

Beavers eke overtime win

Tanners down on set 3-0 play best game of season

Bob Buettmiller, a rugged right wingman with Seaforth Beavers, pulled the string at the 7:40 mark of the first overtime period to give Seaforth a 4-3 win over Acton Tanners in the third game of the best-of-seven O.H.A. Int. B group semi-finals, here, last Friday night.

Buettmiller's goal, his second, busted a gruelling, fast-skating playoff game wide open and put Beavers in front of the series three games to none.

Tanner fans who weren't present in abundance but made up for numbers with sound volume, hung on to their hats in the last few seconds as the Acton team came within an ace of tying the score but Paul Bodendistel's close-in shot missed the open corner.

Typical of the action which rocketed back and forth for the three periods, the contest was the best seen here this year. There was no doubt the strong Seaforth club was worried. An Acton win could have put a different complexion on the series.

The Tanners had a 3-2 edge at the 10:25 mark, but to add to it in the early minutes of the third. One mistake — leaving Buettmiller uncovered at the 10:25 mark — cost them the game. He batted in Jim Dick's pass-out to tie it up.

The same combination with Tom Dick in it won the game in overtime.

Like the first game of the series, this one could have gone either way. The Tanners kept the puck in the Beaver end for minutes at a time. Their nemesis was Gar Baker, a steady, Horatio-type goal-

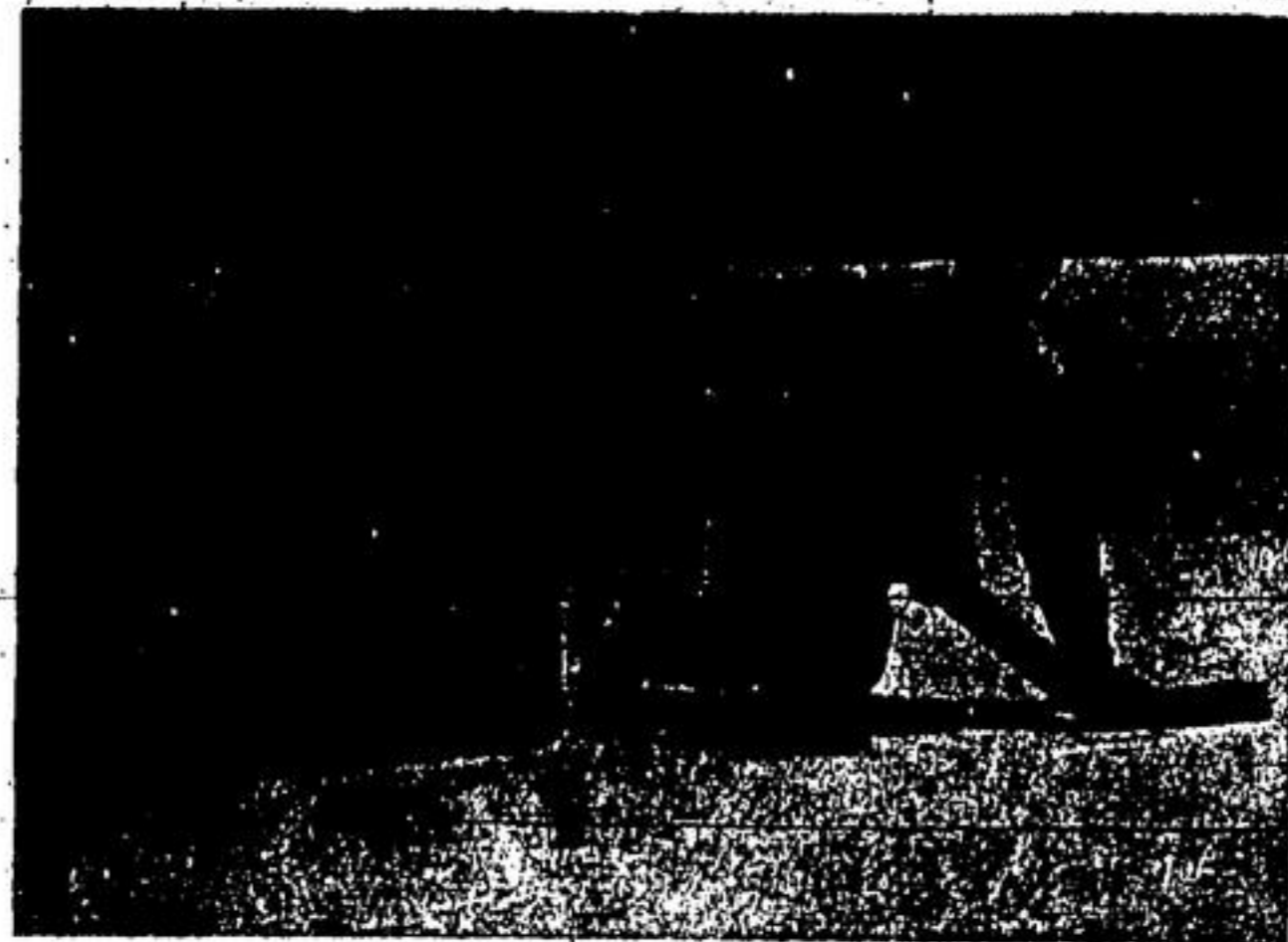
der who stymied them all by himself on occasion.

