

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

ABOUT NEW ORGANIZATIONS have their share of headaches in the first few months of operation and Acton's Minor Hockey Association is no exception. Running an association is no small task and it seems hockey organizations are prone to king-sized type of ache.

Lack of an insulated arena here and unseasonably warm weather delayed the start of ice making at the community centre. As a result, the "tooth" in the Tri-County hockey association got the jump on Acton's teams in this, the initial stages of the season.

The first team to suffer was the juveniles. They were matched against Guelph's potent 'A' finalists in the curtain raiser in the Royal City Sunday. While the Guelph club had several practices and a game in its books this season, the Acton kids had only a pair of sessions on the blades. They were blanketed 6-0.

Last night (Wednesday) the rest of the Acton Tri-County teams made their debut, most of them with only one real practice under their belts.

These setbacks are only temporary, however. There will be time to regain the lost ice time. This season should be the time when the Acton teams vacate their customary positions in the cellar.

THE FIRST PAIR OF PRACTICES for the Tanners over the weekend didn't attract the number of prospects expected but new coach Junior Beaumont really put those who did show up through their paces.

Another session is slated for this Friday and that will be the last until the Tanners take the lid off the league in Milton Sunday. A week from Friday Elora Raiders meet the seniors here.

More players are expected to be out for Friday's practice but it isn't going the new coach much time to whip a team into shape for the opener. It will probably take a few games before Junior is able to settle on a permanent squad.

DON'T WANT TO STICK my nose into the current controversy about the individual merits of Gordie Richardson and Maurice Richard but I think the claims from both camps are wildly exaggerated.

How is being touted as the world's best hockey player since he exceeded the Rocket's goal scoring record. Richard partisans point out it took Gordie many more games than Maurice to accomplish this, although both potted the markers in 18 seasons.

It's a little ridiculous isn't it? How can you compare two players who were widely different and were obviously cut from different bolts of cloth.

In his heyday Richard was an electrifying figure every time on the ice. His trademark was a headlong drive at his opponent's net, often with two or three players hanging on to his neck. He'd score goals in clusters, five one night he was really hot, in Maple Leaf Gardens.

When Canadian's coach needed a goal he sent Richard over the boards — and he usually got it. The Rocket's rushes were dynamic, powerful, much like an express train barreling through a crowded platform.

How, on the other hand, spends most of a game on the ice. He's a quiet workman but a proficient one. Put the puck on his stick and bingo! It's in the net — before anyone knows he's got the puck. He's so good he makes every difficult move look easy. He's a symphony in motion and recorded many more assists than Richard.

How recovered from a serious injury to lead Detroit to many N.H.L. titles and a few Stanley Cups. Richard was victimized by injury all through his career. He rarely went through a season without an injury.

Compare them? Better to think of them as different sides of a coin, each with different marks on it. Besides, it's possible Frank Mahovlich may surpass both of them as the game's leading goal scorer.

BEAT BITS . . . First hockey school for boys nine years of age and under will be at the community centre this afternoon (Thursday) and every Thursday from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. . . . Thursday night is also registration night for figure skating classes at the community centre. . . . Former Georgetown Raiders Moe Galand, the Ingalls brothers, Blake and Moe, and Barry Smith and Don Richardson are playing starring roles with both Oakville's senior entry and Bradford-intermediates this season. . . . Popularity of skating was evident in Acton last weekend when 688 paid admissions spun on the blades for the first time this season at the community centre in three sessions. . . . Exhibition hockey tonight is cancelled. Arthur's smart juvenile club was to have met Acton Lions Juniors. Last season in a home-and-home series the Arthur club took both decisions from the Lions. . . . Most applications for fit keep fit classes at the high school gym to date request keep fit classes with badminton attached as well as an open play option. Last date for registration is November 15th. . . . Milton Charles and Orangeville Dufferins gave Milton fans a peek of what to expect this W.O.A.A. season with an exhibition last Sunday. . . . Did you see Monday night's western football semi-final twist Calgary and Saskatchewan? Most exciting game seen on the screen since they invented the magic lantern. . . . Legion town league hockey, postponed last week, may start this Saturday afternoon. . . . Opening games in the industrial hockey league Sunday were both exciting, but the second game which ended in a 2-2 draw took the cake. Games in the Industrial League will start at seven every Sunday evening, with the second contest ending at 10. Players are asked to be there at 6.30 p.m.

Tri-County Juve Schedule

Following is the complete Tri-County juvenile schedule for the Acton team which lifted the curtain Sunday in Guelph.

