session at Acton arena this past week. The youngsters are managed and coached by Walter Kowall and Ken McKay. Front row (left to right) are Kenny Owens, Gordie McKay, Kenny Marshall, Mark Kowall, Bobby Andrews, Peter Martingale and Danny Harkley. Back row, Casey Harkley, Ronnie Johnson, John Mason, Allan McKenzie, Ramsey Hay, John Dowding, Brian Dunn and Gordie Lawrence. W. Kowall and K. McKay are shown in the background.

Georgetown Frustrated Lions Chalk Up 3-1 Win

Ron Malcolm with a pair of goals and an assist sparked Acton Lions to a 3-1 victory over a team of disgruntled Georgetown juveniles in a tri-county contest last night (Wednesday) in Acton arena.

The Lions, playing a rugged brand of hockey, felled the visitors with their persistent forechecking. When they did break through on the net, Georgetown found John Leatherland a tough nut to crack.

Frustration led to hard words and near the game's end, three of the visitors were cooled out with misconduct penalties.

Acton One Up Ron Mellon put Acton in the lead in the first period when he completed a play with Ron Malcolm and Harry Phillips. Georgetown went scoreless.

The Lions chalked up a 2-0 lead in the first minute of play in the second stanza on a goal by Malcolm with Phillips again assisting.

Georgetown spoiled Leatherland's bid for a shutout at the 2:46 mark of the third chapter when Dunn's shot to the far corner caught John on the short side.

The visitors put on the pressure in an attempt to deadlock the count and missed several

good chances. However, Ron Malcolm was put in the clear by Bill Dawkins and Pete Lawson near the end of the period and he slapped home a hard shot from directly in front of the net for the insurance goal.

Both teams missed good chances through the game, especially the Acton club.

Next home game for the Lions is here on Monday night when they play-host to Preston. Game time is 8:45.

Meet Georgetown Friday

Midgets Lose Three Games

With two losses to Oakville and another to Orangeville, Acton midget team is still improving every time out and Bill Buchanan and Emerson Baxter are predicting a win this Friday night when the locals meet Georgetown.

Oakville took the initiative early in their home game at Milton and chalked up a 10-4 victory. Sheldon Blow scored all four of the Acton goals with Mervyn Marshall getting two assists and Gordie Mason and Ian Johnson appearing in the brackets once apiece.

In the return game in Acton on Friday night Oakville again scored 10 goals while the locals netted only two, from the sticks of Brian Sproston and Ruddy Holmes.

Tuesday night this week the Acton team journeyed to Orangeville and came out on the wrong end of an 8-1 count. Despite the goals registered against him Joe Massey played a fine game in the nets for the Acton club.

Speers notched three of the Marshall getting two assists and Gordie Mason and Ian Johnson appearing in the brackets once apiece. Brian Sproston bagged the only Acton marker.

To New York

Jet Flight, Cash for Winner At Lions Club's Ice Carnival

The regular dinner meeting of the Acton Lions Club, held at the Station Hotel Monday evening, was attended by almost the full membership of the club.

After an enjoyable meal during which Lion Tony Ironside, the club's faithful, levied fines on the membership for all sorts of dubious reasons, members engaged in a very interesting business session.

Squirts Supported By Acton Businesses

When Acton Squirts skated out with their new sweaters, helmets and other paraphernalia recently, they had quite a few of the businessmen from this district behind them. Donating to their equipment fund were the following:

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It was decided to "discontinue" the regular bingo games so that members could give full support to the Teen Town dances and other planned activities.

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Squirts, Pee Wees Impressive in Weekend Tilts

The Brampton All Star Pee Wee and Squirt teams played host to the Acton Business Men's group on Saturday before a large gathering at Brampton arena. The Flower Town boys took both ends of the double bill from the locals, 2-0 for the Squirts and 6-1 for the Pee Wees.

The superb goal tending job by Mark Kowall kept the Squirts very much in the game until the final bell, and with any luck at all around the Brampton net the locals could have emerged with a win, or at least a tie. Bobby Turkosz sparked the Acton offense.

In the Pee Wee fixture, Kevin Hall scored for Acton, assisted by a fine play from Barry Elliott to avert a shutout.

The score was no indication of the play as the locals looked right at home with the star studied Brampton team, but the polish around the net of the hosts proved too much for the Acton kids.

The Brampton coaches and fans, saying the praises of the Acton boys for their effort.

Ken McKay and Walter Kowall, feel the stiff competition the boys are having is beginning to improve the locals considerably.

The next home games will be Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30 p.m., against the same two Brampton teams.

Ricky Henderson of the locals, and Bill Reed of the visitors locked a terrific duel and were awarded major penalties for their efforts.

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Bants Drop Two In League Play

As their contribution to the dismal showing of Acton's minor hockey teams this week the Bantams lost a 9-2 decision to Georgetown, here, Friday night and another to Milton by 12-2 on Tuesday.

Three major penalties were handed out on Friday night, two of them to the visitors.

Mervyn Marshall and Ruddy Holmes scored the Acton markers while M. Wheeler, R. Lane and A. Blair with two apiece and M. Cummins, B. Bennett and R. Pesswood, with one each, accounted for the Georgetown goals.

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Swimmers' Tests Passed in Guelph

The following tests were successfully completed during the months of November and December at the Guelph Y Pool by members of the Acton Water Y's Swimming Club.

Pre-Beginner's Certificate: Jeanette Milne, Barry Buchanan, John Reid.

First Star: Jim Jennings. Second Star: Sandra Brink, Jim Jennings.

Third Star and Crest: Pat Blundell, Sandra Brink, Linda Stevenson, Harvey Taylor.

Fifth Star and Crest: Jim Blinn, Bill Reed, Carl Weir.

The club Christmas Party was held on December 18th and a large and vociferous crowd composed of both sections of the club enjoyed an evening of Christmas water games, including egg-and-spoon, Christmas shopping races for beginners, intermediates and advanced swimmers, and a water log race for advanced swimmers and life savers in which the rest of the club joined enthusiastically as lively "bushes" to impede the efforts of the life savers to "bring home the log".

Jim Buckland is the senior instructor for the club.

Sure fire combination: one small child and one match.

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Saturday, Jan. 14

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2 to 4 p.m.
8 to 10 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 16

MINOR HOCKEY
NIGHT

Tuesday, Jan. 17

FIGURE SKATING
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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