

# Legion Town League Hockey Close, Clean Contests Feature

Close, clean hockey once more dominated the scene Saturday at the Community Centre, as 200 odd young pucksters clashed in the eleventh week of town league action. Only real upset of the day was the first game of the Junior "A" division, when the league-leading Hamilton Redwings took a 5-1 drubbing at the hands of the Guelph Royals.

In a battle of the giants, Ah Irwin's second place Guelph Royals downed the league-leading Hamilton Redwings 3-1 in Saturday's opening game. Guelph goals were scored by Dennis Death, Dale Pluhar and Peter Morrison, Fisher and Morrison each netting a pair. The assists were handled by Peter Morrison and Bob Sellen.

The single Hamilton marker was netted by George McPhail with Timmy Coles setting up the play.

In the second game St. Kitts took a 10 squeaker from a pressing Niagara Falls squad. Single counter was netched by John Laif in a pass from Bobby Krul.

**K.P.M.L.**

The section offered a couple of fast matches in Saturday's action with Roy Dawe of the Sudbury Wolves having a real field day in the first game of the hour. He netted a hat-trick plus one to lead his mates to a 4-0 victory over Ontario Aces. Assisting "Dawes" were Fred Burns and Buster O'Rourke. Kitchener slammed the door on North Bay in the second match, by a narrow margin. Kitchener goal was scored by Pat Vale, assisted by Craig Perkins.

Penalties were a little more numerous in this tilt with six offenders serving time.

**Amateur League**

In a close, action-packed Barramatch, Buffalo downed Pittsburgh 4-1. Charlie Milne was the big gun for the victors as he picked up a hat-trick. Neil McPherson received credit for the other Buffam goal while assists went to John McGeachie, Steven Johnson, a driver, Doug Allen and Brian Williamson.

For Pittsburgh it was David Myler, Harry Delech and Steven Coles hitting the twine and Harry Delech getting the only assist.

# Chargers Climb to Top With Impressive Win

The race for the Acton-Industrial hockey league laurels which is apt to change hands weekly, did that when Chargers and Cyclones scored a victory in Sunday's doubleheader. Charger's impressive 7-0 win over Raiders moved them into first place while Cyclones and Town Criers drew level.

Chargers were not to be denied as they poured on the power and broke out with a rash of goals. McDonald and Duffield with two goals each led their charge, singles going to Williamson, Pyscha and Andrews.

McCrystal in the nets for Chargers was unbeatable in registering one of the few league shutouts.

A goal by Barber late in the third period enabled Cyclones to tie a closely fought game with Town Criers. F. Andrews fired Criers' marker.

A flare-up was squelched by the referee in the first period when a scuffle between two players erupted. The boys then settled down to play fast, clean hockey.

Team	G	P	W	L	T	PP
Chargers	10	5	4	1	11	
Cyclones	10	1	4	10		
Raiders	10	4	4	2	10	
Town Criers	10	4	1	1	9	

  

Player	G	A	TP
Bastell	12	1	17
McDonald	10	6	16
Bullough	7	7	14
Innes	4	4	14
F. Andrews	10	1	11
Martin	8	4	12

  

Player	P
Hunter	11
Innes	21
Andrews	18
Duffield	16
Cunningham	15
McCrystal	15
Vickery	15

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**ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**FRIDAY, JAN 25**  
6 p.m. - Boys Hockey School  
5:00 p.m. - Girls Hockey  
8:30 a.m.

**W.O.A.A. Information**  
Chatterbox at Acton

**SATURDAY, JAN 26**  
10:12 - Public Skating  
1:45 - Minor League Skating  
3:10 - Public Skating

**SUNDAY, JAN 27**  
2 - Junior Hockey  
2:45 - Family Skating  
4:30 - 5:30 - Figure Skating  
5:30 - 7:00 - Industrial League  
8:30 to 10 a.m. - Adult Skating Club

**MONDAY, JAN 28**  
Curling

**TUESDAY, JAN 29**  
Curling

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 30**  
4 p.m. - Public Skating  
6:30 p.m. - Figure Skating  
Hockey Playoffs If Needed

**THURSDAY, JAN 31**  
2:30 - Figure Skating  
7:10 - Figure Skating

# Playoffs For Midgets Start Friday

First round of the playoffs for Acton Midgets starts Friday night at the community centre when Hespeler meets the local kids at 6:45 p.m. Second game of the best-two-out-of-three "B" series is scheduled for Hespeler the following night, Saturday, at 8 p.m.