Stars in the Tanner camp were acrobatic Jim Sweeney and hard rock blue-liner Max Stafford. They gave it everything in an all-round team effort. Up front, Blake Inglis played his best game of the season, scoring two goals.

Beavers went in front late in the first period as veteran Kenny Doig broke up left wing while his team was short-handed and threaded the needle to Jim Sweeney's left. His shot picked the lower corner perfectly.

Not to be outdone, the Tanners tied it in the first minute of the second period, while team mate George Grasby sat off the back boards and Blake Inglis skated in to sink it at 9:13, deadlocking the count at 2-2.

Midway through the period Murray Marchment, another hustler for Acton, relayed to Harold Townsley at centre. Townsley let one of his booming slap shots go. It bounced off the back boards and Blake Inglis skated in to sink it at 9:13, deadlocking the count at 2-2.



O-O-O-PSI ALMOST missed that one. Gar Baker, Seaforth's outstanding twine tender, a star of the O.H.A. Int. B group semi-final, has kept his team in the running with his steady netminding. (Staff Photo)

Less than two minutes later, Blake tipped in a goalmouth pass from Jan Riddall, to put Acton in front for the first time. Again the play started with Murray Marchment.

The Tanners hung onto the lead through two penalties until the end of the period but Buettmiller tied it again in the third with both teams hanging onto the ropes.

Jim Sweeney saved Acton in the last five seconds of regulation time as he outguessed McLaughlin, in all alone.

The terrific pace told on the Tanners more than it did on the visitors who seem to be in better physical shape. The winning goal was scored on a tired Tanner team.

Unless the Tanners can pull up their socks and win two games in Seaforth, spring is going to come early.

Referee Willie Norris and Bruce Sims handed out 10 penalties, seven of them to Acton.

First Period
S: K. Doig (Jim. Dick) 16:13
Pens.: Marchment, McLaughlin, Townsley, K. Doig, Grasby.

Second Period
A: Townsley (J. Riddall) 0:41
S: J. McIlwain (McLaughlin, Buettmiller) 6:09
A: B. Inglis (Townsley, Marchment) 9:13
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Pens.: P. Rau, Stafford, Inglis.

Third Period
S: B. Buettmiller (T. Dick, J. Dick) 10:25
Pens.: J. Farrelly.

Overtime
S: Buettmiller (J. Dick, T. Dick) 7:40
Pens.: Acton (too many men on ice) served by B. Inglis.

Town League playoffs set

Legion Town League hockey teams kick off their playoff schedules this week.

Tomorrow night (Thursday) Buffalo takes on Hershey in the first game of the Bantam semi-finals. Game time is 7 p.m. The second game of the two games, goals to count semi-final set will be played on Friday night starting at 8:30.

Pittsburg, who will receive a bye into the finals, will take on the winners of the Hershey-Buffalo series. First game of the best-of-three final series will be played from 7 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 16.

The first game of the Atom finals between Weston and Brampton will be played on Saturday afternoon starting at 1 o'clock.

The best-of-three Novice semi-final series between Niagara Falls and St. Catharines will start on Saturday at 2 p.m. The other Novice semi-final series between Oshawa and Hamilton will start at 3 p.m.

First game of the Pee Wee semi-final series between Cleveland and Rochester will be played on Friday night starting at 7:30. Second game of the series will be on Saturday at 4 p.m.

First game of the other Pee Wee semi-final series — between Baltimore and Springfield — will be played from 5-6 p.m. on Saturday. Both semi-final series are two games, goals to count affairs.



DEFENSEMAN JIM CUNNINGHAM checks Seaforth's hurrying Jack McIlwain as goalkeeper Jim Sweeney goes down to block the loose puck in last Friday's gruelling O.H.A. Int. B playoff. Seaforth's McIlwain is one of the stars of the Seaforth club, O.H.A. champs the past two years. (Staff Photo)



TANNER GOALTENDER smotherers a drive by Bill McLaughlin while playmaker Ken Doig (12) waits for the rebound. Dennis Snider of the Tanners (5) checks McIlwain while Murray Marchment and another unidentified Tanner stand watch over Sweeney. (Staff Photo)

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Pee Wees, Novices split exhibitions in Woodbridge

Acton Pee Wees swept to a 5-1 decision and Acton's Novice squad dropped a 3-2 verdict in exhibition action in Woodbridge on Sunday.

The same two teams recently represented the town in the

Micros bump Hamilton BP

Micro Plastics wallopped Hamilton BP 11-4 in a game here last Thursday night which saw both Harvey and Ed Hillier rap in hat tricks and another Hillier, Dan, bagged a pair.

