

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

SPECTACLES like Friday night's, when Orangeville Duffers showed up for a scheduled W.O.A.A. Int. B game with only seven players, should be avoided if intermediate hockey is to retain its popularity with the paying public.

Acton officials were embarrassed. A good-sized crowd was on hand to see a renewal of the rivalry between the Tanners and Duffers, which has produced fast, exciting hockey in the past. They were disappointed.

Diminished Dufferin ranks made the result a forgone conclusion. The visitors could never hope to make much of a game of it.

Even the players showed faint embarrassment. Anxious to keep the visitors who did appear, heathily, the Tanners played out of character. They avoided penalties, accumulating only four over the 60 minutes. When a Dufferin was knocked down there was always an Acton player handy to assist him to his feet.

You had to look twice to see if it wasn't two other teams out there. Earlier meetings this season have produced at least 12 to 15 penalties between the same two clubs.

FORTUNATELY, it is a rare occurrence when a visiting team is punted down to one man on the bench. In their last appearance here Orangeville showed up with only three spares but they went home with a win.

The players shortage seemed to produce an extra effort from the team and they caught the over-confident Tanners off balance.

Disappointed by the poor turnout of players Friday night, Orangeville officials were considering withdrawing from the league.

It's not fair to you or to our players when this happens," explained Don McMillan before Friday's game. Don not only manages but sponsors the team. "I feel badly about it but unless we get more support from the players we've got no alternative but to pull out."

"I called all the players at noon hour and got promises from them to appear for tonight's game but this is all that showed up," he apologized to convener Bob Marshall.

"After the game, however, Mr. McMillan indicated the team had changed its mind. We're going to continue, he told the convener and make an extra effort to get players out."

UNLESS THE MIDGETS turned around and won the third game of the set with Hespeler last night (Wednesday) all the Tri-County teams from Acton will be eliminated this week.

The juveniles, bantams and pee wees are already on the sidelines and it's likely the novices will join them. The novices lost a 10-0 decision to Milton in their series opener in Milton Monday.

For the juveniles it was a case of merely going through the motions in the second game of their playoff series with Milton. Some of the players evidently figured they might just as well indulge in their ignominious as sticking to hockey. Result was "Milton trimmed them good."

There were obvious attempts to injure Milton players and the referees were baited until tempers flared. It was one of the poorest displays of sportsmanship on the part of an Acton team in many years. Both Acton manager Dave Hunter and coach Howie Leader were disappointed in the showing because for the first time in weeks they had four players on the bench. The reserve gave them a good chance of upsetting the Milton club but some of the players, urged on by spectators, wouldn't cooperate.

Don't very much if the juveniles will attract anyone to sponsor their next season unless there's a big change in attitude on the part of some boys who figure hockey's a good place for them to vent their personal animosities against referees and players on opposing teams.

