

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

WERE YOU IN THE FEWS for last Friday's W.O.A.A. vendetta? Did you ever see a game so poorly handled by referees who have got credentials that include plenty of experience? They let the victors and the Tanners away with almost every offence in the book for two periods. In the third period they clamped down — handed out penalties indiscriminately.

Unfortunately for the Milton club they couldn't seem to get it through their skulls (almost said numb) that the officials' honest business in the final chapter. They kept playing dirty... and trooped to the sinners' bench in bunches.

The Acton club, bent on winning this contest, concentrated on scoring goals, which haven't been coming too frequently in recent games. Consequently, they stayed clear of the sin bin.

As the third period wore on and the Charlies continued to occupy the front seats in the penalty box, some of their executive became increasingly incensed at the men in striped shirts. They gnashed their teeth when the whistle toilers awarded Max Stafford a penalty shot at the midway mark. They pulled at their hair when he scored. It gave the Tanners a two goal margin. But the grand finale was yet to come.

It arrived at the 15:50 mark after eight Charlies had served third period sentences. Someone in the direction of the Milton bench let an unsavory remark fly at one of the officials, Jack Roberts, a naughty Charlie Friday evening, was the prime suspect. He was given a 10-minute misconduct.

Considering the number of other things said and thrown Friday evening, including a made and some choice epithets, in which no one was pleased, Roberts' sentence seemed severe. He stated off, however, heading for the showers like the veteran pitcher he is.

AT THE GATE he was met by Allan Parton, chagrined official of the visitors. The round Parton plared defiance at the referee, grabbed Roberts' stick and projected it on the ice. He swung the stick around like a war club and let it fly — out on the ice.

The referees ignored the gesture, picked up the stick and the game continued for a few minutes.

Just when it seemed the two teams would finish off, someone ignited a fuss in the foyer by pouring lava down someone else's waistcoat. Fists flew, bodies flew through the air, doors slammed, the entire audience switched their gaze from the ice to the windows in the foyer.

It was like looking at a scene through four TV sets. Some of the Milton players started to climb over the boards, probably thinking a Milton fan was in need of rescue. The loud speaker blared: Order was finally restored. The Tanners took a 5-3 decision. They were lucky. They could only get one goal while the Charlies played shorthanded, which was almost the entire third period.

The win was a big one for the Acton club. It gave them more wins — eight — than losses. They've got seven of them. Friday night they entertain Fergus Flyers, a club vastly improved and continuing to add strength. They added a former Kitchener Junior "A" player last week in an effort to hold down second place. A win for the Tanners Friday could reset their sights on the same spot.

FOR MILTON, Friday's loss was another slide down the league ladder. They'll probably blame it on the referees when they've got no one to blame but themselves.

The refereeing was off color. Several times the officials could have asserted their authority more competently, kept their eyes open wider. But the W.O.A.A. isn't the only place where they're having trouble with the referee types.

Take the Canadian Olympic team, now in Europe, for an example. They're the target for more abuse from the communist press, who charge they play "too rough." Art Potter of Edmonton, C.A.H.A. president, who is accompanying the Canucks, termed the red charges pure bunkum.

He said it was the Russian and Czechs who broke rules and got away with it. He said Canadian teams were being used for political propaganda in Russia and Czechoslovakia.

"In Russia and Czechoslovakia the Canadians not only played against six men on the ice but also the timekeeper and goal judges," Potter said.

"This is not intended as an excuse but in many instances lights weren't flashed when we scored obvious goals and received penalties for no apparent reason."

BEAT BITS — The N.H.L. Old Timers who made such a hit here last year and were in Milton recently will be back again on Friday, March 20. They'll play the Tanners in aid of minor hockey.

Congratulations to Danny Arbic who was presented with the Chick Jewell memorial trophy for the most valuable player award in the Georgetown Baseball Association. Danny, who pitched and hit about 700 for Georgetown midget baseball last summer, had to dash down between hockey games in Acton to receive the trophy.

Playoffs for the Acton tri-county hockey teams started this week. Hoped to get a glimpse of Bruce Andrews on the telly as he ran for Seton Hall University in the relay, but the Acton runner never did get in. The first Seton Hall runner dropped his baton to disqualify the team. Georgetown Raiders won their two weekend outings handily, dropping Cheltenham 11-2 Friday and Milton 11-3 Sunday in Charlie town. They could be in second place.

A star six brawl which saw the benches of both teams empty, will likely see about four suspensions in Monday's Cheltenham-Orangeville game. Even the netminders were in on the fray. Dufferins won easily 16-4.

Cyclones, Untouchables Eke Out Sunday Triumphs

With Clarence (Farmer) Shepherd performing like an acrobat in the Bruin cage, second place Cyclones had their hands full with the Boston nameake full when they edged them 2-1 in the first game of the industrial league doubleheader Sunday.

It was also touch and go for league leading Untouchables in the second game. Last place Raiders almost pulled an upset out of the hat before they bowed 8-6.

