



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

THREE ACTON ATHLETES, John Goy, Allan Hall and Dave Ryder competed in their indoor ice class at the Track and Field Championships of the National Amateur Athletic Union of Canada Saturday. Held in Kitchener Memorial Auditorium, competitors from all over Canada entered and considering the little time they had to prepare, the Acton boys covered themselves with distinction.

John Goy Jr. was the only one of the trio to finish among the top entries in his class but the other two, Allan Hall on track and Dave Ryder heaving the shot putt, were well up in their class. The pole vault is John Goy's specialty and he hadn't vaulted since last fall. He removed his fiberglass pole from storage at the fire hall and went in cold against fellows who've been practicing all winter. In spite of this handicap John Jr. finished third with a high vault. The top two practiced most of the winter for the event.

The emergence of track and field events as a major sports attraction again is attracting many young Canadians. The day may come when this petite community sends a champion out from the shores of Fairy Lake to represent us in international competition.

WITH EVERYONE DISCUSSING the current playoff battle which the top NHL quartet, it doesn't seem like a good time to talk about the Tanners. There's a lot of interest in the pros but for on-the-spot action there's nothing like your home town team in the playoffs.

Friday could tell the tale for the Tanners who are one game down to Fergus Flyers in the W.O.A.A. Int. 'C' major semi-finals, a best-of-three series. Monday in Fergus, a large contingent of Acton fans were on hand to see the Flyers get a gift of the first game of the series. The Acton club, short-handed as it is, had the contest all wrapped up when they let Fergus score two goals on clean-cut break-aways.

It went into overtime before a winner was decided. I think Junior Beaumont would have been glad to settle for a tie at that stage but the Flyers got a break-away and — bingo — the puck was in the net with an assist to Messrs. Larmer and Dobbie.

Funny thing about Bob Dobbie, Larmer and Dobbie. The Tanners have been checking him pretty close since the playoffs started and the big guy hasn't been netting many goals but you'll notice his name in the brackets on many of the important markers. Larmer has been the payoff man for the Flyers since "Dobe" joined the squad department.

FRIDAY NIGHT, therefore, is an important date for the Tanners. It's possible both Fred Kenner and Emmerson Barker will be back in the lineup. If they lose they're out — it's as simple as that. If they win, a third game will be played here next Monday. Winner plays Port Elgin.

Meanwhile, tonight (Thursday) fans who want to get a glimpse of international type hockey played by the best of the W.O.A.A. intermediate leagues can offer shouldn't miss the All Star game at the community centre. The south won the contest at Hanover last week but it was by one goal and the verdict could have easily gone to the north.

Play was fast and clean with the winter ice surface at the beautiful new Hanover coliseum helping the north more than the south. The south and All Stars feel the smaller ice surface in the Acton arena will help them and the north will find the dimensions a handicap.

Officials of the W.O.A.A., who are sponsoring the All Star contest, will be handing out several hundred dollars worth of trophies as part of the coronation. Every player picked on the All Stars will receive a trophy and there are two special awards as well.

BEAT BITS — Minor hockey tournaments in Georgetown, Brampton and Milton this week all report good attendance and keen competition. Looks like Detroit might upset Chicago's apparent again in the N.H.L. semi-finals. Right now it appears to be a Hab-Wing final. . . Acton Tanners aren't the only club that tosses them away in the last few minutes. Consider the Toronto Maple Leafs. . . Hanover's spanking new coliseum was a revelation to this scribe who had a chance to view it last Wednesday at the north-south All Star game. It's reported to have cost over \$300,000. 40 per cent of which was raised by grant. The rest was raised by public subscription in the town of 4300. Feature of the beautiful front with an almost full-length marquee is electric heating.



MANAGER HERB DODDS of Acton Firefighter Bantams rewards three of his players, Casey Harkley, left, Doug Casburn and Ken Akalby with a soft drink after the Acton club played to a 5-5 tie with Aylmer in the Georgetown International Bantam hockey tournament. The Harold Townsley-coached crew suffered an 8-1 setback in their second game with the Aylmer club, however, losing the round 13-6.

Fergus Wins 5-4 in Overtime Tanners Face Elimination Friday

Fergus Flyers broke up a grueling, rib-racking hockey playoff Monday night with a goal at 7:55 of the first overtime period in front of the largest crowd to see a hockey game in Fergus this season. The goal gave the Flyers a 5-4 decision over Acton Tanners in the first game of the W.O.A.A. Int. 'C' major semi-finals, a best-of-three series.

