

Town League Finish Schedule, Playoffs Start Saturday

Legion minor pucksters battled right down to the wire Saturday at the Community Centre completing their regular schedule with the same zest they displayed on opening day last fall. It's been 16 weeks of Hockey With a Heart, and from a spectator's point of view, each and every team should be in first place. Unfortunately there's room for only one at the top. Playoffs commence this Saturday however, and if the last week's performance is any indication, the league leaders would do well to keep their guards high. Overconfidence could spell instant defeat in any division.



Pounding the Sports Beat

SUNDAY'S W.O.A.A. group meeting, chaired by convener Bob Marshall, settled playoffs easily for the four top teams in group one. Both group semi-finals will be two-out-of-three series. Orangeville and Fergus, who finished first and third respectively in the first and second place Cheltenham and fourth place Acton clashing in the other.

Fergus and Orangeville have a game under their belts already. Playing in Orangeville Monday night, Dufferins took the series lead with an 8-4 win. Second game is set for Fergus Friday. Acton and Cheltenham play back-to-back games — in Erin Thursday night and back here the following night. If a third game is necessary Cheltenham gets the venue.

All games will be finished. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time overtime will be played until one of the teams emerges as victor!

FINAL STANDINGS

Junior 'A'

Team	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Hamilton	16	6	4	6	18
Guelph	16	6	5	5	17
St. Kitts	16	5	4	7	17
Niagara Falls	16	4	8	4	12

Guelph takes second place with more wins than St. Kitts. Peter Morrison of Guelph wins Junior 'A' scoring title with 13 goals and 4 assists for a total of 17 points.

E.P.H.L.

Team	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Kitchener	16	10	1	5	25
Quebec	16	6	7	3	15
Sudbury	16	6	8	1	13
North Bay	16	5	9	1	11

Roy Dave of Sudbury wins the scoring title with 17 goals and 11 assists for 28 points.

American League

Team	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Pittsburgh	16	10	5	1	21
Buffalo	16	5	10	1	11

Billy Hagen and Charlie Mitchell of Buffalo score more goals.

N.H.L.

Team	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Rangers	16	11	4	1	23
Leeds	16	4	11	1	9

Howard Dwyer of Rangers wins scoring title in N.H.L. with 14 goals and 8 assists for 22 points.

SATURDAY'S ACTION

Junior 'A'

Play on the final day of the

schedule followed the same pattern established throughout the season. All games were close and play was generally clean. Big upset of the day was witnessed in the opening match when a short-handed, league-trailing Niagara Falls squad announced its play-off intentions by walling the second-place Royal City crew 3-1.

Fully lamp-lighters were Brian Trivitt, Billy Nicolak and Robby Trivitt with assists coming off the sticks of Larry Holmes and David Kennedy.

Guelph single was notched by Peter Morrison on a relay from Jackie Trivitt and Brian Dea. The second game of the Junior 'A' twin bill saw St. Catharines Hawks and Hamilton Redwings battle to a 0-0 stalemate. Teddy Saitz was the only player getting a spot on the scoreboard, this accomplished via the penalty route.

Quebec Aces and North Bay Nuggets opened this league's doubleheader with Brian Dunn's hat-trick leading the Aces to a 5-1 victory. Danny Kirby and

Roger Huggitt sniped the other two Quebec counters, all five goals were of the solo variety.

George Cook received credit for the Nuggets' only goal, also a lone effort.

Kitchener racked up a 1-0 victory over the win-hungry Sudbury Wolves in the second feature with Mike Marcoux notching the game's only counter.

American League Smarting from last week's defeat, the always-proving Buffalo Bison came charging on the ice with "win, or know-the-reason" whys' plinting in every eye. The determined club battled the busy bees from Pittsburgh every inch of the way and left the Prospect Park ice house with a firm grasp on a well-earned 3-2 victory.

Steve Johnson, C. Brown and John Dowling handled the scrapping for the victors with John Dowling and Steve Johnson also getting credit for the assists.

For the Hornets Bill Hagen did all the sharpshooting gathering in passes from David Ryder and Don Rogers.

N.H.L. Rangers continued their relentless bombardment of the Toronto Maple Leafs, this week coming out on the long end of a 4-3 tilt. Leafs had a good deal of the play in this one, but went down in the dying minutes under heavy Ranger fire.

Allan Hall, Tom Ganger, Ron Schmidt and Neil Franklin dented the team for the Rangers with Bradley Thomas getting the only assist.

For the Leafs Gerald Stieritz, Doug Garrett and Mike Prystay all turned in solo performances.

