



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

TRI-COUNTY hockey teams had a novel way of supporting minor hockey week. They started playoffs.

By the time the week is over some teams are going to be on the outside looking in. Others will be continuing the hunt for a title.

For the five Acton teams in the Tri-County hockey association, playoffs will be a test of how much knowledge the kids have absorbed, how well they've practiced and how well the puck bouncers for them. There's an element of chance in every sport; hockey included. You've got to have luck as well as skill.

For that, some coaches carry a rabbit's foot. Although as the scoffer asks, What's so lucky about a rabbit who's lost a foot. There are other ways of placating the fates. You can neglect to shave, avoid black cats, throw salt over your shoulder or keep wood handy in case you might want to touch it.

DOUBT VERY MUCH if the local coaches and managers will rely on these dodges to take a win home.

"If my boys play as well as they did in Hespeler last Friday, we'll take Milton in the first round," said Novice coach Barry Incoe. We tied the game up in the last six seconds with the goalkeeper for an extra forward.

The novices start the best of three series in Milton next Monday, returning here Wednesday.

Pee Wee coach Gord Fricker and manager Bill Morrison felt they should have come out better than a tie in their first playoff with Milton Monday, but they brought home a split after an overtime session.

Bantam coach Harold Townsley and manager Herb Dodds engineered an upset when the Acton club took Orangeville in the first game of their best-of-three in the Dufferin centre.

ALL EYES will be on the midgets when they open the playoffs against Hespeler here on Friday. They've been the most successful Acton team in the Tri-County, finishing up the schedule whitewashing Orangeville and Preston.

When the midgets feel like playing hockey there's few clubs in the province any better as their appearances in tournaments testify. It'll be the job of co-coaches Herb Jobb and Ed Owen to "get the boys up" for this one with help from "Doc" Harkley, who doubles as manager of the team.

If the Acton kids eliminate Hespeler then they'll meet their old nemesis, Milton. There was a move afoot to have the Milton teams elevated into A minor since the town is well past the 6,000 mark but the county towners have influence in high places. They'll stay in "B".

Commented Acton minor hockey head Harkley. "They showed us up into 'B' quick enough when Acton passed the 4,000 mark!"

JUVENILE COACH Howie Leader and manager Dave Hunter were disappointed their club lost a 4-0 decision to Milton in the playoff opener Monday but the Acton team has been having its troubles since the season opened.

The Lions club agreed to sponsor them when 18 boys signified they wanted to play hockey. For the game Monday coach Leader had eight men to manipulate, hardly enough for a practice let alone a game.

Nevertheless the Acton team made a good impression. "Give me that team and another time," said Milton manager Bill Rowney, "and I'll bring home a championship."

Two weeks ago the regular goalkeeper moved out of town and Steve Goy took his place. Steve was edged 3-2 by Orangeville in his first net appearance. The Lions had only one line plus a man on the bench so most of the club played almost the entire game.

The stiffer playoff pace tired the Acton club Monday but they had more than their share of play. With a little luck they might have tied the series last night. Their determination to carry on in spite of a lack of numbers reflects the team's determination. But, both the coach and manager are asking what's wrong with boys of juvenile age in town. Don't they want to play hockey?

BEAT BITS ... The Tanners were due to play in Durham Sunday but snow cancelled the game. All the snow was in this area, however, so Durham officials checked with police to see if there was that much snow down here. They thought the Tanners were trying to squirm out of playing since they had only three or four inches of the white stuff.

Legion Hockey League

ATOM
 Brampton 2 — Weston 2
 Brampton goals were scored by Ricky Baginski from Steve Pappilon and Jim Hurley and John Schuts shot number two assisted by David Morris.

Jeff Townsley and Kent Kenner each scored an unassisted marker for Weston.

The game's lone penalty was served by Jeff Townsley.

Acton 1 — Brampton 0
 John McCutcheon bagged the only goal of the game, to give Acton the win.

Steve Brunelle of the winners and Kent Kenner of the losers served penalties.

	Pts.		Pts.
Weston	15	Baltimore	12
Acton	5	Cleveland	10
Brampton	4	Rochester	4
		Springfield	2

NOVICE
 St. Kitts 7 — Niagara Falls 1
 Barry Fisher scored two goals and collected three assists as St. Kitts thumped Niagara. Peter Hargrave also potted two goals and assisted on one while John Rochester scored once and helped twice. Steve Marshall drilled one and assisted on one and Peter Swin's counter made it seven.