Emulate Boston.

Bruins must have been trying to emulate their N.H.L. cousins Sunday. Like the Boston club, they've making it tough for the top teams. Cyclones banged in two first period markers and then were blanked the rest of the way.

Farmer Shepherd was spectacular in the nets as he stopped shots from every angle including breakaways. Unfortunately the Bruins could only reply once to the pair Cyclones scored in a first period burst.

Dave Papillon opened the scoring for the winners, assisted by H. Watson. F. Andrews notched the second on a solo effort.

Al Robinson triggered the only Bruin counter in the third chapter with help from W. Shenberg.

Managers issued five penalties, five of which went to league bad boy Cliff Hunter.

Untouchables chalked up their victory margin by outscoring the Bruins 4-2 in the first frame of Monday's game. After a 1-1 tie in



DANNY ARBIC received the Georgetown Baseball Association's Most Valuable Player award when Bill Richmond presented him with the Chick Jewell Memorial Trophy recently. The 16-year-old Acton athlete, right, pitched for Georgetown midgets last season as well as wielding a point bat. The selection was unanimous from a poll of executive and players. The trophy is in memory of Georgetown intermediate baseball manager Chick Jewell who died of a coronary in a game at Acton.

Pasmas Pace Flyers to Win

Acton Flyers shaded Guelph 3-2 in the Christian Reformed Hockey League twin bill at Erin Saturday night.

The Pasma brothers, Ray and Wayne, hooked up to score all the Acton goals on solo performances. Ray notched the first two, Wayne the final.

Guelph goals were drilled by Yuhai Bosman and Rens Oosterwald.

Record Three Shut-Outs In Town League Action

Legion town league hockey action Saturday was highlighted by three shut-outs, one in both the Junior A, E.P.H.L. and American league sections.

St. Catharines subdued Hamilton in the Junior A opener on a pair of goals by Gary Fisher, assisted by Bill McGilloy on his second. Henry Toebes sniped the Hamilton counter.

The second game saw the first shut-out of the afternoon as Oshawa blanked Niagara Falls 2-0 on goals by George McPhail and John Kingsmill.

Referee Stuart Johnson and Jerry Ockenden were not called upon to impose a penalty in either game.

E.P.H.L. Cleveland whitewashed Hershey 4-0 for their second straight win in the E.P.H.L. opener as Dennis Death scored a pair of goals and Stewart McCullough did the same. Crispin Norman had the shut-out Dennis Death, assisted brother Brian on one.

Tri-County Teams Face Elimination

All Acton's Tri-County hockey league entrants face elimination tonight (Thursday) as they meet opponents who won the first game of their best-of-three "B" playoff series Monday.

The Juveniles face Fergus after bowing 2-1 in Fergus Monday. Like all the other Acton managers, Clint Taylor feels the Acton club will tie the series tonight.

Heartbreaker

Ilio Marzo's midget squad lost a heartbreaker to Orangeville in the opener when a weird bounce of the puck accounted for a goal in the last two minutes of play, breaking a scoreless tie. Orangeville added another while Acton played shorthanded the last minute to take a 2-0 decision.

"I'm confident we'll tie the series Thursday," said coach Ilio Marzo. "The boys are really playing hockey. I'm proud of them." The Acton club will be playing without their regular goalkeeper and one other player who didn't have cards.

Although they were blanked 6-0 by Hespele Monday, Acton Bruins still have a good chance of deadlocking their series. If Paul Cooper plays as well in the nets as he did Monday, Ted Ed Owen is sure they'll pull the series out.

He along with Doug Casburn and Ken Owen shone for Acton while Pedigree, Crawford and Weems the netminder, starred for Hespele.

The winners got two goals in each period.

Orangeville Ahead

Orangeville bested Acton Pee Wees 2-1 in the first game of their series but manager Ken Marshall is confident.

"They'll either win or it'll be over for this year," he commented.

Dave Dunbar collected the only Acton goal assisted by Gord Lasky.

Playoff Opener Sees Fergus Edge Acton Junes 2-1

Although they outplayed their hosts through most of the contest, Acton Juveniles lost a narrow 2-1 decision to Fergus in the first game of the best-of-three Tri-County playoffs Monday.

The series resumes in Acton Thursday night at 10 p.m. with the Acton club facing elimination.

Fergus took the lead in the first period only to have the Acton team roar right back and tie it up on Gary Masales' goal. Neither team could score in the middle 20 with the Acton club missing the most opportunities.

When the visitors ran into a long stretch of third period penalties the Fergus team banged in the winner.

Largest Rink

A 250 by 90 foot skating rink — largest in the area — has been prepared at the Kelso Conservation Area for the pleasure of area skaters.

Conservation Authority officials announced this week the new rink would be open for the remainder of the season. There's at least a foot of ice and workmen have cleared an area which they hope to keep cleared off for skaters. A shelter will be erected for the convenience of skaters.

