



HOPE FLUTTERED again with the hockey observer when the Tanners came through with an important win over Milton, here Friday. Their third win in four meetings from the men from over the mountain. The game besides giving the Tanners the long end of the score also indicated that they may be pulling out of the slump that has plagued them most of the new year.

For the Milton club the loss was virtually a slap right out of the group playoffs reserved for the top team. It left them in fifth place, a point above Elora. As a consolation prize, the Tanners, who moved ahead of the Chiefs, Tuesday night in Elora by shading them 4-3.

Charles coach Eric Schiszer, one of the Milton club at least, who doesn't pin his defeats on W.O.A.A. referees, hasn't been pleased with his team's performance in their last few outings. "They've been getting quite a few goals by a single goal and Schiszer is taking them over the goal for return to shoot when the opportunity presents itself.

Some of the other Milton brass must be convinced at this point, too, that the W.O.A.A. is no romp for a team from the O.H.A. A few of them came into the league with the idea it was simply a matter of putting in time until Milton finished on top. Action was taught the same lesson last season.

Orangeville, fresh out of the O.H.A., had a different slant on the league. Dufferin has racked up 16 wins, and still has one to play with Elora to finish the schedule. Many of their wins were by slim margins but they counted nevertheless and that's why they finished on top of the seven team league.

THE TANNERS have put together another shell — two in a row — and they'll have chance to stretch it tonight and Friday against always tough Cheltenham and Hillsburgh respectively.

There's still a chance the Tanners could finish in second place providing they win all four remaining games. If they can win tonight's encounter, they will Cheltenham's lead to three points. If they lose, the best they can do is take a crack at third. And they've got to keep their eyes on fast moving Elora who could also sneak into the playoffs.

Ilo Marzo must have been a little more pleased with Friday's effort. He will take continued improvement to keep the Tanners in there.

WEEKS OF playing exhibitions, weeding out players and practice sessions will culminate for Action Lions Juniors in the next few days.

O.H.A. headquarters sent word this week that Graveshurst will be their opposition in the first round of the playoffs. The Action club, with no league to play in has a bye.

Barty Incoe, coach of the Lions, has been in touch with Graveshurst officials by telephone and he expects to come up with some dates and venue later this week. Length of the series will depend largely on the time allowed by the O.H.A. Most O.H.A. teams these days pull a three out of five set out of the bag.

The decision of several players still eligible for junior to play in intermediate hockey was asked the Lions early this season but the quick departure of the judges from the playoff scene helped them two players from the mid-gets, John Gay and Mery Mar shall promise to be among their brightest lights in any series.

Teams filed a petition with the O.H.A. asking for elements when they discovered some of the players they counted on using were over age. But Old Hatpin Annie was adamant when it came to granting permission to use a goal-keeper and a forward line from Georgetown. The answer was a polite NO.

The Action club will be disappointed largely because players consequently when they meet Graveshurst in the first round of the playoffs. Which according to this fuzzy checked scribe's way of thinking, is the only way any minor hockey team from Action should be.

ALL KINDS of publicity about track and field events in the past few weeks left us wondering how Bruce Andrews was doing in Seaton Hall, N.J. colors across the board.

Reports emanating from the New Jersey school indicate Bruce continues to run with distinction in college track meets. Both Harrison and Paul Lawson, both Harrison County All-Stars last season, will Point with a time of nine minutes, 19 seconds in a dual meet with Princeton university he

Goal in Dying Minutes Gives Visitors Knot

Working on the theory that playing hockey is the only way to make hockey players, "Doc" Harkley's Businessmen's Pee Wees racked up their 35th and 36th contests this week, adding a tie and a win to their, won 12, tied four, lost 19 season record. This gives them about a 450 average thus far and this is considered fair hockey in any man's league.

Saturday's 1-1 affair with the Burlington Minor Bantams was a real stunner. The bigger Burlington boys were held scoreless for ninety minutes of the contest, by a goalie whose head doesn't even reach the cross-bar, and if net-minder Dowling ("Gibby") did happen to be out of position he was saved by a back-checking forward or one of the defense-men who continually seemed to pop out of their skin, and often just in the nick of time.

