

Shorthanded Huskies End Tanner Streak

There might be strength in numbers but you'd never guess it from the performance of Acton Tanners treated a mid-week crowd of 300 fans to, here, last Wednesday. Durham Huskies munched into town with only nine men and showed a 9-5 defeat down the Acton club's throat in revenge for the tanning they absorbed on their own bailiwick from the Tanners' week previous. The defeat ended a three game win streak for the Tanners.

Nip and Tuck

For almost two periods, it was nip and tuck with the cagy Huskies conserving their numbers which in this case didn't fail them. Ahead 3-2 with less than two minutes left to play in the second period the Tanners collapsed — for 22 seconds. In that span Huskies rattled two pucks behind an unprotected Jim Sweeney to grab the lead and subsequently the game.

The visitors added three more goals in the early minutes of the third period before the Tanners decided they were still in the game and potted a couple of their own. But it was too little and too late. Despite a real crush, towering Royce Leonard in the Durham cage, survived and Durham capped its performance with another pair of counters.

Nixon Triples

Acton fans were made more aware of why centre Jim Nixon is at the top of the league scoring. The crafty veteran sank three goals for the winners, rebounding from a stiff check Fred Kentner jolted him with in the early minutes of the game to pot number one while Kentner sat out the ensuing penalty.

Don McKenzie, one of the hardest workers for the tanners tied the game after frequent assaults on the Durham net were turned aside. McKenzie's goal came in the last second of the first period. Emmerson (Beaver) Baxter put the Tanners in the lead at the 8:35 mark of the second stanza on a checkboard play with Blake In-

glis and Tim Haines but Nixon hit the target again 32 seconds later when he wasn't covered to tie it up. The Tanners grabbed the lead again at 10:58 when McKenzie backhanded one past Leonard after accepting Jim Farrelly's pass. Farrelly took the puck right in, deked Larry Schofer, one of the league's top defencemen, before putting it on McKenzie's stick.

Put on Pressure

Action was fast and furious in the second period with the Acton club putting on the pressure until the last two minutes. Then they let up and bang bang — Durham had two goals from the sticks of Davis and Laurence.

Nixon finished off a hat trick in the second minute of the third stanza. Mortley's screened shot — waist high — widened the gap and old Andy Grant made it 7-3. The Tanners woke up when Blake Inglebanked one in off the goalie's elbow from Haines at 12:25. When Murray Marchmont's screened strike hit the net from Blake and Kentner they were off again.

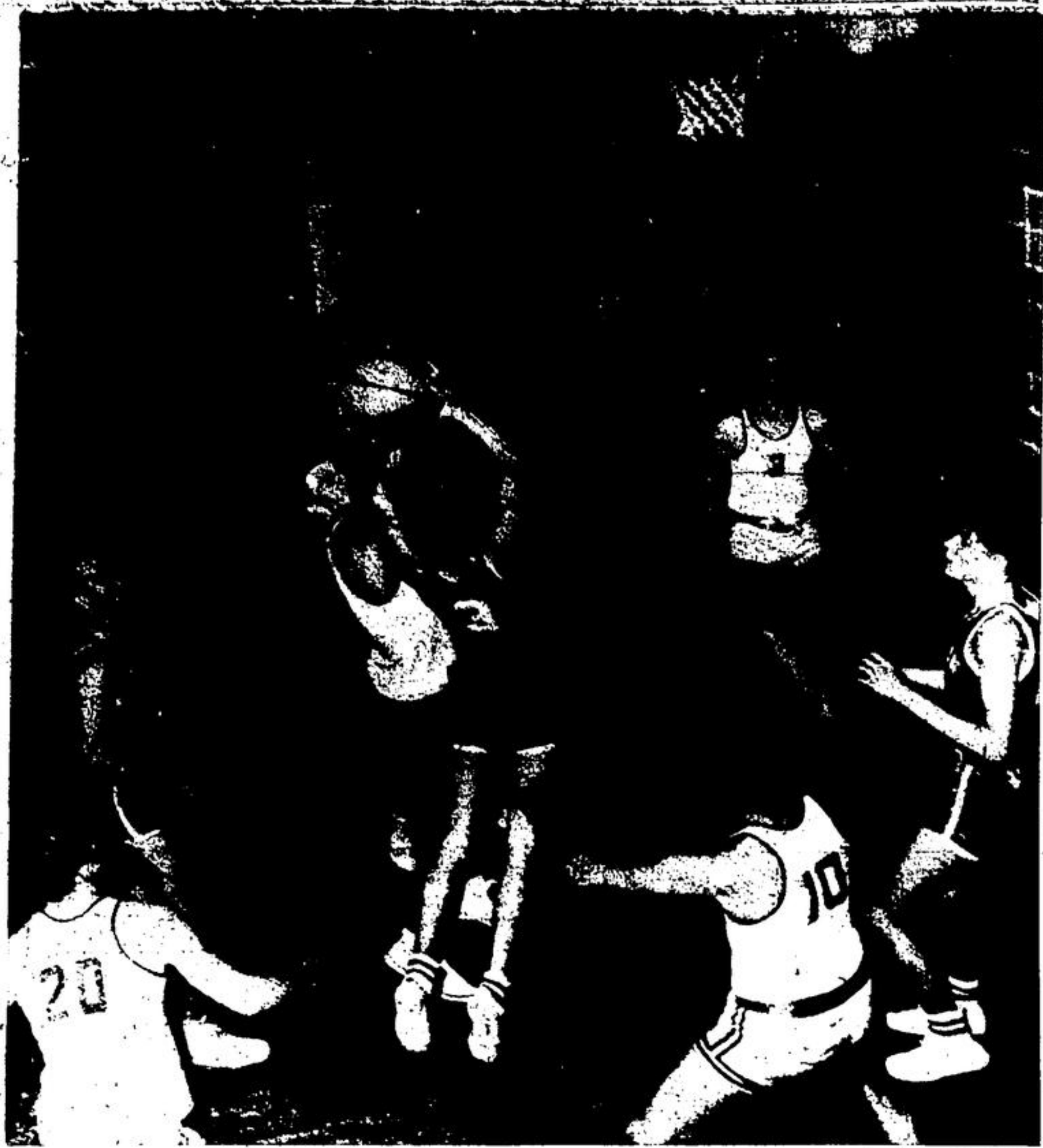
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Top Harvesters 3-1 Fergus Ties Series