36 POUNDS OF FISH were taken home during the weekend by three local fishermen. John Chisholm Sr., his son John, age 16, and a neighbor Keith Andrews, also 16, snagged onto 30 pounds of lake trout and 36 pounds of white fish while ice fishing in the north. Above left to right John Jr., Mr. Chisholm and Keith Andrews happily display their catch of trout.

Tanners in Playoffs

Rocks Go Tumblin' Down

They're winning the big ones, those that count, observed coach Ilio Marzo in his post game summation of Friday night's W.O.A.A. intermediate game, here, in which the Tanners wrapped up a group playoff position by whipping Elora Rocks 8-5.

The second of a back-to-back tail end of the schedule series between the Rocks and Tanners, it was a chippy game from start to finish. Windup featured a check to jewel slugfest between Max Stafford, back with the Acton defense corps for the first time since December, and Grant Shafer, muscleman for the Rocks.

Eighteen penitents trooped to the sin bin in the contest while three more sentences were imposed just as the final buzzer rang. No time was served.

The win gave the Tanners a 13 win-41 loss record, on the season and left them in fourth spot, two points behind Fergus, who won a four-pointer with Hillsburgh the same night. As well as settling playoff slots, Friday's contest determined Fergus and Orangeville would meet in one group semi-final while Acton and Cheltenham met in the other.

For Elora it spelled expulsion from the playoffs, which they did not seem eager to make anyway a few days before. Because they were forced to play the contest they arrived in Acton nursing a big chip on their collective shoulders.

22 End of Fleet

It didn't stop them from scoring the first goal early in the game. Emmerison (Beaver) Barber tied up for the Tanners at the half way mark of the opener when his shot from back of the net deflected in Trilesky's scapled his second goal of the night two minutes later to put the Rocks back in the lead but while the clubs played four men apiece Marold Townsend tied it at 2-2 and the period ended that way.

WITH THE MINORS

THIS SATURDAY, March 2nd Fergus appears to have set up approximately 200 hockey hungry not to mention just plain hungry youngsters as the Thorny Burgs minor hockey promoters stand their turn as hosts of the annual Four Town Hockey Tournament. Acton, Milton and Georgetown are the visiting leagues in this hockey extravaganza, designed to give youngsters who have spent the season kicking the puck around their own back yard the opportunity to see if the fields are really greener. To County squads will represent Acton.

The affair that includes Novice, Pee Wee and Bantam groups is not a new deal in these parts, but an old idea rejuvenated and brought to life last season when the four towns met in Georgetown for a day of hockey bap, that like Grandma's soup had everything in it. The idea caught on immediately and plans were formulated for each town to take a turn sponsoring the tournament. Next November the event will come to Acton and in the 1984-85 season travel to Milton to complete the circuit.

Manza, the last two engineered by Max Stafford who made his presence felt right from the opening whistle. His jarring body checking had the Rocks shuddering from the blue line instead of crusting tight in but they still managed to pot another marker in the last 30 seconds of the period to make it 3-2.

The Rocks threw caution to the wind in the last chapter and before the Acton club recovered the game was all tied up at 5-5. Bloch and Schwindt were the markers.

Determined to win, the Tanners raced back to the attack and at 11:11 Norm Love put them ahead to stay on relays from McDonald and the Beaver. Townsend rattled in his second goal of the night at 14:33 assisted by Jim Casburn and Don Aubin and the same line made it 8-5 minutes later, Casburn pulling the string.

A feud generating between Shafer of the Rocks and Max Stafford, erupted into a flurry of fists in the last second. Shafer, in his fury to get at Stafford got the worst of the exchange.

Illness and injury gremlins that have plagued the Tanners in the past two months cut a wide swath through their ranks again last Thursday for a scheduled W.O.A.A. contest in Elora.

Their line-up plugged by three minors and an industrial league player, the Acton club fell victim to the much improved Rocks, 7-2.

The Tanners stayed with the Rocks for the first two periods in a last, heavy hitting game, but faded in the last chapter as Elora rattied three pucks past Jack Marshall without an Acton reply.

There was no score in the game until late in the first period, when Hills put the Rocks in front at 17:10. Townsend tied it back with Stu McDonald to tie it up just before the period ended.

Elora jumped into the lead again in the event of a tie game, in overtime period with each side playing five minutes at each end. If no goals are scored the team with the most shots on goal will be declared the winner.

Teams in each division will play a semi-final and final round. The winners of the semi-final advance to the final, the winner of this taking home all the trophies.

