THE MEN WHO KEEP CLOSE tab on teams in the Tri-County od the first, Van Gils got the Hockey Association through the season have been discussing a new topic as Tri-County teams advance into the O.M.H.A. playdowns the big improvement in the Acton entries.

There seems to have been a sudden and dramatic improvement in all the Acton clubs as the season drew to a close. The most noticeable upsurge was demonstrated in the midget series, the only Aston team to survive the first round of the eliminations.

The midgets eliminated both Orangeville and Hespeler before they bowed out to Milton in the finals. If you saw the second game of the finals which Milton won 5-1 you probably went home shaking | | | your head and wondering how one team could outplay the other by such a wide margin over most of a game and still love by four goals. It just happened that the Acton kid who guards the nets had an "off" night, understandable for anyone in that age bracket, and Buffolo 4-3

the Millon club was able to register three soft goals. Pete McDuffe in the Milton net - a Jr. 'A' prospect - was almost spectacular in the game's first 10 minutes as he stopped shots from point blank range, from the point and almost every angle. They weren't easy shots to handle, either. Some of them had the velocity of pucks you'd expect to see-in intermediate ranks

the series. They should go a long way towards an O.M.H.A. title. The other Acton Tri-County clubs, except the Novices, are ensured to consolation series' and most of them are making a creditable showing. Another two years and the filberts from other communities say Acton will be in the league's upper echelons.

Largely through McDuffe's efforts the Milton team deserved to win

WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING but it will be a treat to see local minor hockey clubs competing with teams from centres the same size and winning their share of the contests. They've been the doormats of the Tri-County too long.

Artificial ice has made major improvement in Acton teams. With natural ice in the arena the kids would only expect two months of backey. They sometimes got more with an early winter or a late spring. Now with artificial ice there's backey from November to late March and it could go on to the end of April. Skating legs

develop much quicker in five months of action than two. It hasn't been the installation of ice only that's made the difference, however. The quality of the coaching has improved This season the formation of the Acton Minor Hockey Association contributed a great deal to the equilibrium of the Acton teams,

perennial targets of abusive darts from league headquarters. It takes a bundle to operate these teams. They've got to pay for ice time, referees, transportation, equipment and all the little extras that hockey teams require. Their only source of funds outside Roller Skatters of gate receipts, which are never sufficient, is donations.

That's why the A.M.H.A. has to run draws and minor bockey nights, they are also sponsoring the appearance of the N.H.L. Old-Timers here March 30. How can you help minor hockey? Mostly by supporting the activities the A.M.H.A. puts on.

BEAT BITS . . . Anytime I feel weary of hockey it only takes roller skates and whirl around a game between Toronto and Montreal like last night to renew my the floor to the music of records. enthusiasm and strengthen a belief it's the world's greatest game. Acton's latest indoor sport got ... Yortento for the Stanley Cup? Could be but even with Buthgate off to a flying start as skating and McKenney in the line-up they'll have to hustle more to beat was free and skates supplied to Canadiens . . . Orangaville Dufferins heat Georgetown Raiders 8-3 everyone present. The place was In the first game of their best-of-five or best-of-seven playoff series jammed with first-nighters as In Orangeville . . . Industrial League playoffs start Sunday at 6.00 they took turns around the dance p.m. . . . Acton Juvenile and midget teams have dropped out of the and dining hall. Tri-County consulation series due to pressure of school exams . . . On Monday proprietor Jack Me-. Kelth Renney, a member of Guelph Legion Track Club, competed in Mullen started movies in the the Empire sames in New York over the weekend . . . Milton former Roxy Theatre and hopes Charles edged Fergus Flyers 9.7 in the first game of their playoff to continue both roller skating

W.O.A.A. Wise

series last night (Wednesday) . . .

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Fergus Forfeits Five Games

club in group one of the W.O. were assured by convener Bob ner of A. A.A.'s intermediate hockey cir- Marshall, every team in the A trophy has been donated by cuit attended a special playoff league would have representat- Jim Tve of Fergus for the group group convener Bob Marshall of been selected to pick the team in 4th. Acton, the meeting also had W.O. both the north and south. They A.A. president Jack Crowson of were notified by letter. Wingham, W.O.A.A. secretaryresentative Jim Tye of Fergus in start of the season. The team Orangeville went to the O.H.A. attendance.

