

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

VACATING THE FAMILIAR AND FRIENDLY confines of Lansdowne park for the next-to-most important series of the season was enough grief for Ottawa Rough Riders but the sudden death of assistant coach Bill Smyth after a 48-hour illness certainly compounded it.

Riders go to Hamilton for the opening game of the eastern Canadian final Sunday but must play the second game of the two-game total point series at Expo stadium in Montreal. Coach Frank Clair was reported to have said a home park is good for 10 points. Loss of that many points against a team like Hamilton could be fatal for a club suffering a bereavement on top of other ailments.

On the other hand, like coach Clair says, Riders could be the hottest team in the land for the eastern final, depending on how they react to the shock. "The boys want to win more than ever now," he said. Tiger Cats did not look too impressive eliminating Montreal but they've noted for a startling, steamroller offensive which could upset the form charts. In other seasons Riders have rolled up big leads in the first game at home and then let it dissipate in the return game at Hamilton. This year it's the other way round. Hamilton has the first game and they'll be gunning for a large margin to take to Expo park.

Survivors of the eastern final will meet the Winnipeg-Saskatchewan Roughriders series winner in the Grey Cup game which will be held in Vancouver. If the Tiger Cats win the eastern title this year they will be obliged to buy another Ryder a bottle of whisky pop.

BEAT BITS * **Sam Wheeler**, a going concern when he toiled for the Tanners two seasons back, joined the ranks of the benighted recently at a assembly in Union Presbyterian church, near the Glen. **Bob Leuter**, caught on with an Eastern Professional team in New Jersey last season and he's back with the same club again this season. * **Bob Leuter**, sports officer at the Legion, reports the town league could use more managers and coaches and some players to bring the circuit up to last year's strength.

Council told difficulty

(Continued from Page One) ing Acton as a result of the contract signed Tuesday. Only change in the contract for 1967 will be an increase in the cost of mileage on the cruiser up to 14 cents from nine cents. Councillor Williams, chairman of the police committee, told council this would represent an increase of \$210 a year. Total cost of policing for 1967 will be \$33,000. For this amount, council will have a corporal in charge plus five constables with the cruiser.

Mayor Duby reported the visit of the district sergeant to the local office and the necessity for improving facilities for the police department. It was agreed that the police committee would continue to investigate alternative and improved quarters and their recommendations would be passed on to the 1967 council.

A laminated pre-fabricated arch bridge was approved for installation at the centennial library at the cost of about \$1,200. Mayor Duby reported this type of bridge had been recommended by the library board and the design of the bridge arranged by architect Don Skinner.

The 33 foot single span bridge exceeds the amount budgeted by \$200. Stone and concrete bridges have a price tag of between \$2,300 and \$4,000. The architect felt the wooden bridge would enhance the general appearance. The mayor pointed out the main advantage would be that the bridge construction would be kept outside the creek; the bridge will rest on rock and concrete piles. There will be a six foot wide walkway. Council authorized by-law the signing of the construction agreement with Kleenway Construction Ltd. for \$24,355. This is for watermain between Mill and Young Streets on Churchill Rd. N. Payment of accounts to R. V. Anderson Associates for work on the road resurfacing program for \$81,150 and for the watermain extensions of \$1,125 was approved, as well as the payment to Armstrong Bros. for the surface treatment of Guelph St. and Elmore Dr. Clerk McGeechie reported the Community Services Council would serve a real need and could be very effective in the community. He as welfare commissioner of the town has already had discussions with this group. Reeve Hinton reported that deputy reeve Parker and clerk McGeechie had attended a county meeting with Department representatives on homemaking and nursing services. A committee had been appointed to review the program. He felt the northern part of the county has a great need for

Bantams drop close decision to Oakville here

Acton Firefly bantams had a 4-3 win almost wrapped up over Oakville Goodyear's here, last Wednesday in Tri-County minor league but they wilted in the last two minutes which allowed the visitors to score two goals for a 5-4 victory.

With just over two minutes to go in the game Oakville's Buddy Clark pulled the trigger to tie the score. A minute later Ray Chisholm fired the winner from Clark.

Acton came from behind a 2-0 deficit as Pete Marzo popped in a pair of goals, the first unassisted, the second from Dave Fisher. Marzo then set up a go-ahead goal by Bob Dunbar at the 7:15 mark of the third period.

Clark's first goal evened it up but Gary Field scored from Marzo and Fisher to put Acton back in front.

Busy Y program

Guelph University students Pete Lawson of Acton and Carl Chadbourne of Guelph are heading a busy program at the Y.M.C.A. this winter. Both are taking the recreation course at Guelph.

They are conducting gym classes as well as club-type programs including hobbies, crafts and nature sessions. Jo-Marie Marchmont assists them every Wednesday night during the craft classes.

Over 120 members have joined the Y so far this season.

Two shut-outs feature town league openers

Curtain raisers for the Legion town league Acton Novices and Pee Wees Saturday afternoon was a trifle scramble, but the boys showed promise of making a banner year in the popular-hockey circuit.

The two Acton teams Brampton and Weston used the first day for an instruction period with a short, scoreless scrimmage thrown in for good measure. Regular games start this Saturday.

In the novice series, two shut-outs were registered. St. Catharines started the puck rolling with a 3-0 shut-out over Oshawa while Niagara Falls edged Hamilton 1-0.

Springfield chalked up a 5-1 win over Baltimore in the Pee Wee opener with Rochester hammering Cleveland 6-2 in the nightcap.