Jim Cole's unassisted marker early in the third period was the only bright spot in a rather dismal evening on Monday as the Milton Harvester Juveniles dropped a 3-1 decision to Fergus. The visitors hit the net from Blake and Kentner they were off again. Huskies cooled off at 15:26 when Bob Davis notched his second of the night from Andy Grant and Lawrence finished the scoring at 17:38 from Mortley. It was the Tanners' sixth loss of the season. Only three penalties were called by the referees making it one of the cleanest games seen here this season.



ACTION WAS FAST in the basketball game Tuesday afternoon between Acton and Arthur high school senior teams. Arthur won the game 52 to 37. A part of the action is shown as an Acton player leaps to shoot for a basket.

Industrial League Shake-Up

Dusters, Cyclones Running One, Two

Dusters tallied three times in the final period to take sole possession of first place and dumped the Royals into the third spot in the standings in Acton Industrial Hockey League action Sunday night at the arena.

The Royals and Dusters were tied for first place with 14 points each when they entered the game, but the Dusters' late upsurge enabled them to step to the top of the ladder by themselves. Royals' loss combined with a victory for the Cyclones over Bushwackers knocked the Royals all the way down to third place while the Cyclones moved up to second.

Dusters now lead the league with 16 points on six wins, four losses and four ties. The Cyclones are second with 15 points on six wins, three ties, and three losses while the Royals are third with 14 points on six wins, six losses and two ties. The Bushwackers are in the league cellar with 11 points on five wins, seven losses and a tie.

Gary Ritchie, Harry Phillips, and Brian McCristall fired a pair of goals each to boost the Dusters to victory. The current league leaders trailed 4-3 going into the third period but managed to come back to gain the win. Gary Ritchie, Denis Gibbons, Pete Marks and Harry Phillips (2) got assists for the winners.

Don Black scored four goals, including one on a penalty shot to lead the Royals. Bob Doyle had the other goal for the losers. Ron Schmidt had three assists and Ed Hilliard had two for the Royals.

The Cyclones built up a 7-0 lead, and then nearly blew it as the Bushwackers fought back and made the game interesting before losing 8-6. Stu McDonald netted three markers for the Cyclones while Fred Andrews had two, Larry Poiré, Mel Shepherd and Bruce Barber had one.

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Flyers Upset Dufferins Withdraw From League Race

An all-round team effort from Fergus Flyers Tuesday night upset the Tanners 6-2 and extinguished their flickering hopes of finishing in first place in the W.O.A.A. intermediate circuit.

Jittery, the Tanners couldn't seem to get unwound until the last few minutes of the close-checking game. Flyers dominated play through most of the contest, restricting the usually high scoring Acton club to goals early and late in the game.

The Acton team didn't seem to have the necessary desire to stay with the Fergus club who started skating hard right from the opening whistle. Harold Townsley put the Tanners ahead at 14:55 of the first period, but Tiffin was given a gift at 17:03 to knot the count.