the W.O.A.A. head when he not- five series A. The second place angeville and Georgetown would Wed the representatives, Fergus team and the fifth place club meet in the group A series, Mil- Nessmen. It entitled them to had been using an ineligible would meet in a best-of-three ton and Fergus in the B series player and a special meeting in called series B and the third and and Acton and Cheltenham in Wingham Sunday afternoon de sixth place clubs would meet in the C series. Dates for the first cided all games in which the C series in a best-of-three. Win series were established by the player participated must be for ners of B and C play a two-out various participants. felted to the other team. To player, who has since been certified, and the manager of the Fergus club were also suspended Oshawa, Hamilton for four games onlecc-No Release

Fergus Flyers used the player in dispute without securing his release from Kitchener Rangers nenalty was enacted because the W.O.A.A. telt the Fergus club us-

inellable.

Special plans call for two ailstar games with a team picked jor A section of the league Hamilfrom group one (southern) and ton blanked Niagara Falls by a another picked from the north- narrow 1-0 score on Garth Tayern teams. They'd play a two lor's goal at 5.05 mark of the hame series, one in Acton and the first period. Hamilton petminder other in Hanover, both places John Jordan recorded the shutin which crowds have been large out all season.

The meeting endorsed the pro- one in each game.

Representatives from every position unanimously and they of three series to meet the wir

finishing first would meet the finals before being eliminated. Startling news was released by tourth place finisher in a best-of. Final standings showed Or-

> Winners in Jr. A Section Town Ladgue

George McPhail, Randy Coker, of the O.H.A.'s Junior series. The Peter Hargrave, Jackie Holmes, and Ken Ellis each scored a goal as Oshawa defeated St. Catharines ed the player, knowing he was 5.1 in the Legion town league hockey opener Saturday after Mr. Crewson also outlined a noon in the community centre plan to raise funds for an emer- Seth Armstrong collected an asgency fund designed for serious sist on the Holmes goal while accident cases in which the W.O. Dale Fisher potted the lone St A.A. is participating with the Kitts' counter at the 3.30 mark

of the second period. In the second game of the Jun-

There were only two penalthese,

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Jim Casburn's Yellow Jacket inally delivered a win to their coach in the midget town league Saturday by downing Don Ryder's

Blue Hornets 3-2. In a game which saw 11 penal ties assessed by rof. Jim Casburn, Jackets score a goal in each per lod to win. Glen Holmes notch-Phedran rattled in the winner

from D. Allan. Doug Garrett scored Blue Hornets' first on a solo effort with C. Milne notching the sec and assisted by Dung Garret and B. Fisher.

Four first period markers were enough for Don Ford's Pittsbury Hornets to nudge Charlie Thompson's Buffalo Bisons 43 in the A.H.L. (Bantam) section of the Legion town league Saturday. The Hornet marksmen were J. McCoy assisted by Ray Hibbard, Jim Slaven from Earl Butler and Neil Anderson, George Cook from Jim McCoy and finally Brian Ro-

hertion assisted by Terry Coles and Fred Barens. Don Campbell got one for Buf-Talo in the first stanza from Mike Bryan Dunn were the unassisted intermediate playoffs has a fam standing weren't affected. lamplighters in the second ses that ring - Cheltenham.

falo in the penalty department, Brin and resumes tomorrow gus in a best-of three and Acton drawing four of the game's sev- night (Friday) in Acton. If a and Cheltenham meet in another Lovell, Jim McCov and Tony played next Wednesday, March two series meet in the semitinal Burst were the Hornet offenders, 4, in Acton.
Campbell, Mike Miller and Brian Just when it looked like the Georgetown Orangeville winner in Cleveland Downs Amerks Robertson serving time for the fourth place Tanners would be the group finals.

At Rainbow Room

Dancing shoes were doffed Tuesday night as patrons flocked to the Rainbow Room to don!

and movies on a weekly basis.

meeting in Acton Community Ion on the All Stars. Three men, champion. Deadline for a winner Centre, Sunday night. Chaired by unknown to each other, have in both B and C series is Man Advance into O.H.A. Int. B champion, either Milton Convener Marshall reminded or Orangeville, has the right to manager All Lockridge of Wing- the delegates playoff positions in advance into the O.H.A. Interham and W.O.A.A. district rep- the group were decided at the mediate B playoffs. Last year

Secretary - manager Alf Lock- from . R. Sheppard-Keith Allan ridge reminded the teams skate ends would be mandatory in the the second period to tie the knot playoffs. No one may play with but Bob Bruce lit the lamp with out them.

