

the SPORTS spot



With the new year of 1968 off to a good start I thought this week we would take a look back into the sports happenings of '67. 1967, our Centennial year saw many major sports events held in conjunction with the 100 year celebrations. Winnipeg hosted the Pan American games with many Canadians tagging medals of gold for championship honors.

Centennial hockey tournaments, baseball tournaments and various other sporting events were held in the smaller towns and cities. Looking back on Acton's sports history in the glorious spirit of '67, one may take a while to ponder at just what did happen.

DATELINE-ACTON 1967 . . . Jim Farrelly and Jan Riddal pitched a goal apiece in overtime to give the short-handed Tanners an 8-6 win over Hespeler Mic Macs here, last Friday night . . . Five of the Acton Club are among the leagues' top ten . . . Raiders took over first place in the industrial league Sunday night by whipping last place Orioles 7-3 . . . Skip Eleanor Goy holds the B.D. Raablin Trophy, emblematic of the ladies' curling championships . . . Ordes cop industrial hockey championship title . . . Hazelton Diplomats at high school play for best of athletic associations . . . Campbellville Merchants won their 12th intermediate championship since 1953 . . . Brian McCristall, sports writer for the Milton Champion leaves for Chilliwack, B.C. for a new position with the Abbotsford Times . . . Recreation director Howard Peavey will leave Acton to take a new position as assistant director of recreation in Kingston . . . Canada's Pan-American Games equestrian team moved . . . and took part in exercises at Style Acres Ranch . . . Debut of the Acton L.C.A. ladies' team in the Halton ladies softball association . . . Rev. Andy McKenzie strokes to fourth Acton Open Cup . . . Queen and Her Maids pay their second visit to Acton on August 3rd . . . Masters Golf Tourney has over 50 entries . . . Station Hotel captures second straight title in town league softball . . . Novice champions of the Acton minor baseball league, Devils' Angels . . . Dunking machine makes \$100 for minor hockey in Acton . . . Eden Mills Squirts won the Tri-County softball championships but lost out in the Ontario finals . . . Cathy Clark, Barrie Elliott win roller marathon . . . Diplomats invade high school gym . . . Legion town league hockey starts season with 12 teams . . . Curlers opened the season at the community centre . . . with a session of free curling for old, prospective and new members . . . Industrial hockey starts . . . Executive of Tanners steps down leaves room for new executive . . . Roy Goodwin tri-county president of Acton . . . Max Stafford new Tanner coach . . . Jack McGeachie drops the first puck at Acton Tanners opened the 1967-68 season.

Next week we'll have a look at what may happen in '68.

Legion

town league tallies

ATOMS

Brampton cornered Weston with a 5-3 win in Saturday's town league atom bout. Brampton led throughout the game with Scott Malcolm and Gordie Bruce scoring in the opening period. Danny Webster picked up an assist on Bruce's goal.

Bruce came back again in the second period when he netted one from David McGilloway and Scott Malcolm slammed in two more with Gordie Bruce collecting an assist.

Weston's tally came from Bruce McPhail with a marker in the second and third periods, both unassisted. Mike Morris planned one from McPhail and Mike Ware for the tally.

NOVICE

St. Kitts edged out Niagara Falls 2-1 in a close battle for the novice opener.

Second period scoring saw St. Catharines take a 2-0 lead when James Ellerby scored from Steve Brunelle and Billy Ware followed with a marker on an assist from Ellerby.

Niagara Falls' lonely score came from Eddy Ensing early in the third on a Rick Baginski assist.

In the second half of the novice twin bill Hamilton dumped Oshawa 8-2.

Oshawa's tally came from John Scoyne with the unassisted opener and Elaine Cleland on assists from Scott Withers and John Scoyne.

Dave Morris netted himself a hat trick with John McCutcheon lending a hand on one.

Gordie Toth and John McCutcheon collected a pair of points each on double markers and Ivan Hearn netted one from Dave Morris and John McCutcheon.

PEE WEE

Rochester cllobbered Cleveland 8-1 in the pee wee opener. Glen McKenzie sparked for Rochester with a four goal tally of his own. John Hanson and Peter Hargrave collected assists on two of McKenzie's scores.

