



ACTION AROUND THE ACTON NET in the opening game of the W.O.A.A. Int. 'C' major finals, here, Monday with Durham sometimes verged on the frantic as the Tanners tried to clear the puck. Huskies, fresh from their semi-final victory over Port Elgin poured on the coal giving Tanner goaltender Jim Sweeney a hot time of it. In the top photo the Reeves brothers and McEachern, Mount Forest's contribution to the Durham club apply the pressure while Don McKenzie (9) and Alex Stafford try to hold the fort. Bottom, Davis of Durham rounds the cage with Stafford (2) and Wheeler (14) both after the biscuit. McKenzie and Davison await the result with Sweeney.

Huskies Mush Past Acton Lead Championship Set

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GERRY INGLIS
He and Blake Missed

Five disastrous minutes in the latter part of the second period turned a one goal lead for the short-handed Acton Tanners into a 7-4 defeat in the first game of the W.O.A.A. Int. 'C' Major finals here, Monday.

Durham Huskies, a well balanced club with plenty of fast and bench strength, turned the trick in a convincing fashion that left little room for argument. They were easily the better club on the ice, impressing the 400 fans who turned out for the best-of-seven series opener, with their hustle, drive and puck control.

Missing Huskies

The Tanners, missing the Inglis brothers, Blake and Gerry, as well as Ron Mellon from the line up broke a 22 first period deadlock to go ahead early in the second period. Durham tied it, Jim for Beaumont put Acton ahead again at 7:32 and the score stayed that way for almost five minutes when the Huskies knotted it again.

While Bob Marshall sat out a kneeling penalty they assumed full control of the play. They went ahead on Andy Grant's goal, lightened the margin when Wayne Davison received a boarding penalty and added another for good measure 30 seconds later.

The astounded Tanners, beaten only once on their own half-ice this season, were completely disorganized. Except for some bang up puck stopping by Jim Sweeney in the final minutes of the second period the score could have been doubled.

Scoreless Third

As it was they managed to stave off Huskies from the scoring column for the rest of the game but didn't enlarge their own side of it. Rusty from a long layoff they couldn't skate with the northerners, fresh from eliminating Port Elgin and Hanover in their own group attempts to knock the visitors were retailed in kind.

Opinion was sharply divided after the contest was over. Some fans opined the Tanners will bounce back after they round back into shape to take the series. Others thought the Durham club would wrap up the title.

Third game of the series is Friday night in Acton. The fourth goes Monday in Durham. If a fifth is necessary it will be in Acton Wednesday. Sixth and seventh games are scheduled for Durham a week from Friday and Monday, here, respectively, if necessary.

Juggles Lines

Monday night, coach Junior Beaumont had to juggle his lines

waited for breaks in the third but some neat twist-landing at both ends kept the marksmen off the sheet. Acton seemed to get stronger in the latter part of the third but failed to organize an effective attack even when the Huskies were short-handed.

Both sides complained about the officiating of Schram and Richards who sent 11 offenders to the donjon, all for minor offences. Seven of the sentences went to the Tanners.

Sparklers for the Huskies were L. Schafer wearing number five, the two Reeves and Allen on defense. Pick of the Tanners was Wheeler, McKenzie and Sweeney.

Final Period

D-R. Reeves	1:00
A-J. Farrelly (D. McKenzie)	9:56
D-L. Schafer (J. Laurence)	17:00
A-J. Farrelly (M. Stafford, B. Marshall)	18:46
Penalty - Mortley, L. Schafer, Wheeler, Kentner (2)	

Second Period

A-D. McKenzie	4:30
D-D. Reeves (R. Reeves, H. Noble)	7:20
A-J. Beaumont	7:32
D-L. Schafer (J. Dixon)	12:09
D-A. Grant (B. Davis)	14:40
D-J. Nixon (H. Noble)	16:40
D-C. McEachern (D. Reeves)	17:01

Third Period

Penalty - B. Allen, L. Schafer, Kentner, Baxter.



ALL THE ACTION wasn't around the Tanner cage in Monday's lid lifter. Husky twine tender W. Schwindt was besieged at times and here is scored on by a Tanner out of range of the camera. Bottom Jim Sweeney fouls Bob Davis (8) of the visitors, one of many the diminutive netminder stopped. Third game of the series will be in Acton Friday (tomorrow) night.

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

MEMORIES OF A SERIES which is still being touted in O.H.A. circles as a good example of the old saw "Don't count your chickens..." were raised by the current Durham-Acton hockey final.