Action's only counter was scored by shifty centre Doug Cashurn who gathered in Mike Vale's pass, deked the Burlington defense, and let an ice-level shot go from just inside the blue-line, catching the Burlington netminder off guard.

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Cyclones Increase League Lead

Front running Cyclones increased the gap between themselves and the rest of the industrial hockey league Sunday by dumping Chargers 7-3 while Raiders and Town Criers were locked in a 2-2 duel.

John Cunningham, twice a marksman for Cyclones while Bob Bruce, Dick Willis, Fred Dunn, Watson and Thompson notched one apiece.

Repeating for Chargers were Bill Shepherd and Howie Leader. Shepherd banging in a brace.

Andrews fired both goals for Town Criers as they tied second place Raiders while Bob Skidmore and Jim Bullock pulled the string for Raiders.

House League Hockey Opens Up As Teams Prepare For Playoffs

Heading into the home stretch league minor pucksters opened up a little last Saturday as they jockeyed for position in the on-going playoffs, but a season of four weeks away. All playdowns will be two-game total-point affairs, but position could mean the difference between winning and losing the E.P.H.L. and Junior 'A' divisions.

Guelph took a 3-2 cliff-hanger from Hamilton in the first game of this league's fourth Royal City goals were matched by Peter Morrison and Jack White. Morrison getting a "deuce" Brian Death racked up a pair of assists, grabbing all the laurels in the helpline department.

For Hamilton it was Gary Zbecnoff and Bobby Storey hitting the twine. Gary Zbecnoff's counter was set up by Brian Bunn.

In the second half of the double feature, St. Kirs bombed the hapless Niagaras 4-0.

Mike Fehrn was the big gun for St. Catharines, blasting a hat trick. Final goal was scored by John East on a pass from Bobby Krill.



THRILLING ACTION highlighted the Action Tanners' victory over the Milton Charles, in Action Friday evening. John Bell of Milton narrowly missed, as Harold Townsley and "Red" Anderson dive for the puck. Paul Barber and referee Doug Simpson are visible in the background.

Red Bear Stops 'em

Friday was a night of decision for four teams in the seven team W.O.A.A. musical chairs league. At Action, Milton Charles paid a visit to the Tanners for a game which had a direct bearing on which club would finish fourth.

The teams emerged from the first period tied 2-2, both fired a single in the second stanza and the Tanners banged in the third period tie-breaker. The marker also signalled the end of a personal goal scoring famine for Stu McDonald.

Ilo Marzo juggled his forward lines in an effort to come up with a winning combination. He inserted Fleet Norm Love in between Emerson Baxter and Stu McDonald and the move paid off when they accounted for half the Action goals.

Bob James was lifted in between Ross McLean and Ron Melton after they had an important counter with only 10 seconds left in the first chukker.

Wearing new goal pads and guarding the new Art Ross net which incidentally are two inches narrower than the old type, Don

Pittsburgh once more dominated the play, downing the "Buffalo Bisons" 3-1. Dave Ryder, Lawrence Gordon and Billy Hagen showed, led the goal for Pittsburgh on assists from Paul Turner and Billy Hagen.

Single Bisons counter was netted by Steven Johnson, unassisted.

N.H.L. Rangers took the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-3 in the nightcap with the Leafs' edge on their heels in the last frame. Brian Dwyer was the difference in this one, notching a hat trick for his side from the Empire State.

Other Ranger goals were scored by Robin Pravick and Brad Thomas. Assisting were Ron Schmidt, Neil Franklin, David Harris, a pair, and Brad Thomas.

Days Milton netted two markers for the Leafs and Bill Evesy received credit for the third. All three Leafs goals were unassisted.

The future is more uncertain than the present.

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Play Exhibition Here Friday Night

Eliminated from the Tri-County hockey playoffs Action Midjets are not finished, however. They play Georgetown midjets as a prelude to Friday's intermediate game at 6.45 p.m. here.