John Hanson capped two scores of his own with Kevin Marcoux taking one assist.

Clive Diggins and Bob Murray tallied up for Rochester with John Hanson assisting on Murray's score.

Wayne Allan notched Cleve-

Townsley night Tanners dunk Port Elgin 8-2 Fri.

Friday night could have been billed as father-and-son night at the community centre.

With Harold Townsley drilling three goals and son Steven potting two more, Acton Tanners rang up a decisive 8-2 win over the Port Elgin Sunocos. It was a three generation show as well. Grandfather Townsley, team trainer, cheered from the sidelines.

The largest crowd of the season showed up for the game which stayed close until the third period when the Tanners ran away with the decision over the short-handed Sunocos. The Tanners led 3-1 at the end of the first period, had a 4-2 lead going into the final stanza. It was their fourth win in the last five games.

The score could have been more lopsided but for the work of Toseckoy, the Port Elgin goalkeeper. He robbed Blake Inglis so many times on what looked like labelled shots the Tanners centre almost despaired of putting a puck past him.

On offense, Bill Currie played a standout game for the Acton squad, smothering many of the shots Port Elgin forwards aimed at Tom Ayres in the nets. Ayres also played strongly in the nets. He had no chance on the shots which eluded him.

The big attraction for the holiday crowd was the Townsleys. Harold, his booming slap shot finding the mark for his first hat trick of the season and two neat markers from Steve who is just a year out of juvenile hockey.

Even with their big margin over Port Elgin, the Acton squad was shorthanded. Don Norton, Terry Lane, Jim Farrelly, Gary McDonald, Mike Kelly, Stu Cooper and Gord Mason were all missing from the line-up, most of them laid up with the flu bug but Lane, Cooper and Mason are on the shelf with injuries.

Harold Townsley's blistering slap shot at 8:40 put the Tanners in front. The play started with Bill Currie and relayed to Ron Mellon, who in turn passed to Harold. The shot was low giving Toseckoy no chance.

Less than three minutes later Townsley Sr. potted number two on a play with Ron Mellon and Dennis Snider. Port Elgin got back in the game on the very next play when Les Kingston's shot trickled over the goal line.

Prestige goal of the night was Steven Townsley's first. He checked the puck clear at centre ice, broke through unmolested, calmly pulled the goalie and hit the net to give Acton a two goal spread.

The period ended with Billy Wheeler, who's back in Tanner livery, taking on Kennedy of the visitors in a fist exchange which wound up with both of them sitting the first five minutes of the second period out.

That in 1967 - One Hundred years of Confederation, 205 years of game laws, 160 years of fisheries laws, 102 years of fish hatcheries, 66 years of fisheries research, 60 years of organized fisheries and wildlife administration, 23 years of Wildlife Research, 21 years of amalgamation with Department of Lands and Forests.



HAROLD TOWNSLEY

While Miller was off with a tripping sentence Harold Townsley completed a play with Blake Inglis and Bill Currie to make the score 4-2.

