

Tanners trip top, tail-end teams

Bomb Duffs 9-1 Monday

Blake Inglis and Paul Bodendistel scored three goals apiece as Acton Tanners walloped tail-end Orangeville Dufferins 9-1 in O.H.A. Int. B hockey Monday night. It was the Tanners eighth win of the season.

Boistered by players from their Junior C club, Dufferins stayed with the Acton club for a period and a half before they succumbed to a five goal barrage in the final chapter.

Harold Townsley, Jan Riddall and Jim Farrelly sniped the other Acton goals.

Again the Tanners had only a minimum — eleven — number of players, including Blake Inglis for the first time in three weeks and George Grassy in two. Bill Currie, Dan Arbie and Doug (Smoky) Richardson missed the game.

The Tanners took a 1-0 lead in the first period as Bodendistel completed a play with linemates Farrelly and Inglis at the 1:55 mark. Dufferins, skating hard, tied it at 6:52 of the second period before Bodendistel completed a hat trick and Inglis notched his first with help from Bodendistel.

A sparse holiday crowd saw an all-Acton third period. In spite of being out of shape from a long lay-off Blake Inglis potted two more markers with Bodendistel and Farrelly assisting on both. Farrelly bagged the last goal with help from Blake.

The line centred by Gordie Bell with Harold Townsley and Jan Riddall on the wings scored the first two goals in the final chapter. Townsley and Riddall pulling the trigger and both linemates assisting.

Orangeville goalkeeper Bob Hogarth suffered a broken finger in the first period. He was taken to hospital for treatment and substitute Jim Rose, went into the nets. With three minutes left in the second stanza Rose was cut on the head and he had to be patched up. The remaining time in the period was played in the final stanza.

Player troubles originating from as far back as last season are again plaguing the Orangeville club. There's a possibility the junior club may fold up and the players will move up to intermediate.

First Period
A—Bodendistel (Farrelly, B. Inglis) 1:55
Pens.—Marchmont, D. Hoare.

Second Period
O—D. Hoare (R. Storey) 6:52
A—Bodendistel (Cunningham) 9:40
A—B. Inglis (Bodendistel) 9:52
A—Bodendistel (J. Farrelly, B. Inglis) 16:43

Third Period
A—H. Townsley (G. Bell, J. Riddall) 5:25
A—J. Riddall (G. Bell, Townsley) 8:00
A—B. Inglis (Bodendistel, Farrelly) 14:20
A—B. Inglis (Farrelly, Bodendistel) 15:40
A—J. Farrelly (B. Inglis) 17:00

Penalties
Pens.—Riddall, Solomon, Grassy.

Orangeville — B. Hogarth, Rose, goal; Solomon, Grigg, Townsley, Wanless, McMillen, Hoare, Mountford, Johnston, Strong, Druey, White, Moore.

Acton — J. Sweeney, J. Cunningham, M. Marchmont, G. Bell, H. Townsley, J. Riddall, J. Farrelly, B. Inglis, P. Bodendistel, G. Grassy, D. Snider, F. Anthony, sub goal.

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SKIP DON McMILLAN (left) piloted his rink to a one-rock decision over Ken Marchmont's rink but were decisive winners in the 10-and-a-half final. With skip McMillan, left to right, Harold Manes, Marg Gibson and vice-skip Dolores Tyler.

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Pounding the Sports BEAT

IF YOU'VE WATCHED the international ice hockey games on the magic lantern lately you'll no doubt have noticed a big improvement in the calibre of hockey. Sunday afternoon Canada and Czechoslovakia engaged in a contest which the Canucks, despite a rigorous six games in seven days, managed to win 5-3 from the reluctant Czechs.

Like the Russians and probably all national teams from behind the iron curtain, the Czechs are really pros masquerading under the guise of amateurs. All they do is play hockey, subsidized by the state. It's true they may nominally belong to the army but outside of ice sessions, drills are few and far between. In the off-season the players play soccer to keep in shape.

So it was a good omen for the Canadian national team, composed mostly of university students who manage to find time for an hour's practice session a day, to open centennial year by checkmating the Czechs.

It's taken a long time — five years — for the idea of a national team made up of the better juniors attending university to pan out but at long last the program is beginning to bear fruit. Sunday's game was just about par with an N.H.L. performance and the national team boasts a pre-season win over the current N.H.L. pace-setting New York Rangers.

A THREE-WAY BATTLE for first place is shaping up in the O.H.A.'s five team western intermediate B circuit. Hespeler, Mic Macs are leading the pack but pressing them hard are the surprising Acton Tanners, who despite a chronic shortage of players, have won six of their last seven contests.

Following the Tanners with two games in hand, defending O.H.A. champion Seaford Beavers, who've dropped four contests after a fast start, the same number blown by the locals. By the time the Acton club reappears at home on Friday, January 20 there could be a traffic jam at the league top. A lot will depend on how the Tanners do against Fergus in two meetings and Seaford in one. Wins, coupled with a Hespeler loss, could create one.

The fast starting Fergus Flyers are now finding it increasingly difficult to keep with the league leaders but you'd better guess why when they play against the Tanners. They've got a knack of capitalizing on the Acton team's mistakes which has won one game for them and let the Tanners scrape through to a pair of single goal wins.

Orangeville? Everybody's been wiping their feet on the tail-end Dufferins this season. They haven't won a game but they've had some close ones. Talk is now that the Orangeville junior team will fold and the better juniors will join the intermediates. If so, the Dufferins could pull some wins out of the league bag yet. The schedule is only half way through.

