

the Sports Spot

By John McNabb

Well! Believe it or not spring is on the way and this calls for another move in the sports cycle. Most of the hockey enthusiasts have hung up the skates, the curlers will soon cache their brooms and the skiers are planning their last big ski weekend for the coming Easter holiday.

It's about time for the end of the season hockey tournaments to begin and one of the most interesting tournaments in the area is the ninth annual Tri-County Juvenile hockey tournament played in the recently renovated Milton arena. The tournament which is now in progress started last Saturday, March 18 and carries on until March 25.

Acton Lions Juvenile team along with 34 other teams from virtually all of southern Ontario and one from south of the border — a Detroit "B" team — have been competing for the top spot in this tournament and are playing some very top notch games for anyone interested in going down to watch.

The tournament was founded in 1959 to assist the families affected by the Listowel arena tragedy. At first the tournament was a two-day affair, but for the past three years it has stretched from the Saturday preceding Good Friday until the day before Easter.

Toronto Maple Leaf star Ron Ellis is a top ranking graduate of the tournament and who knows, maybe Acton's team has something to offer.

Acton Novice All-Star team is preparing for its participation in the Brampton Lions Club eighth annual International Novice Hockey Week held in the Brampton Memorial Arena from March 24 to April 1. Boasting to be the biggest Novice hockey tournament in the world the tournament will host over 1,000 pint sized pucksters playing in over 100 playoff games.

Acton's team will compete in the "D" series for communities up to 4,500 which includes Elora, Exeter, Delhi, Woodbridge, Harriston and Walkerton just to mention a few.

Still another team from Acton, that being the Bantam All-Stars will display their form at the International Bantam Hockey Tournament held in Georgetown and hosted by the Georgetown Kinsmen club. The official opening for the tourney is to be held tomorrow night, March 23 and carry on through a week long schedule of fun and excitement for all attending.

The Eighteenth Annual Goderich Lions Young Canada Week hockey opens in Goderich, Ontario, on Thursday, March 23 and runs through to April 1. The biggest little hockey tournament in the world draws pee wee teams from Newfoundland to California. Acton doesn't have any entries in the tourney this year but the word is that Acton may be playing host to its own Pee Wee Tournament next year through the sponsorship of a local organization and plans have already been put into action.

While on the subject of "word from the grape vine", talk has it that Acton may come up with a Junior "C" team for next year. This is great! This is simply wonderful! But let's not fly off the handle. There are two sides to every story and this is no exception. First of all a team of this calibre would require a great deal of care; coach, manager and finance-wise more so, I would say, than the intermediate team which has been in the limelight for the last six years.

Another query into the topic would be the acquisition of an all Acton team or a team made up more or less of a reasonable number of Acton players which the O.H.A. Junior "C" division specifies. Acton does have a limited number of players which would comply to regulations and the competition but do they have enough?

These are just a few obvious points I am trying to bring-out and if they appear to discourage the idea to the point of forgetting it altogether they are not meant to because the innovation of a Junior "C" team could do a great deal of good for Acton hockey.

The baseball season is beginning to shape up even though the snow still lies deep on the frozen ground.

Murray Hood, third vice-president of the Halton County Baseball Association, reports a meeting has been called for Wednesday, April 5 to organize leagues and schedule dates for the minor teams. Any association — currently there are four — which hasn't paid its share of the 1966 umpires' fees will not be allowed to enter teams in the Halton leagues.

Mr. Hood stressed "any team intending to have teams in the minors must have a representative at the meeting."

Jackie Palmer, an ardent young bowling enthusiast from the Acton Bowling Lanes, has been selected as a nominee for the trip to the "National Youth Bowling Championships" being held at April Lanes in Scarborough, Ontario, on March 26, 27 and 28.

Best wishes for Jackie.

In Wales, they like a sport called "purring". The contestants put on heavy shoes with reinforced toes and standing, facing each other, with hands on each others shoulders, they start kicking each other's shins when the signal is given. The man who breaks the hold first and backs away is automatically the loser.

Some sport, eh what?

Bants tie, win games prepare for tourney

Acton Firefighter Bantams start the Georgetown Bantam tournament at 7:30 a.m. on Friday morning against Woodbridge. The same two teams meet again Friday afternoon at 3:30 and the winner will go on to the next series on Saturday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Two exhibitions this week in preparation for the tournament ended in a 3-3 deadlock with Milton, here, Saturday night. Monday in Hespeler, the Acton club downed Hespeler Bantams 5-1.

