



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

HERE'S A TIP OF THE OLD CHAPEAU to the Legion minor sports committee and Acton Minor Hockey Association who jointly sponsored and ran the Four Town Tournament, here, Saturday.

The entire day of hockey went smoothly with only a few minor hitches disturbing what was probably the best organized tournament ever to be staged here. Both organizations were gratified by the interest shown not only by citizens of Acton but by interested spectators and ticket buyers in the other three towns involved.

Unfortunately none of the Acton teams managed to cop a title to go with the two they won last season in the same tourney at Fergus. The Georgetown club made a clean sweep of the three classes, novice, pee wee and bantam. The winners had no more desire than the other three entrants but they had the size, a requisite for a winning team in minor ranks.

Estimates of the number of customers who attended the tourney could only be sketchy because people were coming and going the entire day, but recreation director Jim Cashburn said he figured there were at least 700 persons in the community centre at the peak time in the afternoon.

Bouquets from visiting officials were numerous. Herb Higgs, a wheel in Milton Minor Hockey, said they expected to land in the middle of a muddle in the tradition of a few other hockey events staged in Acton but now they only hoped the Milton association could live up to the high standards set this year when it was their turn to stage the tourney.

We'd like to add our two bits worth of back-slapping and congratulations to everyone who had anything to do with the tournament. It only goes to show that co-operation is the key-note for the success of any sports event in Acton, or elsewhere, despite differences of opinion.

STUNNED! That was this corner's reaction when the W.O.A.A. announced they were deferring the group finals between the Tanners and Orangeville Dufferins to a later date.

Reasons advanced seemed weak to these ears especially the provision for teams who had been waiting for opponents. Several of the penalties of losing in a group series, it seems to me, is a period of inactivity until the other teams are finished playing out the string. What's the sense of playing the group quarter-finals and the semi-finals if you casually discard the most important series — the final — to a more convenient date for the eliminated teams?

We're not convinced there wasn't some string pulling by a few disgruntled officials. However, it wasn't something unexpected. The same situation occurred last season. The group final was played in bits and pieces. Fortunately both teams, Orangeville and Cheltenham, were still winning in their respective classes and it turned out to be a hang-up set.

Interest was at a peak in Acton when the Tanners eliminated Milton and an Orangeville-Acton finale would have packed both arenas to the doors.

If the Tanners can emerge from this round robin as victors and Orangeville cops their first O.I.A. set, the same situation could spring up. If, however, the Tanners play like they did here Friday and lose the round robin, the group final will be about as palatable to fans as a plate of left-over lettuce — wilted and brown all over.

FOR THE VICTOR in the round robin there is also the added spoils of a title hunt in W.O.A.A. Intermediate "C" major. Durham, Hanover and Port Elgin.

Most interest has been in the Durham-Hanover series. They've been packing them in both places especially at Hanover where the average crowd has been 1200 for playoff games. Over 1500 attended one weekend game in Hanover's spanking new ice palace said to resemble a miniature Maple Leaf Gardens.

Hanover's where the first W.O.A.A. intermediate All Star game will be held between the north and the south on Wednesday, March 25. You'll see details elsewhere on this page. The best of the north will meet the best of the W.O.A.A.'s southern section, a sort of Mason-Dixon line skirmish.

Return game will be in Acton on either Wednesday, April 1 or Thursday, April 2. The south's All Star lineup will be a real power. It will be interesting to see how they stack up against the northerners.

This Friday the N.H.L. Old-Timers take on the Tanners in an exhibition that's sure to attract a capacity crowd. So you can see there's still plenty of hockey left before Lady Spring sets the buds on bushes and trees, pulls up daffodils and tulips and tubers in more serene sports.

BEAT BITS . . . Visitors at last Friday's intermediate hockey from out of town included Frank Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Vale and fans from Georgetown, Hillsburgh, Milton and Orangeville. Two of the best referees in the W.O.A.A. were the pair of officials here Friday, Percy Schram, Strimford and Joe Dunsmore, Seaford.

Tanners Trim Mt. Forest

Two lopsided wins over Mount Forest Belmonts this week virtually assured Acton Tanners of a berth in the W.O.A.A. round robin playoff final. The Tanners' 1-5 in Mount Forest Monday and last night, in spite of carelessness and over-confidence at times, emerged with an 11-7 victory in front of a small crowd, here.

Mount Forest must win their next two games with Fergus to stay in the running. The Tanners play the final game of the series in Fergus Monday night.

Then the two top teams in the round robin will play a series to determine which club will advance into the W.O.A.A. Intermediate "C" major semi-finals.

Monday night, an Mount Forest club, re-gained the form that took them past Cheltenham and Milton in the group elimination by pouring in six first period goals, five more in the second for an 11-2 lead as the clubs prepared for the third period. In the final chapter they drilled four more and were a little more generous to their hosts, allowing them three.

In spite of the basketball score-play was more equitably distributed than it seems. Norm Lockhurst was called on to make several sharp saves on pucks that looked headed.

Belmonts, state from a long wait for opposition, seemed to gradually work into form and by game's end were matching strides with the Tanners.

