

# SPORTS SHORTS

**COACH JUNIOR** Beaumont pleased by the play of the Tanners last Wednesday in Durham and again here on Friday night when they toppled league-leading Hespeler, commented: "They're playing just the way I want them to, skating back with their checks and really moving that puck around."

Those two big wins put the Tanners into contention for a first place finish. At this writing they've got five games left, two with Durham, a pair with Fergus and one with Orangeville. If they play as well as they did last week, they will wind up in first place.

While the Tanners were scalping Mic Macs Friday, Fergus Flyers pulled another upset when they edged Durham Huskies 6-5 in Fergus. The much improved Flyers were four goals down at one point but they came back to narrow the gap to 5-4 at the end of the second period. Bob Doherty, a big reason for the resurgence, barked one in the middle canto. In the third period Flyers got goals from Ron Tippin and Grant Larmer and held on to take the win.

Fresh from the victory, Fergus will really be "flying" when they step in to Acton Friday. They've got their sights set on fourth place, the final playoff position. It's presently occupied by a shaky Orangeville club who'll be fighting tooth and nail to hang on to it.

**BRUCE HOOD**, of Milton, who referees in the American Hockey League, will soon be blowing a whistle in the N.H.L. on a trial basis. Now in his fourth season as a professional official, Bruce has handled 50 games, mostly in the American League, this season so far. He's often seen on the A.H.L. games televised from Hamilton. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Mell Hood of Milton, he's a brother to Murray Hood who formerly operated a business in Acton and is now prominent in the Milton sports fraternity.

Hood hoped he'd get a trial in the big league but wasn't counting on it. A shortage of capable officials hastened his debut. For an interesting story on the work of referees this scribbler recommends an article in a Toronto weekend paper on George Haines, an official who resigned from the N.H.L. rather than take an eye-test.

**BOTH ACTON** teams left in the Tri-County playoffs were eliminated last Wednesday. The Novices lost a 6-2 decision to Milton, who completed a sweep of the series, and the Midgets dropped the deciding contest of their set to Hespeler. Both teams played well, like all the Acton Tri-County teams, they showed a marked improvement this season.

It won't be long before Acton has a championship in one of the minor hockey classes. To "Doc" Harkley and his hard-working minor hockey executive we tip the chapeau. Hope you'll be back next year — better than ever.

**THINK ACTON** was the only place where they showed displeasure at officials by pulling eggs. The folks on you, Milton, the serene county capital, was the scene of a hen fruit fustade Friday in a taut Junior C hockey contest between Georgetown Raiders and Milton Merchants. The first place Raiders won 7-2, turning back a Milton bid to take over the top spot.

Alarmed by sagging attendance at home games, Guelph Regals have even cut off radio broadcasts of home appearances in an effort to bolster the (Continued on Page Six)

## Two Defeats Midgets Out

Hespeler Midgets, strengthened by an entire line which played junior C hockey most of the season, eliminated Acton U.P.W.A. Midgets from the Tri-County playoffs with a 4-1 decision here last Wednesday.

First game of the best-of-three set was tied 2-2 with Hespeler pulling their goalkeeper in the last few seconds to knot the count. An overtime period decided nothing. Second game was in Hespeler and the home team won a narrow 2-0 decision.

The Hespeler crew completed the task Wednesday with two last period goals after the Acton club was closed on a goal by Ken Malby and Allan McKenzie.

Although Hespeler wound up the schedule in the cellar they warmed to the task when the playoffs rolled around especially when they were reinforced by help from the juniors. They lost the first game of the league finale, 4-1 to Milton.

High hopes, entertained at the season's start for the Acton club's success, were dashed by the defeat. Coaches Herb Jobb and Ed Owen and manager "Doc" Harkley are veteran hockey men. They accepted the defeat but vowed they'd be back better than ever next season.

## Tanners Busy

With only four games left in the schedule before playoffs, this is a busy week for Acton Tanners.

Following last night's game with Durham here the Tanners entertain the resurging Fergus Flyers at the Community Centre Friday, Monday night the Acton club goes to Orangeville for a game with the Dufferins and the very next night, Tuesday, they check in at Fergus.

