

# South Edges North 7-6 In First All-Star Tilt

The Southern All-Stars broke a second period deadlock with four goals and then had to hang on as the North came back strong in Sunday's W.O.A.A. All-Star game at Owen Sound. They hung on long enough to snag the North 7-6.

Third annual meeting between the two intermediate divisions in the W.O.A.A. was played under international rules.

Players from Acton, Hespeler, Terrapin, Orangeville and Durham made up the Southern All-Stars. The North was composed of players from Scarborough, Hanover, Walkerton, Kincardine, Owen Sound and Port Hope.

Jim Swenney and Jim Farrelly were the only representatives from the Tamers who made the trip along with group convenor Bob Marshall. However, the return game in Hespeler on Sunday afternoon, January 9, will see both the North and South at full strength as the South's captain, Doug J. McEwan, D. Woods, K. Hill, R. Ansell, W. Dowdall, J. Graham, J. Whittington (Hespeler), J. Farrelly (Acton), D. Park (Orangeville), M. Townsley (Orangeville), J. Nixon (Durham), T. Schuler (Durham).

South: Jim Swenney (Acton), Jack Watson (Hespeler), G. Abbott (Orangeville), J. Whittington (Hespeler), J. Farrelly (Acton), D. Park (Orangeville), M. Townsley (Orangeville), J. Nixon (Durham), T. Schuler (Durham).

North: Sid Stecker (goal), M. Miller, B. Neil, S. Carter, H. Sothland, J. Lytle, G. Kerr, K. Hill, R. Ansell, W. Dowdall, J. Graham, J. Whittington (Hespeler), J. Farrelly (Acton), D. Park (Orangeville), M. Townsley (Orangeville), J. Nixon (Durham), T. Schuler (Durham).

# Legion Hockey

Following are the leading scorers and standings in the Legion Hockey League's Acton series as compiled to date.

Player	Standings	
	W	L
Weston	1	0
Acton	1	2
Hamilton	1	3

  

Player	Scoring Leaders	
	G	A
Ken Harris	6	7
Bill Towndley	4	6
Steve Papillon	3	4
Ken Kuntner	3	3
Geord Toth	1	2
Steve Dagit	2	0
Billy Ware	0	1
John Kuntner	0	1
John Stochis	0	1
Garry Martin	0	1
Jim Horley	1	0
Steve Brunelle	1	0
Ricky Boginski	1	0

# Lions Announce Draw Winners

Winners in the Lions club Christmas draw were:

1st, Ken Praver, Acton; 2nd, J. Daddis, Toronto; 3rd, Tom Green, Acton; 4th, Dave Greenwood, Acton; 5th, Mrs. I. Davidson, Elm; 6th, E. Lev, Oshawa.

The draw was made Saturday, December 18.

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# Dusters Pull Tie Out of Industrial Bag

## Royals Tumble Cyclones, Lead League

Royals ascended to the top of the league ladder on Sun when they tumbled the Cyclones 8-3. In other Acton Industrial League Hockey action the slumping Dusters pulled their goaltender and scored with 30 seconds left to earn a 4-4 tie with the Bush whackers.

Gary Mavale's Royals were in control from the word go as they scored twice in the first period, four times in the second and once more in the third. Captain Mavale and John Cunningham scored twice for the winners while Bob Doyle, Dave Papillon, Greg Gow and Ron Schmidt scored one goal each. Dave Papillon was the leading assist getter with two and Schmidt, Cunningham and Black had one each.

Fred Andrew, Leol Duffield and Bruce Lambert replied for the losers and Andrew and Don Lindsay drew assists. Bob Sheppard was sharp in the Royal goal and John Leatherland and Wayne Casemore were sharp in goal for Cyclones.

**Tight Battle**  
The Bushwhacker-Duster battle was a tight fight to the final whistle. Two goals early in the game for the Dusters put them in a commanding position but the Cyclones came back to tie the score. Once again the Dusters took control in the third period but this time the Bushwhackers tied the score and went ahead with exactly one minute remaining in the game. In a last ditch effort to earn a tie the Dusters removed goaltender John Leatherland and kept an extra attacker. The move paid off as Gary Rich bulged the twine with 30 seconds left to tie the score for Dusters.

Ken Mallon scored twice for the Bushwhackers and assisted once while Noel Rowell and Fred Curry each scored once. Rudy Holmoe and Bob Skidgen drew assists. Gary Ritchie netted and Ricky Henderson and Harry Phillips had one each. Harry Williamson had Duster helpers.

# Tanners Entertain Huskies Tonight In Tight Battle for First Place

Tonight (Thursday) is an important date for Acton Tanners. They entertain Durham Huskies at the community centre in an attempt to stop Huskies' march for first place in the W.O.A.A. Int. B game.

Huskies lost an 8-6 decision to the Tanners in their last appearance. However, they evened up accounts four days later with a 6-5 win over the Acton club in the northern kernel. Tonight's game will put either team one up on the rivalry which was kindled last season in the championship series.

The Tanners, who've been having a low player turnout of their own, have been struggling to get to full strength for tonight's encounter, battling sickness and injury. They'd like a win to wind up the year as well as to preserve their first place position.