Charlie McCrae got the lone Niagara goal from Gary Copeland.

Hamilton 4 — Oshawa 0
 Death bagged two goals and an assist. Schuts drilled one and helped on another and Bernie Taylor did the same as Hamilton blanked Oshawa. Jim McIntyre also picked up an assist.

	Pts.		Pts.
Hamilton	9	Pittsburg	3
Oshawa	7	Hershey	3
St. Kitts	7	Buffalo	3
Niagara Falls	2		

PEE WEE
 Baltimore 2 — Rochester 2
 George McPhail got a goal and an assist for Baltimore with Murray shooting the second marker. For Rochester John Snow fired

Tanners Edge Fergus 6-4 Orangeville Here Friday

With four regulars missing from the line-up, Acton Tanners more than had their hands full quelling Fergus-Fleets 6-4 Friday night in W.O.A.A. Int. 'B' hockey at the community centre.

Coach Junior Beaumont took a regular turn on the ice, to make up for captain Blake Inglis and Gary Cooper, sitting out one game suspensions, and the absence of Doug Evans and Gerry Inglis. Fergus was at full strength including veteran Bob Dobbie.



DON MCKENZIE
Improved Play



DAN ARBIC
One of Best

Prickett Peerless
 Thanks to a spectacular twine tending job from goalie Don Prickett, Tanners led 2-0 at the end of the first period. Tanners fired four straight goals in the second stanza on Jack Langdon, who replaced the ailing Prickett. Fergus came back to tie it up in the third period but the Acton club wrapped it up with another pair of counters, to chalk up their 10th win of the season against four foes and a tie.

The Tanners threw everything but the kitchen sink at Prickett in the first period, peppering him from every angle, but the ailing Fergus netminder stopped them all. He had to retire, however, at the end of the period in favor of Jack Langdon.

"I couldn't take another period of that," said Prickett.

Acton fans were glad to see him go. If he played that well when he's sick, said one fan, think of what he'd do when he's alright.

Tri-County Teams Busy With Playoffs

Playoffs for all Acton's Tri-County teams start this week and by the time this is read some of the Acton teams could have eliminated or been eliminated by another team.

The Novices, Pee Wees and Juveniles drew Milton as their opponents in the first round. The Bantams drew Orangeville as their antagonists in the first round while the Midgets, most successful of the Acton clubs, will face Hespeler in another two out of three.

Friday for Midgets
 First game for the midget club will be in Acton Friday night at 7 p.m. prior to the intermediate hockey game. The contest was scheduled at this spot to draw attention to Minor Hockey Week. Fans will have a chance to see both games if they wish.

Much attention will be focused on the Acton midget entry in the playoffs. They wound up ahead of Georgetown, Preston, Orangeville and Hespeler in the group and they stand a good chance of taking the group crown.

They're coached by Herb Jobb and Ed Owen and managed by Garnet (Doc) Harkley.

Erase Deficit
 In the second period, it didn't take long for the Tanners to erase the two goal deficit Fergus built up on goals by Jefferson and Readyhough. Harold Townsley broke the egg when his angle shot hit Langdon's stick and made a wondrous bounce into the net. Don McKenzie tied the score at the 10:30 mark on a play with Townsley and Farrelly.

Then in the space of a minute and 15 seconds, Howie Evans hit for two quick goals, to put the Tanners up two. Dan Arbic set up the first marker and the second was honored on relays from Jim Cunningham and Townsley. Fergus cut the margin to one when Ozzie Haysler caught the Tanners sleeping and at the 3:32 mark of the third period, Clark Pollock tied the game up again

on a play with Perkins and Readyhough.

Townsley Tops
 Harold Townsley, along with McKenzie and Howie Evans top hand for the Tanners, drilled his second goal of the night at 6:47, to win the game. Fred Kentner and McKenzie assisted. Insurance was added at the 14 minute mark when defenseman Murray Marchment's high shot hit the target. Dan Arbic assisted.

Townsley had to be assisted from the ice when he was hurt in the third period, but he was able to rejoin the club before the chapter ended.

Bob Dobbie, back in the Fergus line-up, made a big improvement in the visitors, but he had some differences with referees Mills and Reid, which tacked a 10 minute misconduct onto a minor penalty he served in the late minutes of the second period.

