



ADAMS TROPHY was won Tuesday night by the Don McMillan team in the consolation series in the club bonspiel. Proud winners left to right are Mrs. Sam Brunelle, Mac Symon and Mrs. Sam Holmes with skip Don McMillan holding trophy in front.

# Tanners Defend Group Title Against Hespeler

Hespeler Mic Macs eliminated Durham Huskies from the W.O.A. A. Int. B playoffs with an 8-6 decision in the seventh and final game of the group semi-finals in Hespeler Monday night, earning the right to meet Acton Tanners in the group finals.

The final series a best-of-seven started in Hespeler last night (Wednesday). It resumes in Acton Friday night, where one of the largest crowds of the season is expected.

Hespeler looked to have the semi-final with Durham wrapped up following a 12-2 decision in Hespeler last Thursday. Huskies came back, however, forcing a seventh game by edging Mic Macs 3-2 in Durham Sunday afternoon.

Big reason for the Durham comeback was the return to uniform of centre Jim Nixon who led the league in scoring this season. Nixon propped up the sagging Durham attack, rising out of a sick bed, but the potent Hespeler

## Mic Macs Here Friday Night

firepower was too much for them Monday.



BEAVER BAXTER

The loss dealt a double blow to the Huskies. They were eliminated from the W.O.A. and O.H.A. races by the Mic Macs although it took 12 games to do it. Both series were extended to the limit.

Meanwhile the Tanners have been waiting patiently for the series to end so they can get on with the business of defending the group title. They've played only five games in the same time Durham and Hespeler contested 12.

There have been few idle moments. Every time ice was available the Acton club was put through its paces by coach Junior Beaumont. Unfortunately in one practice Emmerson (Beaver) Baxter was injured and it's possible the hard-checking wingman won't rejoin the team for at least two weeks.

Manager Ed Footitt tempered the news of Beaver's injury with

the disclosure Glen Cooper's concussion was not as serious as doctors first suspected. "They advised Cooper to knock it off for the season but he went to see a specialist and was told he could continue to play. I expect he'll be in the line-up for the Hespeler series."

If Coop is back in harness the defense corps will be at full strength and coach Beaumont will be able to use Gerry Inglis on the wing providing dates for Georgetown Junior Raiders games and the final series don't conflict. Gerry coaches the Raiders who are also in the group finals with New Hamburg.

Winners of this Hespeler-Acton series will meet the northern W.O.A. A.A. winner for the championship. It will likely be Owen Sound or Hanover according to the latest information from the north.

Flirting is wishful winking.



## Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

SPORT, LIKE MANY OTHER FACETS of life, has its moments of hallelujah, and other times when you despair of dispelling the gloom. To overcome the gloom you keep plugging away in the hope the horse collar may turn into a laurel wreath.

Take Eddie Shack, the phenomenon from the Toronto Maple Leafs, for example. Now the jockeys are spinning the platter, "Clear the Track, Here Comes Shack..." A few short months ago the track for Eddie looked like a one way street to the minors. The Leafs looked so bad some fans were betting they'd replace Boston as N.H.L. dormrats.

You could have cut the gloom in Toronto with a knife. A new city hall, mushrooming growth, full employment, Burton at the O'Keefe, a win for Argos... what good were they without a winning hockey team? Eddie, the petulant Pinocchio, languished in Rochester. He talked of retiring from hockey, "I can make more money selling cars than playing in the bushes", he told reporters. Four months have elapsed. Compare the situation now.

Punch Imlach, target of harpoons festooned with such epithets as stupid, bag-o-wind, puffhead, bird-brain and others polite ears ignore, prophesied this week Leafs would not be settled with finishing third. "We're after first," he said, emphasizing the point with a pinch of salt over his left clavicle.

Eddie the unready? He's the toast of the town, the carat in the diamond, the star on the diadem as well as being a 25 goal shooter for the Toronto Maple Leafs, only eight or nine behind big stick Frank Mahovlich. He's being touted as a candidate for mayor, controller and as successor to metro daddy William Allan.

About the worst thing that could happen to Eddie now is a decision to erect his statue in front of the city hall in place of the whale's tooth already rejected. Then they'd tear him to pieces... and ship him to Rochester.

**HESPELER MIC MACS** are reputed to be really two teams. There's one that use against the weak teams when the scrubs get a chance to play. Then there's another that reserve for the strong teams when the heat of war is coming.

Games which see Mic Macs win are trotting out when they pay a profit. In the W.O.A. playoffs, the best of it. They won their first game in the playoffs against the second place Tanners. But played like a weaker team.

