



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

ORANGEVILLE Dufferins, as clippy a team as you'd want to meet, had their win string snapped at four games, here, Friday night, proving to Acton Tans, at least they weren't going to have their own way in this league.

The Tanners, with three lines moving the biscuit around, were a much improved club in the one, lost a squeaker to Fergus in the opener here. Outside of the first period when play was fair, even, the Acton team had a wide edge.

They nearly tossed the duck away in the last few minutes of the game, however, by displaying a loose defensive style suited to the fast-breaking Dufferins. The visitors crept to within one goal, but from therein efforts were foiled, but not before they gave the season's largest crowd a case of heart failure.

It was largely due to the efforts of Watson in the Orangeville nets that the score stayed as close as it did. He turned aside an avalanche of rubber in the second stanza. Four pucks went whizzing by him, however, and a couple were called back.

One that the Tanners banged in was not allowed. It drew a storm of protest from the highly paid spectators. The boing was not so prolonged as it might have been had the Tanners been behind.

Emmerson (Beaver) Baxter, standing on the edge of the crease, watched the puck go in . . . and then come out. "I could easily have put it in again," said Beaver, "but I thought it was already in". The red light went on. Officials were unconvinced. They merely exercised their authority by nullifying the goal.

THAT WASN'T the only disputed goal of the game. Orangeville protested loud and long in the last minute of play in the first period when they went ahead two minutes early to have the Tanners roar back and tie the game with only five seconds left in the period.

They claimed the Acton official on the clock had stopped the clock when they scored and failed to start it. They were poppycock of course. The very next shot produced the Acton goal — a span of 10 seconds.

Orangeville was the victim of a referee's decision in the last period when one of their pucks looked like it went past Jackie Marshall. Again the stamped K's were unmoved. It was drawn.

There were more disputed goals in the game than you're liable to see in a season. Some were claimed to be the fault of the nets. The old fashioned straight-across type, the puck often is drilled in and bounces right back out. They favor tried and tested in newer models, preferably the Art Ross type of net that traps the puck in the netting.

OTHER intermediate action on Friday night saw Milne Charles go down to their fifth straight defeat in a high scoring game in the county town. Paul Knob was the villain of the piece as he so often has been here.

Knob slipped away from his checks, often enough to score six goals as Fergus won 13-10. Bob Dobbie back in the lineup, he cumulated eight assists.

Milton with five new players in uniform must have been considerably strengthened. They made it closer for Fergus than most fans here thought they would.

Saturday night Elora Rocks opened the season by losing an 8-1 decision to the dark horse Cheltenham club in Georgetown while Elora will play until their name is ready.

It was Cheltenham's third straight win. They've beaten Milton, Hillsburgh and Elora. For day night here, they meet Acton.

The Judge boys are the ones to watch on the Cheltenham team. You'll remember them from last year's Erie team — a threat every time they were on the ice.

BEAT BITS Max St. John's hard rock skimmers who beat the Tanners and a Glen Williams resident, was presented with the most valuable player award by Georgetown intermediate base ball club recently. He caught 100 Cottontail Orangeville admissions. Fergus' first-second defeat of the season Monday night, when they doubled the score on them, 6-3. Rumblers emanating from Milton disclosed that the Tri-County hockey league will be dissolved if more representation isn't forthcoming at some functions. The dinner Monday night had no Action reps in attendance. Don't forget Action intermediate baseballers are looking for some evidence of support for next season. Otherwise, they'll pull up stakes tomorrow. Rockies visit still winless Milne Charles Friday night.

Mohawk Track To Open in May

Work has been speeded up on the new \$3,000,000 harness racing track north of Campbellville to meet the scheduled May opening.

Mohawk Raceway is being constructed on a 432 acre tract of farmland, one-quarter of a mile north of Highway 401 on the Guelph Line Road. This is the first of two Ontario projects being undertaken by the Jockey Club Ltd. Another track is to open in 1965 at St. Catharines.

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