Against Milton in a clean, well refereed game, the Firefighters got goals from Bill Field, assisted by George McPhail and Randy Weldon, Pete Marzo from Don Dunbar, and Don Dunbar notched the third on the next series on Saturday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Pick of the Acton crop was Don Dunbar, who turned in a strong game both ways. Bill Field drilled two goals and collected an assist, to spark the team against Hespeler. Pete Marzo got a goal and an assist, Jim Stevenson and Peter Morrison each hit the target once. Dale Fisher, George McPhail and Mike Field drew single assists.

The Acton club drew four foolish penalties but played well enough in all departments to win.

Juveniles lose tourney start

Acton Juveniles lost their first game at the Milton Juvenile hockey tournament a 6-2 decision to Stoney Creek Saturday morning.

Three Stoney Creek goals in the last period sewed the decision up after Acton had crept to within a goal at the end of the second.

Benny Elliott bagged the first Acton goal from Brian Farrell and Ken Owen notched the second from Kevin Hall.

The loss automatically put Acton in the consolation series against Markham, who lost to Milton.

Juves blank Industrialists

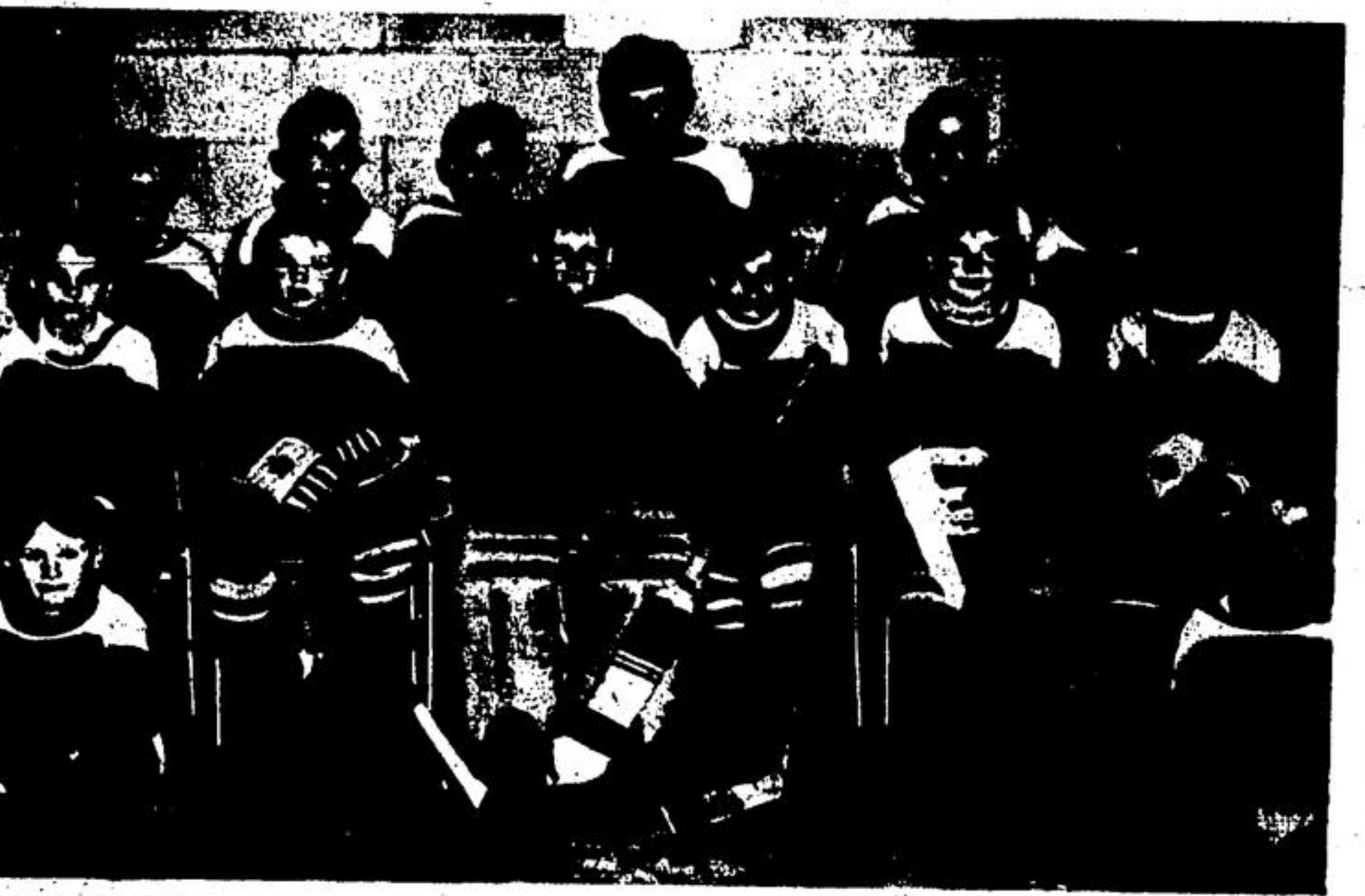
Acton Juveniles blanked the Industrial League All Stars 5-0 in an exhibition last Wednesday night as part of their preparation for the Milton Juvenile hockey tournament.