# Tanners Narrow Gap Twixt Top Two Scalping Front Running Mic Macs 8-4

One of the largest crowds of the season supplied plenty of background noise as Acton Tanners whacked the front running Hespeler Mic Macs 8-4 Friday night in W.O.A.A. Intermediate 'B' hockey here.

Playing with authority and speed to burn, the Tanners had Mic Macs off balance most of the night as they poured in on goal. Jack Watson, whose puck-stopping wizardry has stymied them on more than a few occasions, both in this and previous seasons. Thirteenth win of the current campaign for the Acton squad, it left them in second place, two points behind Hespeler, with a game in hand. It was their third win over the Mic Macs this season. They've lost two and tied one with them.

**New Look** Starting with the game in Durham the previous Wednesday, the Tanners looked like a different hockey club from the one that's been blowing hot and cold the past month. Each of the three lines was a threat every time they stepped on the ice. The defence tightened up in front of goaltender Jim Swaine and did some burning. That slowed up the speedy Hespeler squad, which lacked Weber, Wildlong and Graham in their lineup.

Gerry Inglis and Gary Cooper were missing from the Acton roster. The first two periods featured the best hockey seen in Acton this season. The Tanners took a 4-2 edge in the initial stanza, thanks to a pair of goals in the last two minutes while they played short-handed.

**Watson Whacks** Both clubs notched singles in



I.G.A. SPONSORED Novice Team are ready for final games in the Tri-County Hockey Association. Front row left to right are Ken Withers, Paul Daley, Terry Holmes, Chris Tennant and Bill McGilloway. Back row left to right are Gary Barden, David Lee, Steven McIntyre, coach Barry Insoce, Russ Van Fleet, manager Don Van Fleet, Glenn McKenzie and Gerald Barden. Missing because of other obligations were Timmy McIntyre and Steven Marshall.

## Royals, Dusters Supreme

Lopsided wins were in order for the first time this season as the Royals and Dusters easily handled their opponents and maintained a hold on first place in Industrial hockey action this week.

Royal performers fattened their scoring records as they tallied 10 times and blasted the Cyclones 10-1. Doug Black with a hat trick, John Cunningham with two goals and two assists, Ed Hilliard with two goals and a pair of assists and Ron Schmidt with a goal and four assists were the big point-getters for the winners. Bob Doyle notched a goal and an assist and Howie Leader tallied once. Ted Footitt's goal on a pass

from Stu MacDonald, was the only puck to get past Royal netminder Bob Shepherd.

**Marksman** Pete Marks was the hero for the Dusters as they romped to an 8-4 win over the tail-end Bushwhackers. The shaky skating right-winger scored three times. Linemate Brian McCristall had a pair of goals and two assists and Dennis Gibbons, Gary Ritchie and Red Phillips scored single goals. Bob Bruce turned in a strong game on defence and picked up four assists. Phillips and Ritchie had single assists. Wayne Wilson, Jim McDonald, Ron Mellon and Wayne Shepherd scored for the Bushwhackers.

W	L	T	Pts.	G.A.	
Royals	8	5	2	44	49
Dusters	5	4	4	14	53
Cyclones	5	3	13	83	
Bushwhackers	5	7	1	11	70

**Top Ten Scorers**

G.	A.	Pts.
Harry Phillips	24	9
Ron Mellon	13	14
Gary Ritchie	11	14
Stu MacDonald	14	10
Wayne Shoppard	15	6
Doug Black	14	5
Jim MacDonald	9	10
Fred Andrews	14	4
Ron Schmidt	9	3
Don Harris	5	12

the sandwich session, but the Tanners outscored the visitors 3-1 in the final chapter, which wound up with a piqued Jack Watson serving a five minute high sticking sentence in an intent uncordeial with Emmerson (the Beaver) Baxter. For his part in the slashing match, Beaver was assessed a minor by referee King and Reid, who at times performed like they were attending a game somewhere else.

Despite the off-color whistle tooting, the game, like grandma's soup, had everything in it. Blake Inglis put the Tanners in front with a shot that never left the ice on a three-cornered play with Tim Haines and Howie Evans.

But the visitors plunked in two goals within the space of a minute, to tie it up and go ahead at 11:41 and 12:35, while the Tanners tried vainly to clear. A slap shot from an angle which looked impossible to score from earned Harold Townsley a goal and Dan Arbie the assist, as well as knotting the count again at 2-2.

