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## Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

DESPITE two losses to Fergus the Tanners have been playing better hockey in the last couple of games than they've shown since the early part of the season. Injuries and illness riddled their ranks but it seemed to inspire the club to great heights at Elora Monday. The very next night at Fergus, further injuries weakened them more but the game they put up was plucky.

Only one defenseman from the regulars, helmed Paul Barber, was left to defend the bastion. He was joined by Bill Dawkins, up from the Juniors and Harold Townsley moved back to the blue line in the last period which left the lines all jangled up.

Jackie Marston, still not really ready to play, filled in the nets capably after he overcame first period litters which saw Fergus get off to a fast four goal lead.

When Orangeville moves into town Friday night they may find more than they bargained for from the Acton club. Some of the injured may be back by then and with generous vocal aid from fans, Dufferin may yet be toppled from the league's top rung.

DUFFERIN will be smarting from two losses inflicted by Milton Charles Friday and a licking right in Orangeville Monday from the in-and-out Cheltenham Harriers. They've lost three games now while the Tanners have lost five, three-of-them-to-Fergus.

Tuesday's win boosted the Flyers back into a second place tie with the Tanners which they lost momentarily when Acton bested Elora Monday. It's going to be a real scramble for that second place position before the season's over.

Surprise of the week was Milton's win over Orangeville. The Charlies haven't been doing too well lately but a couple of wins could lift them off the floor and make them real contenders. They meet Orangeville in the playoffs since they are both "B" teams.

It's probable the Milton club will be strengthened before the season gets much older if it hasn't already happened. And the Tanners could use a couple of players, too, until they get the team all back on its feet.

WHATEVER happened to the 25c hockey stick?

You hear a lot of wailing about the demise of the 5¢ saucer, the 25¢ glass of beer and the 5¢ cup of java. But how about the 25¢ hockey stick — a shillelah that never broke, was one piece and a kid could carry it until he broke into junior ranks.

It wasn't so long ago that two bits would buy one. Considered a major investment, you chose carefully when you finally saved up enough pennies, nickles and dimes to make the purchase. Then you stuffed magazines into your knickers, tied up your tubes and were ready to take on all comers.

The kids nowadays? They pay a buck for a shillelah stick that is fortunate to survive its first engagement. Two bits will only buy you a puck. The kids don't burn their names in nowadays they are too fragile.

About intermediate, hockey teams buy enough sticks in a year to pile a pretty fair stand of cordwood. They should band together and demand the stick companies do away with planned obsolescence. It would cut their expenses in half.

It would also cut down on injuries incurred when the shillelah sticks break. You wouldn't have to be continually paying out monies for junior's shillelahs. The unfortunate part would probably mean layoffs in the stick plant.

**FEAT BITS** . . . Acton still attracts the largest crowd in the W.O.A.A. intermediate circuit. If Acton fans had left Tuesday's game in Fergus there wouldn't have been any more than 25 there.

Fergus has made extensive alterations to their arena including installation of heating for some spectators and players. Be a good plan for Acton too!

Bill Buchanan and Pete Vale attended the Tri-County Hockey League meeting in Milton Sunday where playoff schedules took up much of the agenda.

Most everyone who visits the community centre is impressed. Last week Georgetown minor has boy scouts combined to praise its features when they played here.

Do you want to lose weight ladies? Why not try slimastics at the ??

A mild tremor aroused the curiosity of many residents around 4:30 p.m. Friday afternoon when their houses shook. Seven houses in the area were affected. One house had an earthquake-like tremor measured on one of the instruments room at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bowe.

## Tanners Salvage One Win From Three Tests

### Shaky First Period for Tanners Produces Fergus Win Friday

Memorized by a five goal outburst from the visiting Fergus Flyers in the last half of the first period, Acton Tanners went down to their second home defeat of the season Friday night at the community centre. Score was 8-4.

Fliers fired five first period goals without a reply from a shaky Acton club. They pulled the rut out from under the bewildered Tanners in the first three minutes of the second with another pair of markers, giving them a 7-2 margin.

**Love Breaks Egg.**

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Visitors' margin was too big to overcome although the Tanners threw everything but the kitchen sink at them in the third chapter. Bud Haines had made it 7-2 late in the sandwich session and Emmerson Baxter reduced the margin further at the midway point of the third.

The straw that broke the Tanners' back was Knox's second of the night at 13:43. He stole, the puck from Peter Lawson, cruising unconcernedly behind the Acton cage, whipped it around in front and dumped it in the open corner before Don Anderson could make a move.

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## Penalties in Every League

### Penalty Shot Adds Drama

Evenly-matched teams in all divisions once more offered a close-to-the-belt brand of hockey in town-league action at the Community Centre Saturday afternoon.

For the first time this season penalties appeared in all divisions, with the added drama of a penalty shot turning up in the E.P.H.L.

**Junior "A"**

Guelph handed Niagara Falls their third straight loss in the night's opener, downing the hapless Niagara 42. Royal City sharpshooters with Brad Armstrong getting credit for an assist.

**American League**

The still flying Buffalo Bison racked up their second victory in a row as they downed Pittsburgh Hornets 4-2 in semi-pro action.

Steven Johnson notched a pair for the visitors with John McGeechie and Charlie Milne each sniping a single. In the helpmate department it was John McGeechie, Charlie Milne and John Dowding.

Hornets' counters were notched by Ritchie Rusk and Billy Hagen, Assisting were Harvey Taylor and David Ryder.

