Unbeaten Flyers Nail Down First

Unbeaten this season, Flyers consolidated their hold on first place in the Industrial Hockey League, Sunday, by bouncing third place Raiders 8-5. Cardinals sewed up the second slot with an 11-6 win over winless Ridiculous in the second game of the double header.

Ken Tuck's hat trick, his first of this season, sparked Flyers to their win which they put on ice with a four goal flurry in the last 10 minutes of the period after Raiders had tied and went one up in the early minutes. The fly boys rammed three pucks past Bob Sheppard in the front canto only to see Raiders bounce three of their own past Andy Williams in the second stanza and tie the count.

Tucks It In

Ken Tuck's unassisted tally put Flyers in front again but Raiders scored the first two goals of the third stanza before the winners came back with four straight markers.

Besides Tuck's three goals, Flyers got two goal performances from league-leading scorer Wayne Sheppard and carrot-topped Harry Phillips. Gord Mason, who shares the leading scorer spotlight with Wayne, potted the other marker while Dave Papillon (3), Don Lindsay (3), Mason (2), Phillips (1) and Sheppard (1) collected assists.

Barry Inscoe and Ron Sheppard bagged two goals apiece for the losers with Denny Gibbons rapping in the other. Assists were registered by Gibbons (2), Bruce Lambert (2), Ron Sheppard (1), and Doug Sheppard (1).

Only four minor penalties were handed out by referees Ches Peycha and Bill Shannon, three of them to the losers.

Ridiculous started out like they were going to bury Cardinals in the second game, scoring the first two goals, but Cards had a 4-2 lead at the end of the first period. They streched it to 7-4 at the end of the second and added four more in the third to Ridiculous' two to win 11-6.

The hard luck team of the league it was Ridiculous fifth loss in six games and it mired them deeper in the cellar. Cardinals, meanwhile, stayed in sole possession of second place, three points ahead of Raiders.

Keith Bags Five

Big gun for the Cards was pedagogue Keith Allen. He rattled five pucks into the net behind Clarence Sheppard in the Ridiculous cage as well as assisting on one. Howard Duyer and Jim McDonald each notched two goals. Bruce Harker and Bob Bruce netted one apiece. Duyer also collected four assists, McDonald one as well as their pair of goals. Fred Hibucci was in the brackets three times. Bob Bruce, Fred Currie and Tom Oakley once apiece.

For Ridiculous Grant Withers and Don Swackhamer each triggered two goals while Jim Bullough and Elmer Andrews potted one each. Geoff McLaren racked up two assists. Jim Bullough, Chuck Davies, Frank Daley and Leon Duffield collected one apiece.

Although the teams settled down some from the previous night, officials Chas Peycha and Fred Dunn handed out 10 penalties in the game, three of them to league bad boy John Cunningham.

Form Ice Patrol

Saturday night and Sunday afternoon skaters are closely watched by an ice patrol this year. Formation of the patrol was mainly to curtail any foolishness which might lead to an injury to an skater.

Acting under the supervision of Murray Harrison are John Creighton, Gerald Dick, Gerald Draycott, John Davidson and Don Price.

Staff Photo

KNOX C.G.I.T. members held their annual candlelight service Sunday, December 20. Three members of the junior choir which took part are Ricky Livermore, Jane Watson and Glen McKenzie.

League-Leading Orangeville Here Wednesday

Toughest test the Tanners have to face this season at home comes next Wednesday, December 30 when the undefeated league leading Orangeville Dufferins, riding a nine game win streak, challenge the Acton club's undefeated record in front of the home town fans.

The Tanners have dropped three games this season but they've all been on the road. Wednesday's contest will decide whether the league leaders can finish the schedule's first half without a defeat. An Acton loss could drop the Tanners to third place from what could be a second place tie with Elmira.

Dufferins inflicted an 8-6 loss on the Tanners in their first meeting in Orangeville when netminder Jack Watson came up with a gilt-edged twine-tending job. They also took home a 9-8 exhibition win in a pre-season exhibition.

A large mid-week crowd in a holiday mood is expected for next Wednesday's game which, judged by previous Orangeville-Acton meetings, should be a dilly.

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

SMOOTH, GLISTENING ICE on Fairy Lake over last week end made a vast winter playground suitable for skinny skating and ice boating. It proved to be a real attraction for the two former sports but there were no ice boats in evidence.

Conditions suitable for skating on the lake do not seem to occur as often now as they used to when this fuzzy-cheeked scribbler was a rosy-cheeked moppet. In my younger days much of the winter months were spent shovelling snow off what we called "the pond" in the vernacular, so the gang could play hockey. If the pond wasn't to our liking the filter beds were sure to be.