**Haines Scores** Tim Haines scored with a sizzler at 18 minutes, to put Acton ahead to stay at the 18 minute mark, while both clubs were short-handed. While the Tanners still played short, Beaver Baxter finished off a neat play, to give Acton a two goal lead.

Hespeler got one back on the first play of the second period, but Blake Inglis' second goal of the night nullified that while both clubs were short-handed.

**Staff's Home Debut** Acton lengthened its lead early in the final stanza when Max Stafford drilled a screened shot

forward Norm Love, a former Tanager, were banished for stick duelling in the second period, but timely intervention by officials prevented a fisticuff sequel, which both players seemed eager to start.

First Period	Second Period	Third Period
A: B. Inglis (T. Haines, H. Evans) 7:20	A: M. Stafford (J. Farrelly) 5:46	H: E. Plein (A. Plein) 9:28
H: E. Plein (D. Heipel, A. Plein) 11:41	H: L. O'Kraika (N. Love, Bill O'Kraika) 12:35	A: J. Farrelly 14:03
H: L. O'Kraika (N. Love, Bill O'Kraika) 12:35	A: H. Townsley (D. Arbie) 15:50	A: J. Farrelly (D. McKenzie, H. Townsley) 17:12
A: H. Townsley (D. Arbie) 15:50	A: T. Haines (J. Farrelly, M. Marchment) 19:14	Pens: Farrelly, Clemens, Kentner, Stafford, Heatherington, Townsley (2 mins, plus 10 min. misc.)
A: T. Haines 18:00	H: E. Plein (D. Heipel, A. Plein) 0:21	A: B. Inglis (T. Haines, J. Cunningham) 7:21
A: E. Baxter (J. Farrelly, M. Marchment) 19:14	Pens: Heatherington, Baxter, Bill O'Kraika, A. Plein, Kentner, Love, Stafford, Hespeler bench minor.	

**Hot Line Blanked** The line of Howie and Doug Evans and Dan Arbie, hottest unit for the Tanners in recent games, was blanked, but the other two lines picked up the slack. The Blake-Inglis, Haines and Baxter combination accounted for four of the goals, while the threesome centred by Farrelly rattled in three, counting Jim's pair and Townsley's single. Stafford's counter was the lone reply from the blue-line corps.

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## HOCKEY STANDINGS

W.O.A.A. INT. B. LEAGUE STANDINGS (Up to Feb. 4)

Games	P	W	T	L	Pts.	Left
Hespeler	20	14	1	5	29	4
Acton	19	13	1	5	27	5
Durham	18	11	1	6	23	6
Orangeville	18	4	0	14	8	6
Fergus	19	3	1	15	7	5

**Games This Week**  
Wed., Feb. 9 — Durham at Acton.  
Thurs., Feb. 10 — Orangeville at Hespeler.  
Fri., Feb. 11 — Fergus at Acton.  
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Mon., Feb. 14 — Acton at Orangeville.  
Tues., Feb. 15 — Acton at Fergus.

## Three Tanners In Top Ten

Three Acton players are among the leading 10 scorers in the W.O.A.A. southern intermediate group after the first 17 games. Blake Inglis, Jim Farrelly and Harold Townsley were in the top 10, which is headed by two veterans from Durham Huskies Jim Nixon and Andy Grant.

Nixon, a prolific goal-getter, heads the league with 52 points, composed of 25 goals and 27 assists. Tanager captain Blake Inglis is in third spot with 37 points from 19 goals and 18 assists.

Following are the statistics as compiled by league convenor Bob Marshall:

G.	A.	Pts.
Jim Nixon (D)	25	27
Andy Grant (D)	14	27
Blake Inglis (A)	19	37
Dave Heipel (H)	14	21
Buck Graham (D)	17	14
Larry Schafer (D)	8	18
Jim Farrelly (A)	13	12
Harold Townsley (A)	13	12
Jack Wildfong (H)	8	15
Bob Davis (D)	10	11

Letters after names indicate team: (H) Hespeler, (D) Durham, (A) Acton.

## Tri-County Bants Win Exhibition

The Tri-County Bantams chalked up a 1-2-3 decision over the Legion town league bantam All-Stars in an exhibition game Sunday.