Trailing 4-2 as they went into the third period, the Fergus club knotted the count, to force the teams into overtime. Grant Larmer, a triggerman for Flyers all season, fired a point-blank shot that deflected past Norm Lockhurst in the Acton nets in the latter part of the overtime after the Tanners had already scored in the Fergus end.

The series resumes in Acton Friday night and unless the Tanners can come up with a win, it will be all over except for the group finals for this season. If the Tanners win Friday, the third and final contest will be played in Acton, Monday. The winner meets Port Elgin in the finals.

Acton Short-handed The Tanners were without defenceman Fred Kenner and winger Emmerson (Beaver) Barker for the opening game of the series. Kenner aggravated a knee injury in the All Star game at Hanover last Wednesday and the Beaver is still recuperating from a knee injury sustained in a group playoff game. Both are expected to be back in harness for the game Friday.

The Acton club looked to have the game all wrapped up as they went into the third period Monday ahead 4-2 but they allowed the Flyers to break into the clear four times and they scored twice, to even the count in spite of a wide Acton margin of play.

Goalie Norm Lockhurst came up with a scintillating game. He had no chance on most of the shots that beat him. Prickett in the Fergus cage was also a star in the hard-hitting contest which saw both teams nearly exhausted at the finish.

A large contingent from Acton swelled the coffers of the Flyers for the exciting set and almost blew the roof off the Fergus arena when they had a chance to shout. But it was the Fergus night to crow Monday.

Fergus Fires First As well as firing the winning goal in overtime, Grant Larmer, wearing No. 12, beat Lockhurst with a sizzler from the left side with an Acton defenceman on his back, to put Fergus ahead at the 14:31 mark of the first period. Bob Marshall was sitting out a slashing sentence when he scored. Prior to the goal, Norm Lockhurst kicked out some dangerous Fergus drives and kept Tanners in the game.

Gary Landoni and Ron Mellon raised their sticks high shortly after the goal. Landoni wrapped his club right over Mellon's head to knock the young Acton player to the ice with a head wound on his crown. The incident earned Landoni a five-minute high sticking sentence, while Mellon was given two minutes for hooking. He was assisted from the ice and received stitches. He returned in the third period. While Landoni was off, Max Stafford drilled a shot from just inside the blue line, to put the Tanners back on even terms.

David Holmes drilled the equalizer for Niagara Falls after Ken Ellis put Oshawa ahead. John Rochester assisted Holmes on his goal. The winning counter came from the stick of Stratton Cannon. Unassisted, it sent the Niagara team into the finals against Hamilton.

Harold Townsley slipped the puck to Stafford.

Draws Defense The second period had barely started when Stafford started Jim Casburn on his way at centre and the slippery pivot stick-handled his way in, drew the Flyers defense and passed to Harold Townsley, who was roving in on left wing. Townsley made no mistake with his shot and the Tanners went one up.

Ozzie Harper evened it up when he broke away on what looked like an offside pass. Lockhurst stopped the first shot but Harper banged in the rebound.

In the latter part of the period, Ron McLean took Junior Beaumont's pass from the side of the net and tipped it past Prickett, to put the Tanners

back in front again. Two minutes later, Beaumont sifted into the clear on a neat pass from McLean and rifled another into the cords for a two goal Acton lead.

Flyers Fly Fans thought the Tanners would stick to defensive hockey in the final chapter and they made some effort to, but Norm Lockhurst had to be sharp when Harper broke away and let fly.

Lockhurst stopped the puck over the blue line again and when three Acton defenders went for him, he slid the puck to Wenzell, who again went in on an unprotected goaltender and made no mistake.

That goal seemed to fire the Flyers and they poured on the coal in an effort to tie it up. (Continued on Page Five)

Niagara, Rochester, Pittsburg Win Town League Playoff Tilts

Niagara Falls really painted the whitewash on Hamilton in the first game of the best-of-three Legion town league Junior 'A' finals Saturday afternoon at the community centre. Fresh from their close verdict over Oshawa, the Niagara crew scored singles in the first and third periods and sandwiched three markers into the second stanza for a 5-0 victory.

In the Pee Wee division, Rochester took the first game of the best-of-three finals with a narrow 2-1 win over Quebec, while Pittsburg evened up the best-of-three Bantam finals with a 5-3 decision over Buffalo.

Hamilton Blanked Ted Hagan potted two goals and assisted on one, to spearhead Niagara Falls as they blanked the league leading Hamilton crew. Niagara Falls only won one game during the schedule and finished up in last place but they've been going great guns since they hit the playoffs.

John Snow, Steve Van Fleet and Brian Storey were the other Falls marksmen. In the assist department, Gary Masters had two and Harry Lawson, Jim Holmes and John Snow collected one apiece.