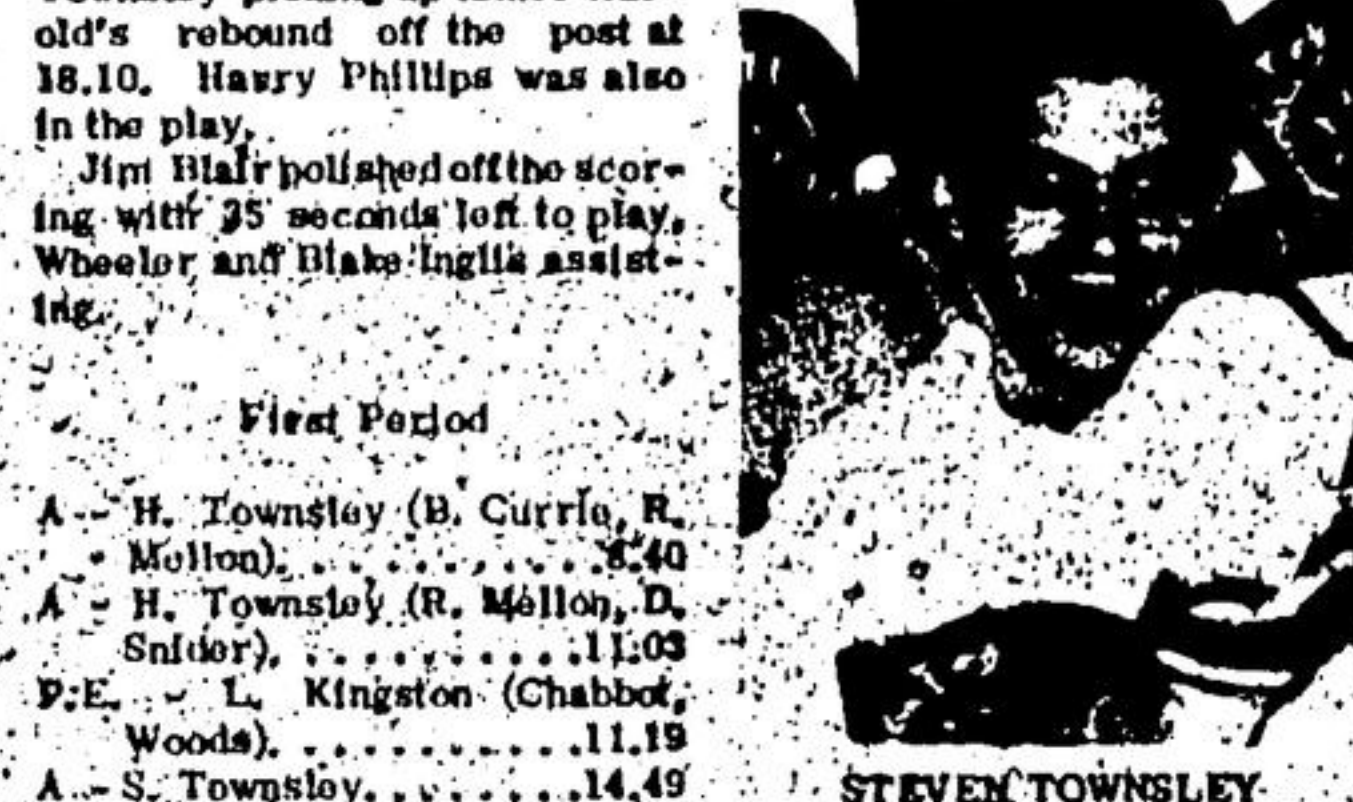
Only a minute and 13 seconds of the third period elapsed before

Les Kingston hit for his second goal of the night to pull Sunocos within one goal of the Tanners. Miller took the face-off from directly in front of the Acton net and whipped it over to Kingston. He made no mistake.

Ron Mellon stretched the lead to 5-2 when he broke down the right side, skirted the defense and scored. Billy Wheeler made it 6-2 while Port Elgin was short-handed.

Final Acton goals were scored in the last two minutes. Steve Townsley picking up father Harold's rebound off the post at 18:10. Harry Phillips was also in the play.

Jim Blair polished off the scoring with 25 seconds left to play. Wheeler and Blake Inglis assisted.



STEVEN TOWNSLEY

Third Period

A - R. Mellon (D. Snider) . . . 1:13
A - B. Wheeler (B. Inglis, J. Cunningham) . . . 6:39
A - S. Townsley (H. Townsley, H. Phillips) . . . 18:10
A - J. Blair (B. Wheeler, B. Inglis) . . . 18:25

Penalties

Currie, Miller, Wheeler (6), Kennedy (6)

Second Period

P.E. - L. Kingston (Miller) . . . 7:35
A - Townsley (B. Inglis, B. Currie) . . . 14:44
Pens. - Snider, Chabbot, Fraser, H. Townsley, Miller.

Acton - T. Ayres, Goal, W. Currie, J. Cunningham, G. Inglis, D. Snider, B. Inglis, J. Blair, W. Wheeler, H. Townsley, S. Townsley, R. Mellon, H. Phillips.

Pee Wees lose tie Orangeville

Downed 9-2 by the double A Brampton team Wednesday, Acton V's Pee Wees came back Saturday to tie Orangeville 1-1 despite a play-off shortage.