Billy McGilloway scored all three goals on unassisted efforts for St. Kitts in the novice opener. Elaine Cleland of Oshawa was the lone player to draw a penalty. He served a minor for tripping.

Billy McKenzie drilled the only goal of the second game for Niagara Falls as they nipped Hamilton. It was unassisted. No penalties.

Peter Morrison was a going concern for Springfield in their pee wee contest with Baltimore, scoring four markers, while team mate Steve Marshall popped in one. Chris Schuts and David Braida collected two assists apiece.

James McNabb drilled the lone Baltimore bulge from Randy Marsh, who also served the game's single penalty. Offence? — elbowing.

Rochester's win over Cleveland was highlighted by a three goal hat trick from the stick of Bob Krul. He also collected an assist. Ron Louttet scored two goals and got one assist with Howard Coultrup notching one. Don Death collected two assists.



FIELD DAY AWARDS were received by champion athletes during the high school commencement Friday night. Front row left to right are boys' bantam champion Brian Carriere and girls' bantam champion Pat Chisholm; second row, girls' junior Irene Severinski and boys' junior Jim Lee; third row, boys' intermediate Alan McKenzie and girls' intermediate Dorothy Field; back row girls' senior Kay Chisholm and boys' senior Paul Murr.

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Badminton begins

Birds are flying around the gym at the high school every Thursday night and it's allowed. Permission for the badminton club, operating under the supervision of recreation director Howard Pearce and Hugh Patterson, to use the gym was given by school board members.

To date about 18 badminton players are battling the birds during the weekly sessions and more are expected to join.

Midgets lose two games

Losses to Oakville and Elmira were suffered by Acton Midgets All-Stars in Tri-County hockey this week.

Oakville applied the white-wash brush last Wednesday with a 4-0 victory, here, while Elmira took a 7-2 decision in Elmira Monday night.

Oakville netminder Ted Lensen sparkled as he turned in a shut-out in a rough game that saw 10 penalties, split evenly. The visitors led 2-0 at the end of the second period and Tom Daley scored two third period goals to end the scoring.

Elmira took a 2-0 lead Monday night in the first chapter, stretched it to 4-1 by the end of the second and scored three more in the third to Acton's one. John Mason bagged both Acton goals assisted by Dunbar on his first and Dunbar and Walker on the second.

The locals were coached by Herb Dodds. He took over from Ed Owen who is giving the job up.

"How is the new girl doing?" "Not bad, but she's awfully nervous. As soon as she sits down at her desk, she starts to work."

The Hawks twice had to erase one goal deficits to stay in the game. Acton went in front in the first period on a goal by Jim Hurley, his first in Tri-County competition, on a play started by Tim McIntyre. Morgan evened it up for Oakville.

Kent Kentner put Acton back in front in the second period assisted by McGilloway but Oakville's Andy Weatherbed broke away to even it up again.

A pair of goals, just a minute apart by Oakville's Danny Burrows clinched the win for the visitors at the tail end of the third period.

Oakville trounces Pee Wees here Acton Pee Wees were trounced 5-0 by Oakville in Tri-County hockey at the community centre last Wednesday.

Team two blanks threes 7-0 one tops four in Sunday hockey

Railbirds were nodding their heads in time to "I told you so" following the industrial hockey league Sunday doubleheader.

Team number two, which the sideliners picked to make a run-away of the league, came out of their first game doldrums or perhaps playing whatever your point of view, to whitewash team three 7-0 and establish themselves as favorite to set the league on fire.

In the nightcap, team one doubled the score on team four with a 6-3 decision to post their second win of the infant season. It was team four's first loss after downing team two last week.

This Sunday's double-header will see a confrontation between unbeaten number one team and team two in the opener while teams three and four meet in the tail end of the double-header.

Big gun for number two team last Sunday was one half of the McDonald brothers — Stu. He fired two goals and assisted on two others. Brother Jim hit the target once.

Speedy Rich Gordon potted a pair of markers for the winners. Allan McNabb scored one and assisted on another and Muddy (Gus) Holmes notched the final marker of the game in a solo effort.

Andy Williams earned the shutout, blocking everything the number three squad could shoot at him.

Three penalties were served — all by the losers. Fred Cairns drew two, Brian McKeel all one. Captain Tom Walker's two goals and an assist were largely for nothing as their 4-3 verdict over the losers. Phil Stewart and Wayne Sheppard collected a goal and assist apiece. Bruce Peters and Bob Doyle scored one marker each with Pat Smith picking up an assist.

Ken Milne fired a goal and an assist for the winners with Eric Kay and Gary Dalton hitting the target and each still left registered an assist.

Seven of the nine penalties called by referees Louie Gruffield and Stu McDonald were awarded to the winners. John Calvert, Neil and Bob Doyle were the most offenders with two apiece including a 10 minute misconduct to Doyle.

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Juves blank Elmira 2-0 lose squeaker to Jets

Leader, Milne in goal was outstanding as he racked up the shutout.

Acton goals were scored by Ken Owen from Allan McKenzie and Barry Elliott and Gary Tailfeur notched number two as assisted by Owen and McKenzie.

The win was doubly deserved since the Lions lost a heart-breaker to Oakville jets in the league opener in Acton Wednesday. Jay Jusiman, a jet defense man illegally battered down a puck at the blueline, carried it in alone and scored to give Oakville a 4-3 win with a minute and 20 seconds left to play.

Acton protests were moved aside by officials.

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