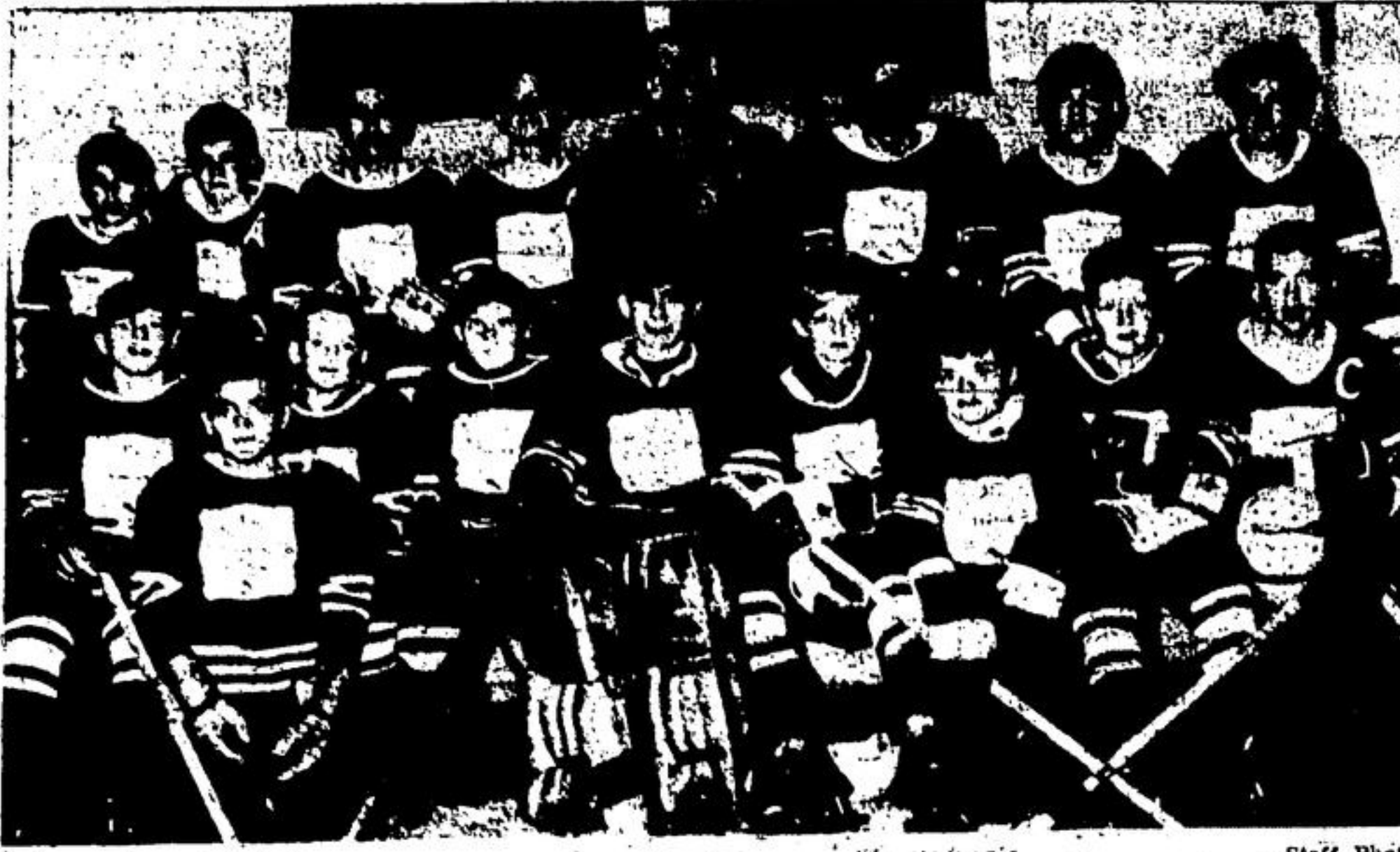
Midgets Lose Tie Hespeler

Only seconds away from a 2-1 win in the opening game of the Midget B playoffs, Acton U.P.W.A. Midgets allowed Hespeler to tie the score and an overtime period didn't settle anything.

The Hespeler crew pulled their goalie in the last minute and the Acton club took the face-off and drove it down the ice, missing the yawning net. When the puck was pulled-back for icing Hespeler got the draw and put it behind goalie Paul Cooper on a carom.

Saturday the two teams met in Hespeler for the second game of the series and the underdog Hespeler crew blanked the locals 2-0 for a one game lead in the set.

Third game of the series was played last night here.



ACTON FIREFIGHTERS-sponsored Bantam team in the Tri-County league are shown prior to their game last week. Front row left to right Roy Mainprize, Charlie Giddon, John Last, Jim Stevenson, Craig Weldon; Bill Fields, Dan Dunbar, Bill Pendleton and Dave Dunbar. Back row left to right are Bob Andrews, Mike Cooper, Brian Given, Danny McLennan, coach Harold Townsley, Peter Marzo, Cris Norman, and Glen-Taillefer. Missing when photo was taken was manager Herb Dodds.



ACTON Y'S MEN-sponsored Pee Wee team entered in the Tri-County league are shown prior to their game last week. Front row left to right are Randy Weldon, Riny Schuts, Danny McGilloway, Teddy Hagán, Carl Reed, Bill Fricker, Bob Krul and Henry Toebes. Back row left to right are Brad Timbers, Pete Morrison, coach Gord Fricker, Mark Nielsen, manager Bill Morrison, Mike Field and Bob Hatch.



ACTON JUVENILES, sponsored by the Lions Club, were ousted from the Tri-County playoffs last week at the hands of the Milton Club two straight. Front row left to right are Ross Morton, Jan Riddall, Steven Goy, Steven Townsley and Allan McNabb. Back row left to right are Kevin Hall, Phillip Drysdale, manager Dave Hunter, Garry Taillefer, coach Howie Leader, Gerry Ockenden and Bill Cook.

Lions Ousted By Milton Two Losses

A totally convincing 8-0 victory over Acton Lions Juveniles on Wednesday evening eliminated the Milton Harvesters Juveniles into the Tri-County Juveniles "B" semifinals.

Two goals from the stick of Richard Clement plus single tallies from Jim Ervin, Bill Westhof, Tony Barr, Jim Cole, Rupert Colfen and Maurice Miljour, boosted the fast skating Harvesters to an easy victory in the second and final game of the best of three series. Milton will now face either Hespeler or Orangeville in the league semifinals and the winner will go on to play Fergus.

Although the Harvesters had little trouble outplaying the Acton team, they got roughed up in the process as officials called 11 penalties against the Lions and charged, "it was the poorest display of sportsmanship we've come across this season. Included in the 11 Acton penalties were a misconduct and a game misconduct. Milton players were chased to the sin bin on two occasions."