AS WELL as a trophy of hockey, the youthful pucksters will also be feasted royally, at the hosting Thistle towners, at night to satisfy 200 youthful appetites. The mean feat. The tournament gets underway at 9:00 Saturday morning and any interested spectators can obtain tickets from any of Acton's minor sports. The price, a mere 50c per person, (25c per head, entitles the bearer to a full-stay-of-hockey entertainment and a crack at \$20.00 worth of door prizes. Cheap at half the price.

First Period

F—Trilesky (Droze)	3:28
A—Baxter	10:00
E—Trilesky (Bolander, Walser)	12:00

Second Period

A—Baxter (Love)	3:45
A—Casburn (Stafford)	10:42
A—Scott (Stafford)	17:16
E—Hillis (Schwindt, Droze)	19:30
Pens—Shafer, McChrystal, McDonald, Shafer	15:40

Third Period

E—Bloch (Bolander, Droze)	4:30
E—Schwindt (Shafer, Hillis)	8:59
A—Lofe (McDonald, Baxter)	11:01
A—Townsend (Casburn, Aubin)	14:33

Penalties—Aubin, O'Keefe, Bloch, Casburn, Stafford (5), Shafer (5).

The Tanners made the trip without a regular defenseman, so John Cunningham was recruited, as were Garnet Roszell, Mervyn Marshall and John Gov. Jr. of Acton Lions Juniors. None of them looked out of place in the line-up.

Results of this week's play and standings to date are:

Monday Mixed 7-9

A—Kirkness W. 2, O'Beetnot W. 4, M. Dumaych T. 1, D. Van W. 1, J. F. Holmes T. 1, A. Zibon-H. 1, T. J. VanW. 1, T. Graham T. 3, M. Blow T. 0, T. Long W. 4
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Monday Mixed 8-11

F—Cooper W. 2, D. Rowley W. 1, Bonnette L. 0, A. Nolan T. 0, G. L. 2, M. Holmes L. 2, G. McCutcheon W. 4, B. Hunter W. 2, G. Cooper L. 2, B. W. 1, T. 1

Tuesday Men 7-9

D. Widdis L. 2, W. Dubois W. 4

Monday and Tuesday afternoon ladies don their curling gear, too, the stores in the afternoon league. Results of this week's play and standings to date are:

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Peering Over the Hog Line

The second game of the last straw was finished this week and competition is getting keener as the playing ice surface, since the ice melted and many hours of hard labor have been used.

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Lions Edged in North, 5-3 Drop Second Last Night

Acton Lions found they were two games down in the first round of the O.H.A. Junior 'D' playoffs last night (Wednesday) when Gravenhurst Juniors wal I Phillips at 10:05. Gravenhurst loped the m135 in a last, clean contest, here, at the Community Centre.

It was the second straight win for Gravenhurst in the best-of-five series. They eked out a 5-3 decision over the Lions in Gravenhurst Monday.

The series resumes in Acton soon. If a fourth game is necessary it will be played in Gravenhurst.

The Lions who were more than a handful for the visitors Monday were no match for them in the goal scoring department last night. Shafer netting and a tendency to lose the puck around their own net cost the Lions four goals in the last six minutes of the second period and four more in the first four minutes of the last period.

Outside of that 10-minute span the Acton club skated with the visitors, played as well and might have added a few goals with the right bounce of the puck.

Roar to Lead Lions roared to a 2-0 lead in the first five minutes of the game on goals by Merv Marshall, the first assisted by John Gov. but Gravenhurst came back with three to lead 3-2 at the end of the period.

The visitors potted another in the second minute of the second one to have John Gov narrow the margin to 4-3 on a pass from Walt Drown at 8:29. Then the Lions collapsed. Gravenhurst added four more for an 8-3 lead at the end of the second stanza.

Four more quickies at the start of the third made it 12-3. Lions came back with two neat efforts, however. Garnet Roszell from Ian Johnson at 4:19 and Dixon from H. Phillips at 10:05. Gravenhurst made it 13 at 18:50.

Practically everybody but the goalkeeper figured in the Gravenhurst goals. I. Black, D. Woroski and R. Chery each bagged a pair while W. Cioosky, M. Jones, M. Barnes, C. Wickman, G. Cooper and L. Smith sniped one apiece.

Referee Bill Devoski handed out only five penalties, the Lions of course, getting the lion's share — three.

Cyclones Still Top League

Cyclones stretched their league lead by two more points in industrial league hockey Sunday night by edging Raiders 3-2 while Town Criers recorded another one goal win when they dumped Cyclones, 4-3.

