

Pounding the Sports BEAT

TWO VICTORIES OVER Fergus enhanced the Tanners' prestige considerably this week in the wake of losses to Hespeler and Seaforth. The team just didn't seem to have the horses to keep up with Mic Mace and Beavers probably because:

1. They were outshined on both occasions.
2. They lacked the desire to win.
3. Their timing was off and the plays didn't seem to fall.

Friday night for the first time this season it seemed to this scribbler that the club regained some of its spark and really wanted to win. Although staggered by three unexpected Fergus goals in a minute and 12 seconds they still managed to come up with a big victory. Tuesday night in Fergus they proved Friday's edge was no fluke by repeating it in spite of being short-handed.

They've got a tough schedule to complete this week, journeying to Seaforth tonight and playing host to Orangeville Friday, but if they can salvage two wins they'll still be very much in contention.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY here drew scouts from at least two area teams interested in acquiring players for sagging teams.

Portly Abe Parton, stopper-smoking manager, was out looking for help for the Milton Merchant Jr. C club. He's specially interested in Cliff Turner of Fergus, who played with London Nationals of the Jr. A. circuit last season and still has at least a couple of seasons of junior left.

Turner wasn't interested but Abe did talk one of last year's Acton juvenile team into trying out with the Merchants. Grapevine says it is Phil Drysdale.

Parton would also like to batch on to two or three players of this year's Acton juvenile club. Determined opposition came from coach Howie Leader and manager "Pop" Schuts who have prevented any embarrassment for the team which is one of the best to represent Acton in the juvenile age bracket for many years. They could be championship material.

Oakville seniors meanwhile, had another bird dog in the Friday night audience looking for help for the next-to-tellend Oaks. Several of the Tanners apparently interest them but Doug Richardson and Blake Inglis could be the main targets if any inducement is forthcoming. Blake, of course could have signed to play with Barrie Flyers of the senior circuit. He preferred to stay close to home.

These excursions from neighboring towns shows the soundness of hockey talent. A small town with a good minor hockey program can produce several talented players but unless they can offer something worthwhile it's unlikely they'll hold on to many of them. There's always someone offering a little bit more than the small town can afford to pay.

BEAT BITS ... Success of the Tri-County teams from Acton, improving each season, is being helped this season by the bantams and juveniles who are winning more than their share of games ... Oakville Oaks expect to sign Eddie Litzenberger to bolster their line-up.

Industrial hockey records

Four goal margins for Dusters, Raiders

Sunday's industrial league saw a four goal stretch between winners and losers in both ends of the doubleheader.

Raiders picked up a 6-2 decision at the expense of front running Dusters polishing off Orioles 8-4 in the opener. Since Dusters and Raiders are one-two in the standings there was no change in the running order.

Wayne Sheppard rifled three goals in the Duster triumph as well as collecting an assist. Phil Drysdale connected twice and earned an assist. Bob Doyle, Barry Wilson and Bruce Barber each registered a goal and a bracket to boot. Doug Vickery rounded out the winners' scoring with an assist.

Oriole markers were drilled by Fred Currie, Ron Schmidt, Ron Sheppard and Harold Watson. Currie and Watson split the four-assists.

Penalties were also split evenly; Grant Withers and Phil

Townsley pots winning marker in O.H.A. thriller here Friday

You'd almost have to see Friday's O.H.A. Int. B fixture between the Tanners and first-place Fergus before you could credit it to anything but imagination.

The Tanners let a 5-2 lead slip through their fingers in the space of a minute and 12 seconds midway through the third period. They were hanging on to the ropes as a revived Fergus crew pressed for the winner after tying the score 3-3.



HAROLD TOWNSELEY Scorer-winner

To compare the picture, defenseman Bill Currie received a charging penalty at 15:41. Fans could see the handwriting

TOWN LEAGUE SCORING

Atom	G	A	Pts.
John Scoyne (W)	8	1	9
Ricky Holmes (W)	6	1	7
Ford Altan (B)	5	2	7
Derrick Dixon (B)	5	0	5
Joe Kentner (B)	3	1	4
John McHugh (B)	0	4	4
Tim Taylor (B)	1	1	2
Trevor Davies (B)	0	2	2
Scott Malcolm (W)	0	2	2
Danny Webster (B)	0	2	2
Mike McCabe (B)	0	2	2

