



# Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

**SIX OF THE SEVEN TEAMS** in the W.O.A.A. intermediate group are poised on the threshold of the group playoffs. Only one team, Cheltenham Harvesters, could still be eliminated. Elora, with three fewer games is only two points behind the sixth place Chellets and a pair of wins or a win and a tie could clinch the final playoff berth for the Rocks.

The Tanners are presently tied with Georgetown for fourth but have a game in hand whereas the Raiders have finished the schedule. If the Acton club tucks a victory away Friday night here against Elora it will give them sole possession of fourth place and the honor of meeting first place Orangeville Dufferins in the first playoff series.

That wouldn't be so terrible. The Acton club was the only one to defeat Orangeville over the 34-game schedule and they've demonstrated they can handle Dufferins when they feel so inclined. The Orangeville club has a potent scoring punch. They've got four players in the league's 10 top scorers. Acton has three. It'll be the defensive play of both teams that'll play a large part if the teams do meet. Dufferins are strong in goal but so are the Tanners when the blue line brigade is carrying its share of the burden.

In second place we have Ferguson Flyers. They'll play the Rocks place team in the first series, which is their worst. In third place are the Raiders. The Raiders could pull an upset over Elora if Elora don't pull out a current. The Flyers will be the team chosen to meet the W.O.A.A. champion. They are the only club to beat C. major.

**MELTON CHARLES**, third place finishers by virtue of a string of early wins will meet either Cheltenham or Elora in the third group series. They shouldn't have too much trouble with either team but the Charles have been an unsteady crew this season and a determined effort from either the Chellets or the Rocks could furnish an upset.

Actually both the Charles and Georgetown Raiders should be elevated into a class by themselves. Both are carrying players from municipalities with populations over the 20,000 mark. Although no protests have been laid by other clubs in the league it isn't because they haven't been aware of it.

It would be unwise to throw the results of a 34-game schedule out the window but usually playoffs provide the opportunity for the underdogs to rewrite the script. A lot of things have a bearing on which club wins a hockey series and it's unusual for a team with a poor season's record to finish off one which thought it would be a breeze in the playoffs.

**BEATY BEYS** - Jackie Price, whose hockey activity this year was confined to playing for Oakville's senior 'A' club has again rejoined the team as they strive for the fourth and last playoff position. Price quit earlier, blaming "rough" play and demands of his job as reasons. Now it looks like Oak might not have been paying him enough. So often with athletes you've got to read between the lines when they make a decision.

Georgetown Beavers have won only one game this season in the Metro Jr. B circuit. No wonder they're playing to empty stands. One of the season's largest crowds in Georgetown prompted a Raider official to sigh wistfully Sunday and wish "they could meet Acton in the playoffs." It could happen. The Inter-city football circuit has definite entries from seven teams and it could expand to nine if Ferguson and Acton enter clubs. Galt Stees and Hespeler were both welcomed into the league at a meeting Sunday. Deadline for entries is April 15. The five entries who have formed the league the past few seasons are Guelph Ravens, South Wellington Co-Op, Kitchener, Galt Gores and Brock Road.

Dave Mannes will sponsor the Acton entry in the Inter-City league if pitchers of a suitable calibre can be found. An Acton club would coincide with the installation of arc lights.

Guelph Hawks blanked Acton 5-0 in the first game of their Tri-County Novice playoff series at Guelph Memorial Gardens. Guelph got two goals in the first stanza, one in the second and another pair in the third.

Whether they won or lost last night in the second game of their best-of-three Tri-County midget 'B' final with Milton, the Acton club coached by Ilio Marzo, managed by Bill Coats and sponsored by the Acton Minor Hockey Association, is a credit to everyone concerned.

Acton going to have an intermediate baseball club this season? You'll probably have to wait till the hockey season's over before what one's answered. It's illegal for the goal judge to cheer for his home team if last Thursday's expulsion of Tanager president Ray Mason from the light in Ferguson is any criterion. The Ferguson reminder got nervous when Ray kept up the huzzas for the Tanners and he requested a substitute. The Acton brass should have reminded the Flyers their maza man failed to flash the bulb twice when Acton scored goals right on the Tanners' own stamping grounds and neither one counted.

