

Industrial Hockey

Cyclones Demolish Flyers In First Playoff Contest



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

WITH THE hockey season over locally outside of what you'll get on the TV screen and in minor hockey tournaments, this is a propitious time to review the first year's operation of the intermediate club.

It's been over a decade since a team representing Acton competed in the intermediate class. That's time enough for hockey fans to forget about the good teams of yesteryear and switch their interests to some more active sport.

Consequently you wouldn't expect great gulps of enthusiasm for a prospective entry into the W.O.A.A. intermediate class when the idea was first broached by fellows anxious to play hockey. And there wasn't.

There was interest, though. Few fans in town actively discouraged the promoters. They asked instead "Where are you going to get the players?"

Most fans realized the players of another era had hung up their tack for good. Younger players had not been turned out in the intervening years.

THE FIRST organization meeting at the home of Barry Inscow faced a peculiar set of problems. First of all they must recruit an executive. Then they would find the players.

Organizers were fortunate in securing an executive headed by Corp. Ray Mason that packed a lot of experience and enthusiasm in their ranks. Eddie Footitt, Sonny Townsley, Bob Marshall, Ray West, George Haggitt and Ross Ballentine filled the offices.

The executive met with two problems right off the bat. First, find a sponsor. Next a coach with a good grasp of hockey.

That they were successful in both undertakings was not surprising. They used diplomacy and Beardmore and Co. agreed to a limited sponsorship. Ilio Marzo, with a little coaxing, took on the coaching duties.

Players? Surprisingly there seemed to be enough players in Acton and district to meet the demand. Some had previous W.O.A.A. experience. A few had played junior. Some wanted to play badly.

AT THE FIRST practice sessions it looked like an impossible job to sort out the 30 odd players who showed up. By the time the community entries were usable the team, already shaping up, had two games under their belts — both losses.

When facilities were available in Acton the team seemed to improve along with their surroundings. They lost their first home game but by only a 3-1 score to a very good Flora club.

The executive hoped the fans would get behind the team. They did. It was certain the Flyers were attracting the biggest crowds in the circuit. From a loss string in the schedule's early stages the club started winning its share of games and the fans flocked to the Friday night home games.

The club picked up Bud Haines and Ron Phillips, two good hockey players, and continued to improve under the tutelage of Ilio Marzo. They got so good they knocked off Fergus Flyers in a league game here by an 11-3 score. It was only the second Fergus defeat.

Playoffs rolled around with the Acton club finishing third in the 20 game schedule Against Fergus in the group playoffs they had little chance. Flyers won 11, in four straight.

In the first round of the W.O.A.A. intermediate C major playoffs the Tamers met Mount Forest. In spite of being favorites, they lost in five games but not before playing some of their best and worst hockey of the season.

Gear was hung up regretfully with the hope the club will turn stronger than ever, next year. It was certainly a good year. The fans weren't expecting championship the first season. They will take time and support the corner would like to thank its thanks to the team's executives for a fine season of hockey. We're sure everyone concur in wishing every one connected with the club a most rest this summer. But to rest next season is better than over!

BEAT BITS Mount Forest takes on Paisley, not Warrton as reported in these columns last week. For the W.O.A.A. Int major (Continued on Page Seven)

Cyclones, lone occupants of the industrial league cellar through the season, suddenly emerged as threats for the crown in the first game of the two game total goal playoffs last Sunday.

Play second place Flyers in the first game, Cyclones whipped them 9-2 and established themselves as favorites to take the semi-final Flyers will have to overcome a seven goal margin to stay in the hunt.

Armenburg, Elwyn Kentner and Muff Hunter each scored two goals for the winners, singles going to Dawson Frizzell, Herb Jobb and Julian Zajac, Don DeForest and T. Reese scored for Flyers.

Close Second Game In the other semi final the first place finishers, Raiders, just edged Buzzers 5-4 to take a one-goal lead into the second game Sunday.

Jim McDonald led Raiders to the win with a pair of counters, singles coming from the sticks of Barry Inscow, T. Shepherd and Armenburg.

Buzzers got two goals from T. Duffield, L. Porter and Main Prize each counting one.

Raiders meet Buzzers in the first game of Sunday's twin bill Flyers meet Cyclones in the second. First game is at 8 p.m., second at 7.

Milton Ousts Acton Pee Wees From Little N.H.L.

