

the SPORTS spot

BY JOHN McNEAR

Acton Tanners resolutions for the coming year should include more of the same hockey action and wins that took place at last Friday night's victory over Seaforth.

Acton's 5-4 win brought cheers and applause resounding once again from the still and quiet rafters of Acton's Community Centre. Tanners' well deserved win should spark them on to more of the same. Edging out the number one team after losing seven straight was Acton's record after Friday's game.

With that first win build up in morale the Tanners went on to blank out Cheltenham on Tuesday (last night) in what was reported to be a rough and tough battle.

As Cheltenham lagged behind in points their tempers appeared to have gotten the better part of them and they hit the dust 14 times during the game.

Terry Lane sparked for the Tanners last night with a pair of goals and assists.

Bill Currie, a Milton recruit, played an outstanding game as defenseman for the locals.

Bob Marshall has taken on the manager's chores for the Acton Tanners this year. Bob acted as an O.H.A. convener last season and will take an active part in the local club during the '67-'68 season. A former tanner player and executive member, Bob will always be an asset to the Acton squad.

Sunday night's Industrial hockey will be cancelled for the next two weeks due to Christmas and New Years. "Bush league" action will resume again on Sunday, Jan. 7.

Registration fees for the second half of the season are due as of the next game.

Dan Ardic and Gary Masales are scheduled to referee a Kitchener vs. Montreal Jr. "A" game this Friday night. The pair of local O.H.A. referees have scheduled themselves many good refereeing opportunities during this season.

Mark Pollock

Ace Oak hurler dies in Oakville

Former Oakville Oaks baseball pitcher Mark Pollock died suddenly at his Forsythe Street Oakville home Saturday. He was 47.

Mr. Pollock an employee with the Oakville Public Utilities Commission, once had a tryout with the St. Louis Cardinals of the National Baseball League.

Ollie Johnson, Oakville baseball historian, said Pollock was one of the best pitchers the Oaks have ever had. "I will always remember his no-hit game in the 1947 playoffs," he said.

Pollock joined the Oaks in 1947 and played with them until the late 1950's.

He came from a sporting family. His father used to play with Bronte and Hamilton Harvesters ball team and his brother Kenneth Pollock of Tecumseh Crescent has played with the senior baseball Oaks and also has had tryouts with several pro teams in the United States.

Acton baseball fans can remember many of the games Pollock pitched against Acton intermediate teams. His fast ball, a pitch which wrenched many a player's arms out of sockets in futile swings, carried Oaks to the O.H.A. Int. B title in 1947 while the Acton club copped the Int. C. crown.

The two clubs met in the Hamilton County finals, a series which went the distance before Oaks won the final game on the Milton diamond.

Maple Rock scores

Top scores went to the Main-prize brothers this week. Both Brad and Keith got 22. Brad also shot an 18. Steve Goy got 17 in singles and 16 in doubles. George Harris got 16 and 15 and Art Hawes got 15.

Burlington blanks Bants

Although they trailed by only one goal at the end of the first period and were four behind by the end of the second stanza, Acton Bantams were on the wrong end of a five goal deluge in the third canto in a Tri-County game here last Wednesday.

Burlington Lions, a double A club with plenty of power behind accurate shots, blanked the locals 9-0.

The Acton team played well in spite of the defeat although they were plagued by poor shooting, a weakness apparent in their early games this season.

Coach Harold Townsley hopes their sights improve for tonight's (Wednesday's) game against Oakville here. He's planning a trip to Maple Leaf Gardens in December 26, via air or sea.

Orioles edge Jets 4-3 Raiders Hornet victims

Hornets outscored the Raiders in the first half of industrial hockey action Sunday night to tally a 13-8 victory.

Stu McDonald copped four of Hornets stingers with assists going to Dan Ardic and Barry Wilson. Ruddy Holmes notched himself a hat trick while Harry Phillips collected two of the assists. Barry Wilson knoched in a pair with assists going to Dave Pappilon. Dan Ardic slammed in a pair with the help of Ruddy Holmes on one. Rich Gordon tallied up the scoring for the Hornets with a marker, unassisted.

Raider tally came from Gord Van Gils with a hat trick, assisted by Jim McDonald, Doug Garrett, Turk Sheppard and Bill Coon on two. Lorne Peavoy, Jim McDonald and Turk Sheppard knoched in three more while Coon and McDonald assisted. Bill Coon col-

lected two markers with Ken McIssac assisting on one.

Steve Goy received the only penalty of the game for the Hornets, three minutes for slashing.

