

## Pounding the Sports Beat . . .



A FEW YEARS ago when Junior played hockey for the local edition of the bantams, midgets or juveniles, he was left to his own devices.

Usually the family could be talked into buying him a pair of skates and sometimes a hockey stick. After that he was strictly up to him for his resources, would go for equipment.

More than a leg stuffed magazines into their stockings in place of shin pads. Shoulder pads were practically unknown. And fortunate indeed was he who possessed a pair of hockey gloves.

Most of the kids had some sort of hand-me-downs to go with the skates, but a pair of hockey pants that Uncle Joe left him or a pair of holey hockey stockings that showed they had come through some real skirmishes.

In most cases the club started some kind of a fund-raising drive to buy down to the knees or slid up from the waist. That would be the limit of the club's resources.

**TIMES HAVE** changed. The budding hockey stars of today are much more fortunate than their fathers.

Although there are exceptions, the kids don't seem to have much trouble rounding up equipment these days. Most of the minor hockey clubs supply sticks as well as sweaters and stockings. Practice on the pond or the filter beds? "Are you kidding, Mac. We practice on artificial ice not long after they've stopped swimming."

"Our sponsors spend hundreds of dollars every year to keep us going. They drive us to games, arrange for insurance, and every now and again ask us to kick in a half a buck or so to help them carry the load, which seems to get heavier each year. But what's half a buck?"

Comparing the era of father and son is the obvious deal. We've got another type of question, which of the two had the most fun?

**ACTON LIONS** had the distinction of being the first local hockey club to take to the ice lanes for battle, which they did last Saturday. Hespeler invited the juveniles to play an exhibition there and despite a roster of only 11 players the Lions were still shaded 3-2.

The Lions held a wide margin in play through the first two stanzas but tired visibly in the last chapter while the Hespeler crew with lots of bench strength, got progressively stronger.

The same two teams meet again this Saturday in another exhibition at Hespeler. Game time is 9 p.m.

Lions will hold their first practice session in Georgetown Sunday at 8:30 a.m. The team will play all their home games in Georgetown on Sundays from 12-1:30 until ice is available in Acton's new community centre.

**THE BANTAMS** held their first practice Sunday in the newly painted Georgetown ice palace.

Under the tutelage of Harold Townsley and Herb Biddis, and sponsored by the Firefighters, the Bants have been holding chalk talks every Wednesday night. In addition, they've been in training, strengthening wrists with weights and doing some road work.

Physically they must be the

best prepared of any hockey team in town for the league schedule. They will also have to play home games out of town until ice is available in the community centre.

**PRESIDENT** Ray Mason told members of the executive of Acton's new intermediate hockey club that he was well pleased with developments thus far in the formation of the team.

Meeting at the home of Ross Balleine, Tuesday, the executive headed officially that Acton had been accepted into the W.O.A.A. as an Intermediate 'C' entry, which includes centres with populations up to 5,000. Players may also be drawn from a radius of seven miles of the town without affecting classifications.

The Acton executive is planning to attend the next meeting of the W.O.A.A. at Wingham on Wednesday, November 8, when groupings will be drawn up. Acton expects to be grouped with Erin, Fergus, Elora, Mount Forest and Listowel.

Practices for the new team will be held within the next couple of weeks. Any players anxious to attend the practices should contact either Ed Footitt at 192 or Bob Marshall at 469.

**FIRST PRACTICE** for Acton's third Tri-County league entry, the Midgets, will be held tonight (Thursday) in Milton arena. Rules and regulations have been drawn up and each player will get a copy.

Ken Blow is sponsoring the market entry again this season while Bill Buchanan is acting in the dual capacity of president and treasurer. For a manager the club is fortunate in having Pete Vale. Twice lucky, the boys have landed Leno Marzo as coach.

The club is grouped in an eight team league composed of Milton, Georgetown, Hespeler, Brampton, Orangeville, Preston, and Oakville.

**BEAT BITS** . . . Georgetown Raiders, with only one practice under their belts, took on Brampton 7-Ups, a Junior A club, in an exhibition contest, Friday. The 7-Ups, with two weeks of practices, dumped the Raiders 12-6.

**Commencement At H.S. Friday**

Tomorrow evening (Friday) students at the Acton District High School will be honored during their annual commencement exercises in the gymnasium.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Joe Connell, general secretary of the Kitchener-Waterloo Y.M.C.A. The guest speaker has been honored by the late King for his work with the youth throughout the Empire and for his work with the blind. His talk is anticipated to be most interesting.

During the evening students successful in maintaining high standards will be presented with certificates and awards. Valedictorian for the evening will be Doreen Gordon who was chosen top student in grade 13 last year. The evening has been planned by the student council with the cooperation of the staff members.



**MIDGET HOCKEY** is expected to begin as soon as enrollment is completed and players selected. Pictured above left to right during enrollment Tuesday afternoon are William Buchanan, president and secretary of the club, Mervyn Marshall and Ken Marzo, two players signing up for the year. The team is entered in the tri-county league and will hold a practice session next week.

## Shaded 3-2 Saturday

**Lions Drop Exhibition Contest**

Domineering skates for the first-time this season, Acton Lions' juveniles team nevertheless provided plenty of opposition for Hespeler juveniles in an exhibition contest in Hespeler Saturday night.

