



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

WHERE would you find such dedication as the officials behind Acton Businessmen's Pee Wee hockey club showed during the Christmas holidays?

It takes a lot of time, organization and money to run one of these minor hockey clubs at any stage. When the holidays come up, you think they'd be willing to let things slide a little and let the brass grab a little extra shut-eye.

Not "Doc" Harkley and his crew. That's when they really start rolling. This year, they almost crammed an extra season into the week-long holiday, with five games both here and away. The club played in Ingersoll, Guelph Memorial Gardens and at Guelph and Hespeler in the community centre here.

That's a tall order for even professional hockey players — five games in a week. Enthusiasm did not suffer one whit, however. The club is busy planning more games, as well as participating in the Tri-County Pee Wee Series.

A tip of the chapeau is in order for these gentlemen. May they never lose that spark. Win or lose makes no difference to their itinerary. And that is the mark of a true sportsman.

UNABLE to sit in at last Thursday's juvenile hockey contest here when the Lions took on one of the better and second place clubs in the league, this scribe nevertheless had an aide de camp there. His report of the game was far from glowing.

Hespeler blanked the Acton club 7-0 but our observer was inclined to think the Lions could have done much better if they had stuck strictly to hockey. In front of one of the biggest audiences they've had yet, the locals played the man instead of the puck, abused the referee and got soundly beaten to boot.

Obviously, they weren't following the coach's directives. Six individuals will never be able to beat a team effort, especially with the rough stuff thrown in.

Our observer thought that some of the players should be benched until they show signs of wanting to play hockey. They have the talent, said he, but only a dotting mother could have picked it out in last Thursday's slum-bang game.

INJURIES are cropping up too often in hockey games in the community centre. Latest victim, with 15 stitches over his eye, was Ron Mellon, wingman with Acton Lions of the Tri-County Juvenile series.

That's the third serious wound suffered in the last three weeks. Fred Kenner Jr. started it off by suffering a broken ankle in the opening intermediate game and last week, Bill Prestaviz incurred a fist-like wound on his head.

We read recently where football was considering dropping the head helmet in an effort to drop the incidence of head injuries in football. The pigskin people were taking their cue from hockey where, they said, head fewer and less serious head injuries to contend with. A survey in Acton at this time might discourage that kind of talk.

EIGHT games are in the books and Acton Tanners hold down fourth place in the six-team W.O.A.A. circuit. Their record: four wins and as many losses.

Not bad for their first appearance in 11 years, but far from satisfactory to team officials. They're aiming for first place in the league, now held down by Ferguson McLean Flyers, who are undefeated.

The Tanners get a chance to lengthen their win record Friday in Acton when they meet last place Breslau. Only three teams have yet to show in Acton—Fergus, Erin and Hillsburgh. The first two are running one-two in the league.

Rumors are rife that the Tanners will unveil a couple of new players for Friday's game. Fans will agree that the team could be strengthened in a couple of spots, especially behind the blue line. And another forward line would take some of the pressure off the "kid" line, which is amassing most of the goals for the Acton club up to this point.

UNABLE to arrange use of the community centre at a suitable time, the first practice and organizing session of the Acton Industrial hockey league has been deferred until arrangements can be worked out.

The league held its first meeting Tuesday night. Many interested players showed up but representation was not adequate to organize teams.

Organizers hope to have better luck with the new Board of Parks Management which has just been appointed by council.

Rocks Conk Acton With Disputed Goal

A disputed goal, scored with only 33 seconds left to play in a penalty-studded game, gave Elora Rocks a 5-4 win over Acton Tanners in the community centre here, Friday night. The loss shattered a three game win streak the Tanners had constructed.

Hillis bagged the winning goal when he caught the Acton defense out of position, snuck in behind them and accepted what Acton officials called an offside pass. In alone on Jack Marshall, he made no mistake and it sent the Elora contingent into ecstasy.

Behind 4-2 Less than a minute before they were sadly deflated when Emerson (Beaver) Baxter climaxed an uphill battle by the Tanners by sinking the tying marker in the game. The Tanners went into the third period behind 4-2.

They emerged for the final chapter full of vim, however, and took charge of the game for the first time since early in the first period. After repeated assaults on the Elora cage failed, finally defenseman John Cunningham picked up Stu McDonald's rebound and parked it behind the Rock's netminder with a shot to the short side at the 9:23 mark.

That goal put the Tanners right back in there. The "kid" line of Baxter, McDonald and Lindsay, top hands for Acton, kept hammering away at the Elora goal until they were rewarded with the tying marker with only a minute and fifty seconds to play.

Accost Referee Fans settled down after the game was tied expecting overtime. Hillis' goal upset their calculations but it didn't stop some of them from accosting the referees after the game to ask why the whistle wasn't blown on the pass to Hillis.

Officials claimed the pass to Hillis was legitimate. They admitted it came from over the line but said the pass had hit an Acton player's skate, making it legal. Acton players questioned, disclaimed any knowledge of the puck hitting a skate. They also said it was offside.

With four games every Saturday afternoon, Acton Legion Minor sports town league got off to a good start on December 23rd, and played another set last Saturday, December 30.