There was an assortment of filter beds at that time, most of them located behind Beardmores. There were shallow ones, deep ones, rank ones, not so rank ones and several dyed a dark red or brown. Depending on the weather conditions of the day we usually selected the one with the least snow on it for our games.

Invariably someone would skate on forbidden ice and get a dunking in the cold, cold water. If he didn't get in too far nobody paid much attention but if you went in up to your neck or over you at once became an object of concern.

There were two choices open to the victim. You could either sit beside the fire, which usually burned at the bed's edge until both you and your clothes dried, or you could go home and confess to ma and pa that you'd been skating on the forbidden beds. In the latter case you were sure a thumping was to follow, whereas you might get away with it if you took the first choice.

It depended on which bed you fell into. If you happened to pick one which hadn't been used lately you didn't have a chance. As soon as you opened the door ma would pinch up her nose and sniff suspiciously. You made a hurried exit to hang your skates in the cellar, knees knocking and teeth chattering. Then you waited a decent interval before you ran the gauntlet to the bedroom where you hoped there was a fresh change of clothes.

The evening meal was the real test. Usually you wound up sitting beside the kid brother. You were no sooner seated than he pipes up, "I don't wanna sit beside Johnny. He smells." All eyes would rivet on you with Ma's faint suspicion turning into accusation.

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YOU'D SQUIRM IN YOUR CHAIR, turn a hurried look darts at Jimmy and hastily chortle, "It must be the cabbage. I think you burnt it Ma." That would be the last straw, your last blistering hope.

A voice thundered at you from Mount Olympus, "Jimmy Jones, were you playing on those filter beds again? Tell us too, O.K. buster, march!" The kettle went onto the range and the wash boiler filled with water. The lye soap went into the galvanized bath tub. You suffered the indignity of either being pushed, shoved or cajoled into what seemed like boiling hot water, lathered and left to soak "until you smelled sweet again."

Most of those initiated in this way recovered. Some never ventured near the forbidden beds again but you could usually count on having enough players for a game when you made it there. In those days the filter beds were Acton's answer to hockey college. Many of the hockey skills were either learned or instilled into you on the colored water no matter what your rank.

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BEAT BITS . . . Jim Keane, the Milton player who signed a junior hockey card and then played a game with Milton juveniles under an assumed name, was given a three game suspension by the O.H.A. No word on the manager's fate has been received yet but opinion seems to think he'll get a two year suspension. . . . **Watched a couple** of Tri-County games here last Thursday in which the Pee Wees were shaded by Preston and the Bantams took a 5-0 defeat from Georgetown. The game could have gone the other way for Acton teams with a few breaks . . . and to all readers of this column

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Townsley Scores Eight

Tanners Drop Rocks 15-4

Hottest stick in W.O.A.A. senior hockey last Friday night belonged to Harold Townsley, left winger with Acton Tanners. The veteran marksman scored eight goals as the Tanners downed Elora Rocks 15-4 in a game which wasn't nearly as one sided as the score would indicate.

Long a fixture at or near the top of both team and league scoring, Townsley had collected only five scoring points in eight games up until Friday, consisting of one goal and four assists. Over 300 fans, one of the smallest crowds of the season, saw No. 8 equal the number he wears by notching a goal in the final second of the first stanza, bag all Acton's four second period goals and add the final three in a seven goal third.

McKenzie Buzz Saw

It was the hottest night the Acton specialist ever had in the lamp lighting department. Setting Townsley up on six of the goals was Donny McKenzie, the buzz saw from Hillsburgh who's a going concern whenever he steps on the ice.

Captain Max Stafford, Blake Ingles, Wayne Davison, Gerry Inglis, Fred Kentner playing coach in Junior Beaumont and rookie Johnny Dunn fired a goal apiece to round out the Acton victory, the Tanners' sixth in nine games.

Final game of the schedule's first half puts the Tanners against the undefeated Orangeville Dufferins next Wednesday, here.

Elora made Friday's game interesting until the start of the third period when they ran out of legs. A young inexperienced club, they couldn't neither cope with the heavier Acton club nor match their experience.

Will In Second

The Tanners grabbed a 4-1 first period lead but sulked in the early minutes of the second as the fast Elora forwards put two past Sweeney in the Acton nets, to make it 4-3. One of the Rocks' goals was scored while they played shorthanded. Then Harold Townsley's rating cannonade from the blue line made it 5-3 and less than a minute later he backhanded another in. The Rocks potted another at 15:07 but that was the end for them. From that point it was all Tanners and Townsley.