The club made the trip to Toronto Sunday to see the Junior "A" doubleheader at Maple Leaf Gardens. It was quite a thrill for the boys, some of whom had never been in an arena as huge as the Gardens before.

Supplying transportation for the junket were Ilio Marzo, Jack Holmes and Bill Buchanan.

Novices Tie 1-1 In Game Wed.

Heading into the second half of their schedule with renewed vigor, Action's Novice Tri-County entry, under the guidance of Ken Marshall and Wally Kowall, hosted the highly touted Georgetown crew at the Community Centre last night (Wednesday), leading the Paperowners to a 1-1 stalemate.

Georgetown's tying goal was a dramatic last-minute play affair, as the Georgetown coach pulled his goalie in typical Maple Leaf Gardens fashion, in favor of a sixth attacker. The strategy paid off in spades, as the Paperowners used the extra man to advantage, scoring from a scramble around the Action cage.

Glenn Taillefer, standing, his first league duty between the goal pipes, turned back the pressing Paperowners forwards, time and again in an impressive performance that could indicate a better future for the Action Tads. Single marker was notched by Stevenson, unassisted.

Four Left

With only four games left in the schedule, Action-Tanners continue in second, third, fourth or even fifth place depending on how well they do.

The Tanners have two big games this week, against second place Cheltenham in Elm night (Thursday) and Friday night the third place Hillsburgh club play a visit to Action.

Next week the Tanners play both their remaining games, against much improved Elora.

WITH THE MINORS

Local entries have been secured in both these affairs and with just a little help from Lady Luck, trophies could return home from at least one, perhaps both meets.

LAST SATURDAY'S Pee Wee game against a much heavier Burlington Minor Bantam squad was a real eye-opener. Belenovsky's check-out kids were nearly unbeatable and the performance staged between the pipes by dramatic "Gibby" Dowling was unbelievable. The youngster whose small stature requires him to move about twice as fast as a bigger boy to cover the same territory, stopped everything from supplicants and then was "robbed" of a shutout by a clean goal in the dying minutes of the game.

If you have not yet taken the opportunity to go down and see the kids in action, we urge you to do so. You won't be disappointed.

ACCIDENTS DO happen even in minor hockey and Saturday saw the second serious injury of the 1962-63 season. Ken Matthey, star forward from Rockwood playing with the Hillsburgh Bantams squad, and 17-year-old veteran club for the Pee Wee, sustained a leg injury in a 7-2 defeat against visiting Appleton Avars.

THREE OF Action's Tri-County entries have gone down but the count in recent weeks isn't too bad before giving a good account of themselves. The Pee Wees and Midjets both forced their opponents to the wire with the outcome of each game hanging in the balance until the final whistles.

Last minute penalties turned victory into defeat for the Pee Wees in Milton and from this came the suggestion that all future playoff games should be handled by out-of-town officials. This could put a strain on club pocketbooks, but the reward in impartiality would be well worth the expense.

Despite defeat in Tri-County hockey, Cheltenham continues in Action, with exhibition matches and practice sprints as the teams and themselves for coming tournaments (the Elm Town on Mar 2 and the Little NHL on Mar 30).

ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

FRIDAY, FEB 15

- 4 p.m. Boys Hockey School
- 5 p.m. Girls Hockey
- 8.30 p.m. W.O.A.A. Intermediate Hockey
- 10 p.m. Adult Hockey

SATURDAY, FEB 16

- 10-12 Public Skating
- 1-6 Minor Sports League
- 8-10 Public Skating

SUNDAY, FEB 17

- 1-2 p.m. Junior Hockey
- 2-4 p.m. Family Skating
- 4-6 p.m. Sport Practice
- 6-8 p.m. Industrial Hockey
- 8-10 p.m. Adult Skating Club

MONDAY, FEB 18

- Carling Art Draw

TUESDAY, FEB 19

- Carling Art Draw

WEDNESDAY, FEB 20

- 4 p.m. Shoney Festival
- 6-8 p.m. Pee Wee Hockey
- 8-10 p.m. Public Skating

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