Hespeler just finished a hard 12 game series with Durham Huskies — five for the O.H.A. and seven for the W.O.A. — while the Tanners played only five games against Fergus. They'll be either plain or lucked out in the final fighting team depending on how they react.

Since there's a young team with lots of legs I think it would be safe to say the more work they get the better Mic Macs will play. The final series against Hespeler last night (Wednesday) on a large ice surface which will give the Mic Mac speedsters a chance to strut their stuff.

Tanner coach Junior Beaumont is fully aware of the extra burst the Hespeler club can turn out. "There's one player I'm specially afraid of," said Junior. "He's left winger Tom Graham. When he turns it on there's nobody in the league can catch him."

The gangly Graham is a deceptive change of pace which pulls the defense out of position for a shot at the net. Best way to stop him is to nail him but he's too hard to catch.

Then there's Jack (Waldo) Watson in the Hespeler net. When Waldo's on he's unbeatable. You've got to shoot twice as many pucks at him to win. When he's ordinary you can beat him but the ordinary games are few and far between.

**BEAT BITS**... Georgetown Raiders eliminated Milton Merchants in the fifth and final game of the Junior C group semi-finals in Georgetown Sunday with a 4-1 win. Merchants tied the series Friday in Milton with a whopping 10-4 victory but were outplayed and outgamed Sunday. The five games in the series drew 8,000 paying customers with 2,081 fans at Sunday's final. See you at Friday's intermediate playoff at the community centre.

Congratulations to the Dusters who wrapped up the Industrial Hockey League championship Sunday. Several Acton players will again be in the line-up when Georgetown Giants open the intermediate baseball season. Legion town league hockey will finish up for some teams this week while others will likely stretch the finals to a third game and another week.

Curling is finished for the season in Acton. The Tanners could still be playing hockey for some time if they knock off Hespeler and the community centre will stay open until the season's finished.

## Fan Belts Gerry Inglis But Finds it Doesn't Pay

"Am I my brother's keeper?" Glen Williams natives Blake and Ike Inglis answered the question with resounding rights on Sunday afternoon, March 20, when they rushed to assist brother Gerry after he was assaulted by an unidentified fan in Georgetown arena.

Gerry — first year coach of the Georgetown Raiders, rushed to the rinkkeeper's bench to protest the disallowance of a pos-

# Dusters Mop Ice With Bushwhackers Win Industrial League Championship

The Dusters mopped the ice with the Bushwhackers Sunday night and wound up with a 6-2 win and are Acton Industrial Hockey League Champions.

Four point performances from Denis Gibbons (two goals, two assists), Red Phillips (four assists) and Brian McCristall (three goals and an assist) enabled the Dusters to get the title in two

straight games. The Dusters captured the opening game of the best of three set last week.

**Early Lead** Pete Marks put the winners in front at 3:33 of the first period after taking passes from Phillips and McCristall.

Ron Mellon tied the score six minutes later, Jim MacDonald

and Lorne Peavoy assisting.

Jim MacDonald got his second point of the night at 4:33 of the second period, finishing off a passing play with Ruddy Holmes and Grant Withers.

McCristall's first goal of the night at 17:33 tied the score then sharp-shooting Denis Gibbons put the Dusters in front for keeps three seconds before the end of

the second period. Phillips and Marks assisted.

**Three Way Play** Phillips and Gibbons set up McCristall's second marker at the midway point of the third period and four minutes later pulled the same trick, setting up the red-head for a hat trick.

Gibbons' goal at 16:32 on a neat pass from Bob Bruce rounded out the scoring.

Goaltender John Leatherland, defencemen Tom Oakley, Bob Bruce and Ken McLassac and forward Jeff McLaren were stand-outs defensively for the winners. Bushwhacker goaltender Andy Williams came up with several fine saves for the losers.

Dusters finished the schedule in front of the four team league and polished off Cyclones in the semi-finals 10-8 in a two game total-goal set.



TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS in the midget league are strong contenders for the championship. Although the team only won a few games during the season, it came through with a back to back win in the first two games of the finals. The Montreal team tied the series and now both play a final tonight (Thursday). Kneeling front row left to right are George Cook, Jim Lee, Dugald Dick, Brian Carriere, John Dowding and Brian Wilkinson. Back row left to right are David Scott, Mike Marcoux, Ernie Waller, Bill Fisher, coach Ted Pratt, goalie Don Marzo, Tom Ginger, Bob Bittorf, Lorne Gordon, Fred Flisnick and Barry Buchanan.