HOME	AWAY
Wed. Nov. 6, 10:00 p.m. — Milton	Sun. Nov. 10th, 1:45 p.m. — at Guelph
Wed. Nov. 13, 10:00 p.m. — Guelph	Sat. Nov. 24th 6:00 p.m. — at Brampton
Wed. Nov. 20, 10:00 p.m. — Hespeler	Wed. Nov. 27th, 8:00 p.m. — at Milton
Wed. Dec. 4th, 10:00 p.m. — Orangeville	Fri. Dec. 6th, 9:00 p.m. — at Hespeler
Wed. Dec. 11th, 10:00 p.m. — Preston	Thurs. Dec. 19th, 8:30 p.m. — at Georgetown
Wed. Dec. 18th, 10:00 p.m. — Brampton	Thurs. Dec. 26th, 10:00 p.m. — at Oakville
Wed. Jan. 8th, 10:00 p.m. — Fergus	Sat. Jan. 4th, 9:30 p.m. — at Orangeville
Wed. Jan. 15th, 10:00 p.m. — Georgetown	Mon. Jan. 6th, 8:30 p.m. — at Fergus
Wed. Jan. 22nd, 10:00 p.m. — Oakville	Tues. Jan. 14th, 9:30 p.m. — at Preston

Tanners Stage Two Weekend Drills Open Schedule Sunday in Milton

With only a few days to go before they make their debut in Milton Sunday, the Tanners went through two brisk practice sessions for freshman coach Junior Beaumont over the weekend.

Twenty hopefuls were put through their paces by the new mentor who must pick a team this Friday night for Sunday's opener. Several of the players — seven to be exact — whom the executive of the Tanners hoped would be trying out never made it for the first two practices.

It's expected these players will appear for the practice this Friday night. Included among the missing were Norm Love, Fred Ketter, Bill Dawkins and Don Aubin of last year's team.

Cameron in Cage? Trying out for the netminding spot were Jack (Nipper) Marshall, last year's sturdy twine tender, sophomore Andy Williams who filled in for the Tanners on occasion and J. D. Cameron, a red head who alternated with Barry Smith in the Georgetown Raiders nets last season.

Cameron has been dividing his time between the Raiders and Tanner drills. He'll likely make up his mind this week which jersey he'll don. It's thought Georgetown will offer him special inducements to stay with the Raiders.

At the blue-line, a position the Tanners have had difficulty filling in the past two seasons, returns Paul Barber, Max Stafford and John Cunningham were out vying for a berth as well as Phil (Scotty) McCreath who led forward last season. Two newcomers, Ken Tuck and Gord Fricker were also on hand.

The club is hoping Fred Ketter and Bill Dawkins will turn out to bolster the defence.

Same Forwards Up front pretty well the same forwards as last season made appearances at the first practices with five more expected to appear this Friday.

Jim Casburn, Harold Townsley, Emmerson Baxter, Stu McDonald, Ron Mellon, Bud Haines and Ron Malcolm who have all done stints with the Tanners are trying out, as well as Merv Hunter, Bobby Marshall Jr., Wayne Pasma and Bob Kemphead, slick young speedster from the Glen. He's a son of Jack Kemphead who needs no introduction to hockey fans in this district.

Others who failed to put in an appearance but are still expected are Normie Love and Don Aubin of last year's team. Aubin who teamed with Casburn and Townsley last season to form the Tanners' most potent threesome bagged 15 goals and assisted on 23 others. Love sniped 12 markers and collected 17 assists. They'll be missed if they decide to hang up their tack.

New Faces New faces also expected to try out are Ugo Bolzon, Mr. Halmos of the high school staff and Keith Allan, a public school teacher.

Rumors are also rampant that Ron Mellon and Ron Malcolm will be playing Junior B hockey in Georgetown. It's up to coach Beaumont from this point on.

Local fans will get their first look at the new edition of the Tanners a week from Friday when they meet Elora in the home opener.

Acton Trio Inked by Georgetown B's



RON MALCOLM



MERV MARSHALL



JOHN GOY

Three Acton hockey players who tried out with Georgetown's new Junior B Beavers have signed cards and possibly a fourth joined them this week.

John Goy, Merv Marshall and Ron Malcolm signed early this season with the Georgetown entry in the tough Metro league and it's reported Ron Mellon was notified to report this week.

All four players have been playing minor and intermediate hockey in Acton in the past few years.

The Georgetown club is sponsored by Montreal Canadiens.