Harold Pota Plee
Harold Townsley's five goal performance paced the Acton club to their first victory in two round robin games. Jim Cashburn got two and three assists. Ron Malcolm bagged a pair and Bud Haines, a going concern, rapped in one and assisted on five for a total of six points.

Ugo Bolzon also registered once and helped on four for five points. Max Stafford and Paul Barber connected once each and assisted on another while fellow blueliner Fred Kenner accounted for three assists. Ron McLean hit the lamp once.

For Mount Forest Parker fired a hat trick, Reeves and Weiser got one apiece.

The Tanners served seven of the 11 penalties assessed, six of them in the last period.

Tanners Play Checkers
Last night (Wednesday) in Acton Belmonts stood back almost in awe as the Tanners performed fancy manoeuvres and went down the ice like checker players but scored few goals on the chances they made for themselves.

Schwint in the Mount Forest net was busy but he restricted the Acton club to three first period goals while Belmonts got the first one.

Acton outscored the visitors 12 in the second period to take a 6-1 margin into the final canto. Two quickies in the first few minutes of third period play drew Mount Forest to within a goal of the now slipping Tanners and it began to look as if an upset might be in the making.

At this point, Don McKenzie, one of the best Tanners in the game, batted in a loose puck, net-minder Schwint came out to field and it seemed to give the Acton club back some of their polish. It wasn't too long until Ron Malcolm made it 8-5 on Stu McDonald's rebound which looked as if it, too, was in Don McKenzie's hands.

McKenzie completed a hat trick at 14:50 only to see McEachern of the visitors rap in two within 22 seconds and put Belmonts back in the game.

Harold Townsley and Junior Beaumont added late goals to give the Tanners the win going away but they were extended to the limit in wrapping it up.

Switch Goals
Acton pulled the Lambert net time again, Jack Marshall starting in the nets to be relieved by Norm Lockhurst midway through the second period. Marshall let two pucks get by him. Lockhurst was a wide open game with neither club paying much attention to defensive measures.

Don McKenzie's hat trick and one assist put him high on the Tanners totem while Junior Beaumont and Harold Townsley bagged a pair of goals apiece as well as an assist. Bud Haines, Ugo Bolzon, Stu McDonald and Ron Malcolm triggered the other Acton goals.

In the assist department, silver haired Jim Cashburn collected three. Haines two, Bolzon one, McLean two, McDonald, Marshall and Kenner one apiece.

McEachern notched four markers to spark the Mount Forest attack. Weiser got two, Parker one. Ab Reeves collected three assists.

The smallest crowd of the season, just over 300 fans, witnessed the game, which had only (Continued on Page Five)

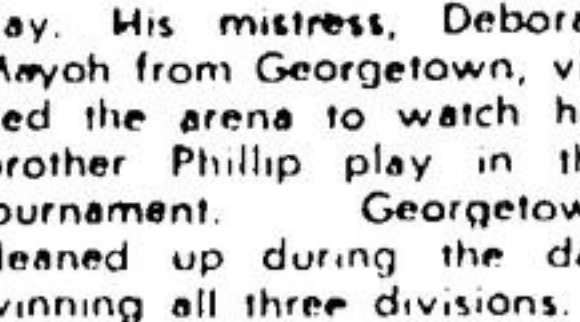
Nessmen Gun Down Bruins 11-4
Shunted out of first place to sharing a piece of it as the season ended, Untouchables staged their own version of the St. Valentine's day massacre on the other half of the top spot, Bruins, by whipping them 11-4 in the first game of the best in three Industrial League finals, Sunday.

The Nessmen went after goals early in the contest and kept producing all the way through, while Bruins, looking like they just emerged from hibernation, got three of their four in the last chapter.

Unless Untouchables develop a twinge of over-confidence they could wrap the industrial league title up tightly this Sabbath when the series resumes.

Tex Is Back
Fingerman for the winners was none other than Barry (Tex) Inscow, fresh from a trip to the environs of Calgary. Shaded by Bob Coon from a scoring title Inscow rapped in three goals and assisted on as many for a total of six points. Bob Coon and Keith Allen bagged a pair each as well as collecting an assist. Jim McDonald fired one and helped on three and singletons by Norm Brann, Keith Martin and George Williamson finished up the net filling. Doug Vickers, Herb Dadds and Norm Brann also had an assist.

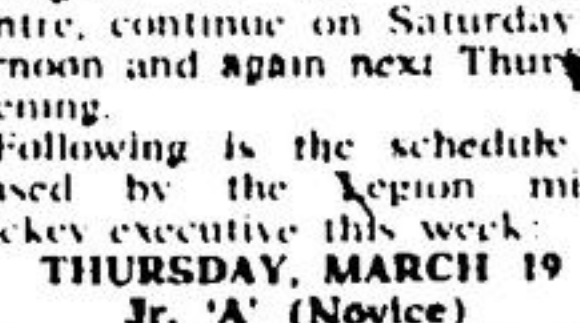
For the losers, Mike McCristall drilled one and collected two assists. Ken McIsaac, Grant Withers and Ches Pewcha aimed one each. Rex Dawe and W. Shepherd also aided on a goal apiece as did Ken McIsaac.