Fred Dunn, Thompson and John Cunningham each scored a goal for Cyclones, with Bruce Barber contributing two assists. Wayne Shepherd one. Gord Mason rapped in Mel Shepherd's pass for Raiders' first counter. Jim Bullough notched the other assisted by Gord Mason.

ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

FRIDAY, MAR. 1
4 p.m. Boys' Hockey School
No Girls' Hockey This Week
6:30 p.m. Novice Playoff
8:30 p.m. W.O.A.A. Intermediate Playoff
Cheltenham vs Acton
2nd game best of 3 series

SATURDAY, MAR. 2
10-12—Public Skating
1-6 Minor Sports Playoffs
8-10—Public Skating

SUNDAY, MAR. 3
2-4 p.m. Family Skating
4:30 p.m. Squirt Practice
6-8 p.m. Industrial-Hockey
8:30 p.m. Adult Skating Club

MONDAY, MAR. 4
Curling—

TUESDAY, MAR. 5
Curling

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 6
4 p.m. Public Skating
6:30 p.m. Novice Playoff
7:30 p.m. Pee Wee Game
8:30 p.m. Junior Playoffs
(if necessary)

THURSDAY, MAR. 7
2:30 Figure Skating
4:30 Acton H.S. Intra Mural League
7:10 Figure Skating

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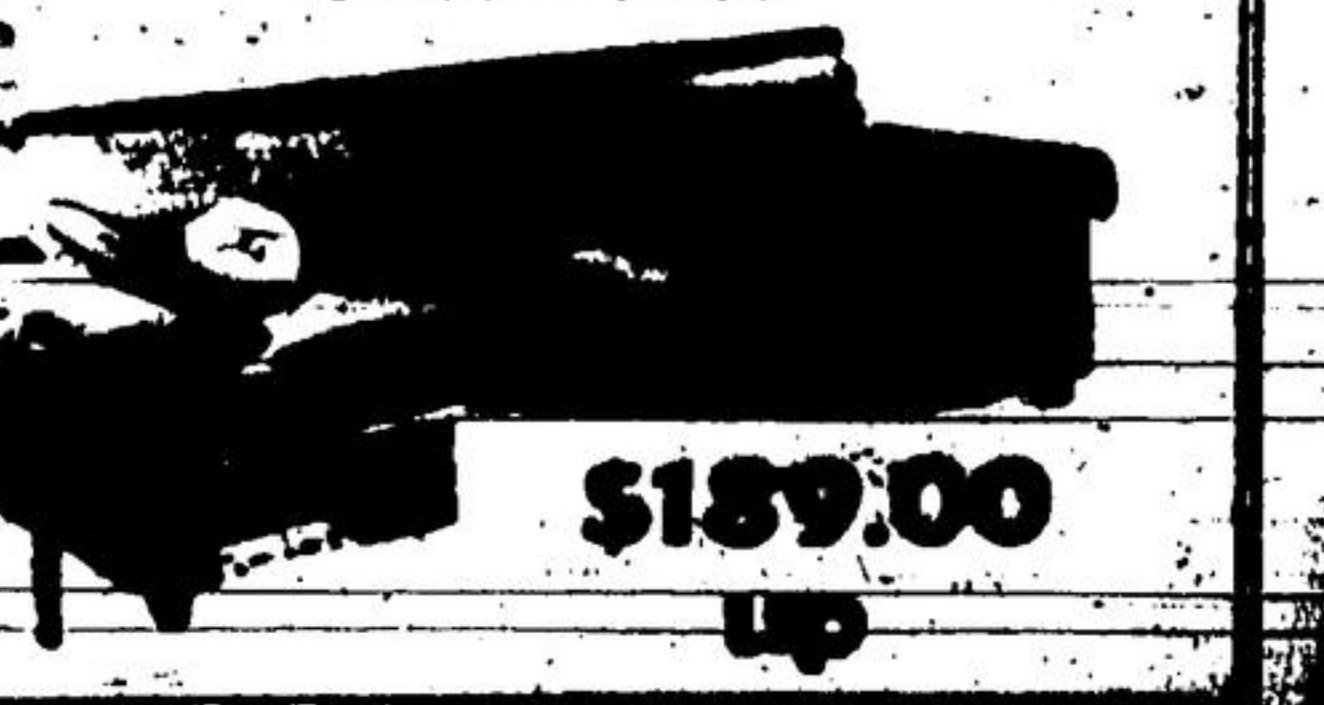
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