In the second half of the twin bill Orioles edged the Jets with 4-3 tally. Jets held a 3-0 lead in the first period as the Orioles fought back to take the win with the tie breaker in the closing minutes of the last stanza. John Cunningham scored a double take for the Orioles while Clayton Ward and Gary Masales assisted. Gary Ritchie and Larry Porte combined for the tying score and Gary Masales slammed in the winner from Tom Oakley.

Jets' Rick Handerson opened their tally on an assist from Jim Bullough. Ron Heller picked up the remaining pair of markers with Rick Handerson assisting on one. Orioles collected the majority of the penalties with eight



FIRST WIN for the Tanners this season was and standing behind are Jim Farrelly, Ron Mel-good reason to celebrate. Some of the boys congratulate Jim Sweeney on his sparkling performance. Steve Townsley, wearing seven.

(Staff Photo)

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Tanners blank Cheltenham 4-0

Acton Tanners scooped up their second win of the season with a 4-0 decision over Cheltenham last night in Bramalea arena.

The locals grabbed two quick scores in the first stanza and

Kitchener teams visit

Three exhibition games with teams from Kitchener last night (Tuesday) saw Acton town league all star teams gain one win, and lose two close ones.

Kitchener edged the Novices 1-0 in a real thriller in which the winning goal was scored off an Acton player's stick.

The Pee Wees lost a 5-3 decision in the last period. The score was tied 3-3 as they went into the third stanza. Brian Storey, Bernie Taylor and Jim McNabb scored for Acton with assists going to M. Ferguson (2), D. Forester and B. McKenzie.

The final game saw the town league Bantams pin a 4-1 defeat on the suds' city visitors. Garth Taylor, Randy Marsh, Steve Connell and Ron Louette bagged the Acton goal with assists collected by Steve and Ron, K. Murray and Ron McCulloch.

while John McNabb received three of the Jet sentences and Ian Johnston one.

Industrial hockey will resume on Sunday Jan. 7 when the Jets start the New Year off with a match against the Hornets at 7 p.m. and the Raiders meet the Orioles in the second half.

The tie-breaker and Lion litter came at the 9:20 mark of the third stanza when George Cook pulled the trigger on a shot set up by Brian Farrell and Gary Kelly.

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Novices blank town league

Acton's tri-county novice team suffered a 3-0 defeat in Oakville last Saturday in what was termed a very dull contest. Last Friday the novices played host to Burlington and encountered a 5-0 loss to a vastly improved Burlington squad.

Sunday the team played an exhibition game against the Legion's 4 town tourney entry and took a 4-0 win. Gerald Barden netted three markers. Brother Gary Barden slammed in one while Ashley followed up with one which he was quite proud of, it being his second goal in two seasons' with the novice team.

Acton plays host to Oakville on Friday night and go to Preston on Saturday at 12:30.

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Tanners edge league leaders in rugged crowd-pleasing game

FIRST WIN!

After taking a licking from every other team in the league, Acton Tanners turned around last Friday night and defeated the front running Seaforth Beavers 5-4 in as good a hockey game as you'll ever see in the local ice palace.

It was only the second defeat this season for the Beavers who prior to Tuesday night were undefeated. They threw everything but the kitchen sink at Jim Sweeney in the Acton net and he threw just about everything back at them.

The winning goal was scored in the last second of play in the second period, Don Norton credited with pulling the trigger unassisted, although Blake Inglis was in on the play.

The third period was scoreless as the Tanners hung on to the one goal lead, grimly determined to win their first at the expense of the fiberts who predicted they'd be swamped.

Tension was added when Dennis Solder received a two minute sentence with less than four minutes to play. But, the Tanners held the fort with Sweeney making one spectacular save, plucking the puck from the port side of the net before a Dolg-aimed shot could catch the open corner.

"Sweeney frustrated us all night," said Bob Buettennilla of the Beavers. "We couldn't get him to pull his leg."

There were some glittering saves at both ends as the Tanners poured on the coal in a style fans haven't seen here this season. It was an all-out team effort

which won it but there were stars: the Inglis brothers, Blake and Gerry, Don Norton, Terry Lane, and Sweeney.

Rough? No, action went from end to end, but there was no real tough guy checks thrown although Harold Townsley had two teeth loosened and received a sore arm in the bargain.

The Beavers opened the scoring on the first play of the game as Wayne Rau went right in to score at the 15 second mark. Harold Townsley evened it at the 5:41 mark from the Inglis brothers while Ray Henderson of the visitors sat out a minor penalty.

