

# Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

**THE TANNERS** will have their backs to the wall Friday night for the fifth game of the Int. C. Major playoff series here. They dropped the third and fourth games of the series this week to a Fergus club which looked no better but showed more aptitude at putting the puck in the net.

The gold and blue missed their first chance to go ahead in the series Friday night, they could not seem to get untracked. Fergus was minus Bob Dobbie, John McCabe and Dave Wenzel. Paul Knox was reduced early in the game, but the Acton club blew too many golden opportunities.

If they can regain the scoring punch that made them the hottest thing in the league early in the season, they may prolong the series Friday. If I was Ilo Marzo I'd be tempted to bring up a line from the Juniors for this one. What can he lose? The veteran's aren't coming through and some of the young blood pumped into the line-up might give it more oomph.

Winners of this series will play Petrolia in a two game goal-to-goal game. Fergus is contemplating playing their home games in Acton after they win this series which they figure is almost all wrapped up. Wouldn't we love to see them surprised!

**GEORGETOWN RAIDERS** did make the C.O.H.L. group playoffs but won only one game of a best-of-seven with Welland-Crowland Combines and were early eliminated. Reports reaching this corner indicated Raiders were considering a protest but apparently play fell through and it was dropped.

Hard on the heels of this blow came an announcement from Art McAllister, who's been everything from goal judge to general manager for the Georgetown club, that he was retiring from the hockey brass to engage in more leisurely pursuits. Pressed to give his reasons Art was reputed to have said he was sick and tired of coaxing imports to come out and play especially in blustery winter weather. More than likely Art could see the handwriting on the wall.

Then Matthew (Junior) Beaumont, perhaps the most consistent scoring Raider of all time, announced that he was hanging up his stick this season, his 17th in Georgetown history. A going concern since the age of 15, Raiders will never be the same without him. He averaged 20 goals a season, Junior was earmarked by Guelph Biltmores in their palm days as a potential star but he was never interested in playing out of Georgetown.

He played increase in the off-season including a season with Acton Rams in the intermediate O.I.A. I believe he is refereeing bouts in the summer now, paired with another well-known district player, Zeks McCandless. He'll be missed.

**BILL BUCHANAN**, charge d'affaires for Acton Midgets hockey club, advised this newspaper that committee has decided to discontinue activities for this season. Exhibition games had been planned but Bill found it next to impossible to arrange any.

Bill was brimming over with thanks for those who helped him make the season a success when they were left sponsorless in the fall. He was especially indebted to Ilo Marzo and Paul Lawson who coached and managed the club respectively, and to Don Ford who acted as stick boy.

He even had a kind word for referees Barry Incoe, Wayne Marshall and Ed Owen, who handled the official chores for the season. And to those players who attended games and practices faithfully, Bill had another salute.

As a parting shot the keeper of this page would like to thank Bill for his interest in the team. Hope he'll be back next year full of vim and vigor and a stronger net team, although Bill informs us his being half way there something to say about it. So we'd also like to thank Mr. Buchanan for her part in what really has been a good season for all concerned.

**SPORTS FANS**, especially those who followed the Acton Tanners in the palm days before the last war and in the years after, were shocked to hear of the death of Vic Rumbley in Guelph Sunday. One of the most popular men ever to circulate among the sporting fraternity here, Vic will always have a warm spot in the hearts of Actonians.

Probably the highlight of his career as manager of the Acton Tanners came in 1939 when the team won the Int. B. championship. In those days that was a feat of some magnitude. Today, if an Acton team won the O.H.A. senior championship one could appreciate the feat more.

It wasn't our fortune to be a resident of Acton in that era but we can visualize the part Vic Rumbley played. He was always the epitome of gentleness and you could be sure if Vic Rumbley had anything to do with it everything was on the up and up.

He managed the Tanners for a few years after the war and we understand, kept his love of hockey alive when he moved to Guelph about eight years ago by attendance at Junior A games. The sympathy of all the sports loving populace of Acton goes out to his wife and family in this sad bereavement.