Atom	G	A	Pts.
B. Taylor (N.F.)	20	3	23
John Hansen (S.C.)	10	6	16
Ricky Baginski (O.)	3	8	11
B. McKenzie (N.F.)	5	10	10
S. Brunelle (N.F.)	5	8	8
Wayne Allen (S.C.)	5	3	8
Gord Toth (O.)	5	0	5
David Morris (O.)	4	1	5
T. Lambert (S.C.)	4	1	5
Billy Ware (N.F.)	2	3	5

Atom	G	A	Pts.
Peter Morrison (C.)	21	5	26
Ron Louitte (R.)	11	16	16
Booby Kral (S.)	10	2	12
Eff Goy (C.)	8	4	12
Jim McNab (B.)	8	1	9
Randy Marsh (B.)	5	7	7
Rod Gibbins (B.)	2	5	7
Brian Storey (R.)	2	4	6
Ron Death (R.)	3	2	5
David Braida (S.)	2	3	5
Steve Marshall (S.)	3	0	5
Randy Downes (C.)	1	2	3
Chris Schuts (S.)	0	3	3

Atom	G	A	Pts.
Graham Fraser (H.)	11	0	11
Bren Irwin (B.)	3	6	6
Garth Taylor (P.)	3	6	6
Jack Irwin (P.)	2	3	5
John Last (B.)	3	1	4
Paul Paulson (B.)	3	0	3
Bill Severinski (B.)	2	1	3
Riny Schuts (B.)	2	1	3
Trevor Swan (B.)	2	1	3

Atom	G	A	Pts.
Dec. 17, 1966 - Last games before Christmas.			
Jan. 1, 1967 - First games of new year.			
Bantams - 2 games left (Dec. 15 and 22) before Christmas.			
Bantams - First game, Jan. 1967.			

on the wall. They were ready to adjust for loss number four. At that critical juncture Harold Townsley, a veteran who's been with the Tanners since they got back in the puck war, poked-checked the biscuit from a-Fergus player at centre ice. Townsley juggled it past centre ice, stick-handled through defence on a zig and fired from point blank range on the zag. He scored!

The red lamp blushed! The Actons hung on to the end to wins of the season for the Tanners.

One of the most exciting

wins of the season for the Tanners, it was the first game they have showed part of their potential. Big Jim Farrelly re-joined the team and coach Fred Kentner was able to use three lines against the speedy Flyers who were outplayed and

Tanners down Flyers again Tuesday night

Acton Tanners nose out Fergus Flyers for the second time this week with a sparkling 5-4 win in Fergus Tuesday night.

Harold Townsley paced an overall team effort shooting three goals, which lifted the short-handed Tanners to their fourth win in seven starts. Defending Murray Marchant and Jim Cunningham accounted for the other two Acton goals.

Missing Blake Inglis, Doug Richardson and Bill Currie from the regular line-up, coach Kentner centred Jim Farrelly between Ben Arbic and Paul Bodendistel on one line and had Gordie Bell, Townsley and Jan Riddall on the other, with four regulars on defence and Jim Sweeney in goal.

Fergus had a full bench but they were no match for the Tanners with only 18 men and a goalie. It was only the second loss for Fergus at home this season.

Flyer coach Tobe Martin pulled his goalkeeper in the last minute as Fergus steadily reduced a 3-2 Acton lead but as in Friday night's game, they couldn't dent the twine. They had the

HOCKEY STATISTICS

O.H.A. INTERMEDIATE 'B' (as of Monday, Dec. 12, 1966)

Team	G	A	Pts.
Seaforth	5	4	18
Fergus	6	4	18
Hespeler	6	4	18
Acton	6	3	6
Orangeville	7	0	7

Player	G	A	Pts.
J. McIlwain, S	9	5	14
L. Mercer, H	8	6	14
D. Richardson, A	6	6	12
D. Diegel, H	5	7	12
G. Nolan, F	5	11	11
B. Inglis, A	5	6	11
K. Doig, S	3	8	11
B. Butenmiller, S	6	3	9
G. Abbott, F	2	6	8
R. Tippin, F	3	4	7
P. Bodendistel, A	2	5	7

Tanners effectively hampered in. Harold Townsley scored the first, third and what proved to be the winning fifth goal with centre Gordie Bell setting him up on his first. Jan Riddall assisted on his next two.

Gordie Bell assisted Marchant on his counter while captain Jim Cunningham's goal was an unassisted effort.

