

# Pounding the Sports Beat . . .



The period designated as Minor Hockey Week in Canada is with us again. I know there are 52 weeks in the year but aside from something special we have National Health Week, National Dairy Week, National Electric Week, National Milk Week and National Minor Hockey Week. It's something special!

In spite of the fact that it is hockey in Canada's national game, Canada has itself outdoing the way for the development of the game.

You can get the world back to Canada for teaching and players to sound out leagues. Even the Russians, who claim to be the best in everything, watch Canadian hockey films as the hope of learning something.

Right now in the town of Acton we have a minor hockey set up season to come. Interested citizens with a love of the game and an eye to the development of good character in boys see that your boy has a place and a team to play in.

The Legion operates a town league for boys of all ages. It's divided into Junior A, American and National hockey leagues.

Walter Kovach and Gordon McKay with the aid of Acton business men are in the process of setting up a team.

The five coaches and managers for the Acton team are Emerson Baxter and Bob Buchanan.

Blow Press sponsors a midge entry in the Tri-County coached and managed by Emerson Baxter and Bob Buchanan.

And last, but not least, the Lions club conducts a juvenile club coached and managed by Ben Hayliss and Ernie Marks.

This minor hockey set-up is estimated to cover over 200 boys. Have you ever tried to look after five, let alone 200, active, healthy specimens of growing male?

If you have, then you've got some idea of the task the gentlemen who give of their time and talent liberally each week is.

Motto of the week is "Don't send - take your boy to the arena."

Some of the fellows who run these minor hockey teams sometimes get the idea that they are nothing but a band of glorified baby sitters when parents fail to take an interest in their boy's hockey activities.

They could use some encouragement.

Why not slide down to the arena next time YOUR boy is playing and have a look at them. Not only the coaches and managers will be happy, so will your own boy.

Coaches in the Junior A circuit are a little unhappy over recent impositions of fines by the OHA for players leaving the bench to participate in fights. Latest and most flagrant of these violations took place in Guelph when Toronto Marlboros visited the Royal City last Friday.

Over \$300 in fines were levied against the Royals, including a fine against Emile Francis, Guelph mentor.

Actually there is not much the coach can do when the players decide to leave the bench, except caution them. Surely no OHA Junior A coach would urge his

charges to take on the other team in a donnybrook?

The OHA's action must have been prompted by the thought that pressure on the coach's pocketbook would channel down to the players in the form of more club restrictions to players breaking the code.

**BEAT NICKS** - Fans in Acton have their choice of top hockey games in this district on Friday. The faithful will be able to see Guelph Royals and St. Michaels Majors meet in what should be a full in Guelph. In Milton, Georgetown Raiders clash with Milton Merchants in an inter-county contest. Guelph's win streak of 18 games was shattered by St. Mike's a week ago Sunday and the Royals, class of the J. A circuit this season, are out to vindicate their first place position to the jump fans.

Acton Merchants on the way up after a dismal start, hope to add two points at second place Georgetown's expense. Oakville and Port Credit were the last victims of the impugned Merchants' spear.

As manager Time Mills intimated, Ben Hayliss and his boys are winning their share of games. Saturday's win in Hespeler was a thriller. Fans here are nursing a hope that the Lions will nail down a playoff berth and advance into the O.M.H.A. playoffs.

Acton Merchants, already come of the younger players are on their way south to training camp including several Canadians.

Prediction department: Five gives you 10 Montreal Canadiens finish on top of the N.H.L. Guelph Royals play host to Milton here on Friday night. Game time 8:45.

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Fddie Massey scored both goals for the winners with Vincent Dunne assisting him on the first one and Danny Calder on the second. For Hamilton, John Maton registered their only goal missed.

The Junior A class takes in boys from 8:10.

**BOYS 10-13**

In the American league it was another tight battle but Rochester emerged the winners by a 5-3 score over Buffalo Bisons.

Bruce Shultis and Keith Dunk with a pair of goals each paced the winners with R. Hibbard counting the fifth marker. Keith Dunk picked up a pair of assists on the Shultis goals with Dave Mellon also in the brackets twice and Bruce Lambert once.