Coach Junior Beaumont spotted himself effectively through

the contest and could have picked up a couple of goals. His shots were just off the corners.

First Period
 F: G. Jefferson (H. Perkins) 1:08
 F: Readyhough (Harper, Dobbie) 18:55
 Pns.: Farrelly, Tippen, Kentner.

Second Period
 A: Townsley 1:17
 A: McKenzie (Townsley, Farrelly) 10:30
 A: H. Evans (Arbic) 12:41
 A: H. Evans (Cunningham, Townsley) 13:56
 F: Harper (Cook) 15:09
 Pns.: Baxter, Townsley, Dobbie minor and misconduct, Kentner.

Third Period
 F: Pollock (Perkins, Readyhough) 3:32
 A: Townsley (McKenzie, Kentner) 6:47
 A: Marchment (Arbic) 14:00
 Pns.: Baxter.
 Officials: Ralph Millie, Barney Reid.

Acton: J. Sweeney goal, F. Kentner, M. Marchment, J. Cunningham defense; J. Farrelly, H. Townsley, D. McKenzie, Jr., Beaumont, E. Baxter, D. Arbic, T. Haines, H. Evans, forwards.
 Fergus: D. Prickett, J. Langdon, goal; J. Readyhough; G. Jefferson, R. Tippen, C. Pollock, H. Perkins, B. Dobbie, O. Harper, P. Cook; J. McCabe, G. Abbott, G. Larmer, G. Nolan, N. Leis, G. Watt.

Three Games This Week

Sunday's dense snowfall prevented the Tanners from journeying to Durham for a scheduled contest but they have another date with the Huskies next Tuesday in the north on top of games Thursday and Friday this week.

Thursday (tonight) the Acton club makes the trip to Hespeler for another match with the Mic Maes who currently lead the league. In their last appearance there the Tanners brought an overtime win home.

Friday night the Tanners entertain Orangeville Dufferins at the community centre. Dufferins beat Acton the last time they were here. Both clubs will be anxious for a victory, Dufferins to keep in playoff contention and the Tanners to reap revenge for the loss they suffered in the last meeting.

Novice Pull Goalkeeper Tie Up Game in Hespeler

Acton Novices pulled an upset Friday night when they tied Hespeler 5-5 right in their own rink. The Hespeler club has lost only two games and tied one this season and had never been beaten.

With only 10 players, Acton outskated and outplayed their hosts, holding a 4-3 edge going into the final stanza. But Hespeler counted two quick goals within two minutes to go ahead 5-4 in the final 20.

Coach Barry Incoe pulled goalie Terry Holmes for an extra forward in the last minute when Hespeler drew a high sticking penalty at 19:37 with the face-off in their end. The move paid dividends.

In the scramble for the puck it was passed back to Glen McKenzie on the point. He lifted a high backhand which bounced in front of the Hespeler goalie and bounced over his pad into the net. There were only six seconds left to play so the teams ended up 5-5, the second tie this season for Acton with the goalie on the bench.

Steve McIntyre scored three goals for the Acton squad, Billy McGilloway one and Paul Daley had two assists.

The Acton club meets Milton in the O.M.H.A. playoffs starting Monday, Jan. 31st in Milton and returns to Acton next Wednesday for the second game. Third game, if necessary, will be in Milton.

Industrial Hockey Duet

Cyclones, Dusters Notch Wins

By Clair Voyant
 Last period flurries for both the Cyclones and the Dusters paid off on Sunday evening as they swept to exciting victories in Acton Industrial League hockey action.

Stu MacDonald fired three markers to pace the Cyclones to a 7-5 win over the Bushwhackers. Don (Ducky) Harris chipped in with a pair of goals and Fred Dunn and Bruce Lambert each tallied once. Harris earned two assists and Dunn, MacDonald and Larry Porte each had single helpers.

Jim MacDonald scored twice and Noel Rowsall, Gord Mason and Ruddy (Gus) Holmes notched the other Bushwhacker counters. Roy Hawkins, Wayne Shepherd, Ron Mellon and Holmes had an assist each.

Denny Dings One
 Denis Gibbons' twine-bender with less than four minutes left in the game nudged the Dusters to a 4-3 victory over the Royals. Gary Ritchie continued to be the hottest scorer in the league with two goals and an assist, and Red Phillips scored once and assisted twice for the winners. Single helpers went to Ricky Henderson, Brian McCristall and Jeff McLarson.

