

# Sports Page

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## Tanners Win Exhibition With Guelph Club Fri.

Guelph's mixture of American League marksmen, former Junior and Industrial hockey league players, furnished a fast practice for the Tanners Friday night, but they were no match for them when it came to scoring goals.

The Tanners rattled in five pucks in the first seven minutes of the exhibition contest before the visitors, not organized, and then coasted to an 11-7 victory in front of 300 interested fans. The visitors' attack was spearheaded by American hockey league veteran Bill Sweeney, who potted a pair of goals.

It was a typical exhibition with lots of speed and hustle, hardly any hitting and gobs of wide open hockey. Guelph had some neat combination plays, moved the puck well, but outside of Bob Daniels, a real young gun, they would need plenty of practice sessions and talent before they'd be a threat to the Acton club, some of the players who promised to come were unable to fulfill their engagement including Butch Keeling.

### No Friday Game

Manager Ed Foutitt was attempting to arrange an exhibition game for the Tanners Friday night against either North Wellington College or Elora but was unsuccessful. Next opportunity for the Tanners will be the finale Monday or Wed.



BALTIMORE ENTRY in the American league section of the Acton Legion Minor hockey capped the Pee Wee championship Saturday afternoon with a decisive win over Springfield Indians. The happy winners are shown with managers Vern Marshall and Bill Knight following their victory. Included on the team are Larry Hill, David Cunningham, Alan Peppers, Don Cunningham, Jim Holmes, Garry Masters, Ted Saitz, Peter Marz, Dale Fisher, Jerry Buchanan, Bob McCallum, Alan McPhedran and Frank Burdette.

## Legion Town League Playoffs

### Baltimore Claims First Crown Sat.

Baltimore captured the Legion town league Pee Wee title Saturday afternoon by whitewashing Springfield 7-0 in the second

game of the best of three final. League leaders all season, the new champions caught Springfield off balance to take the series in two straight. They just shaded the Springs 12 in the first game of the set.

In the Acton opener, Weston and Hampton duelled to a 1-1 draw with goals Mike Tully and Robin Innes, playing. Springfield's John Hansen bagged the Weston counter assisted by John Ashley, while sharpshooter Russell Van Fleet registered for Hampton on a play set up by Jim Hurley.

Fourth game of this set, a best of five, will be played Sunday between 4 and 5 p.m. Hampton leads the series 2-0 with one game tied.

Wings Winners  
First game of the best of three Junior A (Novice) finals went to Hamilton by a whopping 6-0 count over Niagara Falls. The Falls, who played second fiddle to Hamilton in the standings all season, were never really in the game.

Rangers surprised everybody by knocking off Canadians in the semi-finals and almost succeeded against Leafs in the first game of the best of three finals. Donny Marz, Leafs' goaltender, was a stand-out limiting Rangers to three goals while his mates cashed in four.

In Saturday's contest, however, the Leafs, powered by Doug Garrett's four goal, two assist performance, had an edge on Ken Tuck's Rangers. It was close until the final stanza when the champs wrapped it up with two goals.

Leafs in Front  
Leafs went in front in the series opener when Dave Ryder registered only to have Gerald Dray out tie it up assisted by Stu Johnson. Then Stu Johnson hit the target from Draycott to put Rangers in front but the Leafs came back 50 seconds later with a goal by Dan Harkley from Bill Hagen to knot the count again.

### Finals Start Mon. or Wed. For Tanners

First game of the W.O.A.A. Int. C. major finale will be in Acton either Monday or Wednesday next week.

Secretary manager Alf Luckridge informed Tanager manager Ed Foutitt by phone Tuesday, the northern final between Port Elgin and Durham would be finished by next Monday and possibly this Friday. In the event it's finished Friday the winner will be in Acton on Monday. If it's not finished by Friday, the final series will start in Acton on Wednesday.

Durham knotted the northern series at two games each by edging Port Elgin on Monday. Games in the final set will likely be played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in order to avoid conflicting dates with the N.I.L.L. playoffs.

Fans in Acton are urged to watch for posters with the final playoff opener dates on them.

### T. Pope Heads Softball Ass'n Second Year

Tod Pope was re-elected president of the Acton Softball Association at Sunday's annual meeting of the Association in the community centre. The secretary-treasurer's post, vacated by Charlie Thompson, went to Phil (Scotty) McCristall by acclamation when the two other nominees withdrew.

