

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

WONDER HOW the Action entries in the Tri-County hockey association are doing this season?

"Bumped into Bill Marzo-Saturday at the community centre to be looked for players from the Legion town league who might be able to help his team out. Bill retired as coach of the Tanners last season in order to devote more time to minor hockey. He's coach of the midgets, the best-looking prospects of Action's five Tri-County entries."

"The feel there has been a tremendous improvement in the local kids this season. They didn't win many games at first, but lately they've started to show they can match the best the Tri-County has to offer."

"Take my own team," said Bill, "they've lost three or four games by a single goal. They're starting to win them now. It's the same story almost all down the line from juvenile, bantam, pee-wee and novice. Installation of artificial ice is beginning to pay off."

This is the third season for artificial ice in Action and actually only the second full season. It was generally thought five years would elapse before Action teams could expect to compete with other towns in the Tri-County who've had artificial ice for decades. The time could come sooner if this season is a good yardstick.

"I like this idea of the association," declared Bill, referring to the Action Minor Hockey Association now in its first year of operation. "It means equal treatment for all the teams instead of some reaping all the benefits and others having to scrape for every penny." Odet speaks Bill was also aware of the big job the A.M.H.A. has shouldered this season. It has cost them over \$10,000 already to run their teams. But the investment has already paid off if you measure the countless hours of hockey enjoyment the kids of this town have had."

A FEW OF THE INTERMEDIATE hockey fans must be wondering what the Tanners seem to be saving their poorer efforts for the consumption of home town boosters. Their last two games at home haven't been nearly as good as their away efforts.

It distresses playing coach Jim Beaumont too. He may have a few shakings in mind before the next home game here at week Friday. Last Friday's contest saw the Action club try hard to pull the game out of the fire with a hustling third period effort but it was a little late.

Some of the players seem to have forgotten hockey is a two way street. You've got to check as well as score goals.

Third place is at stake this Friday night when the Tanners meet Fergus Flyers in Fergus. This is only the second meeting between these clubs this season with Action taking the first at home. Flyers are right on the rails of the Tanners with 13 points, a point back of the Action club which has seven wins to its credit.

If the Flyers take Friday's contest they'll leap into third. The Tanners have to face Orngeville on their own backwater Monday so there's little hope of catching up then. Dufferins have last place wrapped up.

Meanwhile second place Milton Charles, as inconsistent as the Tanners, managed to hold on to second place by beating Cheltenham Sunday. They're here next Friday night and if the Action crew can come through with a win in Fergus, second place might be up for grabs in what could be one of the biggest games of the season.

BEAT BITS ... N.H.L. Old Timers who made a big splash when they were in Action last year are playing Milton Charles this Sunday in the county town 2:30 p.m. The Old Timers have virtually the same line up as they sported last season here. **Merv Marshall**, one of two Action players with Georgetown's Junior B. Beavers was selected to play on the Eastern Metro Junior All Stars in the east west game. Only one other Georgetown player made the grade. **Jack Geddes** last won 6-3. While the Milton Pro-Am league a circuit modelled after international hockey expands the George town Industrial League has folded. The Sunday afternoon date the industrial league relied on has been taken over by the Raiders and Junior B's. **Raiders** lost a 9-3 decision to Orngeville Sunday. **Milton Charles**, meanwhile, after being shellacked 13-3 by Fergus Friday rebounded to slaughter Cheltenham 10-3 Sunday afternoon.

Jack Price, latterly with Oakville's St. C. Oaks has retired from hockey. Still a young man, Price has hung up his stick saying the game was "too rough" but further word from the lakeshore pin points other reasons as well. They include demands of his job, a desire to spend more time with his family and the increased demands of senior hockey.

Ron Campagne, a fine ball player with Oakville Oaks lost the sight of one eye as the result of a mishap playing industrial league hockey in Burlington last week. **Andy Molnar Jr.** of Ottawa taking in some of the curling activities at the arena this week relates how one of his sartars to the north they had to beat one rink in the month of October to make it bearable for the winter game. Temperature dropped to 40 below. **Rec. Director** Jim Cashmore finished extending the players benches in the community centre just in time for Friday's intermediate game.

Action Juveniles, along with coach John Cunningham and manager Clint Taylor are making the run to Rochester U.S.A. Sunday February 2 for an exhibition game.

Plenty of hockey at the local igloo Friday night when Milton's Tri-County teams play the Action.

— GENE COLES

Oshawa Wins 4-1 Falk Wings Tie

Second place Oshawa Generals scored a decisive 4-1 victory over St. Catharines while Niagara Falls and the league-leading Hamilton Red Wings played a scoreless tie in the junior A section of the Legion town league Saturday.

George McPhail and Bobby Kirl each bagged two goals for the winners on unassisted efforts as the Generals got one in both the first and second periods and wound up with a pair in the third.