Skiing "excellent"

The snow-clad slopes of Glen Eden Hills have been attracting consistently large crowds since the start of the local skiing season on December 24. Skiing for 10 days straight attracted large crowds, much to the delight of the new managers of the skiing area, the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Skiing conditions have remained good to excellent since the start of the season and one Conservation Authority official noted, "skiing for 10 straight days is probably a record for that area."

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Mic Macs set league pace five Tanners in top 10

Statistics released by league statistician Ross Balentine showed the Tanners in second place in the five team O.H.A. Int. B race, a scant two points behind pace setting Hespeler.

Five of the Acton club are among the league's ten top scorers, a race presently headed by Hespeler's Dave Hiepel.

Following are the standings and scoring statistics: (as of January 2, 1967)

Team	GP	W	L	Pts.
Hespeler-Mic Macs	12	9	3	18
Acton Tanners	12	8	4	16
Seaford Beavers	6	4	2	12
Fergus Flyers	11	5	6	10
Orangeville Dufferins	10	0	10	0

TEN TOP SCORERS

Player	G	A	Pts.
D. Hiepel, Hespeler	12	17	29
J. McIlwain, Seaford	11	15	26
H. Townsley, Acton	13	10	23
K. Doig, Seaford	7	15	22
P. Bodendistel, Acton	8	13	21
J. Riddall, Acton	10	10	20
L. Mercer, Hespeler	11	8	19
D. Richardson, Acton	10	8	18
B. Dobie, Fergus	13	4	17
B. Inglis, Acton	8	9	17

Acton 8 - Hespeler 6 Novices lose to Hespeler

First Period
H—B. O'Krafka (D. Arbie, P. Bodendistel) 6:18
H—B. Heatherington (L. O'Krafka) 7:39
H—N. Love (D. Heipel) 15:58
Pens.—M. Main, B. Currie, R. Scoins, B. Kitzman.

Second Period
A—G. Bell (J. Riddall, H. Townsley) 6:41
A—J. Riddall (J. Cunningham, G. Bell) 7:19
A—D. Arbie (J. Farrelly) 15:47
Pens.—D. Arbie, B. Weber, G. Bell, D. Arbie.

Third Period
H—B. O'Krafka (R. Scoins) 1:59
A—H. Townsley (J. Riddall, J. Farrelly) 4:56
H—R. Scoins (B. Weber) 6:35
A—D. Arbie (P. Bodendistel) 14:31
H—D. Heipel (M. Main) 15:55
Pens.—B. O'Krafka, B. Currie, D. Snider, R. Currie (2 min. plus 5 mins. fight), Main (2 min. plus 5 min. fight).

Overtime
A—J. Farrelly (P. Bodendistel, M. Marchmont) 2:33
A—J. Riddall (B. O'Krafka) 3:13
Pen.—B. O'Krafka.

ACTON ARENA

SCHEDULE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
8-10 p.m. — Public Skating

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
9-12 — Figure Skating
1-6 p.m. — Legion Minor Hockey
8-10 p.m. — Public Skating

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Rentals
1:45-3:45 p.m. — Public Skating
7-10 p.m. — Ind. League Hockey

MONDAY, JANUARY 9
Curling

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10
Curling

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
2-3 p.m. — Mothers and pre-school children Public Skating
6-10 p.m. — Tri-County Hockey — Novice, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
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School
7-9 p.m. — Legion Minor Hockey
9-10 p.m. — Tri-County Juveniles

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By Art Hawes
Some of the results of the duck banding program in the District of Port Arthur will reveal what the prospects are for the 1967 season. The banding took place between August 19 and September 26 of this year.

There has been a change in the ratio of species to the population. In 1964, the Blue-Winged Teal accounted for only 3.5 per cent of the total. This year the number rose to 52.9 per cent.

On the other hand, Blacks and Mallards ratio went downward. In 1964, they accounted for 93.5 per cent of the total, dropping to 74.3 per cent in 1965 and this year they were down to 41.8 per cent of the total count.

A total of 1,878 ducks were trapped. Of these, 1,044 were repeaters. Apparently, the attraction of food — wheat, corn and barley — was greater than any fear of the trap or human handling. Amongst the repeaters were eight wearing local 1964 bands, 25 with 1966 bands and 10 with foreign bands. 1966 bands were placed on 789 birds.

Another fact recorded was that with the Blacks, the adults outnumbered the immature or young, while the reverse was true among the other species. This would seem to indicate a poor year for the Blacks and a further decline in numbers in 1967 unless there is a poor hatch in the summer of 1967.

The Tanners served seven of the 13 penalties.
Acton — J. Sweeney goal; M. Marchmont, J. Cunningham, D. Snider, B. Currie defense; G. Bell, H. Townsley, J. Riddall, J. Farrelly, P. Bodendistel, D. Arbie, forwards.

Defenceman Bill O'Krafka's long shot eluded Sweeney at 1:59 of the third period to square accounts again but O'Krafka immediately drew a tripping sentence and while he was off Townsley slid the puck under Watson to move Acton in front again. Scoins tied it up for Mic Macs for the second time in the period as Weber set him up in front of Sweeney.

End-to-end rushes were followed at the ends before Dan Arbie notched his second goal of the night on a play with Bodendistel at 14:31 which should have wrapped the win up in regulation time for Acton. Arbie sipped up left wing and fired a sizzler to the far corner which Watson never had a chance on.

But with Denis Snider serving a cheap elbowing sentence, league leading scorer Dave Heipel, an Elmira product, rapped in the tying goal to force an overtime period.

Bill Currie and Main tangled with a second left in the period and each received a five minute major for fighting and a two minute minor penalty for slashing.

Both teams looked tired for the start of the overtime with Hespeler showing the most ill effect of the fast pace. As a result the Tanners' dominated play and when O'Krafka took a slashing sentence at 4:45 it took what starch was left out of the Mic Mac attack.

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