



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

THEY TURNED back the hands of time in Elora last Friday night by featuring an "Old Boys" hockey game at an ice carnival. Action Old Boys supplied the opposition for Elora and skated off with a well earned 3-2 victory.

Johnny Goy, who made the trip as an "old boy", said each team had five players who could still get around. The other five were a little more withered by age but still managed to pass the puck.

"Basher" Ben Bayliss, playing at centre scored all Action goals. Herb "Frick" Woods, in the Action nets, has lost none of his net-minding ability, but two pucks snuck behind him.

The hosts weren't disturbed by the late night party, they beat them right at home. They treated them right neighborly after the game.

From the grapevine we hear that Elora is contemplating a campaign similar to Action's for the installation of artificial ice. May they go on to succeed. Nothing has lived up to this town more than the opening of the community centre.

FIRST TEAM from Action to take to the ice lanes this season, Action Lions, along with their three minor hockey club brethren, bowed out of the Tri-County semi-finals Saturday in Hespeler.

Hespeler, a first place club, won the two game total goal series 14-7. At Action Thursday night Hespeler possessed a little bit of luck in shading Lions 5-4.

I don't think I've ever seen a team try harder than the Lions did here on Thursday. They skated their hearts out, checked ferociously and had a wide edge on play. They were outworked rather than beaten. A goal with less than two minutes to play sent them back to their dens, losers.

At Hespeler on Saturday, however, the winners rapped in four first period goals to widen their margin. They added two in the second, three more in the third. Best the Lions could do was a pair in the first, a single in the second.

Ben Bayliss and Ernie Marks, who've teamed the Lions this season, are to be congratulated. They spent a lot of time handling the club. It was luck rather than method that sent them against Hespeler in the first round. Against any other

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Town League Hockey

Falls Registers 1-0 Upset

Biggest upset of the season was registered by Bill Buchanan's Niagara Falls team Saturday in Legion minor sports action when they shut out their old nemesis St. Catharines, 1-0.

Other games in the town league followed a familiar pattern. Hamilton-whitewashed Guelph 2-0 in the novice section. Rochester whipped Buffalo 4-1 in Bantam and Montreal, like their big league cousins, monopolized the win column with a 10-2 trouncing of Toronto.

Ray Hibbard scored the only goal for the Falls-St. Kitts battle assisted by Gordon Reed. It came at the five minute mark of the third period and broke the limn that St. Catharines had over Niagara Falls.

The Falls club tied up the usually high scoring Bubbly Turkos and he was unable to register a point. He did serve his team's only penalty, however. George Cook was assessed two penalties, for the winners.

Whitewash Guelph

Hamilton's whitewash of Guelph was accomplished thanks to goals from the sticks of David Dunbar and Jim Stevenson. David's marker came in the second period. He was assisted by Bill Field and Gord Lasby.

Don Dunbar of Guelph served the game's only penalty. Rochester disposed of Buffalo in three first period counters. The teams traded goals in the second period.

Gary Taillefer was Rochester's big gun with two goals and as many assists. Terry Churchill and Andy Dwyer were the other marksmen for the winners. Allen McNabb collected an assist.

Ron Hagan bagged the final and

Two Home Games

Smarting from their defeat at the hands of the Tanners here Friday, Fergus Flyers pay their last scheduled visit to Action Tuesday night. Game time is 8:00 p.m.

Friday the Tanners play host to Hillsburgh, a team which gave them a peek of trouble before being edged 4-7 in their last appearance here. The game will start at the regular time 8:00.

Midgets Lose 24-1 on Round

Gary Masales sniped the only Action goal of the series as the strong Hespeler club dunked the locals twice in the two game total goal Tri-County group semi-finals.

Hespeler won the first contest 11-5 in Action last Thursday and whitewashed them 13-0 at home Saturday.

Best Action could do was bear the brunt of the penalties. They served seven of 12 in the first game and all four of the second.

Pope with four goals, Eaton and McDonald with three apiece and Kolapak with one collected Hespeler's goals in Thursday's rout. Leach and Schnare bagged a hat trick apiece for Hespeler Saturday. Kolapak and Hamilton two, Curtin, Picken and Hinde one each.

Action Mike Churchill and Jim Bulough, Ruddy Holmes and Ron Heller, Gary Masales, Bill Cook, Doug Ford, Andy Smith, Don Schmidt, John McNabb, Gary Murr, Danny Arbie, Allan Hall, Paul Murr, John Dunn.

Pee Wees Whip Galt All Stars

The Harkley brothers, Danny and Casey, scored three goals as Action Businessmen's Pee Wees skated to a 5-3 exhibition victory over Galt All Stars last night in the community centre.

Danny rapped in two and Casey one as the Action club led 3-2 in the first period, 4-3 in the second, and finished up 5-3. Ramsay Hay and Allan McKenzie potted the other Action goals with McKenzie getting an assist. Casey Harkley, Mike Vale and Ken Maltby also collected, as did Doug and Dave Garrett made their debut as referees.

Pee Wees Out

Like all their minor league brethren, Action Businessmen's Pee Wees were dropped out of the Tri-County play-offs by Hespeler in a two game total goal series. Hespeler won the first game in Action 6-3 on an Action team decimated by illness. They completed their victory with an 8-1 win in Hespeler Saturday for a 14-4 win on the round.

Ken Maltby potted the sole Action goal in Saturday's contest. The locals, adept at winning exhibition contests, took a 2-1 victory from Georgetown in Action Friday night. Ken Maltby and Ron Johnston from Ramsay Hay scored the Action goals. Bill Sherk scored for Georgetown helped by Ron Gaytes.