Couch Ilio Marso is hoping his efforts to round the team into shape will pay off in the playoffs. He and manager Paul Lawan would like to see the boys come up with a win when wins count.

They believe you can discount the results of last Friday's game here, when Hespeler trimmed Acton 7-0. Playoffs are a new situation and hockey is full of surprises.

The club cancelled the final league game with Preston Thursday, since it would have no bearing in the standing and would mean playing three nights in succession. Instead the club will have a practice session at 5:15 p.m.

In order to raise funds the club is holding a lucky draw, drawing to take place Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Legion dance.

# Acton Pee Wees Trim George's

Acton Businessmen's Pee Wees hosted a much-improved George's town house league squad in an exhibition tilt last night (Wednesday) at the Community Centre, sending the Papertowner's home on the short end of a 4-1 count.

Casey Harkley opened the scoring early in the first period as he netted Mike Vale's pass to get the locals off to a fast start. Bob Andrews sniped the next counter as he slammed Moe Mason's relay home giving the Acton squad a 2-0 lead at the end of the first frame.

George's got their only tally, and the only goal scored in the second stanza, as Flynn beat Gilbert Dowling on a neat unassisted effort.

In the third frame the Businessmen's Pee Wees once more took control, notching the final two markers of the tilt. Casey Harkley getting his second goal of the game on a relay from Mason's right. Andrews and Moe Mason closing the scoring, tipping in a pass from Peter Martingelli and Ken Owen.

Eight offenders were sentenced to the sinbin during the match. Five of them were Actonites.

# Zone Roll-Offs For Acton Nine

For years, East and West have been brought together in friendly competition on the bowling lanes, vying for Canadian supremacy.

The fifth B.P.A.O. All-Star Eastern Canada Championships will give 11 men and 12 ladies the opportunity to represent Eastern Canada in the Canadian five pin Championships in April, 1963.

Top Eastern and Western Bowlers will be competing for National glory in London, Ontario, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16 and 17, 1963. (Following Easter Sunday).

In the qualifying round for Acton bowlers, six men and three ladies survived to advance to the Zone Roll-Offs. Tops for the five game roll were Jeff Fryer 1332, Bob Martin 1241, Bob Toms 1188, Terry Masales 1136, Frank Irvine 1130 and Wayne Ridlev 1128.

In the ladies' division were Ver-na Arbie 1172, Joan Knight 1084 and Anne Thomson 1048.

# Off-Color Performances Tanners Lose Two More

An all-round lethargy which has reduced the Tanners to a mere shadow of the sparkling team that set the league on fire in the first half of the W.O.A.A. intermediate schedule, contributed to two more defeats this week.

Friday in front of a large home crowd the Acton club lost a 6-3 decision to the front-running Orangeville Dufferins. Tuesday night fifth place Milton Charles chucked up an 8-2 win in the county town. It was the Tanners' fourth defeat in their last five games.

**Down to Fourth**

The losses slid Acton down the league ladder from second place where they lapped at the heels of the league leaders, to fourth, six points ahead of Milton. Unless there's a big shake-up the Tanners could conceivably end up out of the playoffs, reserved for the first four teams in the league. Their league record is nine wins against seven defeats.

Opinions vary as to why the Tanners have emerged as the paties of the league. They've run into a string of injuries and sickness has left some of the players away off their form. But their efforts in the last few games have bordered on the woefully weak mark.

The other teams have been beating them to the puck two or three steps ahead of them. Net-minding has been erratic; passes have gone astray; the defense has been porous, at times non-existent; they've been caught out of position. Symptoms have all the earmarks of a slump - a serious slump.

"We know they've got the horses," said one fan, "but they need someone to crack the whip over them."

**Decline Win**

Orangeville Dufferins arrived in town Friday and didn't spare the horses as they galloped to a decisive 6-3 victory. The Tanners wore their brand new uniforms, gold with blue crest and trim. No one would deny they were the best looking team on the ice. On the scoreboard it was another decline win.