Three penalties were slapped on the teams by referee Barry

Schoolboy Curlers Show Enthusiasm Public school curling teams have been enthusiastic this season. A team skipped by Randy Ridley defeated a team skipped by Allan McKenzie in a six-end game Tuesday night at the arena. Vic Patrick supervised the ladies. Both the skips have fathers who can give them lots of pointers on curling. This was the first time the boys had played while the adult teams were in the arena.

Incoe and Gord James, two on the losers.

Rochester One Up David Kennedy scored from Hughie O'Rourke to put Quebec ahead early in the first Pee Wee final but a goal in both the second and third periods gave Rochester the win.

David Cunningham knotted the count for the Amerks, assisted by Brian Sampson in the second period and Brian Given fired the winning goal in the third with help from Jerry Buchanan.

Brian Given also drew the on-ice penalty of the game in the second period's early minutes.

Rebound Pittsburg rebounded from a 2-1 defeat in the first game of the Bantam final to even the series up Saturday with a 5-3 verdict over Buffalo. The Hornets took a 2-1 edge in the first, but clubs scored a pair in the second stanza and the winners added one in the third.

Jim Slaven and Harry Oehlrich rapped in the first period goals for Pittsburg with Lawrence Gordon assisting Jim on the first one. Richard Rusk soiced for Buffalo.

In the second period, Rusk bagged his second goal of the afternoon to tie the score for Buffalo, but the Hornets notched two goals within 45 seconds starting at the 11 minute mark, to move ahead 4-2. Terry Coles drilled the first one and Len Knutson got the other. Fifteen seconds later, Craig Perkins put Buffalo back in the hunt with a goal, assisted by Allan McNabb.

Neil Anderson scored an insurance tally for Pittsburg, assisted by Terry Coles at the nine minute mark of the third period and it was all over but the shouting.

Seven penalties assessed by the referees were divided up 5-2 between the teams, the Bisons getting the big end of the stick.

Frank Miller of Buffalo received a game misconduct during the second period.

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North, South Renew Feud Here Tonight

The W.O.A.A. Intermediate All Stars play their second game to night (Thursday) at Acton community centre.

Last Wednesday, in the first of what is expected to be an annual battle between the north and south ends of the W.O.A.A. circuit, the southern All Stars came out on the long end of a 5-4 score.

The game was very well played according to international rules and the crowd of 600 in Hanover's new coliseum was entertained right through to the dying seconds of the game when the northern All Star goalie was pulled in an unsuccessful bid to tie the score.

Prior to the game, each of the players was presented with a trophy in honor of his being selected an All Star. The same presentation will take place here tonight.

Trophies will also be presented to the leading goalie in the southern division, as well as to the league-leading scorer. Northern winners were two Walkerton netminders, Terry Falkner and Bob Collingham, who received their trophies from the hands of southern convener, Bob Marshall. Gary Juniper of Walkerton Capitals was the leading scorer in the northern division.

Three Acton players figured in the scoring for the southern All Stars Wednesday. Fred Kenner firing a goal and collecting an assist, and Harold Townsley rammed in the game-winning goal. Ugo Bolzan collected a pair of assists. Junior Beaumont is coaching the south.

Sparky Weiler, the old fox from Walkerton who coaches the northern team vows he'll even up matters for the north here tonight. His best line last week was a complete unit from Hanover which made things interesting when they got over the blue line.

SCHEDULE ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
2 Public Skating
8:30 W.O.A.A. Intermediate All Star Game

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
9:11 Boys' Shiny Period
2:4 Public Skating
8:30 W.O.A.A. Int. Playoff Fergus vs Acton, 2nd game

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
10 a.m. Public Skating
1:00 Minor Sports House League Finals
5: Midget House League Finals
8:10 Public Skating

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
2 Family Skating

MONDAY, APRIL 6
8:30 W.O.A.A. Int. Playoff Fergus vs Acton (if neces.)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7
4 Public Skating

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8
8:30 Int. Playoff Game

NOTICE
ART WORKSHOP
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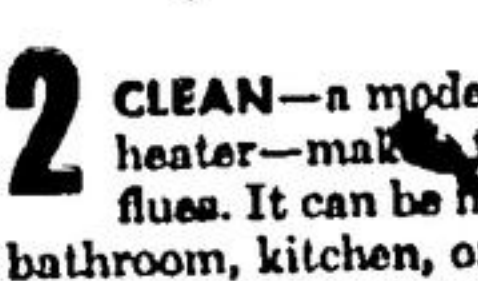
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