Doug Black had two goals for the Royals and Ed Hilliard had one, with Doug Vickery and Howie Leader assisting.

TOP TEN SCORERS

Name	G	A	Pts
Harry Phillips	17	8	25
Gary Ritchie	10	11	21
Stu MacDonald	9	9	18
Ron Mellon	8	10	18
Red Andrews	14	3	17
Jim MacDonald	6	9	15
Wayne Sheppard	11	4	15
Gary Masales	7	6	13
Bob Doyle	10	3	13
Ruddy Holmes	4	5	13

Leading Goalkeeper

Name	GA
Bob Sheppard	37
John Leatherland	40
Andy Williams	54
Wayne Casmore	64

League Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Dusters	4	3	3	11
Cyclones	4	4	2	10
Royals	4	4	2	10
Bushwhackers	4	5	1	9

Statistics do not include the first two games of the season.

Kinsmen, Acton Deadlock First Game of Playoffs

Fast paced Pee Wee action was featured Monday evening when the Milton Kinsmen battled with Acton in the opening game of the best of three Tri-County "B" semifinals. After regulation time and a 10 minute overtime period however, not much had been settled as the teams fought to a 5-5 deadlock.

Second game in the series will be played tonight (Wednesday) in Acton with the third game for Saturday in Milton.

Neither team held a lead for too long as Pete Morrison put Acton in front in the first period and Harold Merry scored his first of

three goals of the evening to tie the count. Richard Murray and Bob Walters earned assists.

Scores Again
 In the second stanza Merry scored again, this time on passes from Jim Robertson and Fraser-MacKay and then Joe McCarthy potted a relay from Dave Heipel, to give Milton a 3-1 lead. Brad Timbers and Riny Schuts each counted within two minutes to tie the score again.

In the final stanza it was Milton that had to fight back as Bob Krol put Acton in front. Harold Merry's third goal of the game at 9:05 on passes from Richard Murray and Jim Robertson made it 4-4.

Jim Robertson got Milton started on the right foot in the overtime session as he netted relays from Harold Merry and Hugh Marshall at 2:05, but Mike Field scored for Acton while Milton was a man short, to tie the score for keeps.

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Monday 9-11
 Allan Ellerby 4, Jim Graham 4, Wes Beatty 4, Dick Lee 4, Gord McCutcheon 4, Bruce Carrill 4, Mick Holmes 2, Don MacMillan 2, Ted Tyler Jr. 2, Ken Marchment 0.

Tuesday 7-9
 Andrew Nolan 6, Dr. T. B. Moore 5, Len Lovell 3, Gord Cooper 3, Dr. A. J. Buchanan 3, Bunk Holmes 3, Jack Ridley 2, Alex Zbeinoff 2, Claude Cook 2, Chester Anderson 1.

Tuesday 9-11
 Ted Tyler Sr. 6, Bill Toth 4, Bern Van Fleet 4, Rev. A. H. McKenzie 4, John Buchman 4, Margaret Toth 3, Fyfe Somerville 2, Don Timmings 2, Harvey Lavery 1, Vic Patrick 0.

Added Features Old Timer Visit

Minor hockey officials have added more features for the annual visit of the National Hockey League Old Timers to Acton on Friday, February 18.

In addition to the star-studded exhibition between N.H.L. Old-timers and the Tanners, there will be a Tyeke Hockey exhibition between periods. Acton Figure Skating Club will perform many of their numbers and a couple of lucky draws will be thrown in as well for a pair of tickets for an N.H.L. game, and another for a wrist watch and mantle clock.

Former recreation director Jim Cashin has agreed to come over from London to help referee the Old Timer game.

Midgets Shut Out Orangeville, Preston

Goalkeeper Paul Cooper registered two shut-outs as Acton Midgets blanked Orangeville 1-0 here last Wednesday night and applied the whitewash brush to Preston here on Sunday by a 2-0 score.

Only goal of the Orangeville encounter was scored by Ken Maltby, assisted by Ken Owens. Barrie Elliott drilled the first Acton goal Sunday against Preston with help from Ken Maltby, then Ken Owens registered, assisted by Jim Barden and Lloyd Smallwood, to widen the gap by two.

Bantams Win First Playoff In Overtime

Bob Andrews scored an overtime goal to give Acton Fire-fighter Bantams a 4-3 victory in the first game of the O.M. H.A. playoffs in Orangeville Monday night.

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