Wondering about the calibre of W.O.A.A. hockey? Orangeville Dufferins shaded Kitchener's Jr. A Rangers 3-2 in an exhibition in Orangeville recently.

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# Playoffs Next Week, Tanners Win Pair, Lose One

## ELORA HERE FOR LAST GAME OF SCHEDULE

Smarting from a tempo-lacking performance administered by coach Junior Beaumont for their indifferent performance recently, Acton's youngsters Tanners were out Thursday and whacked Ferguson Flyers 4-1 right on their rink, blasted the short-handed Cheltenham Harvesters 2-1 here, Valentine night but then lost a tough 4-1 decision to Georgetown Raiders Sunday afternoon in Heslopburg.

It was such an about-face from the lackadaisical games they've played for the consumption of home fans of late it caught them off guard. Instead of castigating the Acton club for their poor play, fans turned to speculation on what position the rejuvenated Tanners would finish up in the seven team W.O.A.A. group.

**One Left to Play** - With only one game left to play - with Elora, here, Friday night - it's likely the Tanners will finish in fourth place. Ferguson Flyers' late surge will more than likely wrap up second place for them behind Orangeville who are running well out in front.

Milton Charles' early winning streak enabled them to hold onto third while those two important wins last week wrapped up a piece of fourth for Acton. A win Friday night would clinch it for them with a two point budge over Georgetown.

**Trail in First** - If the Tanners can come up with the same type of game they played Thursday in Ferguson they should have no trouble with Elora who are neck-and-neck with Cheltenham in a race for the sixth and last playoff spot. Although they trailed 2-1 after the first period the Tanners came back with three second period goals to lead 3-2 at the end of the third. Ferguson kingpin and captain Bob Dobbie served a 10-minute misconduct to start the third period and whether it was his absence or the result of frustration in their two previous meetings, the Tanners poured it on in the



STU McDONALD Starting to Shoot Again

final chapter, rapping in six goals to Elora.

Harold Townsley started the victory march off in the first minute of the initial stanza with a goal assisted by Ugo Bolzon and Jim Casburn. Dobbie evened it up and Magwood put the Flyers ahead at 7-5 on a long shot from the blue line, screened from netminder Norm Lockhurst's view.

Jim Casburn was right in front of the Ferguson net on the first play of the second stanza by Harold Townsley and he made no mistake, tying the contest. Ferguson sandwiched in a goal by Harper at 4:36 before Bolzon blasted Max Stafford's passout home to tie the knot again. Ugo connected the second time in the period at 19:05 on a play with Casburn and Stafford to give the Tanners a one goal margin.

**Run Away** - Jim Casburn's second marker stretched the margin at 2:20 of the third on a play with Bolzon and Townsley notched his second of the night with a backhander at 9:23, assists going to Casburn

and Stafford. Townsley's sizzler from just inside the blue gave Acton a four goal margin at 13:03 as they started to run away with the game.

Repeated tries brought success for Emmerson Baxter at 14:04 when he tipped in Ron McLean's goal-mouth pass and Ron McLean made it 9-3, assisted by Earl Melton and Fred Kenner at 16:29. Ferguson finally connected a minute later when Tippin and Wenzel put their heads together. Max Stafford finished the scoring for both teams with help from Emmerson Baxter at 18:40 giving the Tanners a six goal margin.

**Midway through the third stanza** the Ferguson club ejected Tanager president Ray Mason from the spotlight behind the Ferguson net because he was cheering for Acton. Scotty McCristall took over.

Five of the 11 penalties assessed by officials went to the Tanners.

**Cheltenham Perky** - Friday night in Acton, the perky Cheltenham Harvesters gave the Tanners plenty of anxious moments before succumbing 7-3 in a contest studded with 24 penalties. The win evened things up with Cheltenham who have taken



COACH BEAUMONT Tongue Lashing

two decisions from Acton this season.

The visitors almost ran the Tanners out of their own rink in the first five minutes but they couldn't register one goal on a muller Jack Marshall and before the period ended Acton had a 4-1 lead. Both clubs added a goal in the second stanza but the Tanners registered twice in the third to Harvesters' once.