A close three way battle for the president's chair between the incumbent, Bruce Cargill and Scotty McCristall, went to Mr. Pope in the election presided over by recreation director Harris Roe.

The meeting, open to the public, attracted 19, most of them players. It was agreed a representative from each team in the town league would round out the executive.

Last year's financial report, presented by the president, was accepted by the meeting unanimously.



YOUNG MIDGET CHAMP the Maple Leafs won the finals Wednesday evening of last week by defeating the Rangers 4-3. Front row left to right are Ralph Nellis, Bill Hagen, Don Marz, John Dowling and Dave Scott. Back row left to right are Ray Hibbard, Tony Hurst, Bill Fisher, Dave Ryder, Doug Garrett and Noel Harris. Missing when photo was taken were Danny Harkley, Melvin Johnston and Harry Oehrich.

## Industrial League Finals

### Cardinals Edge Flyers 4-3 in Overtime

It took seven minutes and 25 seconds of overtime for Cardinals to pull an upset in the first game of the Industrial Hockey League finals Sunday.

Keith Allen pulled the string on the winning marker on a play with Bob Bette to enable Cardinals to edge the favored Flyers 4-3 and take a one game lead in the best of three series. It was the second timely marker for Keith. He tied the game in the third period with

the same combination, adding Jim McDonald, to force the game into overtime.

Both teams bagged a marker in the first frame, Flyers hitting first on Ken Tuck's blaring shot from Don Lindsay. Gary Ritchie tied it up on a play with Tom Oakley. The second period was scoreless but Jim McDonald put Cards in front early in the third assisted by Fred Currie. Flyers came right

back with two markers to tie it and go ahead 3-2. Ken Tuck drilled from Gord Mason for one. Noah Rowell notched the other on a play with Wayne Shepard and Don Lindsay.

That set the stage for Keith Allen and the popular pedagogue wasn't remote.



SUNDAY'S SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION meeting, which covered among other things last season's financial report, revealed either one of these things:

1. Are either looking the wrong way when they cross the hat.
2. Are unemployed and have little loose change.
3. Are just plain "cheap skates".

Collections at games sometimes didn't meet expenses even when the bleachers were holding their full load of patrons. Other games there'd be a substantial collection.

The men who pass the chaparral intimidated several regular patrons conveniently decide to locate elsewhere when they saw the collection plate coming. Others just ignored it. Some would obligingly sprinkle a few pennies in.

What can be done about it? The meeting was almost unanimous — nothing. You can't charge to get in or the association runs into additional expenses for renting the park. You can't force someone to drop a worthwhile contribution into the box. So it's likely the fans who carried the freight for last year's softball will continue to do so this season.

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS? You've got the Stanley Cup on the TV box, an approaching final for Acton Tanners, industrial league final, town league minor playoffs, junior 'A' action on channel 9. There's hockey fare for everyone.

From the small, pint-sized toddler on his first pair of skates to the smooth, suave professional seeking the Stanley Cup, thousands are embroiled in the elimination contests leading to the sports' most elusive prize — a championship.

Down at the legion town league playoffs Saturday the Junior 'A' final was underway. Hamilton turned in a 6-0 whitewash over Niagara Falls. After the game the jubilant Wings patted their goalie on the back, pushed him down. Everybody laid on him trying to muss his hair. He must have been crushed.

Drama? In the Pee Wee final Dorson Frizzell's Springfield club, facing elimination after one of the league's biggest comebacks have as their big star the son of the coach of the opposing team — Baltimore. They got badly beaten. Didn't score a goal. They felt badly.

The Baltimore club celebrated. They won the championship. A cup in the hands of an excited youngster may not carry the same glory or cash wrapped up in Lord Stanley's mug, but it means just as much to him.

NEXT WEEK the spotlight will shift to the Tanners as they go after their first W.O.A.A. championship against either Port Elgin or Durham. First game will be either Monday or Wednesday here depending on the length of the northern series.

The Acton club had a good work-out last Friday against the pick-up Guelph team but exhibitions are not substitute for the real thing. Word from the north is that Port Elgin will be a tough nut to crack if they win the northern final. They're in real good shape and have been playing regularly.

Ray West, who saw Monday's game in Durham in which the Huskies tied the series, thinks Durham will be the team to survive. One advantage of Durham making the finals would be the shorter travelling distances for away games. However, Port Elgin has the best arena and apparently gets tremendous crowd support at home. So you take your pick and don't forget to get out and support the Tanners in their bid to bring home a title.

It may be that one of Acton's contestants will win that holiday

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