John McNabb, Reid and John Cooney were the Bison marks men with McNabb also picking up an assist.

**N.H.L.**

Unlike their professional namesakes, Toronto had no trouble disposing of Montreal in the National league. The Leafs powered in six goals to defeat Canadiens 6-2.

Ron Heller, Kevin Hall, McKenzie, Harris, Almond and Murray in the school operetta, with goals, McKenzie and Heller also contributed two assists while Murray, Shannon and Van Hockelen each assisted one.

Clark and Papillon were the Montreal scorers with Doug Ford picking up an assist on Papillon's goal.

Four penitents were sent to the sin bin for a two minute stretch with a misconduct penalty also going to one of the Leafs.

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colm each picked up an assist before the afternoon.

**More Penalties**

Acton beat out Milton in the penalty department too, with Lawson and Malcolm in the bin for slashing, Ridley for elbowing and Waterhouse for charging margin.

Stuart McDonald was a super star for the Acton team, lining through half of the team's goals himself. He got two of his goals on pages from the able stick of Dennis Gibbons.

The remainder of the counters were picked up by Pete Lawson, Bill Dawkins, Alan Hayward and Ron Malcolm, Hayward and Mal-

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### Port Credit Wins Legion Tourney

Amassing a three game pin total of 3,602, Port Credit Legion Branch 82 bowlers walked off with the Zone 17 bowling trophy Saturday afternoon in Milton.

The Port Crediters won over competitors from Milton, Georgetown, Acton, Streetsville, Oakville and Brampton as 20 teams and 120 bowlers met at Milton Bowl away in the annual five-pin tournament.

Acton's five best placed second with 3,376 and Georgetown led followed with 3,238, just two points ahead of Milton, last year's champions. Oaks Hill's Harry Tedder claimed high single with 326 and Port Credit's Jim Harrison (a member of the trophy team) led the biggest triple with 823.

**Three Shifts**

The tournament was organized by Zone 17's chairman Al Reynolds of Port Credit, with the assistance of secretary Alky Wallington - Port Credit. Legions included three from each town except Acton (with two) and they bowled in three shifts, from 11 am to 5 pm. Next year the champions will be host to the tournament at Port Credit.

**Yellow Belt**

Carl Weir of 180 Jeffrey St. attends the Hatoxita judo class in Toronto and has won his yellow belt. He is in the fifth Kyu grade of judo.

Next Mrs. Hurst led the company in a Guide history quiz, consisting of 20 questions. The meeting closed with campfire.

### Marks Natches Four

## Lions Fire Winner in Last Minute

A point by speedy Acton wing er Pete Marks with only three seconds left in regulation time gave Acton Lions a 5-4 victory in a see-saw Tri-County juvenile contest in Hespeler Saturday night.

Hespeler had tied the score at 4-4 with only a minute left to play when Marks scored his fourth goal of the night with assistance from Dennis Gibbons and Brian McCristall. It was the third time the M.C.M. combination clicked.

They opened the scoring in the first period with Marks pulling the trigger on his first marker. Hespeler tied it up when Willie and beat John Leatherland in the Acton net, from close in. Then Marks put the Lions ahead again with an unassisted effort but once more Hespeler came storming back to tie the count. Walker was the marksman and the first period ended in a 2-2 draw.

Ron Malcolm supplanted a corner in between Marks' tallies in the second stanza to put the Lions in front 3-2. But Willson and his second of the evening made it 3-3 in the latter stages

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and that's the way the period ended.

The M.G.M. line, a productive unit Saturday after a long slump, put the Lions back in front 4-3 and for a while it looked like the

half game. However Butler broke in on Leatherland on a set-up from Papi and notched the tie-up goal with less than a minute to play.

With Dennis Gibbons and Brian McCristall doing the spade work again, all Pete had to do was beat the goal tender and this he did cleanly to put Acton in front for the fifth time. Only three seconds remained in the game which was played at an accelerated clip all evening.