C. Raven, D. Slaven, L. Pollock and G. Nolan scored for Fergus.

Eleven penalties were levied by officials, six of which were served by the Tanners, including a 16 minute misconduct to Jim Farrelly for enquiring about the referee's sight.

The Acton club will be gunning for win number five tonight (Thursday) in Seaforth. They entertain Orangeville here Friday night and play host to Fergus next Wednesday here.

Goal tending thwarts Acton

Acrobatic goaltending by the Preston goalie felled Acton Novices in Tri-County hockey in Preston Saturday. As a result the Acton kids went down to a 3-4 defeat, despite a wide margin on play.

Two of the Preston goals were scored on breakaways as Acton pressed. Tim McIntyre bagged the lone reply.

Elmira bops Pee Wees 10-1

Outplayed and outskated, Acton Pee Wees were snowed under a 10-1 decision in Elmira Saturday.

Goalkeeper Ted Hagan was deluged with pucks. Except for some agile netminding on his part the Acton club would have been beaten by a much larger score.

Paul Daley notched the Acton goal assisted by Billy McGilloway.

LEGION TOWN LEAGUE HOCKEY

Clear-cut decisions in all branches of the Legion town league were recorded Saturday afternoon and Thursday night.

Weston started it off in the Atom section Saturday by blanking Brampton 2-0, to pull even in the standings. Johnny Scoyne added another goal to his collection from Fred Allen and Ricky Holmes got the second assist by Johnny Scoyne to boost Weston up the ladder.

Scott Withers served the only penalty of the game.

In the novice section, Oshawa pulled even with St. Kitts in the standings with a 3-1 win over the Saints. First place Niagara Falls bombarded tail-end Hamilton 9-0.

David Morris was the big marksman for Oshawa as he shot two goals. Gord Toth bagged one. Ricky Egginski collected two assists. St. Kitts counter was scored by John Hansen from Wayne Allan.

Steve Brunelle was a one man gang for Niagara Falls as they whopped short-handed Hamilton. He hit the target four times and assisted on another.

League leading scorer Bernie Taylor wasn't far behind. He rattled in three goals and got a pair of assists. Both Billy Ware and Billy McKenzie shot one goal and helped out with another.

Baltimore pulled an upset in the Pee-Wee opener by shutting out league leading Springfield 4-0 while second place Rochester took a 9-5 decision from Cleveland in the night-cap.

Randy Marsh scored first for Baltimore with two goals, his first on a solo and the second from Glen McKenzie. Ken Jordan sniped the next one, again from Glen McKenzie, and Jimmy McNabb bagged the final corner.

Ron Louitte was Rochester's big gun. He rattled five goals and assisted on two others, spearheading the victory over Cleveland. Brian Storey got a goal and two assists, Rod Gibbins got another and one assist and Russell Coultrup

Following are the standings and scoring records as compiled by Legion town league statistician Charlie Thomson:

Atom	G	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Weston	5	2	2	1	5	5
Brampton	5	2	2	1	5	5

Novice	G	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Nia. Falls	6	5	1	0	10	7
St. Kitts	6	3	2	1	7	7
Oshawa	6	3	2	1	7	7
Hamilton	6	0	6	0	0	0

Pee Wee	G	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Springfield	6	4	2	0	6	6
Rochester	6	3	3	0	6	6
Baltimore	6	3	3	0	6	6
Cleveland	6	2	4	0	4	4

Bantams (Games of Dec. 8 included)	G	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Pittsburg	3	3	0	0	6	0
Hershey	3	1	2	0	2	2
Buffalo	4	1	3	0	2	2

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Bants salvage tie with Elmira

With goalkeeper Craig Weldon pulled for an extra forward, Bill Field rattled in a goal with 15 seconds left to play, giving Acton Firefighter Bantams a 4-4 tie with Elmira Saturday in the Waterloo county town.

Brother Mike Field relayed the puck to Bill and he pulled the trigger that pulled a tie out from almost certain defeat.

The Acton club, resting on their last game's laurels in the first two periods, were fortunate to extract a tie. Based on their performance they deserved the loss. But they came out hustling in the third period to salvage the point.

Dale Fisher, Pete Marso and John Snow potted the other Acton markers with Mark Withers, Glen Tallofer, George McNeil and John Snow collecting assists on them.

The well-rehearsed contest had nine penalties with Acton Bantams serving six of them.

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