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D. D. Gray Heads Lawn Bowlers Arlie White Elected Vice-President

The annual meeting of Rockwood-Acton Lawn Bowling Club was held at the Rockwood school recently with 10 present.

The president, David Gray, was in the chair. Following the minutes of the last annual meeting and a special meeting held in May, the treasurer's report was given and showed approximately \$230 in the bank.

New Officers The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, D. D. Gray; vice-president, Arlie White; secretary, Jack Melton; treasurer, Albert Malby.

Green committee — Fred Alton, George Saunders, Jack Buchman and Martin Oelrich; games committee — Georgina Kelso, Margaret Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. B. Veldhuis, Intercounty delegates — Frank Kelso and George Day, Tournament committee — Arlie White and Robert Darou.

Continue Lease It was moved and carried that a committee of Fred Alton, Albert Malby and George Wingate inquire about possible re-

Juves Drop First Contest

With only two practices under their belts, Acton Juveniles made their 1963-64 Tri-County debut against Guelph Sunday afternoon in cavernous Guelph Memorial Gardens.

Lack of practice and condition allowed the Guelph club to rap in five third period goals and win a 9-0 verdict over their visitors.

Freshman coach John Cunningham was philosophic about the defeat. "We stayed with them for two periods," he said, "but didn't have the legs in the third. Some of our fellas should have had some goals but they were rattling pucks off the goal posts instead of into the webbing."

An injury to netminder Gary Waller early in the third period which sent him to hospital with two teeth loose and a cut which required four stitches, further complicated the Acton team's problem. Lacking a sub-goal-keeper, coach Cunningham borrowed Guelph's sub-netminder and he finished the game allowing four more markers.

The teams met again last night (Wednesday) in Acton.

Guelph Makes Clean Sweep Tri-County Hockey Openers

All five Acton Tri-County hockey entries made their home debuts last night (Wednesday) playing host to the powerful Guelph opposites.

It was a clean sweep for the Guelph teams who, showing the result of many practices, shut out every Acton team except the Midgets.

The Novices lost 11-0, Pee Wee 10-0 and the Bantams were white-washed 11-0. In the Midget game the Acton club put up a real battle before going down 6-1. Guelph took a 2-1 lead into the last period.

The final fixture of the night saw the juvenile clubs hook up in another bruising contest with the Guelph 'A's. Guelph parlayed a 2-0 margin they took into the final stanza into a 3-0 win over a much-improved Acton team who dropped a 9-0 verdict to Guelph Sunday.

Four of the Acton clubs it was their first organized contest this season and they showed it by fading in the last period in almost every instance.

In both the midget and juvenile games, however, the Acton teams looked like they could handle Guelph with a few more games under their belts.

Lions Hold Brief Meet

A brief business period followed dinner at the regular bi-monthly meeting of Acton Lions Monday night.

Lion Vic Bristow was again named to head the spring carnival, assisted by Lions Herb Brasier, Hartley Coles and Hartley DeForest.

Reporting on the light bulb blitz, committee chairman Art Gordon suggested another night was necessary to get rid of bulbs still remaining and it was agreed November 25 would be the date.

Lion Syd Lamb reported plans for Friday night's concert by the 50-voice Credit Valley choir were settled. Several Lions have volunteered to drive senior citizens of Acton to the concert.

Lion Chief Pete Papillon was in the chair for the dinner meeting and the directors' meeting which followed.

OWN FRASER

A tourist spotted an Indian sending up smoke signals in the desert. He had a fire extinguisher strapped to his side. "What's the idea of the fire extinguisher?" asked the tourist. The rugged redskin replied, "If we misspell our word, we erasum."

SCHEDULE

ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15	4:30 to 7:30 Figure Skating	8:10 Intermediate Hockey practice	
SATURDAY, NOV. 16	8:10 Figure Skating Club	10:12 Public Skating	8:10 Public Skating
SUNDAY, NOV. 17	2-4 Family Skating	7-10 Industrial hockey league	
MONDAY, NOV. 18	Curling		
TUESDAY, NOV. 19	Curling		
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20	4-6 Public Skating	6-10 Tri-County Hockey Hespeler vs Acton in Novice	6 p.m.; Pee Wee 7 p.m.; Bantam 8 p.m.; Midget 9 p.m.; Juvenile 10 p.m.
THURSDAY, NOV. 21	8:30 Junior Hockey		
PLEASE NOTE	THURSDAY, NOV. 14	4:30-7:30 Registration night for Acton Figure Skating Club	



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