Harvey Hillier's three goals and two assists and Dan Hillier's pair and three assists were tops. Ed Hillier's three points were all goals while Barry Wilson connected for four points consisting of one goal and three assists.

Johnny Goy hit the target once and had an assist with Garney Roszell rattling in another.

Line-up: Bill Wingate, goal; Cliff Nelson, Garney Roszell, Ken McIsaac, Ed Hillier, defence; Dan Hillier, Harvey Hillier, George Greenwood, Beaver Baxter, Harvey Taylor, John Goy, Barry Wilson, Glen Jackson, forwards.

Bants lose exhibitions

Two exhibition games meant two losses for Acton Firefighter Bantams as they prep for the tournament Easter Week, but there was a world of difference between the two.

A chippy, argumentive meeting with Georgetown bantams here Sunday ended in a 5-0 win for the visitors. Spectators were afraid someone would be hurt as both teams looked to be "out for blood".

Monday in Milton Firefighters lost a 6-3 decision without top scorer Pete Marzo in the line-up but they played much better hockey. Peter Morrison was up for the game and once again John Snow was in the line-up.

Score didn't indicate play with Acton missing three or four good chances. Gary Tailor scored the first Acton goal unassisted and Bill Field notched numbers two and three. His first effort was a picture goal; his second was assisted by brother Mike and Dale Fisher.

Industrial playoffs

Raiders double score on Dusters but Jets, Orioles tie opener

By John McNabb
Play-off action in the Industrial Hockey League on Sunday night gave no hint as to would-be champions. Raiders did overpower the Dusters with an 8-4 score but last year's play-off results started likewise and finished otherwise.

Orioles and Jets in the second game of the twin bill are keeping everyone guessing by finishing in a 3-3 tie.

In the opener, Raiders started with a 5-0 lead up until the middle of the second period but fell short in the third to finish 8-4.

Ruddy "Gus" Holmes started the Raiders off early in the first period with two counters, assisted by Jim McDonald.

Before heading for the penalty box in the second period, for 13 minutes, Holmes completed a hat trick on an assist from Stu McDonald.

Stu McDonald made it 4-0 in the second period on an assist from Ron Heller.

Rich Gordon golfed in a pair in the last period, one assisted by Ken McIsaac and Glen Beauclair.

Stu McDonald came up with his second for the night assisted by "Gus" Holmes and Gord Mason.

Rick Henderson started a third period comeback for Dusters but to no avail. He notched a well earned hat trick of his own on assists from Ian Johnson, John Cunningham, Wayne Sheppard and Jeff McLaran.

Bruce Barber netted the final tally for the Duster on another of John Cunningham's assists.

Determined efforts of both Orioles and Jets forced the second game tally to a 3-3 tie.

Gary Masales popped in a pair of pointers on assists from Harold Watson and Ron Bastell and Denny Gibbons finished up with a counter from Pete Marks.

Fred Andrews led off for the Jets on a pass from Jim Bulough and Red Phillips picked up some points on a goal and an assist as did Gary Ritchie on his goal. John Goy assisted on both the latter's goals.

Next week's play-off games are the second of the two semi-final games; the top score of the two deciding the finalists.

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Tanners eliminated Four straight games

Acton Tanners were eliminated from the O.H.A. Int. B playoffs last night (Tuesday) when they lost their fourth straight game to the smooth passing Seaforth Beavers.

Score was 6-3 in front of a large crowd in the Seaforth arena.

O.H.A. Int. B champs for two years running, Beavers ran up a 3-0 lead on the Tanners in the first period, stretched it to 5-1 at the end of the second. The Acton club, minus Max Stafford and Gordie Bell, outscored Seaforth 2-1 in the final chapter.

Harold Townsley, Jim Farrelly and Dan Arbc bagged the Acton goals in a real fast game. Hands were shook all around at the final bell.

Short-handed, the Tanners still put everything they had in the game. Stafford was unable to make the trip because of work and Bell had teeth out in the morning.

Seaforth will meet the winner of the Fergus - Hespeler series in the finals. Hespeler leads three games to two, with the sixth game in Fergus Friday night.

Suggests organization here of "British Canadian" club

In making calls for Welcome Wagon, and through regular contacts, Mrs. Dolly Robinson has seen a need for more social opportunities among newcomers to Acton. She suggests the formation of a British-Canadian club, and has asked anyone interested to get in touch with her at 833-0945.

Newcomers from the British Isles say they are seldom approached to join local groups — other than some who have been asked if they would like to attend events sponsored by

the friendly and successful German-Canadian club. They tend to make their friends with other newcomers from Britain and find most of their entertainment out-of-town.

New families are coming here all the time. Mrs. Robinson sees in her work as hostess with the Welcome Wagon service. She feels a British-Canadian club would fill a definite need here. She hopes she may hear from long-time residents as well as newcomers.

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