Little N.H.L. hopes were abandoned last night (Wednesday) by "Doc" Harkley and the Businessmen's Pee Wees as they dropped the second game in a best of 3 set to a tough Milton club. Losing the first 5-3 Monday night in Milton.

Though much improved since their last appearance in Milton the Acton gang just didn't seem to have enough steam to stay with the more experienced Milton team.

Only Acton goals in the two games were scored by Ken Mall by, who has been a tower of strength to the Acton gang all season and Danny Harkley. Paul Cooper performed well in the Acton net, stopping both ILLS.

"C" Company Repeats Feat Wins Firefighters' Crown

The second annual bowling tournament of the Acton Fire Department was held at Acton Bowling Lanes on March 25. "C" Company repeated their triumph of last season and retain for another year, the five-pin championship.

Paced by Ed McGilloy's hot 828 triple, the "hose toters" from "C" Company bowled both consistently and well, to squash the hopes of "A" and "B" companies.

"C" company's games of 1141, 1137, 1141, for a total of 3419, easily took care of "A" company's pinfall of 2904 and "B" company's 2695.

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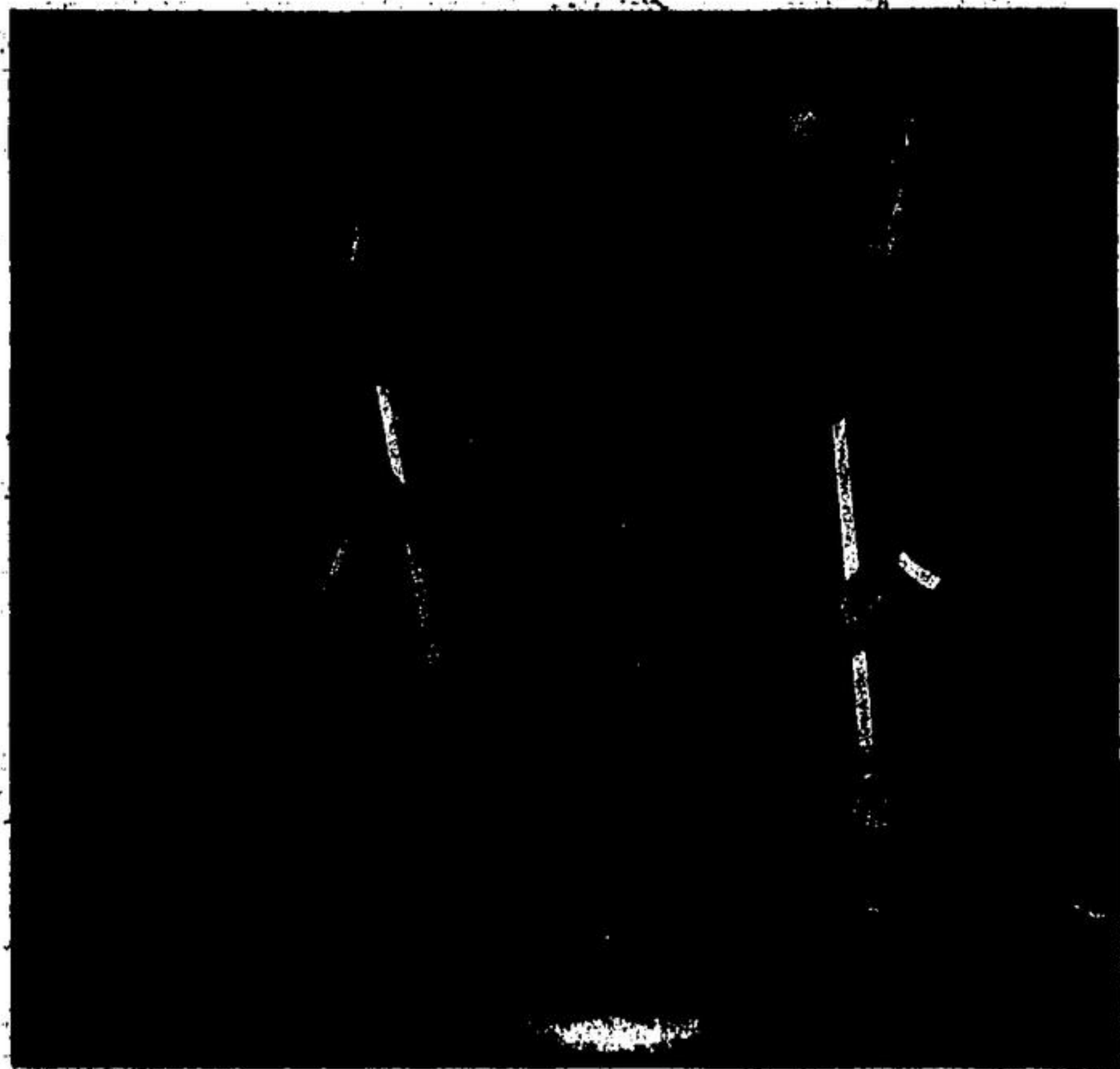
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BRIN CURLERS topped the Acton players during a bonspiel Tuesday night when they won eight games, lost one and tied one during the evening. Pictured above, Acton and Erin curlers send stones flying for the photographer as everyone sweeps stones into the house. Alex Zbeinoff's team was the only Acton rink to win a game. Rev. A. H. McKenzie's rink came up with a tie.