Attending the meeting were Cyclones up again. Joe Milton and Jim McLaughlin Jim McDonald, one of Nessfrom Orangeville, Al Parton and men's best, combined with league-Murray Hood from Milton, Len leading scorer Bob Coon, to dead-Coxe and Fred Maveal from lock the count again and then Georgetown, D. Ronalds and F. swooped in for an unassisted tal-Macklan from Fergus, .D. Mars- Iv to put Untouchables in Iront ton and B. Young from Elora, Harry Benham and George Murris from Cheltenham, Ed Footitt formance from H. Watson and he and George Haggett from Acton, potted two at the tail-end of as well as league statistician Jim the second stanza to finish his Casburn; convener Bob Marshall hat trick and give Cyclones a 43 and the three W.O.A.A. person- lead as the teams went into the

final game of the W.O.A.A. inter- in the third. Besides McKenzie mediate schedule, here, Friday and Casburn, Harold Townsley and Ron Mellon were the Acton Over 400 of the faithful saw marksmen. the Tanners hustle the puck und! Norm Love was back in unloutplay the chippy Rocks for form for the first time in several B. Young. most of the contest. Netminder games for the Tanners who fin-Jack Marshall had a shut-out go ished with a 12 win, 12 loss rec-

ing until the first minute of the ord. Fergus' forfeiture of a game third period when Max Hillis, one to Acton enabled them to finish of Rock's finest, rapped in a in third place with 26 points counter for the visitors. They when another win was awarded. added two more before the period

It looked like playoff bockey A-II. Townsley (R. Mellon, J. for the first two periods with the

To 6-3 Victory Over Elora Rocks Two goal performances by Don Tanners pressing hard but only | Pens.-Hughes, Townsley, Wal-

McKenzie and Jim Casburn car able to notch one goal in the ser, Drong ried Acton Tanners to a 63 vic- opening canto. They bagged three Second Period tory over Eldes Rocks in the in the second slanza and a pair A-J. Casburn (H. Townsley, M. Stafford) A-D. McKenzle (E. Buxter,

> Third Period -M. Hillis (L. Drone, H.

First Period

A-R. Mellon (J. Casburn) .. 14.15

A-J. Casburn E-B. Oakes (F. Hugues, G. Shafer)

A-D. McKenzle (R. Malcolm) 7.34

E-D. Schwindt (Hillis, Wat

In Group One Playoff

Vessmen, Bruins Win

son but in a slump towards the Thompson and R. Shepherd.

carned them a tie for the league's! Ed Owen and Danny Arbic, re-

top spot with Bruins who clipped! ferees, meted out three penalties.

last of the season before play poals in the first two stanzas of

it for the Nessmen, whose win by Dong Vickery.

pitted against the league-leading. These playofts do not affect Orangeville Dufferins a special the team's right to continue in wood, a player Fergus used with category in the group.

ond. Acton to third and George | set in two straight games.

last place Raiders 6-3 in the sec-

ond game of the doubleheader.

Playoff Sunday

day at 6.00 p.m. with Bruins and

Cyclones meeting in the first con-

test. Untouchables and Raidors

in the 7.30 fixture. Since Bruits

and Untouchables were tied for

first place the league had to

make a decision on which team

standing at the head of the class.

help from Dave Papillon to put

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Cyclones got a three goal per

would receive the privilege

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First hurdle for Acton Tanners town to fourth. Cheltenham and Miller and Mike Marcoux and to take in the W.O.A.A. group one Elora's fifth and sixth place were 18 hikers. The eight mite

First game of the best of three ers meet Orangeville in a best of-Pittsburg also outpointed Buf. series is tonight (Thursday) in five series. Milton takes on Fer. lifer Drive, Etobicoke. en sentences. Terry Coles, Bob third game's necessary it will be best-of-three. Winner of the last and that winner will meet the

out obtaining a release, was inch | For the Tanners it will be the have met the tough Cheltenham This action dropped Fergus into Harvesters in the first playoff. fifth place in the final league Last year Harvesters surprised standing, elevated Milton to see the Acton club by sweeping the

Front runners most of the sea his first was assisted by Fred Drysdale of the winners end

Trade Goals

Bruins and Raiders traded

second shut out of the afternoon! In the second game Stewart meeting of the W.O.A.A. brass in the W.O.A.A. playoffs unless it is in Legion town league hockey McCullough's pair of second per-Wingham declared Barry Red climinated by a team of the same Saturday by whitewashing Her lied poals gave the Barons their shey Bears 20 in the EPHL margin over the Amerks. Both section of the league. Cleveland' teams sank first period counters gible and all games he played in second season in succession they Barons defeated Richester Am. Dennis Death from Stew McCul ericans 31 in the second game. lough for Cleveland and Brian