**Kenner Shines** - Fred Kenner, improving every time out, stayed clear of the penalty box and filled in two goals to spark the Tanners to the win in their eleventh in 22 games. He and Max Stafford also teamed up to give the Acton club a hard rock defence.

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RON McLEAN Tanners' Buzz Raw

Robinson shot Cheltenham ahead at 2:30 of the first but a wild goal that caromed off the Cheltenham defense evened it up at 9:30. Earl Melton the marksmen. With both sides playing a man short Fred Kenner drilled his first assisted by Jim Casburn at 11:50.

Bobby Marshall stretched the Acton lead to 1-0 on a play with newcomer Don McKenzie, with both clubs short-handed again. Ron McLean made it 4-1 from Stafford and Baxter at 13:43 with Cheltenham still a man short.

In the second period Marshall reduced the Acton margin while Kenner sat out a boarding penalty but Townsley made it 4-2 from Casburn and Barber at the 13 minute mark despite the Tanners being short-handed.

**Scoring Punch** - Again in the first few minutes of the third period the Tanners demonstrated their scoring punch over the witting Harvesters when Jim Casburn pulled the string assisted by Ugo Bolzon with Ron Melton strutting out a high sticking sentence.

Rand got one back for the visitors at 10 only to have Kenner notch his second of the night at 18:52 with Harvesters playing a man short Barber and McKenzie assisted.

Of the 24 penalties handed out Acton received 14, Cheltenham 11.

Norm Lockhurst relieved Jack Marshall in the Acton nets midway through the second stanza. Kipper had to leave to fulfill an engagement.

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## Bruins Clobber Nessmen

Untouchables forfeited first place in the industrial hockey league Sunday when the ravenous, goal-hungry Bruins shot 15 pucks into the rigging while the Nessmen could collect only six. Cyclones took over the top spot when they shaded tail-end Raiders 3-2 in the nightcap.

Bruins' victory put them into a two-way tie for second place with Untouchables.

The teams are jockeying for position now. Playoffs commence March 1. Semi-finals are two-game total-goal series with first and third place teams meeting in one and second and fourth clubs in the other.

The finals will be a best two-out-of-three series.

**Second Period Assault** - Bruins and Untouchables' faced for the first 25 minutes of the opener with three goals apiece. Then Bruins broke through and away with five consecutive markers in the nightcap.

Seven more counters from the sticks of Bruins with three replies from the Nessmen put the most one-sided contest of the season on ice.

Big guns for the winners were Mike McCristall and Grant Withers who drilled three goals and collected an assist each. Top point getter was H. Dawe who fired a pair of goals and assisted on four for a total of six points. Wayne Shepherd also bagged a pair for Bruins as well as Larry Taillefer, Ches Pescha, Al Robinson and others.

**First Period Gust** - Cyclones staged a two goal first period gust and added a second period marker before the end of the night.

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The Barons' only chance to cheer was when Stewart McCullough hit the target from directly in front.

A major penalty to Jack Irwin and minors to Hershey's Clive Stewart and Stew McCullough were the only infractions in the contest.

Rochester lamplighters were David Cunningham, Brian Given and John Last in their 3-2 win over Quebec. Hughie O'Rourke banged in both goals for the losers.

Mike Marchmont and Barbour helped on two of the Amerk goals while Brian Given's was a solo effort. He also assisted on the opening goal by Dave Cunningham.

Larry Drysdale and Charlie Giddens collected assists on two goals scored by Hugh O'Rourke.

**Three Bears Sink Barons, Aces Shaded** - Hershey Bears came out of hibernation long enough Saturday afternoon to pin a 3-1 defeat on Cleveland Barons in the peer section of the Legion and League Rochester Americans had their troubles before Quebec Aces bowled 3-1 in the second half of the doubleheader.

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The Barons' only chance to cheer was when Stewart McCullough hit the target from directly in front.

A major penalty to Jack Irwin and minors to Hershey's Clive Stewart and Stew McCullough were the only infractions in the contest.