Old gossip: young flirts gone to seed.



SATURDAY'S FINAL PLAYOFF game will decide the closest race in years in the Legion town league as these two Atom teams battle right to the final game for a champion. The two teams ended up tied for the league lead and each has won one playoff game. Top photo is the Brampton team. Front row, left to right, Mike Ware, Danny Webster, Tim Taylor, Brian Ashley, Steve McKnight, Steve Daigle. Back row, Mike McCabe, John McHugh, Joe Kent-

ner, Scott Withers, Derrick Dixon and Ford Alton. Missing are Mike Sojka, Tim Daigle and Doug Cooper. Bottom photo is the Weston team. Sitting in front on the ends, Terry Bateman and Scott Malcolm. Next row, Michael Morris, Trevor Davies, Mark Morrison, Jeff Shields, Fred Allen, Norm Thornhill. Back row, Bob Kilby, John Scoyne, Paul Tyers, Ken Swan, Gord Bruce, Ricky Holmes. Missing was David Brown. (Staff Photos)



LEGION TOWN LEAGUE HOCKEY

NOVICE
Novice playoff action, which started last Wednesday night, saw St. Catharines and Hamilton eliminated in the semi-final games.

Friday night play ended in a 4-0 lead in the finals for Niagara Falls over Oshawa. Bernie Taylor notched a pair of markers, and an assist while Billy Ware and Bill McKenzie picked up points from Taylor and Glen Widowski.

In the second game of the finals held Saturday morning, a 2-2 tie developed, calling for a third game to be held this Saturday at 2 p.m.

Bernie Taylor scored for St. Kitts from Bill McKenzie who in turn came up with one from Steve Brunelle.

Oshawa's markers came from David Allen and Bill Vivian, who assisted on each other's goals.

ATOM
Western turned tables on Brampton in Atom final action to win 7-0 in the second playoff game. John Scoyne copped a hat trick on assists from Bob Kilby, Ricky Holmes and Ken Swan. Mike Morrison popped in his first marker of the year from Ricky Holmes who himself netted a trio of markers from Fred Allen and Mike Morris.

The Legion Hockey executive would like to see more parents and spectators out to see their kids play in the playoff games this Thursday night and all Saturday afternoon.

The banquet for the minor hockey teams this year has been planned for Saturday, April 22.

PEE WEE
Baltimore eliminated Springfield in the second, of the best two out of three games, by a score of 3-2. Baltimore pointers came from John Fuchs on an assist from Tony Swim who assisted again on Harry Lawson's score. David Forster popped in his marker unassisted.

Baltimore met Cleveland on Saturday morning in the first game of the finals only to finish in a 4-4 tie. Randy Marsh picked up a hat trick on two assists from Glen McKenzie and one from Jim McNabb who notched one past the Cleveland goalie aided by Harry Lawson and David Norman.

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Juves edge Markham last night

A goal by Brian Farrell assisted by Kevin Hall and Barrie Elliott gave Acton Lion Juveniles a 1-0 win over Markham in the Tri-County Juvenile Tournament at Milton last night (Tuesday).

Paul Cooper was outstanding in goal as he registered the shut-out in the first game of the consolation round.

In four tournament games last night two went into overtime, the Acton - Markham match was settled by one goal and another contest had a two goal margin.

In Vienna
C. F. (Pat) Patterson of nearby Norval, an Esqueping Councillor and O.H.A. referee-in-chief, is in Vienna, Austria, supervising referees at the world amateur hockey championship.

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Orioles down one

Raiders could wrap up Industrial loop Sunday

Sunday night's playoff opener in the industrial hockey league's best two out of three series saw the Raiders whip the Orioles by a decisive 10-4 tally.