Quebec Aces chalked up the

There was no scoring in the Given assisted by Mark Kowall first periods of the opener but for Rochester. in the third period, first Brian! All five penalties were served Binnie from Clare Snow, and by Richester. Penitents were "then Hughie O'Rourke from John Churchill (2), John Last, Charles Gidden, scored on Her. Brian Given and Mike March shey netminder Graham Fraser ment. to give Aces their victory mar-

Craig Weldon recorded the shutout in goal for Ouchec. Penalties went to Hughie O'Rourke, Bob Storey and Larry

Wayne Deforest and Brian Mclatter part of the schedule, Un. The final stanza saw Keith Al. Lellon of the Bears. touchables rallied to take a 64 len bag his second tying goal of decision from Cyclones in one of the night early and then Bob decision from Cyclones in one of the hight carry and the fastest games of the industri- Coon fired what proved to be the bear Bob Coon winner from Bill Peda. Barry Three last period goals cinched Inscoe added insurance assisted Wins League

Scoring Title the second game before Bruins Bob Coon, U fired four last period counters Barry Inscor, U 16 The countdown starts next Sun- to Raiders' one and took a 63 Jim McDonald, U 17 15 32 Harold Watson, C 16 13 29

Team Standings

Clare Sheppard - Top Goalie

Mutt Hunter ended the regular

Larry Taillefer opened the scor. Fred Thompson, C 14 ing for Bruins on a solo perfor W. Sheppard, B ... 16 mance with Raiders tving it on Grant Withers, B .. 15 Ray Wallis' counter, also unas Ron Sheppard, C 12 12 24 sisted. Grant Withers put the Keith Martin, U ... 13 11 24 Bruins ahead again from H.; Keith Allan, U 14 10 24 Dawe and Muft Hunter only to Bob Coon, Scoring Champion, have Dick Willey break through Bruins got the nod as they had with Ray Wallis and deadlock the

count at 2-2. a better win-loss record over the In the third Ches Pevcha scormeet Cyclones in the semi-finals, ed to put Bruins ahead. H. Dawe made it 4.2 from Mike McCristall. Raiders' L. Watson narrowed the Cyclones drew first blood in gap assisted by Dick Willey and the opener Sunday as H. Watson Parry Porte but Grant Withers scored the first period's only goal and W. Shepherd rammed a goal Average with 4.12. apiece in to wrap it up for Bruins. ! scored on a solo effort early in They also assisted one another schedule with 84 minutes in pen-

on the counters.

-There was a hike along the Hershey Bruce Trail Sunday from a rendezvous at 401 and 25 highways near Associated Quarries. There Bullalo hike took three hours. More hik Consequently Georgetown Raid jes are planned. Information: The Toronto Bruce Trail Club, 15 Con

Aces Blank Bears 2-0

Casburn, McKenzie Fire Tanners C C. de Jone L. J. Graham W. E.

Williams L. B. Hinton W; M. Blow W. A. Irwin L: F. Van

Wrek W. J. McGenebie L. Standings-Van Wyck 10, Blow 8. Graham 8. de Jong 7. Brunelle 4. Hinton 4. Irwin 4. Williams 4. 14.49 McGeachle Z. Grischow O. Monday Mixed 9-11

D. Rowley L. G. McCutcheon Peny. - R. Mellon, G. Shaffer, W. J. Goy W. M. Holmes L. W Coon W. B. VanFleet L; T. Tyler Jr. L. B. Hunter W. L. Bonnette T. K. Elsley T. Standings - Coon 7, Bonnette

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Town League Standings

Top Scorers As of February 22 Dale Fisher 13 # 1 9

Henry Toebes 13 7 2 9 Garth Taylor 13 6 1 7 Brendan Irwin St. Catharines 11 5 5 3 13 Chas. Gidden

Niagara Falls 13 2 9 3 7 Stew. McCullough 13 12 5 17 H. O'Rourke 13 13 3 16 ... 13 8 2 3 19 Wayne DeForest 13 13 3 16 ... 13 5 6 2 12 Brian Given . American League Bantam

13 10 \$ 18 Terry Coles Ray Hibbard ... 13 2 8 3 7 Alan McNabb Lawr. Gordon

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