Just for the record, this tizzy faced one dipped back into the files of 1936 for more information on what undoubtedly was the biggest disappointment Acton hockey fans ever suffered. It, too, was between Durham and Acton in the O.H.A. Intermediate 'B' semi-finals.

Do you remember? Or were you like this scribbler, a gangly, marry-eyed youngster when it all occurred, most of whose information came from snatches of conversation dropped by the elders of the time.

Back in 1936 this town had a hockey club that went 19 straight games without a defeat. They easily won the group from Oakville and Ferguson. They went into the O.H.A. Int. B. playdowns, knocked off Paris in the first round and met Durham in the semi-finals in a total goal two game series.

First game of the semi-finals was in Galt where the Tanners played their home games due to the uncertainty of natural ice in Acton. It was hardly a contest. The Tanners skated rings around Durham and won a 7-2 decision which in those pre-referee days was a real big margin. It was their 20th game without tasting defeat.

It looked like a shoo-in for the Tanners of that day, who had Jack (Maloney) Gross in goal, "Moose" Walters and Frank Gibbons on defense, Harold Mooney, Duke Lindsay, "itch" Marno, Normie Morton, Bus Morton, Frank Terry and Keith Scott in their line-up. Back then, Jim Wood, Alex Marshall and Bill Maloney also played some games during the season.

EVEN A NEUTRAL like the sports reporter of the Galt Reporter predicted an Acton win on the series. He said "Durham wasn't as good as they were in the past. We see no reason why things should be different when the clubs meet later in the week. Tanners may not appear put on the push but they engineered last night preferring to save themselves for the neck series but that'll not make much difference. We doubt if Durham will score a win, let alone make up that five goal deficit."

You know what happened or we've already guessed. When the series returned to Durham's postage stamp arena the home club overcame the big five goal lead with a 7-1 win, scoring the clincher on the last minute of play. It was the only loss for the Tanners in 21 games and they were eliminated.

Key standouts in Durham were terrible but both teams had to play on it and the Durham club was stronger. The Acton club was accused of everything from gross over-confidence to being "hull-canned" both of which were vigorously denied by hockey club officials and the referees in letter to the Free Press.

The Free Press of March 19th, 1936, summed up pretty well. Am we downhearted? NO!!! But blamed badly disappointed.

THE CURRENT SERIES between the Tanners and Durham Huskies isn't liable to raise that type of controversy. Judging by the first appearance of the Huskies here, Monday night the Tanners know they've got a hard row to hoe to beat the northern finalists.

It would have been easier to give a critical judgment on the series, a best-of-seven, if Tanners had been at full strength. But they were playing without Blake Inglis, the club's leading scorer, brother Gerry, a hardrock on defense and forward Ron Mellon.

Durham is sporting an entire line familiar to Acton fans in the Reeves and McEacherns from Mount Forest. One of their big guns from Harriston, Parker, also a former Mount Forest scoring star is missing which denies a real assessment of the Huskies.

We do know they're young, well coached and not afraid to mix it up. If Acton can regain the form they showed at the latter part of the schedule we think they can take this set and the attendant championship. However, they'll have to be in top form.

Maybe coach Junior Beaumont can whip them into shape in time for Friday's game here. It'll depend on a lot of things including a full team on hand. The Inglis brothers coach Georgetown teams which are both in the O.M.H.A. finals. That explains their absence Monday. They are both supposed to be in Tanager every Friday.

BEAT EYES ... Milton Midgets are in the O.M.H.A. final against Hanoverville after eliminating St. Marys in the "B" finals. The county town Pee Wees were eliminated by St. Marys but that semi-final series is under protest. Arn McDuffe, the Milton sleuth, uncovered evidence St. Marys used an ineligible player. Milton also registered a protest with the O.M.H.A. over Elmira Banquets using ineligible players whom they ousted the Halton capital. Elmira had been tossed out but the O.M.H.A. turned a deaf ear to the Milton protest ... No. 16 on the Durham Huskies is a brother to Keith Allen, teacher at the Robert Little public school ... Georgetown Pee Wees, coached by Blake Inglis, were in the O.M.H.A. semi-finals against Leamington ... Tournaments start all over Ontario for minor hockeyists this week including one at Georgetown, Milton, Brampton and Goderich ...

