

TANNERS OPEN HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday night is hockey night in Acton again this season! This Friday Cheltenham, a club bound to stir up new rivalries, bounces into town with at least two wins under their belts to open the 1967-68 hockey season here.

Game time is 8:30 and despite a late start the new edition of the Tanners, hastily assembled from local ranks and a few imports will give the well-conditioned Chelts a few hard lumps. The Tanners actually start the season tomorrow night (Thursday) in Hespeler but they'll be saving their Friday punch for the home crowds.

Unlike last week at this time when they had neither a coach, manager or executive, the Acton club at last has an executive.

Coach and manager have not yet been appointed but Harold Townsley is acting as coach in the interim.

He had to pick a team from over 30 hopefuls who showed up for practice here last Friday night with the emphasis on local players.

Now president is Jack Marshall, vice-president is "Toots" Brownlow, secretary-treasurer George Haggitt. On the committee are Ross Ballentine, Roy Goodwin, Barry Inscow and Hartley Coles. Each member of the executive has special duties assigned to them.

Because the club is a late starter, all birds aren't expecting any great degree of polish when the schedule opens for the Tanners Thursday in Hespeler. It is hoped the team will improve steadily until it's a contender.

There'll be a few familiar faces back in the line-up. Fellows like Jim Sweeney, Dennis Snider, Jim Farrelly and Blake Inglis have been trying out although the former may be playing in a Cheltenham suit. Blake signed with the Chelties when he figured Acton wasn't being a team this season. He's to let the Tanners know his decision by tonight.

There may be one of the first father and son combinations in several seasons in the club if Steve Townsley makes the line up. Father Harold is also ready to try another season.

Other Acton boys? You'll see Gordie Mason, Ron Malcolm, Harry (Red) Phillips, Ron Melton, Frank Anthony and Dave Garrett among others.

More new faces with the team are Ken Hearn, Rod Presswood, Ray Hands, George Young and Glen Cooper although Glen played one year with the Tanners previously.

There'll be others, too, this reporter does not remember. Next Tuesday after the back-to-back encounters with Hespeler and Cheltenham the Tanners will be heading to Durham for a joust with the Huskies.

The seven team league includes Hespeler, Durham, Seaforth, Acton, Port Elgin, Elera and Cheltenham.

The long trips, the new executive hopes, will be made by bus with the seats left over available for fans at a slight charge.

the SPORTS spot

BY JOHN McHARR

Hip! Hip! Hurray! The Acton Tanners have finally gotten themselves an executive. From the looks of this year's Tanager governors, Acton's intermediate entry will be well looked after.

Jack Marshall has taken on the position of president. Jack, a well known figure around Acton, former goalie for Tanners from a couple of years back and present president of Acton's Fall Fair Board, has taken on the chore of whipping the Tanners into a qualifying Int. B team for the 1967-68 season.

"Toots" Brownlow, who I presently know very little about, will act as vice-president, assisting Jack with Tanager matters. George Haggitt, Tanager executive member for a number of years will serve as secretary-treasurer again this year. George has done a fine job in the past and I'm sure will follow-up with more of the same. Roy Goodwin, proprietor of the Sport's Corner, will act as contact man. Roy, who is already president of the Tri-county here in Acton, has more than shown his interest for hockey for our town by taking on this position.

Harold Townsley has been acting as the temporary Tanager coach and has been putting the existing team members through some grueling practices in order to whip them into some kind of shape for this coming Thursday night game. Townsley says he can't tell exactly what kind of players he's got until he sees them in actual game conditions. The players can't be chosen from practice sessions alone. Bob Marshall and Ed Footitt are to take on temporary manager and coaching positions until definite members can be acquired to fill the spots.

The Tanager roster for Thursday night's game will include a number of local players. Harry "Red" Phillips, Gord Mason, Stu MacDonald and Dave Garrett are among the Tanager lineup for their encounter with Hespeler, on their home ice. Jim Sweeney, former Actonite will take on the net minding chores again this year, with back-up goalie Frank Ashby, another local entry.

Blake Inglis, a big booster for the Acton team in past years will have given a "yes or no" answer to the executive on whether or not he will play on the Tanager squad this season, before Thursday's game. Inglis has presently taken up ranks with Cheltenham, due to the fact that a Tanager team entry was earlier doubtful for Acton.