**THE CRYING TOWELS** are flying, altho few and there's been much breast beating since Trail Smoke Eaters finished lower than any previous Canadian team in the world "amateur" hockey championships. By this time everyone knows Russia finished first, Sweden second, the Czechs third and then came the Smokies.

Were you surprised? Practically every team the Canadian entry played in this country as they hurried to prepare for the Swedish junkie took home a win over Smokies. How could they be expected to do better against the fast skating European clubs.

There was some conjecture in the early part of their European tour that the Canucks were playing possum, possibly to fill the opposition with overconfidence. That balloon was exploded when they met the Swedes and a 4-1 defeat.

Some of this country's top sportswriters have been calling for a drastic overhaul of the system used to select a team to represent Canada in a sport at which we are supposed to excel. Some steps have already been taken. The University of British Columbia Thunderbirds led a team of their own eligible college players from all across Canada to represent this country at the World Games. Will they be good enough? Already some say a loud and decided NO!

Maybe the answer lies with the European system. Despite all their protests to the contrary, the top European clubs are pros. They're subsidized by the state. The day when we send an honest-to-goodness professional team will be the day we regain the world "amateur" hockey championship.

**BEAT BITS** ... Pete Lawson is one of the players Guelph Royals are considering for a spot with the senior inter-county entry this season. Pete, also interested in a baseball scholarship played short with Guelph Athletics of the inter-county junior circuit last season. Gary Field, one of the Royals' most consistent winners last season is expected to be heading back to his first love - Campbellville Melchamps. The fast-balling southpaw will almost assure Len Andrews' crew of another O.B.A. title. Georgetown Midgets won the O.M.A.A. championship by defeating St. Thomas twice last weekend, 7-1 in St. Thomas Friday and 4-2 in Georgetown Saturday. Sunday hockey is going over big in Milton and Oakville. A recent Sabbath contest in Oakville drew over 2000 to the ice palace. Stiff muscles and aching backs were common among old timers' hockey club practicing for their big hockey night game April 5th with Elora old-timers. Fergus is considering closing the arena there at the end of March unless crowds at intermediate games improve appreciably. Biggest crowd in the past two seasons there was set at 200 paid for a game with Walkerton last year. Fergus says Paul Knox, now thinking of booking the Community Centre here for home games if they go on into the W.O.A.A. playoffs. Hillsburgh has the same idea, apparently. Despite their proximity to Erin, the burgers booked the Acton arena for a playoff with Atwood last night. Cheltenham has Elora Rocks on the ropes with three straight wins over the Rocks in their best-of-seven W.O.A.A. Int. C. playoff. Milton Charles need only one more win to take their Int. B. first round playoff from Goderich. Wainor meets Oranville ...

# Tanners Face Elimination In Fifth Game of Series

Acton Tanners are only one game away from elimination as a result of an 8-4 loss they absorbed Tuesday night in Fergus in the fourth game of the best-of-seven W.O.A.A. Intermediate C. Major playoffs. Fergus leads the series 3-1.

**Seven In First**—The Acton club stayed with the Flyers through a torrid first period in which seven goals were scored and they trailed 4-3, but Fergus rapped in three unanswered counters in the second stanza. Both clubs potted one in the final minute.

**Shaky goalending** and the inability to put the puck in the net contributed to the Tanners' defeat while Bob Dobbie celebrated his return to the Fergus line-up after a one game absence, with a hat trick to lead Flyers to victory.

**Best unit on the ice** for Acton was the Baxter-Love-McDonald combination which accounted for three of the four goals. Baxter bagging two and Love one; Bud Haines drilled the remaining Acton tally.

**Knox Missing**—Paul Knox, playing coach of the

Flyers, was unable to dress for the game. He was still shaken from a check administered by Emmerson (Beaver) Baxter in the third game of the series.