The Legion league All-Stars, prepping for the Four Town Tournament, which is being held in Georgetown this year on March 12th are being coached by Ilio Marzo. This was their first test as a team.

The Firefighter Bantams, coached by Harold Townsley, got a four goal performance from Dave Dunbar, three goals from the stick of Roy Mainprize, a pair from both Bob Andrews and Pete Marzo and a single by Bill Field.

Brian Black, Ken Marshall and David LeBlanc replied for the Legion Bantams.

For Niagara Chris Schurs rattled in the pair, both unassisted. Penalties were served by John Cameron (2) and D. Death of the winners, J. Pink of the losers.

**PEE WEE**  
Baltimore 4 — Springfield 3  
Two goals in both the first and third periods sufficed Baltimore as they shaded last place Springfield, George McPhail, Gary Masters, David Rochester and Frank Holmes blanked the light with Masters also assisting on two, Holmes on one.

Springfield goals were registered by Graham Fraser with two and David Manes from David Braida.

Both penalties went to the losers, Fraser and Kuiken.  
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## Legion Town Hockey League

**ATOM**  
Brampton 4 — Acton 1  
Jim Hurley bagged two goals and an assist in Brampton's victory. Billy Ware and Johnny Ashley completed the scoring with a goal and assist each.

Gordon Toth sniped the lone Acton goal with help from Ivan Hearn.

Thornhill of the losers received the only penalty for tripping.  
Weston 1 — Acton 0  
Acton took its second loss of the day when Kent Kentner scored the only goal — for Weston. Lone penalty went to Gord Toth for holding.

**Standing**

W	L	T	Pts.
Weston	7	2	3
Acton	4	6	2
Brampton	3	6	3

**Scoring Leaders**

G.	A.	Pts.
Jeff Townsley, W	9	3
Ivan Hearn, A	7	3
Jim Hurley, B	6	3
Steve Papillon, B	3	4
Ken Kentner, W	3	4
Billy Ware, B	2	3
Ricky Baginski, B	4	1
Steve Brunelle, A	4	0
John Ashley, B	1	3
John Scovne, W	2	1
Gord Toth, A	2	0

**NOVICE**  
Oshawa 5 — St. Kitts 2  
Brian Storey notched a hat trick (3 goals) for Oshawa as they won and took the game's only penalty. Steve Shultz and Jensen rapped in a goal apiece. Assists were registered by James McNabb (2) and Brian Storey.

Gary Fisher and Swim scored for St. Kitts with Steve Marshall assisting Swim.  
Penalty went to Leslie Coles.  
Hamilton 3 — Niagara Falls 2  
Ron Death fired all three goals for Hamilton as they edged the Falls. Tim McIntyre assisted on two.

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assisting on two other goals. Steve Van Fleet and John Snow scored one apiece with Snow picking up two assists, Van Fleet and Rod Gibbons one each.

Brendan Irwin notched two goals for Cleveland. Wilson got one. Dale Fisher assisted on all three.

Penalties went to Holmes and Gibbons.  
**BANTAM**  
Hershey 8 — Buffalo 0  
The Bears mauled the Bisons in the one-sided bantam contest with Ken Marshall, Steve Garrett and Dave Le Blanc each shooting two goals. Bill Black and Brian Binnie potted one apiece. Marshall finished off a five-point performance with three assists. Clive Stewart collected two, Black and Binnie one.

The Bears were also penalized most, taking five sentences to Buffalo's four. Binnie, Death, Churchill, Garrett and Le Blanc served the time for the winners while Clare Snow was in the jug twice for Buffalo, Gord Lashby and Paul Milne once.

**MIDGET**  
Montreal 5 — Toronto 3  
Gary Kelly popped in two pucks for the Canadiens as they continued to master Leafs. Ray Hibbard, Dave Ryder and Ron Hagen each sniped a single. Stew McCullough collected two assists. Lloyd Smallwood and Harkley contributed one each.

Toronto goals were scored by Mike Marcoux, Cook and John Dowding with Marcoux also assisting on Dowding's.

Five penalties went to Perkins, Masales and Robinson of the Habs and Lee and Carriere of Leafs.

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