

Pounding the Sports Beat . . .



SPONSORS for intermediate hockey teams these days don't come in dime a dozen quantities. They're more apt to be as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth.

So you can excuse officials of Acton's new intermediate hockey club if they show a little more projection of the chest at landing Beardmore and Co. to sponsor their team on a limited basis this season. Beardmore's have agreed to supply outfits for the team but from there they will be on their own.

What's the reason behind the reluctance on the part of commercial or manufacturing firms to sponsor intermediate hockey? A few years ago, the bigger firms would back a team at the drop of a hat. (How about Beardmore's in Guelph?)

We're inclined to think a few of them almost lost their shirts in the transactions, however, and now they're looking twice before getting too deeply involved in sponsorships.

WHO CAN blame them? In many instances — some within a few miles of Acton — the sponsor was some sort of a sugar daddy. He was expected to dig into his pockets whenever the club showed a deficit. And often they were sizable, sometimes in the four figure bracket.

Most sponsors will fork over a few shekels when a club is in financial straits. However, in many cases when this happens, the reasons are pretty plain and more than a few balk at paying high priced players and it's to these errant hockey knights that the bulk of the deficit can be traced.

In most cases, the local boys are playing for peanuts, while the imported gentlemen skim the gravy. And often as not, they spend one season playing indifferent hockey before flitting to the next town which will pay their price. They're known in the trade as hockey bums.

WE'VE ALWAYS put the onus on the Ontario Hockey Association for countenancing this hockey muddle. It has ruined intermediate hockey in Ontario.

Towns, which a few years ago could easily support intermediate hockey, can no longer foot

Revival of Curling is Imminent

The new community centre may be the scene of a sport that has been dormant in Acton for many years and yet is one of the fastest growing in Canada.

It's the old roarin' game—curling!

A committee has been investigating the feasibility of curling in Acton and providing there is enough interest, the game will be revived here. A general meeting will be called in the near future to form a club.

The committee emphasized that curling would bring a sizeable revenue to the community centre that otherwise would probably come out of the taxpayers' pockets. They felt there would be widespread acceptance of the game. Consequently they have purchased some used curling stones with the idea that a membership in the club would entail buying no equipment.

The members of the committee are busy contacting old curlers as well as stirring up enthusiasm in both ladies and gentlemen who they feel would be interested.

20 Years Here

Dr. W. G. C. Kearney, Acton's Citizen of the Year two years ago, mentioned this week he has just marked his 20th anniversary of practice in Acton.

the bill. It's either bring in the imports or pull right out of hockey. Those in fortunate circumstances enter a league which makes importing impractical.

That's why Acton is in the W.O.A.A. instead of the O.H.A. The W.O.A.A. is one place where the home brew is welcome and practical. Hockey's "tramps," with a few exceptions, avoid it.

Beardmore's probably took this into consideration when they agreed to sponsor the Acton team this season.

The blue and gold of the Tanners of another era will be looking down with pride on all this. Not many years ago, the Acton Tanners were known the length and breadth of Ontario. It was good advertising for the town and the firm which sponsored them.

PACKED BINKS greeted the Tanners whenever they played in that era. Are we on the threshold of another?

One particular instance this fuzzy checked youth can remember in the immediate post-war years took place in Waterloo. The Tanners were meeting Preston in the first game of the Intermediate B playoffs. First round. The brand new Waterloo arena was jammed with spectators.

Many were from Acton and Preston, but we were told by a Kitchener sports writer that the twin city fans, who made up a large portion of the crowd, came to see the stick-handling and passing of the famous Acton Tanners.

They weren't disappointed, either. The Tanners of that year put on a display that we haven't seen equaled since in amateur hockey. They won 8-1. Preston were far from being patsies. They had won the intermediate crown the previous year and the team was virtually intact.

MANY OF the players who wore Tanager uniforms that season learned their hockey on the ponds and filter beds of Acton.

The players who make up the new intermediate hockey club will also be largely from this neck of the woods.

The new community centre will mean many things to many different people, but to me it is also a challenge . . . to put Acton back on the hockey map.

The best way to rekindle the hockey spark in Acton is with Acton and district players. After all, they've proved that given half a chance, they'll rank with the best in the province.

BEAT BITS . . . Grapevine drops a hint that a curling club will be functioning this season in the community centre.