Guelph was the only team in the eight team league to post a convincing victory Dec. 30 when they defeated Hamilton 7-1 in the novice section.

In Pee Wee action St. Catharines just edged Niagara Falls 3-2 while Rochester and Buffalo settled for a 5-5 draw in the bantam series.

Montreal shaded Toronto 4-3 in the midget section of the league.

Guelph Game Dunbar was the big gun for Guelph in their 7-1 victory over Hamilton. He scored three unassisted goals and racked up two assists while DeRose bagged a pair. Andrews and Gibbons each tallied once to finish the scoring.

Hamilton's lone goal came in the third period. Drystdale scoring at the three minute mark unassisted. It was 3-0 at the end of the first period, 4-0 at the end of the second.

Bill Buchanan and Pete Vale received and manage the Guelph club while Ab Irwin and Lloyd Schmidt look after these duties for Hamilton.

St. Kitts Win A pair of goals in the second period after a scoreless first chapter put St. Catharines ahead 2-1 in the Pee Wee section of the league and another marker in the last period ended them to post a 3-2 win. Niagara Falls managed a goal in each of the last two periods.

The Fall's crew took a 1-0 lead at the 3:30 mark of the second Billy Hogan scoring from Cook but Bob Turkoski tied at 4:22. The seven minute mark, assisted by Don Rogers and Danny Calder 5-8 Katts scored ahead at 14:30 when Mike Miller pulled the string on an unassisted effort.

Bob Lovell stretched the margin after another goal in the final stanza but Cook put Niagara right back in the game at 12 minutes, assisted by Hogan.

Acton Pee Wees Top Erin 10-2 Despite a heavy scheduled four game during the week Acton Businessmen's Pee Wees knocked off Erin 10-2 Saturday in the Dufferin county metropolitan.

Acton jumped into a 3-0 first period lead made it 5-1 in the second and added five more in the final to Erin 10-2.

Shirley Ron Johnston sparked the strong Acton attack scoring five goals including all three of the first period markers. John Morrison was next on the scoring totem with two goals and Danny Harkley, Ken Owen and K. Mall by contributed one apiece.

Assists were registered by Mike Vale (4), Ken Mallby, Mark Kowall, Ken Owen, Casey Harkley, and Danny Harkley.

Ern goals were scored by J. Mitter and Anthony Stender assisted by Don Maxwell.

Open Scoring Elora not only closed the scoring in the game but opened it 4-0 at the first period, Dickinson's screened shot from just inside the blue line beating Marshall in the Acton nets. Emmerson Baxter batted in the first of two tying goals at 14:11 of the first period on a play with McDonald.

The Rocks finished the period ahead 2-1, however, when Black, Elora's chippy wingman cashed in Schwin's pass while Bob Bruce sat out an Acton penalty.

Don Lindsay put the Tanners on even terms again at 4:43 of the second period on a play with Baxter and McDonald. He took the pass on left wing and let fly on the angle from 15 feet out. Costin never had a chance.

Hillis got his first goal of the game at 11:43 of the second to put Elora ahead 3-2 while Acton was shorthanded and two minutes later with both sides, two short Schwin rapped in Hillis' passout to make it 4-2.

Many Penalties Twenty-two penalties were handed out in the game, some of them cheap blemishes but several all were double sentences for roughing and fighting.

Scotty McCristall took the only clear decision in a scrap with England of the visitors.

1st Period E—Dickinson (England) 4-0 A—Baxter (McDonald) 14-11 E—Black (Schwin) 16-10 Pems.—McDonald, Bruce.

2nd Period A—Lindsay (Baxter, McDonald) 4-43 E—Hillis (Shaffer, Schwin) 11-30 Pems.—Black, Townsley (4 min.), Black, Cunningham, Block, Lindsay, Footitt, Dickinson, Hillis, McCristall, England.

3rd Period A—Cunningham (McDonald, Baxter) 9-23 A—Baxter (Jobb) 18-55 E—Hillis 19-27 Pems. Footitt, Pete Lawson, Footitt, Shaffer, Young, Footitt, McCristall (10), Cunningham.

Acton got back on the win trail again in the W.O.A.A. intermediate circuit Saturday night by whipping Hillsburgh 7-3 in Erin. It was the fourth win for the Tanners against four defeats.

Julian Zajac started the Tanners off for the win when he emerged from the penalty box in the first period and his along-the-ice shot from the blue line scored.

That was the first of three Acton defenses scored, John Cunningham and Herb Jobb also sniped singles for Acton.

Harold Townsley was the top lamplighter for the Tanners with a pair of goals while Don Lindsay and Barry Insoce rapped in a goal each.

Clint Taylor and Bill Buchanan are the manager and coach respectively for St. Catharines while Jack Bullough handled Niagara Falls.

Rochester leaped into a 2-1 first period lead over Buffalo in the league's bantam division but a four goal second period outburst from the Bisons put them ahead 5-4 at the end of the session. Then Rochester came through with a last period goal to knot the count and the game ended 5-5.