Game time in Hespeler is 8:30 p.m. and back in Acton Friday night when Acton meets Cheltenham.

Dave Sproston former Acton District High School student, played an important role in leading Northern Secondary School to its second straight Toronto high school senior football championship at Varsity Stadium. Sproston, playing his first game as a linebacker, intercepted a screen pass for a 78 yard dash for a touchdown. Northern downed Humberstone 26-16 for the win.

This week's tri-county schedule sees the Pee Wees meeting Preston at 7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) followed by the Bantams at 8 p.m. against Preston. Friday night at 6:30 p.m. the novice team will take on Preston. Midget and Juvenile games with Preston have been re-scheduled due to exams but they will play in Oakville on Saturday. A weekly tri-county schedule will appear on the sports page in following issues for player and spectator convenience.

Season's tickets for the home games are \$1.75 for the whole family. One couldn't lose on a deal like this. Game admissions are .50¢ for adults and .25¢ for the kids.

Acton's female hockey enthusiasts will hold a bottle drive this Saturday to raise cash for expenses. The league has a total of 36 enthusiastic hockey players out to practices every Saturday morning.

Raiders' first win

Orioles trounce Hornets Jets downed by Raiders

Acton's industrial league opener on Sunday night saw the Orioles once again come out on top with a 6-3 win over Hornets. Raiders came up with their first win of the season, when they downed the Jets 6-3.

To date, the Orioles have taken over first spot in the league, with four wins in four plays. Jets and Hornets are presently tied for second spot with one win, two losses and a tie apiece. Raiders take the cellar position with three losses and one win. Raiders appear to have picked themselves up after Sunday's game and are back on their feet again.

Orioles put the boots to the Hornets and sent them home after a 6-2 victory. Hornets missed the help of team mates Ruddy Holmes and Stu McDonald on Sunday night, hoping for a different score, had they been on the lines.

John Goy started the Orioles flying in the first period with a marker from Tom Oakley. Gary Ritchie came back in the second with a pointer, assisted as did Bruce Barber on a pass from Clayton Ward. John Goy picked up another two markers in the third, one on an assist from John Cunningham. Donny Gibbons netted one on an assist from John

Goy, to finish off the Orioles tally. Barry Wilson scored for the Hornets in the second period on a pass from Dave Papillon and Harry Phillips potted one from Ritch Gordon in the third.

Both teams picked up three penalties apiece for various offences.

Bantams lose 5-2

Deadlocked 2-2 at the end of the second period, Acton Bantams lost a tough 5-2 decision to Oakville A's last night (Tuesday) in the Lakeshore arena.

The entire Acton team played well until the last 10 minutes of the game when the Oaks plunked in three goals to wrap up the win. Big drawback for the Acton club was their inability to score, sometimes with only the goalkeeper to beat.