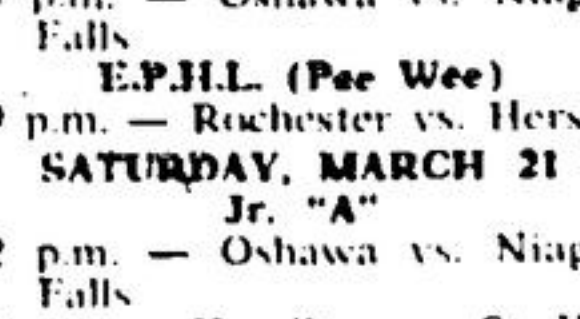
NO NOTHING TO BARK ABOUT, but Toby, a part Chihuahua and toy terrier, thinks he's the greatest as he settles down among the trophies at the Four Town Tournament Saturday.



—Staff Photo



YOUNG HOCKEY PLAYERS taking part in the four town tournament Saturday gave the spectators their money's worth with plenty of fast action. Above the Acton bantam goalie makes a save as Georgetown presses for a goal.



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Four Tanners Picked For All-Star Squad

Officials of the W.O.A.A. this week released the names of the All Star teams picked to play two exhibitions for the injured player fund being established by the O.I.A.

Three Acton players, Fred Kenner, Ugo Bolzon and Harold Townsley, made the charmed circle in the southern division which will be coached by Junior Beaumont, the fourth member of the Tanners selected for the All Stars.

Orangeville was the only other club which landed four players on the southern All Stars. Two from Fergus, Elora, Milton and Georgetown and one from Cheltenham comprise the rest of the team.

First game in the two game series will be played in the spanking new arena at Hanover next Wednesday. The return game will be played in Acton either April 1 or 2.

Mementos of the occasion will be presented to each player picked to play on the teams as well as a special memento to the Most Valuable Player in both games. Convener of group one, Bob Mar-

shall, will be in charge of arrangements for the southern All Stars.

Following is the complement of both teams:

South All Stars
Coach — Junior Beaumont, Acton.
Goal — J. D. Cameron, Georgetown; J. Watson, Orangeville.
Defense — F. Kenner, Acton; Bill Church, Orangeville; Les Solomon, Orangeville; D. Irons, Georgetown.
Right Wing — G. Smith, Orangeville; U. Bolzon, Acton; H. Townsley, Acton.
Centre — B. Dobbie, Fergus; D. Schwint, Elora; S. Hamant, Milton.
Left Wing — J. Judge, Cheltenham; M. Hillis, Elora; B. Sales, Milton; Ron Tiffin, Fergus.

North All Stars
Coach — Sparky Weiser, Walkerton.
Goal — Skant, Warton; Walker, Durham.
Defense — Kreitzberg, Warton; Mortimer, Walkerton; Lar-

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- SUNDAY, MARCH 22 2-4 — Family Skating 7-10 — Industrial hockey finals
- MONDAY, MARCH 23 Curling
- TUESDAY, MARCH 24 Curling
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 Curling Bontspiel
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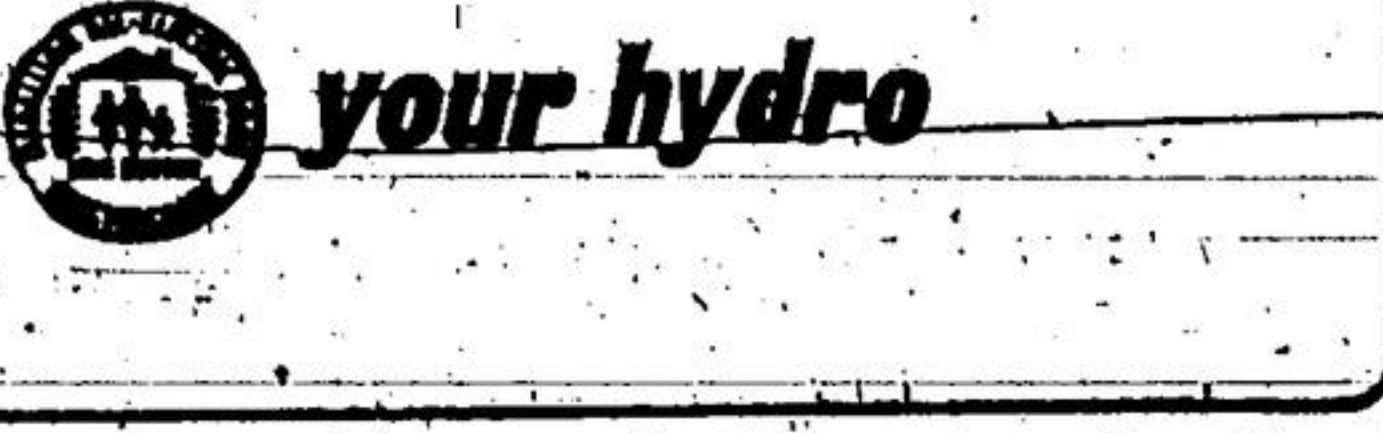
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