Garry Taffeler, with a hat trick, paced the Rochester club while Terry Churchill with a goal and assist and Steve Gox with a goal finished their scoring. Allen McNabb picked up three assists and Harvey Taylor one.

For Buffalo, John Dowding potted a pair of goals on Hogan, Jeff Harkley and Brian Phillips each scored one. Howard Roszell, David Mellon and Ken Elliott contributed an assist apiece to the cause.

Five penalties were assessed by referees Jack Bullough and Gord James with Rochester serving four.

Montreal Tops Toronto Montreal not only outscored Toronto 4-3 but also served five penalties to Leafs' three. Bill Fisher paced the Montreal attack with two goals, Paul Phelan and Paul Bennett each counting one, assist. Gerald Sterritt, Keith Dunk and Gerald Dick each helped with one goal.

For Toronto, Bill Cook, S. McPhedran and B. Dwyer winked the red light once apiece while Cook and McPhedran also assisted on one. Paul Hamilton registered the assist on Dwyer's goal.

Paul Phelan was top bad man for the Canadiens with four of five penalties they served being issued to him.

dicating beyond even a reasonable doubt that the most superlative craftsmen of them all was Jack Johnson.

A rare opportunity for inspection was given at the Advertising Club recently when Sam Hummel gave a luncheon for Harry Herschfeld and members of the Boxing Writers' Association.

They watched film shots from the private collection of Jimmy Jacobs. Some that had never before been seen in this country.

He Stole Show Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons and Jess Willard failed to impress, but Johnson stole the show. It wasn't just that Left Arthur was the last, ever and a death knell. It was that he performed his chores. He talked to the customers at ringside. He laughed. He clowned.

At the end of one round of his title bout with Burns in Australia Johnson was so disinterested in his challenger that he pushed Tommy away as the "5" sound

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Dec. 27: Ledger's EGA are still hanging onto their one point lead despite a two and totals loss to Paul's Men's Wear. Jim Gibson 700 and "Scutch" McCutcheon 627 paced the Paul's win. Frank Irvine, under the able coaching of his father, from Saskatoon, popped up with a 628. This, along with Jim Bullough's 693 and Terry Masales (the "terrible Turk") 603 were the I.G.A.'s tops. AT Delivery swung into high gear and made with a two and totals win from Al's Snack Bar with Bob Agnew 788 (345), Don DeForest 635 and Bob Taylor 615 being the top trundling trio for A.L. Hill Williams 719, Don Grein 663 and Wayne Spires 620 hit the triple plateau for A.L. Came the revolution as far as the Firefighters were concerned and they upset the Reliable Taxi by taking two and totals. The "Men of Frizzell" almost made it a clean sweep. They dropped the first game by 12 pins. Top trundling in this go was Jeff Fryer's 648.

League standing: Ledger's I.G.A. 57, Al's Snack Bar 66, Paul's Men's Wear 60, Al Delivery 59, Reliable Taxi 51, Firefighters 12.

Acton Major Dec. 28: With "Spikes" Spies setting a new league triple record of 305-343-216 (864) to pace their Acton Billiards, along with Jeff Fryer's 679 and Leo McGilroy's 644, tied knots in the Tiger Cats' tails for A.L. Hill Williams 719 and "Terrible" Masales, 676 sparked the Hotel win. The top trio for TenPro were Frank "Pipes" Daley 660, Ken Townsend 617 and Gord Coughlan—616. Skipper Larry Nolan set Soccer Club an example with 660 but his team wasn't playing "follow the leader" and they dropped the bundle to Firefighters Jack Pink 711 and Bern Van Fleet 622 fired up the "Red Shirts" win.

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Midgets Blanked Twice But Show Improvement

Acton's Tri-County Midget entry, outclassed in their first appearance in the league, are gradually improving under the coaching of Leno Marz. Hespeler defeated them 13-0 here last Thursday, but on Tuesday, the visiting Milton team had a much harder time, blanking them 6-0.

In their first meeting with the Milton club in Milton, the county town contingent swamped Acton 16-1. Tuesday's game, with only six goals separating the teams, indicates the Acton club's improvement.

Hold In First Period Acton held Milton to one goal in the first period, but the second saw the visitors register three more while the locals remained scoreless. Milton popped in two more in the third period to finish the scoring.

McDuffie and Randall, with two goals apiece, paced the win here, while Waddington and Thompson sniped singles.

Nine penalties were handed out by referees Larry Arbie and Ed Owens, Acton serving five of them.

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Pee Wees Top Bantams 5-3 In Exhibition Here Wednesday

Doc Harkley's Pee Wee A Stars took on a team composed of older players from the Bantams section of the League in a sports town league exhibition game Wednesday and won 5-3.

The Bantams took a 2-1 lead in the first period on goals by Barry Elliott, assisted by Allan Macpherson and John Brooking, and Gary Taffeler. Ron Johnston put the only Pee Wee goal assisted by Mike Vale and Ken Mallby.

Two goals by Ken Mallby in the second period, one assisted by Ron Johnston, and the other of a penalty shot, put the Pee Wees ahead to stay. The Bantams faded to score.

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