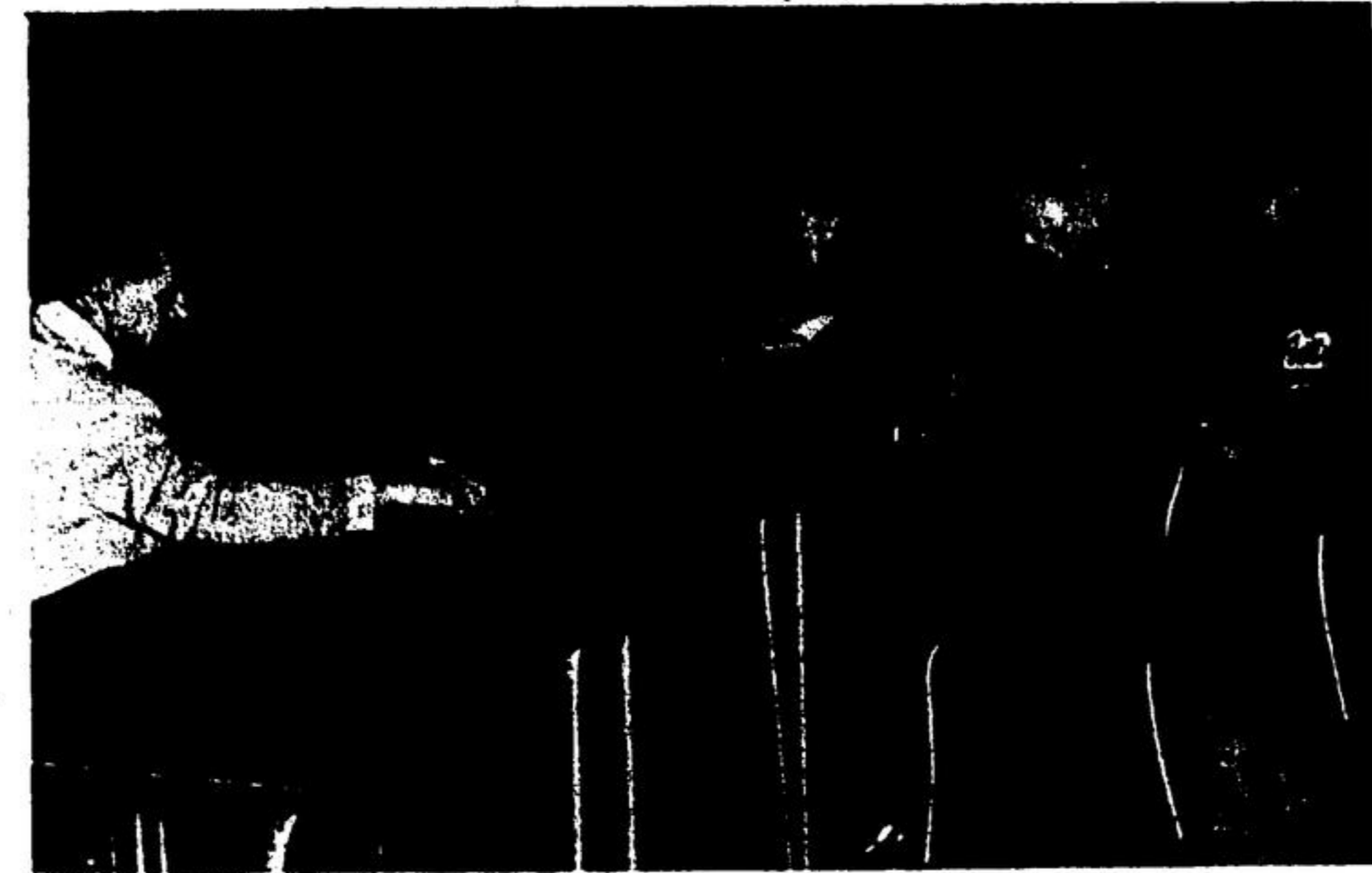
George McPhail rifled the first Acton goal unassisted and Pete Morrison bagged the second from Mark Nielsen. Post, Sherlow, Lobert, Bennett and Perrel scored for Oakville.

The Acton teams hosts Preston tonight (Wednesday) at the Community centre.



OVER 30 HOPEFULS were on hand for the Friday night practice of Acton Tanners. Harold Townsley, interim coach, instructs on some of the things he expects to see from the team. The

Tanners open the season on Thursday in Hespeler, and play their first home game Friday. (Staff Photo)



PART OF THE NEW Acton Tanager executive discusses problems which must be ironed out before the season opens. From left, Roy Goodwin, Mick Holmes, Ross Ballentine, president Jack Marshall, vice-president "Toots" Brownlow and Sonny Townsley. (Staff Photo)

Max Stafford signs to coach Acton Tanners

Just before the paper went to bed, The Free Press was notified that Max Stafford, genial former player with the Tanners, has agreed to coach the team this season.

Max is well known in this district and this decision was based on a desire to either play or coach and the latter won out.

Temporary coach Harold Townsley also notified The Free Press that Blake Inglis has also decided he'll don an Acton uniform this season. Blake signed with Cheltenham when it was thought Acton might not have a team.

It is rumored Cheltenham will oppose his signing with the Tanners.



MAX STAFFORD New Tanager Coach

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Ball star turns to horses

Stan joins Mohawk roster

The newest addition to Mohawk Raceway's driver roster is Stan Henderson, a 36-year-old Campbellville native. Stan first became interested in the sport in

1963 when Mohawk Raceway opened its inaugural session. He was an ardent race fan and the following year purchased a pacer named Capt. Riddell and a brood mare called Archangel in partnership with Tom Gaskell of Guelph. The next year the partnership was dissolved and Henderson retained the mare, who was in foal to Mr. Baldrige.