Scores

Scores for the first 12 games of the Seventh Annual Tri-County Juvenile tournament are as follows:

SATURDAY

Acton 6 Alderwood 2 (C); Richmond Hill 2 Georgetown 0 (B); Delhi 4 Woodbridge 4 (C); Delhi won with 12 shots on goal compared to eight for Woodbridge; Waterloo 2 Oakville 1 (A).

MONDAY

Milton 4 Preston 2 (C); Mount Hamilton 2 Tillsonburg 1 (B); Elmvale 4 Cabotonia 0 (C); Weston 5 Bowmanville 2 (B).

TUESDAY

Marlies 4 Burlington 2 (A); For Erie 4 Orillia 2 (B); Bolton 0 Markham 0, Bolton won on shots on goal 11-4; Hespeler 3 Dunnville 1.

Flyers Square Series With 5-3 Win Sunday

Deciding game for the Acton Industrial hockey league championship will be this week as the result of last Sunday's 5-3 win by Flyers, which squared the final series with Cardinals in one game apiece.

Bouncing back from their defeat in the first game of the best-of-three final, Flyers broke a 3-3 deadlock with a pair of third period goals to banish Cards' hopes of taking the set in two straight.

Both clubs had good opportunities to add to their totals but either hit the goal posts or missed yawning nets with erratic shots. Top notch officiating kept the game, a fast, pleasing contest for spectators, clean. Six penalties were imposed, four of them served by the losers.

Cards in Front

Jim McDonald shot Cards in front on a combination with Keith Allen early in the first stanza, but Flyers' Gord Mason fired the equalizer from Dave Papillon and Jack Keuzie. Tied 1-1 as they went into the second period, Jim McDonald pulled the string again to put the red birds up, only to have Wayne Sheppard knot the count again from Harry Phillips.

Keith Allen bagged Cardinals' final tally from Jim McDonald, a solo effort by Harry Phillips squared the score at 3-3.

In the last period, Wayne Sheppard notched his second goal of the night, to put Flyers in front for the first time in the game. Noah Russell assisted then Gord Mason bagged his second of the game, which was all the insurance needed for a Flyers victory.

Flyers: Bob Sheppard, Mel Sheppard, Don Lindsay, Jack Keuzie, Wayne Sheppard, Gord Mason, Harry Phillips, Ken Tuck, Al Holmes, Wayne Wilson, Dave Papillon, Noah Russell.

Cardinals: Wayne Cavemore, Keith Allen, Bob Bruce, Bruce Barber, Howard Dwyer, Gary Ritchie, Tom Oakley, Fred Currie, Fred Andrews, Jim McDonald.

Officials: Harold Townsley, Danny Arbie, Ches Pecha.

Key Game Here Friday Night

One of the biggest crowds of the season is expected at the W.O.A.A. Int. 'C' major final renewal, here, Friday night. It's the third game of the best-of-seven series and the Tanners must win to stay in the running for the championship.

Durham has already demonstrated they're a tough team to deal with on Acton ice. Friday's contest should be a key game in the finals.

The series will then resume in Durham Monday and if a fifth game is necessary, it will be played in Acton next Wednesday.

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BILLY WHEELER
Going Concern

D. Reeves rattled one past Sweeney on a neat combination effort with R. Reeves and Noble at 7:20 to deadlock the score again. Twelve seconds later Junior Beaumont drilled his first goal of the night to put the Tanners back in the driver's seat.

L. Schafer potted his second of the night at 12:09 for another scoring knot and from that point the rest of the period was Durham's. Three more counters packaged it up for them.

The Huskies hung back and

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Acton Juniors Win 6-2 To Open Milton Tournament

Danny Arbie, Barry Elliot and Jan Riddell clicked for two goals each to boost Acton Juniors to a well deserved 6-2 victory in the opening game of the Seventh Annual Tri-County Juvenile Tournament in Milton Saturday morning.

The hard skating Acton crew, coached by Intermediate star Fred Kentner, dominated the play throughout the game to earn the win over a strong Alderwood contingent. The only Alderwood goals were scored while Acton players were sitting in the sin bin.

Short-handed

OKhiro started the scoring in the contest at 12:03 of the first period, rapping a passout from Mohr while Acton was a man short. Just 40 seconds later, Barry Elliott scored his first goal of the game to put the Acton club on even terms. Bill Cook assisted on the play.

Mohr's tally at 17:05 put Alderwood in front again but rapid-fire goals by Danny Arbie from Jan Riddell and Riddell from Gary Taillefer gave Acton a 3-2 lead before the end of the first period.

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