These gentlemen who shed a tear for us at the demise of our football favorites, the Ottawa Rough Riders, can now smile. It looks like Argos might knock those rough and tumble Tabbies from their perch . . . Milton has adopted the wrinkle that Guelph has made famous in these parts. Shoot a puck into the net and win \$10. You have to see the opening to believe it.



Two for Four

Lions Whip Georgetown 5-1 Wed.

Acton Lions whipped Georgetown Juveniles 5-1 last night in Georgetown arena for their second win in four starts.

Paced by John Gow, who scored two goals, the Acton club took the lead at the 2:01 mark of the first period. Ron Mellon cashed in on Ron Malcolm's pass for the first marker, which was replied to at the 14:06 mark by Marchand for Georgetown.

That was Georgetown's only goal. Under the guiding hand of Ben Bayliss, the Lions potted another in the second, Malcolm doing the honors, assisted by Bill Dawkins.

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Seventeen penalties were handed out by the referees, only five of which were served by Lions. Ben Bayliss had the Lions working as a unit and with a couple of more games, they should be close to the top of the league.

MINOR HOCKEY NOTES

In a game which saw no penalties and few off-sides called by the officials, Georgetown Pee Wees took a 6-1 win from Acton Businessmen Pee Wees in Georgetown Tuesday night.

The Acton kids played head-up hockey for the first two periods but fell heir to a third period decline that has marked all games Acton minor clubs have played this season. Georgetown took advantage of Acton's lack of legs in the stanza to rattle in three goals and turn what had been a close game into a five-goal margin.

Score by periods was 2-0, 3-1 and 6-1. Higham and Moody bagged a brace apiece for Georgetown while Carter and McFarlane got singles. Ted Malby scored the lone Acton goal.

Acton's midget entry in the Tri-County will practice on Sunday in Erin arena from 2:30 to 3:30. Cars will leave the Legion hall parking lot at 1:30.

Bantam players continue to meet Wednesday evenings at the fire hall. They are practicing in Erin on Friday night and have a game scheduled in Georgetown on Sunday.

LITTLE WONDER the junior grid-ders at the high school copped the championship with a cheering section like the one pictured here. In a home and home series against Georgetown with points to count, Acton dropped the first game in Georgetown to the Paperowners 12-6 but took the championship on their home grounds last Friday with 20-0 score. In the top photo the cheerleaders are left to right Jane McPhedran, Pat Mannes, Sharon Allen, Jo-Ann Pool and Gertrude Kuhn. The bottom photo shows the teams lined up ready for a play.

GALS AND GRIDDERS

Lions are Perfect Hosts To Milton Juvies Sunday

Acton Lions played the perfect hosts to Milton Juveniles in their first home game at Georgetown arena Sunday morning. Not only did they allow the Milton club to beat them 9-4, but they also permitted the visitors an extra sentence in the penalty box in honor of the visit.

The only honor not conferred on the Milton club was the scoring of the first goal. Ron Malcolm took care of that for the Lions at the 1:20 mark of the first period, to give Acton an early lead.

Milton got the equalizer at 3:56 and at the 9:30 mark, Wilson, the first goalgetter, notched his second to put the visitors ahead to stay.

In the second period, Milton notched four more counters while the Lions seemed content to loiter around in their den.

The third stanza finally saw the Lions start to show their claws. Brian McCristall banged

in their second goal at 3:35 but Milton nullified it by bagging Milton's seventh. Then Merv Marshall connected with his first goal, an unassisted effort. Again Ross McKersie plunked in one for Milton at 12:45.

Pete Marks and Brian McCristall combined at the 13 minute mark with Marks pulling the trigger for the Lions' fourth and final marker. Milton, with Ross McKersie shooting his fourth goal of the game, ended the scoring at 14:55.

Milton served five penalties to Acton's four.

New Goalie The Lions had a new twine tender in the nets for the game in the person of Bob Stockford, who played well considering it was his first appearance. Acton's main difficulty seemed to be in getting untracked in the first two periods while the visitors took the initiative from the opening whistle.

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NOMINATION MEETING

A meeting of the Municipal Electors of the Township of Nassagaweya will be held in Township Hall, Brookville.

on

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

at 7.30 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of Reeve, Deputy-Reeve and three Councillors for the Municipality of Nassagaweya and three trustees for School Area No. 1 in the Municipality of Nassagaweya for 1962.

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