MONTREAL CANADIENS came from behind two games last week to tie the series in the town Midget league against Toronto Maple Leafs. The final game is scheduled for tonight (Thursday). Front row left to right are Brian Dunn, Bill Hagen, Pete Masales, Craig Perkins, Eddie Massey, Stu McCulloch and Neil Anderson. Back row left to right are Stu Johnson, Dave Ryder, Garry Kelley, coach George (Ben) Bayliss, Ray Hibbard, Brian Robinson, Jeff Harkley, Bob Waller and Rich Rusch.

### WE'LL FIND OUT

With deep anguish, he begged her to reconsider her answer. "If you don't marry me, I'll blow my brains out," he vowed.

"Oh, would you really?" she gurgled. "I wish you would do it. It would be a great joke on father, for he thinks you haven't any."

held him back. But the fight still wasn't over. Brother Blake leaped the boards and came to his kin's assistance with some well aimed rights before he was restrained. Then it was brother Ike's turn.

Ike, a strapping six footer, barged through the crowd and grabbed the teenager.

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## CURLING

Results of the club bonspiel were determined Tuesday night.

**First Event** Winners of Jack Ridley Trophy — Bruce Cargill, Gwen Tyler, John Buckman, Georgina Jordan.

**Second prize** — Bunk Holmes, Mary Marks, John Lovell, Ted Hansen.

**Third prize** — Jack Ridley, Margaret Toth, Bob Armstrong, Norma Robinson.

**Fourth prize** — George Williams, Shirley Hunter, Henry Leachman, Norma Marchment.

**Second Event** Winners of the Adams Trophy — Don McMillan, Mac Symon, Stella Brunelle, Agnes Holmes.

**Second prize** — Dr. A. J. Buch-

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## Legion Town League HOCKEY

### ATOM FINALS

Weston 2 — Brampton 1  
Brampton took a one goal lead in the first period of the first game of the Atom finals but Weston came back with goals in the second and third to edge them.

Jim Harley scored for Brampton assisted by Billy Ware while Jeff Townsley filled the first Weston counter with help from John Scovine. Kent Kerntner notched the winner assisted by Jeff Shields.

Only penalty went to S. Oakley of Brampton for holding the puck.

### NOVICE FINALS

Hamilton 3 — St. Kitts 2  
Hamilton scored two third period goals to take the first game of the best-of-three Novice finals from St. Catharines 3-2.

Ron Death bagged two goals, including the winner for Hamilton with Tony Lambert scoring a single. Ron and Tony also got an assist apiece as did Terry Nelson and Troth Armstrong.

John Rochester drilled the first goal for St. Kitts from Steve Marshall. Russell Coultrup's tying goal was unassisted.

Both penalties went to Marshall of the losers.

### PEE WEE FINALS

Cleveland 2 — Rochester 0  
Dale Fisher scored the only goal at the one minute mark of the second period to give Cleveland a one game lead in the best-of-three Pee Wee finals.

Rochester couldn't penetrate the tight defense of Cleveland despite repeated tries.

Only penalty went to Holmes of Cleveland.

### BANTAM FINAL

Pittsburg 2 — Hershey 2  
Down one game in the best of three final Pittsburg rallied in the third period to earn a 2-2 draw with Hershey.

There was no scoring in the first period and Brian Sampson put the Hornets ahead at the 4:00 minute mark. Steve Garrett tied it for Hershey a minute and a half later assisted by Ken Marshall. Then Steve Garrett bagged his second goal late in the second session to give the Bears a lead.

Ray Hawkins drilled the tying goal for Pittsburg midway through the third period assisted by Mark Kowall and Brian Sampson. The latter also served the game's lone penalty.

### MIDGET FINAL

#### 4th Game

Montreal 6 — Toronto 1  
Behind two games to nothing at one stage, Montreal came roaring back to tie up the final series at two games apiece with a big 6-1 win Thursday. Deciding game is tonight (Thursday).

Harkley and Waller fired two goals apiece for the Habs with Hogen and Kelly shooting singletons. Assists were recorded by Walker, Johnson, Perkins, Robinson and Ryder.

Carriere sank the lone Leaf goal in the second period assisted by Cook.

The teams split four penalties down the middle. Waller and Hibbard serving time for the winners, Marcoux and Dick for the Leafs.

**W.O.A.A. INT. B HOCKEY GROUP FINALS**

2nd GAME

**HESPELER MIC MACS VS ACTON TANNERS FRIDAY**

APRIL 1st 8.30 P.M. ACTON ARENA