Tanners Get Even

Clout Charles 5-3 Friday

Two third period Acton goals enabled the Tanners to take a 5-3 decision from a reluctant crowd of Milton Charles in a wretched, poorly officiated W.O.A.A. intermediate contest in Acton Friday night.

The game was punctuated with episodes of arguing, flying time-bombs, a misconduct penalty and a Tanners penalty shot that was flight in the crowd of 500 fans who supplied a deferring accompaniment to the 21 penalties the two officials, Dixon and Dickinson, assessed.

Milton players and officials viewed the third period, in which the Charles played shorthanded almost the entire time, with jaundiced eyes. The Charles took eight of the 10 sentences in that stretch. While they played shorthanded the Tanners broke a 3-1 tie and went ahead.

A penalty shot awarded to Max Stafford, hotly disputed, was the opportunity the Acton club needed to add to their margin. Stafford beat Fred Leaver, in the Milton net, cleanly. Previous to this Leaver fielded nearly every Acton attack with aplomb.

Nip and Tuck

When it came to playing hockey in the first two stanzas neither team matched the performance of their lost outing. Jim Casburn put Acton in front at 9:20 of the first stanza by rattling Harold Townsley big rebound past Leaver.

A minute later to the second, Kenny Pollock evened it up on a play with Bud McKay. Then Johnny Hopel finished off a play with Forbes and Wilson on a puck they intercepted from Fred Kenny to put the Charles ahead 2-1.

After several fruitless gaining attack the Tanners shocked again at 18:55, Ugo Bolzon flipping the puck in, assisted by linemates Ron Malcolm and Junior Beaumont.

The visitors pulled ahead again at the 7:54 mark when Jack Roberts fired Bob Sales' pass out past Jack Marshall in the Tanners cage. Ugo Bolzon was put in the clear by Acton playing coach Junior Beaumont a minute later and his along the net shot knotted the count. It was Ugo's second goal.

As the teams went into the final chapter the going was getting pretty rough. It looked like it might be getting out of hand as a result of officials tightened up and called penalties right and left. Milton took the brunt of the of-

ences and while they played two men short Junior Beaumont shot Acton into the lead on a power play at 7:57. He was helped by Jim Casburn.

Throw Stick

When one of the Milton players threw a stick as an Acton gangling attack went into the clear the referee awarded Stafford of the Tanners a penalty shot that was flight in the crowd of 500 fans who supplied a deferring accompaniment to the 21 penalties the two officials, Dixon and Dickinson, assessed.

The Milton club hurt their chances by continuing to serve penalties and when Hasselfeldt took his second sentence after just getting out of the box some one hurled an epithet at the referee. Suspect Jack Roberts was awarded a 10 minute misconduct. He skated off to the gate where Abe Patton, Charles' sweepster, met him and hurled a stick in derision at the officials. It slid along the ice. Earlier someone in the crowd hurled a 2x4 out onto the ice.

The performance was capped when a fight broke out in the lobby at the opportunity contest with only a couple of minutes left to play. Several Milton players seemed eager to join in the fray but were deterred by team mates.

In the fracas one Acton fan had his glasses broken, a daily newspaper reporter was frightened and most of the participants made it to the exits before police arrived 20 minutes later.

Acton — J. Marshall, G. M. Stafford, F. Kenner, J. Casburn, C. H. Townsley, R. Mellon, wings, E. Baxter, S. McDonald, R. McLean, U. Bolzon, J. Beaumont, P. Barber, R. Marshall, R. Malcolm.

Milton — F. Leaver, G. D. Wilson, G. Hasselfeldt, S. Hannant, J. Hopel, N. Forbes, B. McKay, Bud McKay, K. Pollock, J. Roberts, H. Sales, S. Kijanka, P. Akumbreck, D. Kearney, G. Bell.

Officials — M. Dixon, Ferguson, B. Dickinson, Florida.

SCHEDULE ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

- FRIDAY, JAN. 31**
 2 Pre School Figure Skating
 4:30 to 7:30 Figure Skating
 8:30 W.O.A.A. Intermediate Fergus vs Acton
- SATURDAY, FEB. 1**
 8:10 Figure Skating Club
 10-12 Public Skating
 1-6 Legion House League
 6-7 Midget House League
 8-10 Public Skating
- SUNDAY, FEB. 2**
 1-2 Junior Hockey
 2-4 Family Skating
 6-9 Industrial Hockey
 9-10:30 Adult Skating Party
- MONDAY, FEB. 3**
 Curling
- TUESDAY, FEB. 4**
 Curling
- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5**
 4-6 Public Skating
 6-11 Hockey Playoffs - Tri-County
- THURSDAY, FEB. 6**
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Milton	17	9	7	1	94	100	19
Fergus	15	8	5	2	93	89	18
Acton	15	8	7	0	87	81	16
Georgetown	17	8	9	0	99	96	16
Elora	14	3	6	1	61	99	7
Cheltenham	17	2	12	3	79	119	7