



MISERY THROUGH one of Saturday's Legion town league hockey games the referee blew his whistle. During the play stoppage the one of the diminutive Atom goalkeepers started skating for the bench.

Encumbered by bulky pads and paraphernalia goalies wear, it seemed ages before he reached the bench. Once there he clung to the boards and anxiously awaited the coach to bend his ear.

"Save me," whispered the mopper into the coach's ear, "but I think I gotta ...". The last words were hardly distinguishable. "You gotta what?", asked the coach, heading down lower to catch the words.

The boy was faintly embarrassed. He looked around at curious eyes, and turned back to the coach.

"I gotta go to the bathroom," he blurted out.

"Oh no!" roared the manager. The whole bench joined in.

"Oh, no, they groaned.

"Yeah, I gotta," admitted the boy sheepishly, his embarrassment showing plainly.

"Well if you gotta, you gotta," said the coach throwing up his hands. "You on?"

Object of three dozen pairs of eyes the young totter tender plucked his way through the astonished players to the exit door. After what seemed like ages the door slowly creaked and the bulky little figure emerged. He collected his stick, skated to the net and the game went on as though nothing had happened.

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LEGION LEAGUE officials who trudge down to the community centre every Saturday through the hockey season chucked their heads in despair. It was just another incident in the job of running a hockey league for aspiring Gordie Howes, Eddie Shacks and Johnny Bowers.

They get more than their share of headaches from kids who lose their gloves, forget their skates, or leave little brother at the rink but they get a few laughs, too. It helps to ease the burden of operating the league which has about 200 boys playing from Atom to Midgets.

They sort out sweaters, dole out pucks, keep scores, make up schedules, register boys, arrange ice time, soothe jangled nerves, keep time and do countless little things which no one has bothered to keep track of. Heading the committee which operates the league this season is Bob Louttit. He's assisted by Bill (Boomer) Buchanan, Ted Pope, Charlie Thompson, Ivan Kilby and former sports officer Gord James in an advisory capacity.

The league is unique not only because every boy is given equal ice time regardless of his ability but also because it's financed solely by the minor sports committee of the Legion. Ivan Kilby looks after sale of \$650 tickets which constitute the main source of income for the minor sports project. Ticket sale is supplemented by other projects on a smaller scale.

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HACK-TO-BACK games with Hespeler and Orangeville will see the Tanners gunning for wins five and six Thursday and Friday nights. They go to Hespeler Thursday and entertain Orangeville here on Friday.

Two victories would leave them undefeated when they face Durham Huskies here a week from Friday. Huskies haven't tasted defeat yet either.

However the first hurdles, Hespeler and Orangeville, will be no easy mark. Hespeler is a tough team, especially on home ice. Orangeville is off to a slow start but they've been improving lately and they have one of the league's fastest skating clubs. They miss Jack Watson in goal. (He's tending twine for Hespeler), but they've got a good replacement in Gordy Hart.

Junior Beaumont is busy fashioning a rearguard for the Tanners who have only Fred Kentner left from last year's blue line brigade.

Murray Marchment has been a better than adequate defender but the injury to Bob Marshall has left another vacancy. Gary Cooper has played two games and he looks like hell help the club but it's no secret the fourth spot needs a rock 'em and sock 'em type. It makes an offensive team keep their heads up, hurry passes and worries a little they might just get creamed.

Another new player, Bill Campbell, made his first start with the Tanners Friday against Fergus. Coach Beaumont has plans to use him for a centre. Campbell lives on the fourth line, Equalling.

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BEAT RITS ... Don Lindsay, personal manager of the A.B. atom team, selected as the Most Valuable Player of the Georgetown Giants intermediate baseball club for the season of 1965. A trophy was presented with the award at a baseball night in Georgetown recently. Best caught for the Giants who won more games the past season than most Georgetown entries in the Halton County League, was Ed Goss. Mike Doherty and brother Jim pitched and played the outfield. Dennis Gibbons, Dan Atkin, Pete Lawson, George Goss and Brian McFarland were other Atom boys on the outfit. Ken Lawson was selected for the County All Stars ... Ed Goss attributes part of A.B.'s Midget fine play so far in Tri-County to the differences in skating techniques between Merv Jobe and himself. He's quick speaks softly to the boys Ed's the tell-all and an easy-type fan-type. Charlie Thompson would like to organize a radio hockey team along the lines of the football squad he and Ernie Spivogel tutored the past summer but so far has had to find a funding sponsor. Anyone interested in the Tanners play their first home game Jan. admits he couldn't take the heating intermediate hockey administrators now. He's busy in London organizing hockey for schools and men in city leagues.

Georgetown, Milton and Orangeville are staging a close race for the leadership in the OJHA Junior 'C' central league ...

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Tanners Whip Fergus 8-6 Orangeville Here Friday

Action Tanners dipped the hides of Fergus Flyers in the tan vats Friday night to chalk up their fourth straight win of the current W.O.A.M.-Atom B-hockey season. Second loss in action this season. Fives bowed 8-6 in front of 250 fans who braved wet, windy weather to see a last minute bid by the visitors fall short by a goal.

Speared by a hat trick from the stick of pivot Bill Inglis, the win kept the Tanners in first place in the five team group, two points ahead of Durham, also undrafted. The Action club can extend their streak tonight when they play in Hespeler.

Friday night Orangeville Buffaloes make their first visit to Action and the Tanners hope to pin up win number six.

Three Quickies

Unlike the season's opening game between the two clubs, Friday's contest was close until the final bell. Score was tied 2-2 at the end of the first period but the Tanners rattled off three goals in less than three minutes in the early minutes of the second chapter to pull ahead to stay. They led 8-2 as the teams went into the finale.

Fergus came back strong in the final chapter and at one point

evened up for some soft ones. Fergus sank earlier.

Dominant Play

The Tanners, bolstered by newcomer Bill Campbell but missing Harold Townsend, dominated play through the game. Don Prickett in the Fergus cage pulled off some spectacular saves, especially in the first period when he was pelted with rubber form every angle. Only two pucks got by Prickett who was the outstanding player on both teams.

Coach Junior Beaumont had only three defencemen to spell off his regular shift so he used Jim Farrelly at the blue line for part of the game.

Besides triple scoring by Blake Inglis, the Tanners put goals from Danny Arbie, Howie Evans, Tim Morrison, Baxter, newcomer Bill Campbell and Walt (Snokes) Richardson. Two assists each were recorded by Doug Evans, Murray Marchment, Jim Farrelly and Walt Richardson while Bill Campbell, Blake Inglis, Fred Kentner, Gary Cooper and Tim Haines collected one apiece.

Fergus marksmen were Gordan Nolan who matched Blake Inglis' hat trick with one of his own. Perkins who drilled a pair and Ron Tipper bagged a single.

Jim Sweeney held the fort while the Action club bumbled in the final stanza. He made several key saves which helped to

halt the Tanners' momentum.

It was another strong performance by the Action club.

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