**Triple Tie**  
A victory for the Durham club tonight could create a three-way tie for the league leadership, depending on how Hespeler does against Orangeville the same night. If Hespeler chucks up a pair of wins at the expense of Tanners in their last outings, Orangeville's win tightened the tie.

**Orangeville Monday**  
Next Monday night the Acton club makes the trip to Orangeville for a rematch with the surging Buffaloes who picked up a pair of wins at the expense of Tanners in their last outings. Orangeville's win tightened the tie.



150 YEARS OF SERVICE to Beardmore and Co. Ltd. have been given by four employees who were honored last week by management during the annual foremen's Christmas party. The four men have reached the compulsory retirement age. Left to right are Tom O'Rourke, who has been employed for 39 years, vice-president R. P. Parker, who presented the men with cheques, Fred Cunningham, employed for 25 years, George Fryer, 50 years, newly-appointed company director Charles Heard and Barend Veldhuis, an employee for 36 years.

# Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY

All my life, I have admired organized people. This doesn't mean that I like them. In fact, my usual response to this type is instant hatred, because they make me look so confused in comparison.

You know the sort of person I mean. The chap lecturing at you from the life insurance ads, mortgage on house paid up, pension all figured out, and a big fat annuity when he retires at 60. And dies at 61 from sheer boredom because there's nothing left to organize.

Then there's the wife who runs her house like clockwork. Everything on time. Not a dirty ash tray. Not a half hour in the day for pure burning for anybody in the family. Surely it isn't her fault that her kids become greasy beatniks the minute they leave home, and her husband goes the normal course, from ulcer to coronary to stroke.

Much as I detest organization, I've got to let admiration over-rule distaste. It's not easy, after a lifetime of comfortable chaos, but I've been driven to it. By my daughter, friend of teenage blues the other day, she was something off on the utility of life. Naturally, I told her she was crazy, that life was a glorious adventure.

"Huh! Some adventure! Same old thing, day after day, week after week, year after year. Tell me, Dad, what do you and Mom have to look forward to?"

Well, that struck home. It didn't seem quite the moment to talk about the resurrection and the life ever after. Or even about growing old gracefully.

Or even about the sheer joy of having the living room papered.

It was right there and then I decided she was right. I don't plunge ahead toward a goal. I merely go around in ever decreasing circles. I don't seize life by the scruff of the neck and shake it. I merely beg it to leggo and stop shaking me.

And this is the reason I, who has never made a serious New Year's resolution in my life, have a list of this tottering from crisis to crisis. No more of this being late and lazy, inconsistent and inefficient, unhealthy and unwealthy.

Resolved that I'm going to stop pampering my kids. The next time Hugh suggests he needs another ten bucks, I'll punch him right in the nose. The next time Kim tells me I'm an old fat, TTP take a strap to her. It's going to be difficult, as she outweighs me by 10 pounds, and I couldn't beat that sweet if she committed murder. But organization will make it possible.

Resolved that I'm going to take regular exercises, something more strenuous than bending my elbow, striking a match, or taking a cap off a jar of jam.

Resolved that this column will be written at my leisure, not to a deadline which means springing through the snow to the mailbox at 9:59 p.m. In my slip-pers.

Resolved: that I will make lesson plans like the other teachers and not arrive daily, garb, and ask, "Well, where were we yesterday?"

Resolved: that I will stop being nice to people just because I like them, and will assiduously court those who can do me some good.

Sorry, we've run out of space. There are 374 other resolutions and I feel that I've just scratched the surface. But look for a dynamic, disgusting, Bill Smiley in '66. I'm organized.

# Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

THIS IS the time when one looks back at the past year, catalogues some of the highlights and makes resolutions for the next 12 months. It's a popular approach designed to make your coming year better than the last was of its predecessor.

The custom of picturing the new year coming in as a bouncing baby boy in top hat while the old year (often out holding a long white beard in one hand and a scythe in the other) doesn't quite hit the mark. It would be more appropriate to picture the old man handing his current crop of troubles to a much younger man who faces the future with benign countenance, unfretted by the problems that are sure to spring up, confident he can handle those to which he falls heir.

The custom of sports in Acton and district has had its ups and downs over the past 12 months but we can, I'm sure, benefit from the mistakes and take pleasure in recounting the high spots.

From memory, with the help of the Free Press files, I've catalogued some of the most important happenings in sport for the year just closing.

**Number one** was the second given to the Most Valuable Player in the Tri-County Hockey Association's juvenile series. Gary Waller, goaltender with Acton Juveniles, won the M.V.P. award in the middle of February and was presented with a "leopard" trophy in recognition of a later intermediate hockey game.

**On March 26th** Acton Tanners, group champions by default, swept the W.O.A.A. Int. C major semi-finals from an inexperienced Petrofka team in three straight games. Scores were 10-3, 8-1 and 8-2.

**April 19** - After one of the longest waits in record the Tanners met and lost their chance to capture the Int. C major crown when Durham Huskies took the final best-of-seven series 4-0. One of the largest crowds to see a game here since the immediate post-war years witnessed the third game which Durham won 3-2. Huskies won the game in front of 1,500 fans at home.

**Flivers won the Industrial Hockey League Championship** in

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