#### N.H.L.

In the night cap New York Rangers came out on top of a 53 tally in close, tight-fisted N.H.L. action. Ron Schmidt and Milton Ball were big Ranger guns as they netted a duet each and Bradleay Thomas was credited with a single. The assist department was a real one-man show as Allen Hill set up all five goals.

Bill Fisher was credited with two of the Leaf markers with Doug Garrett scoring the third. Assist went to Dale Garrett and Russell Massey.

Scoring for the Falls were Brendan Irwin and Larry Holmes with David Kennedy assisting.

In the second feature-Hamilton Bedwings shut out St. Kitts 3-0. David Canning, Rinky Schutts and Henry Tober were the Hamilton lamplighters assisted by Ronald Cunningham and Gary Masters.

**E.P.H.L.**

In the first game of this league's twin bill, North Bay downed the Quebec Aces 4-1, the widest win margin of the afternoon. Scoring for North Bay were George Cook with a deuce, Jim Gellatley and Brian Given with 2-1.

Local curlers this week used reground and repaired stones and should find their game improving once they become accustomed to them. The entire bottom of the stone does not ride on the ice. Instead, a small edge, similar to the bottom of a saucer, is all that travels on the ice surface. This is what determines the proper curl of the stone.

C. A. Warren, a veteran in the field of curling equipment, is finishing the re-stringing process in the arena basement and is attempting to match the rocks in pairs as closely as possible. He recently returned from the Trobster Bay club after refurbishing stones there. RCMP officer Clayton Fisher, formerly of Acton, is a member of the Trobster Bay Club.

**Scoring Summary**

**FERGUS AT ACTON**

**First Period**

F-Knox (McCabe, Dobbie) 8-26  
F-McDonald (Tippin, Weinzell) 2-10

F-Bobine (McCabe, Magwood) 1-10  
F-Denny (Dobbie, Robinson) 7-40

F-Dobbie (Langton, Denny) 18-40  
P-Robinson 1-10

**Second Period**

F-Dobbie (McCabe) 1-12  
F-Tippin 1-11  
A-Love 1-96

A-Hanes (Baxter, Kentner) 16-64

Pens - Mellon, Kentner, Robison, Langton (2), Baxter, Read, Joffre, Jefferson

**Third Period**

A-Baxter (McDonald, Kentner) 1-93  
A-Knox 1-114

A-Townsley (Aubin) 17-16

Pens - Baxter, Kentner, Dobbie, Langton, Readyhough

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## Tanners Edge Elora Monday

It's unlikely the Tanners could have overcome the Fergus' lead but Knox's goal widened the gap and eliminated any possibility. Harold Townsley put one more in for Acton at the 17:16 mark, the final goal of the game.

Big gun for the hustling Flyers was Bob Dobble. The big pivot got a hat trick while Paul Knox rapped in a pair, the first and last for Flyers.

Officials handed out 14 penalties, six of them served by the Tanners.

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## Tanners to Be Golden Boys?

Examining the new gold and blue sweaters Boardmore and Co. purchased for the Tanners, equipment manager Charles (Sonny) Townsley said the Acton players may be clad in them when they meet the front-running Orangeville Dufferins next Friday night.

The new uniforms are a vivid gold with a big crest and blue stripes in contrast. These colors are opposite to the gold on blue flag the Tanners wear now. The club will likely save the new ones for home games and use the blue ones for games on the road.

**Rebound Puck**

The Rocks rebounded back with the only goal of the second stanza at 47 second mark, before the Tanners could get on balance.

With only a goal between them Bill Dawkin's marker from a scramble in front of the Elora cage put the game on ice. Only nine seconds remained to be played when Rock captain Max Hines redfitted the Acton margin to 3-2.

The Tanners, needless to say, didn't allow the puck past their blueline for that all-important last face-off.

The win again put the Tanners into sole possession of second place in the league, a position they enjoyed for 24 hours when Tuesday's loss to Fergus enabled the Flyers to have a piece of second.

**First Period**

A-J. Casburn 1-17:04  
A-N. Love (R. Mellon) 18:04  
Pens - McDonald

**Second Period**

F-Bolander (O. Block) 0:47  
Pens - England, Townsley

**Third Period**

A-B. Dawkins (N. Love, P. McCrindle) 0:48

E-N. Hills 1-19:51

Pens - P. Lawson (2), Eng. land, P. Barber

Acton - D. Anderson g, P. Law. son, P. Barber; S. McDonald, H. Townsley, J. Casburn, A. Ambler, B. Dawkins, R. Mellon, N. Love, E. Baxter, P. McCrindle

**Ladies' Monday Afternoon**

E-Cooper L. O. W. Hewitt W. 2

A-D. McKay L. O. C. Holmes L. 2

M. Toth W. 4. D. VanWyk W. 2

**Ladies' Tuesday Afternoon**

M. Dumash L. 1. C. deJong L. 2

M. Blow L. 2. J. Graham L. 2

E. VanWyk W. 4. A. Zeehoff L. 1

E. Holmes W. 2. D. Van Wyk W. 4. O. Zeehoff W. 2. A. Kirkness W. 4.

**Monday Mixed 9:11**

B. Wood L. 2. G. Cooper L. 2

B. Hunter W. 2. G. McCrindle W.

M. Holmes W. 2. J. Guy W. 4.

Nolan L. 2. L. Bonnette W. 2.

E. Cooper L. 0. D. Rowley L. 2

**Tuesday Men's 7:9**

B. Holmes L. 0.