Don Papi was of the Lions and Butler of the Hespeler crew enjoyed proceedings in the dying moments of the game with a pier siver for which each was awarded a misconduct penalty.

### SCORING SUMMARY

- First Period**  
A - Marks (McCristall, Gibbons)  
H - Willson  
A - Marks (unassisted)  
H - Walker
- Second Period**  
A - Malcolm (Mellon)  
H - Willson
- Third Period**  
A - Marks (Gibbons, McCristall)  
H - Butler (Papi)  
A - Marks (Gibbons, McCristall)

### Five Star Tests In Guelph Pool

Four swimmers of the Acton Water Y's Swimming Club were members of a combined team of Guelph and Acton boys who demonstrated fine Star Swimming at Guelph City on Tuesday night.

The five star team consisted of Chris Denny, Tony Hopper, Bill Reed and Carl Wier. Helped in presenting a complete program of the progressive training which young swimmers receive at the Y, up to the point where they are ready for instruction in the six year and other advanced swimming techniques.

Their performance was enthusiastically received by a packed and appreciative audience of parents and sisters of Y boys, fellow Y members and other interested citizens, including some visitors from Acton.

### Bantams Drop Erin 4-1 Waller Shines in Nets

In a wide open contest which saw netminder Loxy Waller play a starring role, Acton Bantams topped Erin 4-1 here Tuesday night.

Acton's goal was scored by the lead which they never relinquished.

Erin's goals were scored by Jesse, Marco, Riddell, Henderson, Guy, Marshall, Arlin, Hollins, Hickman, Moore.

Erin's pass and blasted at home for goal number four for the Acton bluff.

Erin, in spite of some good chances, failed to put another puck behind Waller.

Eight penalties were imposed by the referees, five of them to Erin.

# SPORTS

The Acton Free Press, Thursday, January 26th, 1961

### Youngest Skater at 12 Linda Braida Gets Third

The youngest competitor in a class of 23, 12-year-old Linda Braida placed third in the novice ladies' classes in the Western Ontario and Niagara Peninsula sectional championships. Held annually, this year they were in the Guelph Memorial Gardens Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 12, 13 and 14.

Compulsory figures for novice ladies began at 10 Thursday morning. Sharon Davis of the Guelph club won the contest of three compulsory school figures, with Linda Braida of the same club coming a close second.

The 23 were eliminated to 10 after the figures, and these 10 finalists performed two and a half minute solo programs to complete the event. In total points, Linda placed third with 75.85, while champion Sharon Davis had 77.79.

From Large Area

The girls competing with Linda were well up in their teens, and

the talented young skater proved her grace and ability again this year. Entered were figure skaters from the large district including Owen Sound, Windsor, Stratford, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Guelph.

Linda has been obtaining high marks consistently in tests and competitions, and has been feature skater in carnivals in Guelph and Milton. The versatile youngster also sang a lead part in the school operetta, "Elizabeth Force" competed in the senior ladies' event Saturday morning placing fifth in compulsory figures to hold her place after her free skating program. The class was won by the defending champion, Miss Judy, Cosby of St. Catharines.

The competitions will be held at St. Catharines next year.

Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Braida and Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Force.

### Midgets Mauled By Hespeler, 7-3

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City	Wins	Losses	Total
Streetsville	76	102,554	
Levin Stamp	67	101,154	
Acton Merchants	63	102,531	
Oakville	49	98,308	
Duffie Bowling	34	96,078	
Van Normans	26	94,938	

High 10 average: Jeff Traver  
Acton Merchants, 239; Ken Rowce, Levin Stamp, 231; Murray May, Streetsville, 230; A. Bouchard, Streetsville, 230; Norm Cook, Streetsville, 229; Gord McAllister, Streetsville, 229; Art Irvine, Levin Stamp, 228; A. Corrier, Streetsville, 228; B. Johnston, Acton Merchants, 228; Norm Morton, Acton Merchants, 227.

High average to date: Jeff Traver, 239; high triple to date, Don Green, 249; high singles to date, Bob Carrier, 368; Jack Ark

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