Legion Minor Sports

Leaf-Hab Series Knotted

Playoffs in the Legion minor sports union league resumed Saturday afternoon after a week of inactivity. All eight teams are involved. Each series is a three game total goal elimination.

No real upsets were registered but Hamilton rebounded from their 6-2 first game defeat to take Guelp 2-1 in the second game of the series. Guelp still leads the series 7-4.

Jim Stevenson and David Dunbar supplied the Hamilton goals. Bill Field assisting on the form.

—Understand the demure looking bride in the fashion show at the public school Monday receiving a surprise kiss from the mock groom when they paused at the end of the ramp, smiled sweetly at him and murmured, "You rat!"

Buffalo Two Up Buffalo broke the Hamilton series wide open by scoring a 31-10 win over Rochester after the teams played to a one-all draw in the opening game of the set.

John McGeachie and John Bowdler each punched a playoff marker for the winners unassisted while Terry Coles ported one assisted by Brian Phillips and Jim Cooney.

Jerry Okenden, a persistent marksman for Rochester, banged in the only Wing goal.

"C" company's championship line-up consisted of Doug Mason, Wayne Kelly, Ed McGilloy, Harold Townsley, Bill Duval, Bill Williams, Scotty McCristall and Bill Patterson.

Tireless Tots Take 2 Tilts

"Doc" Harkley's Tireless Tots, once again ranning three games into 24 hours, (a feat which is becoming "old hat" to these youngsters) came out on top of the set 2 to 1, romping away with Cooksville Cougars 7-1 in the Community Centre Friday night, having the score reversed Saturday morning by Guelp's pulverizing Peewees, and returning to the Community Centre Saturday afternoon to edge Buffalo N.Y. Bruins 1-2. A report of the latter contest will appear elsewhere on these pages.

What appeared to be a much improved Cooksville team battled toe to toe with Acton Businessmen's Peewees in an afternoon packed first two periods of play that saw gymnastics in the nets at both ends of the rink. Acton's Ramsey Hay broke the goose egg at 8:06 of the 2nd stanza on a pass from Mason. Cooksville, not to be outdone however, dug to the old blades and came right back at 11:01, McLean denting the twine with teammates Hill and Smith assisting to knot the score and make it a new game.

Doc Harkley fired Ron Johnson's pass home at 4:40 of the third and from here on O'Malley's gang never looked back, walking away from the Cougars on goals by K. Malby at 6:30, "Crazy" Johnson getting the next 3 counters, they unassisted at 7:20 and 11:06 and his hat trick at 13:20 on a pass from Casey Harkley. John Mason got Acton's seventh and final goal singlehanded at 14:48.

A much superior Guelp A team took Acton Businessmen's Peewees to task to the tune of 7-1 in Guelp Memorial Gardens Saturday morning, with first-period goals by Boersain from Gordon and Cooke at 3:05. Woolly alone at 8:03, Cooke from Dempsey and Boersain at 9:00 minutes and another team effort by McDonald, Tisky and Embro at 10:30. Guelp continued their scoring spree with goals by Cooke at 3:50 of the second and in the third period Dempsey, Mackenzie and Gordon combined at 4:50 and Christie hit paydirt at 15:40 to end the scoring.

Acton's only scoring play of the game came at 13:20 of the second stanza with Casey Harkley pushing the disc past Guelp's netminder on a relay from brother Danny and Ron Johnson.

Saturday's contests will decide the winners in each series.

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