Dufferins put three pucks behind Don (Red Bear) Anderson in the first nine minutes of play. Montgomery caught the defense out of position in the first minute of play and rapped one in. Solomon and Church hanged in goals within 20 seconds of one another at the eight minute mark.

**Uphill Battle**

That left the Tanners to fight an uphill battle the rest of the way. They weren't helped by the stellar netminding of Jack Watson in the Orangeville case. He blocked all their efforts until the 5:50 mark of the second period when Pete Lawson let fly a screen shot - from just inside the blue line. It caught the far corner.

# HOCKEY HINTS

"We missed too many chances!" I should have scored four goals tonight!" We had twice as many shots but we lost. I can't figure it out. These are probably the comments most often heard in the losing team's dressing room after the game. As the crowd leaves you also hear the supporters of the losing team saying, "They would have won it easy, if they only knew how to shoot!"

This brings up the often stated fact that one of the surprising things about hockey is the lack of scoring punch - the inability of most players to put the puck in the net when the chance comes. Is the reason because the average team spends little time on specific shooting practice, is it because the hockey Gods are on the side of goalkeepers or is it because scoring a goal is a tougher job than it looks?

Perhaps it is a little of a lot of things - but I suggest the following is one reason. Rarely do teams or individuals practise all types of shooting, mostly any practice conducted is the usual "shoot-in and shoot-out" but a shooting situation that in modern hockey does not happen too often. Why not also practise bagging in pass-outs - from different angles, forehead and backhand shooting while skating across the net, deflecting passes, sweeping in passes from the side, shooting at the goals and trying to get the rebound, etc., etc. Practise the things that happen in a game and watch the red light shine a lot more!



# Charlotte Holmes Tobin Top Curlers

The afternoon ladies' league held their playoff for the championship of the pre-Christmas curling season. Charlotte Holmes and Tobin were the winners of last year's early curling season. The ladies came out with a team consisting of Charlotte Holmes, Tobin, and...

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**MAYBE ALL** these things go along with a slump. When you pass to the other team instead of laying it on the stick of a team mate; when you're never in position to accept a pass; when the boys don't seem to be skating; the defense is porous - they're all symptoms of a slump!

How do you shake a slump? You work hard at it, you keep skating, attend practices, listen to the coach, until gradually it leaves and you're on your way up again.

Some of the best teams have slumped occasionally when the tall one clubs get rid of their frustration. In baseball, the New York Yankees have them, in the N.H.L. the Montreal Canadiens have them and who hasn't heard that cry from Toronto - "What's wrong with the Leafs?"

But in this slump bothering the Acton Tanners? That's the question that fans are asking.

**NEXT WEEK** is Minor Hockey Week in Canada and we couldn't let the occasion pass without passing out bouquets to the men who take so much of their leisure time to drill the rudiments of hockey into the couple of hundred boys who play minor hockey in Acton.

From making what a time-consuming job it is. The rewards are few, problems many. Often, there's discouragement and a way to get out of it all before it gets you down permanently.

Year after year, however, the same heroes plod to the arena and do a service that isn't fully appreciated by the mothers and fathers of Acton. Sometimes these fellows feel like baby sitters when parents aren't even interested enough in the work - and it is work - to spend a few minutes encouraging their own youngsters.

Where would your boy be if these men didn't show a genuine interest in them? Would he be running the streets, making like a juvenile delinquent?

Minor Hockey Week is a good time to show these men that you are interested in their work. Phone them up and tell them how much you appreciate what they are doing. Show them all-don't want to hear boys in the crowd during Minor Hockey Week.

**BEAT BITS** ... Asked some of the Orangeville brass to explain beats to Milton and Cheltenham last week. Reply: Follows were not skating, letting the other team beat them to the puck. Result: two losses. Remind you of Acton? ... Acton Lions Juniors took the measure of Northern Electric's team from Brampton last week. ... Coach Barry Innes may have to import a line from Oshesong to strengthen the lineup. He was unaware three of his players wore coverage of last year's team. ... One of the over-age players, would look good in an intermediate uniform. He's a cut above ordinary.

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