Phillips Fast

Ted Footitt accepted Ron Phillips' pass a minute and 20 seconds later and made it 2-0. Phillips made it 3-0 when his hard shot trickled between Fergus netminder's pads. The last Action goal of the period was the most unexpected. Harold Townsley fired a shot from centre ice that took a crazy hop over Pickett's pads and gave Action a 4-0 lead.

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Midway through the third period the Tanners ran into a rash of penalties that finally rewarded Fergus with another goal. Landoni was the marksman. "Scotty" McCristall polished off a hat-trick at 12:15 as did Ron Phillips 10 seconds later. Townsley's backhand at 17:48 ended the scoring.

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Tanners Trip Fergus, Lose to Rocks

All Shook Up

All shook up, playing the best brand of hockey they've displayed at home all season, Action Tanners romped to an 11-3 victory over the league leading Fergus Flyers last Friday night, here. The biggest crowd of the season witnessed Flyers' humiliation in their first appearance on Action ice this season.

Ilio Marzo reduced the Tanners forward lines to two, inserting Bud Haines between Emmerson Baxter and Stu McDonald, and flanking Ron Phillips with Ted Footitt and "Scotty" McCristall. Harold Townsley dropped back to defense.

The move paid off handsomely with the Haines line checking Fergus to a standstill. The Phillips line figured in seven of the 11 Action goals. Townsley also fired a pair of markers from his defense position.

It was easily the best all-round performance from the Tanners this season. They moved the puck around like they had a lease on it, forechecked like fiends and had the Fergus offense stalled most of the night.

Fergus had one brief flurry, in the first two minutes of the second period, when Paul Knox, bell cow of the Flyers rapped in two quick goals. The first came with Harold Townsley sitting out an elbowing penalty. The second saw Knox break away, leave Pete Lawson behind like he was glued, and hit the nearest corner.

Score Close

They brought the score close the only time in the game. Action ran up a first period 4-0 lead and it was reduced to 4-2 by Knox's quickie counters. But "Scotty" McCristall's goal 35 seconds after Knox hit for his second proved to be the turning point in the game. From that juncture the Tanners never looked back. By periods it was 4-0, 8-2, 11-3.

Missing from the Action line up for the last two games, Bud Haines started the Tanners off to their win at 7:30 of the first period. Sid McDonald carried the biscuit in, drew the Flyer defense out, and passed to Bud, in the clear on his left. Haines' shot hit high in the far corner of the net for number one.

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Hespeler Eliminates Lions

Double Score in Two Tilts

League leaders in the Tri-County juvenile circuit, Hespeler eliminated Action Lions from the group play-offs with two wins in a two game total goal semi-final series.

First game here last Thursday saw the Lions throw a scare into the front runners when they dishored up one of their best efforts of the year. Hespeler was lucky to scrape through with a 5-4 win.

In Hespeler Saturday night, however, the Lions stayed with the home club for only the early part of the game. As a result they lost a 9-3 decision, giving Hespeler a 14-7 margin on the round.

It was an enthused pride of Lions that greeted Hespeler at the community centre Thursday. Below zero temperatures kept the teams hopping. Ben Bayliss must have injected a little adrenalin into the Action crew, they descended on the Hespeler cage in waves.

Visitors Ahead

The visitors rapped in the only goal of the first period and made it 2-0 in the first minute of the second. Thart and Butler the marksmen. Ron Malcolm got one back for the Lions at 4:14 when he drifted in on left wing, faked two defensemen and hit the corner with his shot.

Brian McCristall evened things up for the Action club five minutes later on a play with Pete Marks and Merv Marshall.

Louven put the visitors ahead again at the 15 minute mark but a minute later Pete Marks and Brian McCristall put their heads together and Marks pulled the string for the tying marker.

Hespeler regained the lead again at 4:20 of the third stanza only to have Brian McCristall rap in his second goal of the

McDonald

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A-McCristall (Phillips, Footitt) 11:42

Pens.—McCabe, Carter, Fulton, Paul Lawson, Phillips

3rd Period

F-Landoni (Phillips, Footitt) 10:25

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A-Townsley (Haines) 17:48

Pens.—Cunningham (5), Fulton (5), Townsley, McCabe (10 misc.), Knox, McCristall, Biernes (5), McCristall

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Rocks Throw Tanners

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A late surge by the Tanners fell short by two goals last night as Elora's fast skating Rocks earned a 7-5 victory in a scheduled W.O.A.A. intermediate contest in Elora.

The Rocks held a 7-1 lead midway through the game and it wasn't until the last 30 minutes that the Tanners came to life. A flurry in the last period produced three goals but it did not reduce the margin enough to matter.

Chippy Oscar Bloch, smothered Doug Schwint and aggressive M. Hillis sparked the Elora attack as they rammed in four first period goals. John Cunningham's canon in the early seconds of the middle stanza put Action in the game momentarily but the Rocks came back for three more goals.

At the 14 minute mark—Ted Footitt clicked for Action when he was set up by Ron Phillips and the period ended 7-2.

Harold Townsley poked in another at 11:48 of the third, Stu McDonald finished off a play with Baxter and Bruce, and Baxter made it 7-5 all within a space of three minutes but Keating, Rocks' netminder, came up with big saves in the last five minutes.

The Elora netminder was a big stumbling block for the Action crew all night. He was having a "hot" night and turned aside several labelled shots.