Dobbie put Fergus ahead early in the game with a long shot from the blue line, but the Tanners came back, fired Love from Baxter and then the reverse to take a 2-1 lead within a minute.

Thirty-seven seconds later Flyers tied it up and less than a minute later jumped ahead 3-2.

Bud Haines finished off a play with McLean and Mellon at 14:12 to put the Tanners on even terms

again but Tippin registered for Fergus at 17:55 while Acton was short-handed to end the period ahead 4-3.

**Dobbie Repeats**—Dobbie started the first play of the second stanza off with a goal and at 6:12 registered again to give Fergus a commanding 6-3 lead. Denny added to it at 14:22.

Beaver Baxter's second goal of the night midway through the third period put some life into the Acton attack but it was nullified at 14:55 when Harper finished off the scoring.

Eleven penalties were assessed by referees Jack McKinnon and Ralph Millie, seven of which were served by the Tanners.

**First Period**  
F—Dobbie (Magwood) 3:45  
A—Love (Baxter) 4:28  
A—Baxter (Love) 5:05  
F—Denny (Jefferson, Watt) 5:42  
A—Haines (McLean, Mellon) 14:12  
F—Tippin (Jefferson, Ready) 17:55  
Pen—Mellon, McCristall, Mellon, Landon.

**Second Period**  
F—Dobbie (Harper, Magwood) 0:55  
F—Dobbie 6:12  
F—Denny 14:22  
Pen—McCristall, Harper, Landon, Bench penalty to Acton.

**Third Period**  
A—Baxter (Love) 10:52  
F—Harper 14:55  
Pen—Love, McCristall, Jeans.

# Guelph, St. Kitts Lock in 1-1 Tie Sudbury Bests Bay in Loop Finals

When it comes to deadlocks, the Junior A section of the Legion town league should qualify as the champion of 'em all. Through the season the teams in the circuit were so evenly matched, few clear decisions were registered. When playoffs rolled around, it was the same story.

Another tie featured the first game of the league finals Saturday afternoon when the two finalists, St. Kitts and Guelph, battled to a 1-1 draw. Mike Field drilled the lone counter for St. Kitts on an unassisted effort while Bobby Ballentine countered for Guelph assisted by Peter Morrison and Jackie Irwin.

Only two penalties were dish-ed out in the affair, Mike Field racking up a "hat trick" (three goals) with Brent Marshall and George Cook sharing the brackets.

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meant business. Two exhibition games filled out the remainder of the afternoon. Both pitted Tri-County teams against all-star aggregations from the town league. The town league All-Stars were victims in both instances, Bantams beating them 9-0 and the Mid-jerers chalking up an 11-3 decision.

Reid Helferman and Steve Townsley paced the Bantams to their victory with a brace of goals apiece. Doug Casburn, Bert Logan, Pacholak, McKenzie and Taillefer shooting singletons. Assists were attributed to Coles (2), Taillefer (2), Townsley, El-hoff, Logan and Casburn.

Steve Marshall and Dave Spradston rattled in three goals apiece to propel the powerful midget squad to their 11-3 victory. Rudy-Holmes drilled a pair of markers, Henry Heikamp, Bill Cook and Danny Arbie scored one each.

Stuart Johnson collected two of the All-Star markers, Ron Schmidt bagging the other.

# Banquet

All coaches, managers, time-keepers, referees and players are invited to attend the Legion town league hockey banquet Saturday, March 30. The boys will tie on the feed bag at 2:00 p.m. in the Legion hall.

Goal series in the E.P.H.L. section of the league by producing a 6-3 win over North Bay.

Roy Dawe fired five goals for the winners while Buster O'Rourke potted one. Pete Marzo collected three assists, Dugald Dick and Mark Kowall one each.

For North Bay it was another one player show. Brian Given racked up a "hat trick" (three goals) with Brent Marshall and George Cook sharing the brackets.