Rochester lamplighters were David Cunningham, Brian Given and John Last in their 3-2 win over Quebec. Hughie O'Rourke banged in both goals for the losers.

Mike Marchmont and Barbour helped on two of the Amerk goals while Brian Given's was a solo effort. He also assisted on the opening goal by Dave Cunningham.

Larry Drysdale and Charlie Giddens collected assists on two goals scored by Hugh O'Rourke.

**Hornets Revenge Bouting by Bisons** - Pittsburgh Hornets got revenge for the defeat Buffalo Bisons pinned on them last week by doubling the score on the Buffalo boys 4-2 in the American league wind-up to Legion hockey Saturday afternoon.

Harry Oehlrich buzzed in for two goals for Hornets while Terry Coles and Ray Hibbert sank one apiece. Assists were collected by Dugald Dick and Harry Oehlrich. Alan McNabb burned in for both. Bison counters, Craig Perkins assisting him on the first.

**Monday Afternoon Ladies** - W. Hewitt L. C. de Jong W; E. Cooper W; D. MacKay L; M. Toth W; C. Holmes W; G. Tyler W; G. Cooper 4; MacKay 2; Toth 2; Hewitt 0.

**Tuesday Afternoon Ladies** - E. Holmes L; G. Tyler W; M. Dumarsh W; D. Krapek L; Standing: Tyler 5; Dumarsh 4; Holmes 3; Krapek 1.

**Monday Mixed 7-9** - E. Grischow L; B. Hinton W; F. Van Weck W; A. Irwin L; M. Blow W; J. McGeachie L; S. Brunelle L; C. de Jong W; G. Williams L; J. Graham W; Standing: Van Weck 6; de Jong 7; Graham 6; Blow 6; Williams 4; Irwin 4; Brunelle 2; McGeachie 2; Hinton 2; Grischow 0.

**Monday Mixed 9-11** - J. Goy L; B. Van Fleet W; L. Bonnette L; B. Hunie W; T. Gylor Jr. W; K. Elsiey L; W. Holmes W; D. Rowley T; W. Coon W; G. McCutcheon L; Standing: Bonnette 6; Holmes 5; Coon 5; Van Fleet 5; Elsiey 4; Goy 4; McCutcheon 3; Rowley 2; Hunter 2.

**Tuesday Men 7-9** - C. Bradley W; W. MacKay L; E. Holmes L; A. Buchanan W; W. Dubois L; A. McKenzie W; J. Hufnagel L; C. Cook W; Standing: Buchanan 1; McKenzie 6; MacKay 4; Bradley 4; Dubois 3; Hufnagel 3; Holmes 2; Cook 2.

**Tuesday Mixed 8-11** - E. Toth W; V. France W; M. J. Anderson L; M. Toth W; M. Jordan W; E. Tyler L; T. Watson W; A. Nolan L; B. Moore W; E. Cooper L; J. Ridley L; G. Cooper W.

**Two other Acton rinks** also played at the Georgetown club on Saturday, skipped by Chester Anderson and Johnny Goy. These rinks, however, were not among those who lined up for the prizes at the end of the day's curling.

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## Milton Midgets Oust Acton Club Here Last Night

On the strength of three "soft" goals, Milton Rotary Midgets ousted Acton 3-1 last night (Wednesday) in Acton, to win the Tri-County Midget 'B' championship. It was their second straight win in the best-of-three series and they were presented with the league championship trophy.

The Milton club blanked Acton 6-0 in the first game of the series Friday in Milton, but they had their hands full last night.

Jan Riddall sniped the only Acton counter from Phil Marzo as the locals threw everything but the kitchen sink at Pete McDuffie in the county towners' cage.

## Blue Hornets 3-1 Winners

Keith Dunk, Howard Dwyer and Dave Ryder each scored a goal for Blue Hornets as they topped Yellow Jackets 3-1 in town league midget action Saturday. Keith also collected an assist as did Tom Gogger and R. Masales for the winners.

Bruce Casburn averted a white-wash for the Yellow Jackets when he plunked one past goalie Bruce Lambert in the second stanza, assisted by J. McGeachie.

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