Brampton chalked up a 4-1 lead in the first period here Wednesday over the shorthanded Acton club, added three more in the second period and a pair in the third.

Acton goals were scored in the first and third, Chris Tennant bagging the first from Terry Holmes and Billy Cushman getting number two from Tim McIntyre.

The Acton club was missing coach Chambers, Rick Chambers, John Cameron, Paul Dalry and Billy McGilloway, their top scorers, for the game.

Four players were away for their Saturday game in Orangeville but the Pee Wees still brought home a tie. Billy McGilloway scored the Acton goal from Chris Schultz with Marr providing the Orangeville equalizer.

Acton line-up: Rick Bonnette, goal; Billy McGilloway, Terry Holmes, Chris Schultz, Billy Cushman, Steve McIntyre, Kon Withers, Tim McIntyre, John Cameron, David Lee, Byron Tibbatts.



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Bantams beat Orangeville 16-6

After a variety of in- and out performances in which they showed a marked proclivity for missing the net, Acton Bantam really went on a scoring rampage last Saturday, whipping Orangeville 16-6.

Pete Morrison was picked as MVP for the Acton club scoring three and collecting seven assists for a 10 point night.

The big goal shooter of the club was Henry Toebes who drilled five of the six Acton goals in the third period. Henry's goals came in succession and he assisted along with Pete Morrison on the final and sixth Acton goal of the period, drilled by Rene Schuts. He also assisted on two.

Hat tricks were registered by Rene Schuts and George McPhail with Rene also picking up two assists. Randy Weldon and Brad Timbers each scored a goal and helped on one. Dale Fisher and Dennis Harnden collected an assist a piece.

Finlay bagged five of the Orangeville goals, Still notched one.

The acton club play host to the same Orangeville team here tonight (Wed.) at 8 p.m. and journey to Brampton Sunday.

Win in Preston Novices lose squeaker

Acton Novices are making things interesting in Tri-County hockey.

Friday night here with only three players on the bench they almost upset the highly touted Brampton club. They lost a 2-1 squeaker but gave the visitors a hard time before bowing out by a one goal margin.

The previous week Oakville took a 7-3 decision from the local club right on the heels of an Acton win over Preston. The Y's Man outgained Preston 4-1.

Gerald Bardon scored two goals in the Preston win, brother Gary sniped one, and Russ Van Fleet notched another. Goals against Oakville were scored by Ricky Holmes, Gary Bardon, and Russ Van Fleet.

Gerald Bardon scored the lone Acton goal in last Friday's close shave with Brampton. Twin brother Gary and Russ Van Fleet assisted.

Game time for the Friday clash in 8:30 p.m.

Mic Macs here Friday night

Hespeler Mic Macs, masters of the Tanners in their first two clashes this season, will be visitors in Acton this Friday night.

Mic Macs have been getting smoke signals from the other teams in the league that the Acton club may be a different kettle of fish from the one they tomahawked in the first two games. They'll be trying hard for their third victory.

The Tanners, meanwhile, winners of four of their last five starts, look like they may be getting keyed up for a run at the league's top spot. There's a new spirit on the club, helped in part by the wins after a desolate streak of seven games which didn't net them a point in league statistician Ross Ballantine's book.

Game time for the Friday clash in 8:30 p.m.

Brampton coach refuses to let players shake hands

Officials and fans of the Acton bantam entry in the Tri-County hockey league were more than a little miffed when the coach of the Brampton team wouldn't allow his team to shake hands with Acton players after a game here last Wednesday.

"You'd think he lost the game," observed one disgruntled Acton fan. "It's hardly the way to teach boys good sportsmanship."

The Brampton club won the game by a 6-0 score and received only four of the 14 penalties served.

Fans were critical of the referees who they said "let too much go." They also accused them of being partial to the visitors, maintaining they were guilty of more infractions than the penalties showed.

Brampton took a 4-0 lead in the first period on the flu-decimated locals. There was no scoring in the second stanza but the visitors added two more in the third. Kodors bagged two of their goals Langley, Graham, Orr and Walker one each.

The Acton club worked hard to stay in the game but couldn't break the "goose egg" against their larger and heavier opponents.

Broken window

A broken window at the laundromat was reported to police by owner Leo Reimer on December 30.

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