Hespeler won the game 3-2 over the short-handed Lions, who due to short notice had only 11 players in uniform, but it wasn't until 15:59 of the final stanza that they fired the winner.

Acton had a wide margin in play during the first two periods with Peter Marks potting a goal in each one. Dennis Gibbons and Brian McCristall set the first one up for him at the 15 minute mark of the opener while his second came at 11:05 of the second session, unassisted!

With only one change of players, Lions showed the efforts of the first two periods in the final chapter. John Leatherland in the Acton nets had to be plenty sharp. Finally at the 14 hamer drove them to Hespeler first goal and within two minutes they had tied the score and talked what proved to be the winning goal.

Accompanied on the trip by 10 keen fans, Lions still feel they could have won the game. Ron Mellon, Ron Malcolm and Ian Johnson all missed close chances. They got a second chance to beat the Hespeler crew Saturday when Lions are invited back for another try.

Playing with the Acton club for the first time Saturday was Mervyn Marshall, a product from Huntsville's minor leagues. Only 14, Mervyn stepped right up to juveniles after a year with Acton Bantams. He could be good material for some Junior A club in a couple of years.

Lions spent more time in the sin bin than the homesters, getting eight penalties to Hespeler's six.

Acton lineup - John Leatherland goal, Bill Dawkins, Wayne Bowen, Ron Mellon, Ron Malcolm, Ian Johnson, Ray Bastell, Dennis Gibbons, Mervyn Marshall, Brian McCristall, Peter Marks.

**Spilling Five Pins**

**AT THE ACTON Bowling Lanes**

by Ken Hulford

**High School**

Foulers 19, Comets 19, Hot Dogs first go with Murray Smith hitting 206 Rockets shot off with Gary Masales lighting the fuses with 200-240 to annex the last two and totals. Keith Andrews fired the Comets to a first game win with 204, then John Dunn waggled a couple for the Hot Dogs 222-269 to balance out a 648 triple; it was a 52 count in favor of the "Heated K9's". Electras electrified themselves or something and made with a strong three game win from Danblowins for seven points. Terry Masales 219 and Brian Otterbein 203 soloed, for Electras, as did Don Harris 215 for Danblowins.

**League standing:** Rockets 26, Fours 19, Comets 19, Hot Dogs 19, Danblowins 13, Electras 9.

**Beardmore**

Oct. 23: Strike Aheads failed to do that. Johnny's Crew took over a seven-pointer to take over top spot. Roger Murray's 270 for the S.A.'s in the first went for nought. The "Crew" won it by one pin. Guess John Robson's 207 helped

here. The "Crew" had no trouble wrapping up the next two with Ed Parent 223, Howie Jank 211, Elmer White 220. Hep Cats took over second place with a two and totals win from Primroses. Went for the bundle but dropped the middle spasm by 14 pins. Flash the on the neon lights for Hep Cats' singles were Joyce Masales 212, Lyle Cripps 201, Ken Pappilon 203, Doug Ruesf 206 - 208. A poor start kept Hee Lambert off the triple board but 240-214 was a nice finish. Bobo Snyder went for 251. With Al Roach 605 and Bob Brown 684, Untouchables 11 gured to make a clean sweep from Mugwumps, but a power-house win in the finale let Mugwumps grab the go and totals. A 609 triple from Timmie Masales plus solos Bill Buchanan 225 and Bert Fowler 232, was Mugwumps' tops. Hi Hoppis hopped on the all or nothing bandwagon and vacated last spot via their seven point win. Phil Le Scur tripled 646.

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## Ilio Marzo Signed to Coach Ints.

Acton's brand new intermediate hockey club announced Wednesday that Ilio Marzo has agreed to coach the Acton entry in the Western Ontario Hockey Association.

Ray Mason club president, was highly elated at the club's success in signing Ilio. His coaching record with Acton Junior clubs a decade ago is still remembered by fans - who pronounced these teams the best Acton ever produced in Junior.

As a player, Ilio thrilled jam-packed arenas here with bursts up right wing and his high scoring record, for the power-packed Acton Tanners.

Born in Guelph, Ilio moved to Acton while a young boy. He started playing hockey on the ponds and filter beds around Acton, moving up to Junior and intermediate hockey here. It wasn't long until he attracted the attention of scouts and was signed to play with Guelph in the Junior-A circuit.

From Guelph, he moved on to semi-pro hockey with Stratford and from there, graduated to Boston Bruins' farm club in the American hockey league. On the threshold of a big league career with the Bruins, World War II intervened and he served with the armed forces.

One of three hockey playing brothers, Ilio was content to play intermediate hockey in Acton after the war. He played a starring role in the Acton club's fine post-war teams.

Retiring from active play, he was urged to coach the good junior teams Acton produced in the early '50's by the late Dr. George Sirra. It his first year with the club, he piloted them to the Ontario semi-finals.

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## Planning Board Debates Zoning

Following discussion at the planning board meeting Tuesday evening, planning consultant Allan Deacon will report back with specific recommendations. Operating a business from a private home in an R2 zone was discussed including types of business, parking, trucks, etc., as well as home occupation and its actual definition.

The present uses in C1 zones and uses for outlying areas were considered. This commercial zoning was originally set up for the downtown area; there are no area requirements and no side-said provisions.

Mr. Deacon will prepare speculative home in an R2 zone was the recommendations on these problems for the next meeting.

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