Today Henderson is firmly established in the standardbred sport. His spanking new 26-acre horse haven south of Campbellville houses 15 steeds. The one-third mile limestone-cushioned training track can be flooded for night training.

Henderson was licensed as a provisional driver last week. His initial attempt to crack the big apple produced a second place finish with Willow Brook Darcy. Previously he had five drives at Hanover.

Jack Mackenzie and John Leatherland shared the goal tending chores for the Jets, while regular Dan Arctic took to refereeing in Oakville. John, a former industrial league player, came out of retirement to give the Jets a hand Sunday night.

Jim McDonald, Raider marksman, scored two of the three first period goals with assists from wingmen Gord Mason and Bill Coon. Gord Van Gils planted number three from Ken Tuck. Sheldon Blow netted one in the second, unassisted and opened the third with a goal from Tuck and McDonald. Turk Sheppard tallied up for the Raiders with one on an assist from Sheldon Blow.

Jet tally came from Ed Hilliard with one in the first unassisted, Jim Bullough on an assist from Ed in the third and the final marker from Ron Melton with J. Bullough taking the assist.

Raiders served five of the nine penalties handed out by referee Barry Inscow.

If Stan's ability to rein a pacer or trotter equals his fine athletic prowess, his six foot frame will likely ride tall in the sulky for many years. As a youngster he achieved fame with Campbellville's baseball team. He turned down an offer to play pro ball at the age of 16. He was a star basketball player while attending Guelph Collegiate and led Toronto's Ryerson Collegiate basketball club to many of their greatest victories.

During 14 years of competition with the Campbellville baseball team from 1952 to 1965 Stan played in 1,746 games and compiled a remarkable .369 batting average.

Henderson's rise to prominence with a large Toronto electrical firm is equally impressive. He currently heads the sales staff and still finds time to train and drive a modest stable of standardbreds.

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There was little action at Maple Rock this week due to the cold weather. Steve Goy, who has been shooting the past few weeks brought out his friend, George Cook to show him how it was done. However George cleaned Steve 17 to 11. Not bad for a first-timer.

Reports from the north indicate many gangs of deer hunters had good success. A few report poorer than average success.

Ontario Department of Lands and Forests report many charges under the migratory game bird regulations are due to the inability of many hunters to tell one duck from another. The Department suggests anyone who intends to go duck hunting but is not familiar with the different species should spend some time at a good marsh or lake before the season with a pair of binoculars and a good bird identification book. With many species of ducks declining and more stringent regulations on these species it could save a fine and also help stop the population decline of these varieties.

The Ontario Department of Lands and Forests report initial success in their predator control measures. One farmer reported wolves in his area and was concerned for the welfare of his flock of 175 sheep. A predator

control expert was sent to investigate and take necessary action. Within two months the expert trapped seven wolves and with the farmer's co-operation was able to prevent any sheep losses. The Department is using this method of control to prevent problems of wolves causing damage to livestock.

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- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**
6-7 p.m. - Hockey School
7-8 p.m. - Pee Wee (Tri-City)
8-9 p.m. - Bantam (Tri-City)
9-10 p.m. - Midget (Tri-City)
10-11 p.m. - Ind. Hockey
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23**
2-3 p.m. - Mothers and Pre-School Skating
6-8 p.m. - Figure Skating
8-9 p.m. - Legion Hockey
9-10 p.m. - Juvenile (Tri-City)
10-12 p.m. - Ind. Hockey
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24**
6:30-7:30 p.m. - Novice (Tri-City)
8:30 p.m. - Cheltenham vs Acton Tanners
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**
8-9 a.m. - Girls' Hockey
9:15-10:45 a.m. - Private Lessons Figure Skating
10:45-12:45 - Figure Skating
1-6 p.m. - Legion Hockey
6:30-7:30 - Bantams (Tri-City)
8-10 p.m. - Public Skating
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**
8-11 a.m. - Industrial Hockey
11-12:30 p.m. - Tanner Practice
1-2 p.m. - Novice (Tri-City)
2:15-4:15 p.m. - Public Skating
4:30-7 p.m. - Minor Hockey
7:15-10:15 p.m. - Industrial Hockey

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