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# Record Crowd Sees

**Tanners Edged 4-2 by Flyers**

The largest crowd of the season watched as Fergus Flyers took a 2-1 lead in their best-of-seven Int. C. major playoff series with the Tanners Friday night. Over 600 fans saw Flyers, short two of their stars, edge the Acton club 4-2 in a bruising contest at the community centre.

Flyers were minus Bob Dobbie, their all star centre, and big John McCabe, bell-tow of the blue line brigade, but came up with an all-around team effort to win what was described as the important game in the series.

**Knox Knocked**—Even the loss of playing coach Paul Knox, felled by a jarring blow from Emmerson (Beaver) Baxter midway through the second period, failed to demoralize the visitors. Knox was able to return for the last chapter but did only one turn on the ice.

**Hounding Biscuit**—Jack Marshall, in the Acton nets also turned in a fine performance spoiled only by one eccentric bounce of the puck that put Fergus ahead in the late stages of the first period. The puck tumbled from the side of the net by Harper of the Flyers hit Marshall's pad, dropped down heavily into Emmerson's (Beaver) net over the line while players of both teams watched fascinated.

Flyers went ahead 2-0 at 10:34 of the second when Smith rapped in Watt's pass, but Harold

# Jim Waldie O.B.A. Prexy Wins in Three Way Race

Jim Waldie of Milton was elected president of the Ontario Baseball Association at the O.B.A. annual meeting in Niagara Falls over the weekend. Mr. Waldie has been active in baseball for the past 14 years and is president of the Halton County Baseball Association. Last year, the O.B.A.'s first vice-president, Mr. Waldie replaced Jack Carson of Belleville as president.

**70 Delegates**—He was named by a majority ballot of 70 voting delegates in a three-way race for the executive position. In accepting the post, Mr. Waldie stated, "I hope I can do a good job as Jack Carson, whom I consider one of the finest presidents the O.B.A. ever had."

Halton County was well represented at the convention, with Len Andrews of Campbellville, Bill Crutchlow of Burlington and Frank Burke and Al Burrows of Oakville attending as voting delegates. Oils Stearns, a well known member of the O.B.A. from Oakville also had a vote as did Len Ste-Marie, secretary-treasurer of the Halton County Baseball Association.

**In Halton Group**—Others attending from Halton County included Bill Rendell of Milton, Andy Anderson of Oakville, Len Nicholson of Burlington, Tom Barris Deacon of Clarkson, Bill Richmond of Georgetown, and Ian Shepherd of Oakville.

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**PEERING OVER THE HOY LINE WITH Acton Curlers**

Final games in the third and last draw for the season were played this week. Winner of the first draw in the mixed league was Bill MacKay and his mighty four; winner in the second draw was Bill Coon's team and this week's winner was Bern Van Fleet's team with four wins and one tie. These three teams will compete in the finals as soon as the bonspiel is finished.

# No Open Deer Season In Halton This Year

Monday afternoon saw the conclusion of the last draw with top honors going to Eve Cobber's team. Tuesday afternoon Lil Cook and her team took first place. Top winner in the last draw will be decided Monday afternoon when the two teams meet in the finals.

**Sweep Hits**—Six rinks of gals are heading for Erin Tuesday evening for a Bonspiel in the Shamrock town. Good luck girls.

**The club bonspiel gets under way** next Monday and Tuesday and continues the next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. First place winner receives the Jack Ridley trophy and Walker's trophy goes to the second team. There are many other additional prizes, so keep trying.

**Ladies' League**—Monday afternoon saw the conclusion of the last draw with top

hunt. He suggested the three days be a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in the first of November. This he concluded, might reduce the number of hunters.

**Requesting issue G. Leslie** con-curred this would be a good arrangement but agreed with his Deputy Reeve that farmers don't want people coming in, trapping their fences and destroying all the wild life.

Deputy Reeve W. Hunter of Georgetown opposed the open season. He noted the county did not have the highest incidence of rabies as had been suggested during the discussion.

Oakville Reeve A. Phillips opposed the open season, noting he was not convinced there was considerable damage done to crops by the deer.

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