Two minutes later Gerry Inglis took Don Norton's pass, skaddled in on tight wing and put the Tanners in front. His shot had Seaforth netminder Gar Baker beaten all the way, picking the left-side.

It was 3:15 of the second stanza before Seaforth evened it up as Bob McLaughlin put his head together with McLavain and Henderson and hit the net. Blake Inglis put the Tanners in front again at 5:32 only to have Paul Rau even it at 9:11.

Play see-sawed, like the score, back and forth until the 14:25 mark when Don Norton broke up the left side, deled the Beaver defense, drew the goalie and flipped a backhander into the inner right corner of the net. Prettiest goal of the game, it brought down the house.

McLaughlin potted his second of the night two minutes later to deadlock the count again only to have the tanners get the last second goal.

Seaforth protested that the clock showed the puck did not hit the net until the 20 minute mark but a check with the time-keeper showed there was still a second to go. Their efforts to tie it up in the third period were unfruitful.

Coach Max Stafford had three lines going for him. Terry Lane centred Blake Inglis and Don Norton; Jim Farrelly, Harold Townsley and Stu McDonald made unit number two, Harry Phillips, Ron Mellon and Steve Townsley number three. The latter just went out with checking in mind and kept Beavers confused in their own end.

On defense Gerry Inglis, Dennis Solder and Mike Kelly played outstanding games.

Fans in attendance mopping brows at the end of the game, made a back-slapping swoop on the victorious Tanners.

Referee Jack Clancy of Hamilton showered his blessings - 13 penalties - on both clubs. The visitors earned seven including a 10 minute misconduct to Tom Dick.

First Period
S: W. Rau (J. Sills) -----0:15
A: H. Townsley (G. Inglis, B. Inglis) -----5:41
A: G. Inglis (D. Norton) - 7:41
Penalties Henderson, T. Dick,

B. Inglis, M. Kelly, R. Mellon, P. Rau.

Second Period

S: B. McLaughlin (McLlavain, Henderson) -----3:15
A: B. Inglis (T. Lane, D. Norton) -----5:32
S: P. Rau (J. Sills, Teall) - 9:11
A: D. Norton (B. Inglis, G. Inglis) -----14:25
S: B. McLaughlin (McLlavain, Dolg) -----18:58
A: D. Norton -----19:59
Penalties Lane, Dolmage.

Third Period

No Scoring.
Penalties W. Rau, T. Dick, B. Teall, J. Farrelly, D. Solder.

ACTON ARENA SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

6-7 p.m. - Hockey School
7-8 p.m. - Pee Wee (Tri-City)
Oakville at Acton
8-9 p.m. - Bantam (Tri-City)
Oakville at Acton
9-10 p.m. - Midgets (Tri-City)
Oakville at Acton
10-11 p.m. - Ind. Hockey

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

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)
Oakville at Acton
10-12 p.m. - Ind. Hockey

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Novice (Tri-City) Oakville at Acton
8:30 p.m. - Elora vs Acton Tanners

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

8-9 a.m. - Hockey Practice (Legion)
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) Hockey Practice
8-10 p.m. - Public Skating

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8-11 a.m. - Industrial Hockey
11-12:30 p.m. - Tanner Practice
1-2 p.m. - Novice (Tri-City) Hockey Practice
2:15-4:15 p.m. - Public Skating
4:30-7 p.m. - Minor Hockey Practice

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

2-4 p.m. - Public Skating

Pee Wees win, lose one game

Acton Pee Wees split two Tri-County games this week.

Last Wednesday they lost a 5-1 decision to Burlington here. Friday night the Acton club shaded Preston 2-1.

The score did not indicate the play as the locals lost to Burlington. With any luck the Acton club could have had two or three more goals. Chris Tennant bagged the Acton goal from Billy McGilloway.

Billy McGilloway scored the first marker in the win against Preston assisted by Terry Holmes and Chris Tennant. Terry Holmes got the winner in the third from Billy McGilloway and Chris Tennant.

Shon Feld scored for Preston.

Int. B standings

	G.P.	W	L	Pts.
Cheltenham	9	7	2	14
Seaforth	8	6	2	12
Hespeler	8	5	3	10
Durham	5	3	2	6
Port Elgin	7	3	4	6
Elora	7	1	6	2
Acton	8	1	7	2

TOP SCORERS

	G	A	Pt.
Ken Dolg (S)	6	15	21
M. Finnigan (C)	13	7	20
B. McLaughlin (S)	11	8	19
J. McLavain (S)	7	11	18
M. Main (H)	9	6	15
G. Smith (C)	4	9	13
R. Buettennilla (S)	8	4	12

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