Dale Fisher's hard shot registered for St. Kev's in the final stanza avenging a shutout.

Neither Niagara Falls or Hamilton could engineer a scoring play in the second game largely due to the play of the goalkeepers.

No penalties were handed out in either game by referees Days Sprouston and Stuart Johnston.

Bantams Win Two Contests

Although they were shellacked by Georgetown last night, Action Bantams have been winning more than-those-shame-of-games in their last few appearances in Tri-County competition.

The Action club, coached and managed by Harold Townsley and Herb Dodds respectively dumped Fergus 5-4 Saturday in a two-goal effort by Doug Carson, and single tallies by Ken Maltby, Casey Harkley and Mike Mason.

They chalked up their fourth win of the season Tuesday in Peterborough with a 2-1 decision. Casey Harkley and Ken Maltby supplied the scoring punch.

Paul Cooper, the versatile net-minder of the Bants shone in both wins.

Dufferins Weather Third Period Rush Defeat Tanners 7-5 Friday Night

Share Net Duties

While the Tanners played with their voices for almost the first two periods, Orngeville Dufferins scored five goals and went on to record a sizzling 7-5 victory over the Action club in Friday's WOAA intermediate contest at the community centre, mostly on the strength of those goals.

Five hundred fans watched the Tanners come out on fire in the third chapter and almost tie the score with three goals but it was a case of too little, too late. The league-leading Dufferins were the opportunists. They sank a pair of third period markers too the Tanners playing short-handed on time.

Yankee Two

The first two periods were tame affairs with the visitors steadily mounting up a lead at the expense of Jack Marshall in the Action nets. He was given little protection. Score at the end of the initial stanza saw Dufferins ahead 3-1. Harold banked the Tanner goal in.

At the other end of the ice Orngeville's number one Jack Watson wasn't having an easy time either. He might have had a rabbit foot, two pairs of horse shoes and a lucky penny dangling from his belt. He completely failed the Action sharpshooters who sent back their various

Orngeville added two more goals in the second period for a 5-3 margin before Stan McDonald finished off a pretty play for which Fred Kentner did all the snappy work in the final minutes. That goal seemed to lift the Tanners.

Dufferins Edge

They came out strong in the third. Norm Lusk flushed the nets. Then with both teams a man short Luso Bolger's rebound was tapped in by Norm. Orngeville started to get rattled.

Coburn of the visitors started actually participated in the fight.

However Norm Luso who always

of the Tanners for which both were given a seven minute stand



JACK MARSHALL



NORM LOCKHURST

in the donkey. It was a cheap

period to Marshall who never

had a chance to keep them from the sheet. Orngeville added an insurance marker at the 16 minute mark and it was all over but the shouting.

Ice Clips ... Fred Kentner recorded an automatic game misconduct for hitting the referee. He'll be missing from the lineup in Fergus Friday night.

The Lancers don't play back-to-back until a week from Friday. Milton's Goliath will be in touch for that one.

Some of the referee's decisions Friday were clearly bad but it was the officials who beat Action.

The Tanners go to Orngeville Monday. It's expected they're looking for help for the blue line brigade.

First Period

O. R. Little (Cotton Coburn) 1-0
A. L. Bolson (N. Luso) 1-1
J. Beaumont (T. Lusk) 1-2

O. R. Little (Courtney) 1-3
O. Cotton (Coburn) 1-4

Pens. (Coburn Barber) 1-5
John Coburn 1-6

Second Period

O. Smith 1-6
O. Cotton (Coburn Courtney) 1-7

A. S. McDonald (E. Kentner) 1-8

Pens. (Barber Courtney Little) 1-9

Third Period

A. N. Luso (L. Bolson) 1-10

A. N. Luso 1-11

A. S. Solomon (Dowdall) 12-25

A. H. Townsley (R. McLean) 13-43

D. Seddon (J. Little) 14-43

John Townsley 16-00

Pens. Marshall (Cotton Coburn) 17-1

B. Marshall (G. Coburn) 18-1

Kentner (game mis.) 19-00

Baxter (game mis.) 20-00

McLean (game mis.) 21-00

Watson (game mis.) 22-00

Church (Coburn) 23-00

Solomon (Smith Coburn) 24-00

Little (Montgomery) 25-00

Clynes 26-00

Action 27-00

E. Kentner 28-00

McDonald 29-00

Barber 30-00

Townsley 31-00

Watson 32-00

Church (Coburn) 33-00

Solomon (Smith Coburn) 34-00

Little (Montgomery) 35-00

Clynes 36-00

Action 37-00

E. Kentner 38-00

McDonald 39-00

Barber 40-00

Townsley 41-00

Watson 42-00

Church (Coburn) 43-00

Solomon (Smith Coburn) 44-00

Little (Montgomery) 45-00

Clynes 46-00

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