Jim Keating, one of the better reminders in the league, never had a chance on the shots that beat him. He turned aside many labelled drives but the incessant firing wore him down.

The game was blemished by poor refereeing. A bout of fisticuffs between Acton's Bobby Marshall and Drone of the visitors could have been avoided in the dying minutes of the contest if the officials had been on their toes. As it was they handed out 15 penalties including a 10 minute misconduct to Gerry Inglis of the Tanners and two fives for fighting to Drone and Marshall. Acton served nine of the seven minutes. Max Hebb, veteran Tanner, too bagged a pair of goals for the home club. Fisher and Dunn notched one apiece.

OLD LAMPLIGHTER
Eight for No. 8

First Period

A M. Stafford (B. Ingles) 3:34
A J. Dunn (Lawrie, W. Davison) 4:46
A B. Ingles (J. Fisher, F. Kentner) 14:46
E J. Fisher (Hebb, Ingles) 15:16
A H. Townsley (D. McKenzie) 19:57

Penalty Stafford. Fourth Drone, Fisher, Stafford, Connors.

Second Period

E Drone (Hebb, Fisher) 5:46
E Hebb (Weese) 7:45
A H. Townsley (D. McKenzie, M. Stafford) 12:26
A H. Townsley (D. McKenzie, M. Stafford) 13:18
E Hebb (Drone) 15:02

A H. Townsley 18:04
A H. Townsley (D. Bolzon, D. McKenzie) 19:41

Penalty Watkins, G. Inglis, M. Stafford, Fisher, Marshall.

Third Period

A W. Davison (H. Ingles, G. Ingles) 1:51
A G. Ingles (J. Fisher, J. Dunn) 5:52
A J. Kentner (W. Davison) 8:01
A H. Townsley (D. McKenzie, J. Bezzone) 10:04
A H. Townsley (D. McKenzie, J. Bezzone) 17:52
A H. Townsley (J. Bolzon) 19:19

Penalty Dunn, G. Inglis (10 minutes), Drone (misconduct), Marshall (misconduct).

A [illegible] J. Sweeney, M. Stafford, G. Ingles, J. Kentner, B. Marshall, B. Ingles, W. Davison, J. Fisher, D. McKenzie, H. Bezzone, J. Bolzon, J. Dunn, J. Beaumont.

E [illegible] J. Boyington, K. Watson, [illegible] M. Hebb, Drone, Fisher, Weese, Fisher, Oakes, Engel, Yates, Archibald, Grant, [illegible] Drone, Connors and Rich.

Industrial League Statistics

Team Standings

	W	L	T	Pts
Flyers	4	0	2	10
Cardinals	4	2	0	8
Raiders	2	3	1	5
Ridiculous	0	5	1	1

Individual Scoring

	G	A	Pts
Gord Mason, Fly's	9	11	20
Wayne Sheppard, Fly's	12	8	20
Ken Tuck, Fly's	11	6	17
Keith Allen, Cards	12	4	16
Ron Sheppard, Raid	7	9	16
Harry Phillips, Fly	8	8	16
Barry Inscoe, Raid	7	6	13

John Cunningham is the league bad man with 24 minutes in the sin bin.

(Ed. Phillips, official scorer)

Film, Gifts

At their meeting Sunday, members of the United Church Young People's saw a film on Mosport and exchanged gifts. Leaders are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Knapton.

SCHEDULE ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

WEDNESDAY, DEC 23
2-4 Public Skating 15c
6 Hockey School
7 Legion House League
8:30 Tri-County Minor Hockey

THURSDAY, DEC 24
2-4 Public Skating 15c

CHRISTMAS, DEC 25
Closed

SATURDAY, DEC 26
8:30 Legion Skating
Teen Members Required
10-12 Public Skating
12-2 Legion House League
8:30 Public Skating

SUNDAY, DEC. 27
1:30-3:30 Family Skating
7:30 Industrial Hockey

MONDAY, DEC. 28
2-4 Public Skating 15c

TUESDAY, DEC. 29
2-4 Public Skating 15c

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30
2-4 Public Skating 15c
6 Hockey School
7 Legion House League
Tri-County Minor Cancelled
8:30 Tanners vs Orangeville

THURSDAY, DEC. 31
2-4 Public Skating 15c
8:30 Public Skating 25c and 50c

NEW YEAR'S DAY, JAN. 1
8:30 Public Skating 25c and 50c

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