The Harvesters led 3-0 at the end of the first period, 5-0 at the close of the second and added three more unanswered goals in the final stanza. Mike McGrath and Jim Cole had a pair of assists each for the winners and single helpers went to Bill Weston, Richard Clement, Jim Ervine, Maurice Miljour and Jerry Duncan.

Milton Eliminates Pee Wees

The Milton Kinsmen Pee Wees eliminated Acton from the Tri-County playoffs with a 9-2 victory in Acton on Wednesday and a convincing 5-0 win in Milton on Saturday.

Milton took command early in the game, scoring three times in the first period and twice in the second before Randy Weldon put Acton on the scoreboard. The Kinsmen kept up the pressure in the final period, to outscore Acton 4-1. Mike Field got credit for the other Acton goal.

In the Saturday game in Milton, Pat Devlin held Acton scoreless for two periods and Brad Evans finished the game, to register a joint 5-0 shutout.

Once again, the Murray, Merry, Robertson line was flying and continued to penetrate the Acton defence to register all five Milton goals.

Scores Winner Richard Murray scored what proved to be the winner on a long shot from the blue line when the game was just five seconds old.

The Kinsmen now move into the second round of the playoffs against Fergus, who ousted Orangeville in two straight games.

Tanners Trim Duffs, Huskies, Lose One

Defeat Duffs 7-3

Orangeville Dufferin's had only seven players for Friday night's tussle with the Tanners. The result was a one-sided contest which the Acton club won 7-3 without extending themselves too much in front of 400 fans at the community centre.

Missing the Inglis brothers, Blake and Gerry and Tim Haines themselves, the Tanners scored twice in the first period, two in both the second and third. The visitors bagged one late in the second and matched the Tanners in the third stanza.

Half Time It was the Tanners' eleventh win against five defeats and a tie. In deference to the Duffs who had only one spare, both the second and third periods were played, half stop and half straight time. Whether responsible or not, only four penalties were imposed by referees Millie and Reid — all to the Tanners. The visitors drilled one of their goals while a penalty was served. Usually an Orangeville-Acton clash is good for 14 or 15 penalties at least.

Bob Hogarth, the Orangeville twine tender, stopped an avalanche of rubber to keep the score relatively close. At the opposite end, Jim Sweeney had to be sharp on occasion when the fleet Dufferin forwards broke loose from the assembly around their own net.

Evans and Arbie Marksmen Howie Evans, Danny Arbie and Doug Evans were the most potent threesome for the Tanners, accounting for six of the goals and holding a decided edge in play when they were in the ice. Howie bagged himself a hat trick, Danny drilled a pair and Doug sank one. Harold Townsley's slap shot from left wing scored the other Acton counter.

Orangeville manager and sponsor Don McMillan, gloomy before the game's start because many of his players didn't show up, disclosed the club was thinking of folding. Further consultation after the game between the players and management brought a decision to finish the season up. More effort to entice players out will also be made.

"We've got a good club when we get them all out," said the Dufferin sponsor.

First Period

- A-H. Evans (E. Baxter) 4-29
- A-D. Arbie (D. Evans) 12-13
- A-D. Evans (D. Arbie, H. Evans) 19-26

Second Period

- A-H. Townsley (J. Farrelly) 1-41
- O-Townsley (McDonald, Poynter) 17-29
- A-D. Arbie (E. Baxter) 17-35

Third Period

- A-H. Evans (D. Evans, J. Cunningham) 3-30
- A-H. Evans (D. Evans) 6-03
- O-Poynter (Montgomery) 10-47
- O-Poynter (Townley, Park) 16-08

Penalties — McKenzie, Kentner.

Tanners Juggle For Playoff Spot

The league leading Hespeler Mic Macs breeze into town Friday night for a game with the Tanners who also play host to Durham Huskies next Wednesday night here.

With the end of the schedule only two weeks away both games will have a decided effect on the standings. The Tanners would prefer to wind up in second place if they can't finish first but Huskies are also contenders for both positions.

Unless the Tanners pick up their socks they'll be the third place team, which meets the first place finisher in the group semi-final playoff. The team in second place will take on the fourth place finisher. That's between Fergus and Orangeville.

A win here Friday night against Hespeler and another next Wednesday against Durham would strengthen the Acton bid for a strong playoff position as well as proving to fans they haven't lost their touch.

Tanners Trim Durham With All-Round Effort

Every player on the team gave their best effort and it paid off for the Tanners Tuesday night when they waltzed into Durham to whack the powerful Huskies 9-5 in a fast W.O.A.A. Int. B contest.