Fergus got the only goal of the second period with red head Harold Perkins pulling the string. The Acton team's effectiveness was dimmed by penalties. With Fred Kentner in the box Bob Dobbie put Fergus ahead 3-1 in the opening seconds of the third period. Perkins fooled Sweeney with a long bouncing shot to make it 4-1.

The Tanners were enticed into more penalties and with both teams short, Barry Redwood fired another for Fergus in the late minutes. Twenty seconds later Bob Dobbie took a face-off in the Acton end, passed to Readyhough and his shot beat Sweeney with number six.

Kentner Sets One Up
Fred Kentner showed a burst of speed seconds after that, carrying the puck right through, drawing goalie Don Prickett over and passing the puck to Doug Evans in front of a yawning net. Evans made no mistake.

Assured of a playoff spot this week when Orangeville withdrew Flyers were jubilant over the win. Their performance marked them as real contenders for the title. The Tanners were missing Don McKenzie, Max Stafford and Gerry Inglis for the loss, their seventh, and started without Jim Sweeney in the nets. Frank Anthony played the first few minutes until Sweeney arrived.

First Period
A—Townsley (Farrelly, Marchmont) 14:55
F—Tiffin (McCabe) 17:03
Pens. — Pollock, Dobbie, Farrelly, Marchmont.

Second Period
F—Perkins (Watt) 8:50
Pens. — Baxter, H. Evans, Kentner (2).

Third Period
F—B. Dobbie (Redwood) 0:30
F—Perkins 2:59
F—Redwood 16:00
F—Readyhough (Dobbie) 18:06
A—D. Evans (Kentner, H. Evans) 18:46
Pens. — Marchmont, Cooper, Watt, Townsley, Watt.
Officials — R. Millie, R. Green.

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Tanners in Photo Finish For Playoff Positions

Hespeler, McMaes, Durham Huskies and Acton Tanners are tied for first place in the W.O.A.A. Int. B hockey circuit with only three games left to play. Playoff positions won't likely be decided until the final game Sunday when the Tanners play in Durham in one of the closest finishes in years.

The first place team will meet the third place team in one semifinal, the second place club meets the fourth place club in another.

The Acton club has a chance to jump into sole possession of first place with a decision to Fergus Tuesday but getting a first place finish they'd prefer to wind up second. However Durham and Hespeler have a game in hand and hold the edge.

Only one position is final. Fergus Flyers, thanks to Orangeville's decision to drop out, have clinched the fourth and final playoff spot. The rest are up for grabs.

One important game tonight could very well decide how the three-centered race will wind up. In that, two of the top teams, Durham and Hespeler, clash in Hespeler. Friday, the McMaes go to Fergus and the league winds up Sunday in Durham to complete the playoff picture.

Playoffs will likely start next week.

Following is the standing up to date:

	P	W	L	T	Pts.	Games Left
Hespeler	22	15	6	1	31	2
Durham	22	15	6	1	31	2
Acton	23	15	7	1	31	1
Fergus	23	5	17	1	11	1
Orangeville	24	5	19	0	10	0

Games Left To Play
Thursday, February 17 — Durham at Hespeler
Friday, February 18 — Hespeler at Fergus
Sunday, February 20 — Acton at Durham



SIX OF THE N.H.L. Old Timers Acton Tanners will have to keep an eye on Friday night in the exhibition, here, in aid of minor hockey are, left to right, Murray Henderson, Brian Cullen, Sid Smith, Murray Ezard, Barry Cullen and Bob Robertson. It's the third appearance here for the old pros who never fail to delight audiences with their finesse and puck control. Minor hockey officials expect another full house for the program which will also feature minor hockey, figure skating and lucky draws.

Legion Town Hockey

ATOMS
Brampton 2 — Acton 1
Scott Withers scored the first Brampton goal from John Ashby and Ricky Baginski got the winning counter assisted by Joe Kentner.

Steve Brunelle bagged the Acton goal from Ivan Hearnis. One penalty to John McCutcheon of the losers.

Weston 2 — Brampton 1
Kent Kentner and Jeff Townsley rifled in a goal apiece for Weston while Ricky Baginski looked after the Brampton scoring assisted by John McHugh and Ford Alton.

Steve Papillon of the losers served the lone penalty.

All Atom league boys are asked to be at the community centre by 7:00 p.m. Friday night in order to participate in the program.

Standing
W L T Pts.
Weston 8 2 3 19
Brampton 4 7 3 11
Acton 4 7 2 10

Scoring Leaders
G A Pts.
Jeff Townsley W 10 3 13
Ivan Hearnis A 7 4 11
Jim Horley B 6 3 9
Kent Kentner W 4 4 8
Steve Papillon B 3 4 7
Ricky Baginski B 6 1 7
Billy Ware B 2 3 5
Steve Brunelle A 5 0 5
John Ashby B 1 4 5

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