Oriole troopers just didn't seem to be in top shape to overpower the Raiders as they pulled ahead in the second period.

Raiders caught the totalling onslaught of 12 penalties including a game misconduct, while the Orioles played it cool with only four. The game, on the whole wasn't as rough as it would appear but referees Barry Insoce and Don Lindsay were not going to allow it to get out of hand.

Ruddy "Gus" Holmes had just started things rolling for the Raiders early in the first

"teeter-totter" period when Gary Masales came back for Orioles to score from Denny Gibbons and Stu McDonald in turn, faced one in from Gus Holmes for the Raiders.

This was the first of five pointers for Stu McDonald, the league's top scorer this year and all five were well manoeuvred markers. Ron Heller assisted Stu on two of his goals while Rick Gordon aided on another.

Alan McNabb planted one in behind Oriole netminder John Leatherland on a pass from Rick Gordon and Ken "Budha" McIsaac tacked one on the same net from Jim McDonald.

Gus Holmes scored his second of the night from Rick Gordon and Ron Heller tallied unassisted.

Peter Marks and Harold Watson outwitted Raider goal guard Andy Williams for unassisted Oriole markers leaving Gary Masales to come back again from Denny Gibbons.

Next Sunday's game should prove to be exciting as it's do or die for the Orioles and everyone should be in great shape after attending Easter church services.

ACTON ARENA

- SCHEDULE -

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22
2-3 p.m. — Mothers and Pre School Children
6-30 p.m. — Public Schools' Centennial Ice Carnival

THURSDAY, MARCH 23
6-7 p.m. — Referees' Hockey School
7-9 p.m. — Legion Minor Hockey
9-10 p.m. — Acton BP vs Toronto BP

FRIDAY, MARCH 24
9-11 a.m. — Figure Skating Club
2-4 p.m. — Public Skating
6-7 p.m. — Legion Minor Hockey
8-10 p.m. — Public Skating
10-12 p.m. — Industrial Hockey

SATURDAY, MARCH 25
8 a.m.-12.45 p.m. — Figure Skating Club
1-6 p.m. — Legion Minor Hockey
8-10 p.m. — Public Skating
10-11 p.m. — Industrial Hockey

SUNDAY, MARCH 26
7 a.m.-1 p.m. — Rentals
1:30-3:30 p.m. — Public Skating
4-7 p.m. — Minor Hockey
7-10 p.m. — Industrial Hockey League

MONDAY, MARCH 27
Curling

TUESDAY, MARCH 28
Curling

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29
9-12 a.m. — Public Schools' Centennial Sports
2-4 p.m. — Public Skating
6-9 p.m. — Figure Skating Club
9-12 p.m. — Industrial Hockey

Curling Cuos

Ladies' Afternoon Curling: Margaret Toth 4, Gwen Tyler 4, Eleanor Goy 2, Shirley Hunter 2, Anne Moore 2, Ethel Holmes 1, May Wilds 1, Mae Dumarsh 0.

Monday afternoon Len Lovell's team defeated Ted Tyler's team in the semi-finals of the playoffs. Next week the Lovell foursome meets Bill Toth's rink for the "thunder mug".

The Mixed Closing Club Bonspiel is well under way with 22 teams playing their first games and 12 teams playing their second games.

Skids winning their first games were Ted Tyler Sr., Len Lovell, Ab Irwin, Mel Jordan, Ted Tyler Jr., John Goy, Walter Dubois, Don Timmings, Chester Anderson, Fyfe Somerville and Bill Toth.

Winners of their second game in the first event for the Ridley Trophy were Ted Tyler Jr., Walter Dubois and Chester Anderson.

Winners of their second game in the second event for the Walker Trophy were Ken Marchmont, Bill Dumarsh and Wes Beatty.

Play continues next Monday and Tuesday with winners being declared next Tuesday night.

A rink skipped by Kae Hansen with Phyllis Patrick, Mary Marks and Ruth Holmes won the one game high prize at North Halton Golf and Curling Club Georgetown last Wednesday. They each received Centennial serving spoons.

Russians invading they're here now

The Russians are beginning to invade Canada — not by plane or guided missile — but with bicycles.

Yes! The Russians are shipping a unique style of bicycle to Canada which is swamping the market in sports stores. This week, the Sports Corner received a shipment of the bike which can be adapted for use as a tricycle or two-wheel bicycle. Parents can buy the unit for a small child and by changing the rear axle, can adapt it as the child grows up for use as a bicycle.

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