Their first win in two seasons on Durham ice the Acton club was bolstered by the return of veteran defenseman Max Stafford to the line-up. Max fitted right in, taking the missing Gary Cooper's turn on the ice. Tim Haines was the only other Acton player missing.

Coach Junior Beaumont moved Emmerson (Beaver) Baxter up into Haines' left wing slot on a line centred by Blake Inglis with Gerry on the other wing. His second line had Jim Farrelly at centre with Harold Townsley and Don McKenzie on the wings.

The so-called third line, which is the hottest thing in the league at the moment, with Howie Evans, Doug Evans and Danny Arbie pulling goals out of the hat played another good game Tuesday with Arbie and Howie Evans popping in pairs.

Score at the end of the first period was tied 3-3. The Tanners led 6-5 at the end of the second and extended their lead with two quick goals in the third stanza, adding another one later for a 9-5 decision. Jim Sweeney came up with another



MAX STAFFORD Returns to Fold

glittering effort in goal, blanking Huskies in the last stanza.

Manager Ed Footitt, elated at the Acton win, predicted victories at home against Hespeler Friday and again next Wednesday when the Tanners entertain Durham. He also made arrangements to play the postponed game with Durham there on Sunday, Feb. 20th.

Tuesday's win was the Tanners' twelfth. They've lost five and tied one.

Mic Macs Trample Acton 14-4

Hespeler Mic Macs extended their lead over the second place Tanners last Thursday night with a 14-4 whopping of the host-handled Acton team.

Their rank, established by superior play and strong defensive play, by Hespeler, showed up at Hespeler for the game, which only the net, Coach Junior Beaumont stressed that the previous week's game was the last of the 1965 season.

With two goals in the first period, the Mic Macs led 2-0 at the end of the first period. The Tanners scored twice in the second period and once in the third, but the Mic Macs scored 10 goals in the final stanza.

The game was a one-sided affair, with the Mic Macs scoring 14 goals to the Tanners' 4. The game was played at Hespeler and the Tanners were unable to score a goal.

CURLING

STANDINGS

Monday 7-9

- Ab Irwin 7, Jack McGeachie 5, Frank Van Wye 5, Meb Blow 4, Walter Dubois 4, Bill Dumarsh 4, Al Kirkness 3, Lorne Doberthein 3, Mae Dumarsh 3, Ethel Holmes 2.

Tuesday 7-9

- Andrew Nolan 8, Dr. T. B. Moore 5, Dr. A. J. Buchanan 4, Gord Cooper 5, Jack Biddle 4, Len Lovell 3, Bink Holmes 3, Chester Anderson 3, Alex Zbeznoff 2, Claude Cook 2.

Tuesday 9-11

- Ted Tyler Sr. 8, Bern Van Fleet 6, John Buckman 6, Margaret Toth 5, Bill Toth 4, Rev. A. H. McKenzie 4, Fye Somerville 2, Don Timmings 2, Vic Patrick 2, Harvey Laverty 1.

Mae Dumarsh, Kae Hansen and Mary Marks. Lucky draw prizes of tumblers, and bath salts were won by Phyllis Patrick and Betty Oakes.

Margaret Toth, Jackie Blow, Helen Otterbein and Mary Marks attended the Seven Year Filly at Oakville Curling Club.

Three Acton teams participated in the Legion District Playoff at North Halton Golf and Country Club. John Goy's team brought flashlights home as their prizes. Teams entered were: Mel Jordan, Harry Otterbein, Frank Van Wye and Sam Brunelle; Walter Dubois, Ab Irwin, Ab Robinson and John McHugh; John Goy, Mick Holmes, Jack Ridley and Al Kirkness.

The same day Bill Toth, Fye Somerville, Bob Armstrong and Roy Murphy curled at the Quebec Country Club and Alex Zbeznoff, Meb Blow, Geo. Williams and Lorne Doberthein at Brampton Curling Club.

Last Saturday Fye Somerville, Chas. Davidson and Max Storey along with Don Wingo of Georgetown entered the Farmers' Spiel at North Halton, and came home with first prize. They are to participate in a zone playoff at Brampton Curling Club later this month.

LADIES' AFTERNOON CURLING

Monday

- Eve Cooper 6, Willa Hewitt 4, Margaret Toth 4, Eleanor Goy 2.

Tuesday

- Gwen Tyler 8, Mae Dumarsh 6, Mae Wilds 2, Ethel Holmes 0.

Business Men

- Ted Tyler Sr. 8, Len Lovell 5, Bink Holmes 5, Dave Manes 4, Bill Toth 2, Gord Cooper 0.

Several teams from Acton Curling Club have attended out of town bonspiels recently.

Two teams entered the Shamrock Open in Erin. Eve Cooper, Phyllis Patrick, Rene Watson and Betty Oakes; also Gwen Tyler.

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