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Only two shooters showed up at Maple Rock Shooting range this week. George Harris came up with 20 while Brad Mainprize came up with 14. The activity will get into full swing in a month or so with the start of the spring season.

Improved deer hunting this year, reported from most sections of southern Ontario, was largely the result of better weather. In 1966, much rain hampered hunters during the season.

The improvement was most noticeable in Parry Sound forest district, where weather was not bad last year. Reports from 300 best camps indicate that 34.3 per cent of the hunters were successful in getting deer, compared with 23.4 per cent last year. However, this success rate was not uniform across the district. The best hunting was in the southern part of the district where it was extremely good.

In Lindsay forest district the success reported by 145 hunt camps was 48.7 per cent, a small increase over the 45.0 per cent reported by the same camps in 1966. The overall success reported at the checking stations, including casual as well as organized hunters, increased from 16.5 per cent in 1966 to 22.4 per cent in 1967.

Twice shows an even more dramatic improvement in hunter success. The weather there last year was unfavourable for hunting with heavy rain every day but one of the first week and only 17.4 per cent of the hunters obtained deer. The much improved weather in 1967 resulted in a hunter success of 26.4 per cent.

On the Bruce Peninsula hunter success is always low because of the large percentage of casual hunters. The three-day season in Lake Simcoe forest district went well, with several areas open for the first time in many years providing about 20 per cent success.

Farther north, the better weather conditions also helped hunting. In Pembroke forest district hunter success increased from 10.4 per cent in 1966 to 16.1 per cent in 1967.

Unfortunately, there was rain in North Bay forest district and although complete figures are not available, it is expected that hunter success will remain about as low as in 1966, 5.4 per cent.

There was some evidence of an increase in deer numbers on the Sudbury mainland with slightly improved hunter success in the Lake Penas area for the first time in many years. On Manitoulin Island there were a few more hunters and a few less deer killed than in 1966. The numbers of hunters checked at the Little Current checking station increased from 4,027 in 1966 to 4,377 in 1967. The number of deer checked decreased from 1,177 to 1,149. This decreased the hunter success from 29.2 per cent to 26.2 per cent but it was still considered a good hunt.

Figures are not yet complete in Sault Ste. Marie forest district but hunter success appears to be down a little from the very high 30.0 per cent success recorded last year. The weather was not particularly good and results were quite variable. Around Sault Ste. Marie itself, the hunter success was 16.2 per cent whereas in the Blind River area it was up to 38.4 per cent.

The percentage of fawns checked was very high in nearly every district. For example, in Parry Sound forest district 37.6 per cent of the deer checked were fawns. This is the highest percentage on record. In Tweed, the percentage was even higher at 39.1 per cent and in Pembroke it was 43.8 per cent of the total deer shot. If a few more mild winters allow this kind of reproduction to continue, we should soon have better hunting through this whole area. But a winter with deep snow could very easily wipe out all gains which have been made in recent years. Altogether it must be considered a satisfactory season across southern Ontario.



RUNNERS-UP in the first draw curling final. Paul Young, Blair, Mrs. Ken Marchmont, skip played last night are the members of Walter Dübous' rink. Pictured from left to right are (Staff Photo)

Free Press Sports Page

Seaforth here Friday

Tanners lose in Port Elgin

Three exhibition losses

Sunday was a bleak day for two Acton Legion town league All Star teams.

The Bantam team lost two exhibition games, an early morning bout, 5-1 to Brampton and a 3-1 decision to Kitchener in the afternoon. The Pee Wees bowed to Downsview 7-2.

B. Taylor got the lone Bantam goal against Brampton from Ron Loutlet. Against Kitchener, Loutlet scored from Murray. Ferguson from Forrester and McNabb from Taylor and Knight were Acton marksmen in the pee wee game.

Coach Max Stafford is crowning his fingers and hoping some of the hockey gossip which charges the Tanners are "honorary" is true - at least for this Friday night.

Seaforth Heavens are due into Acton for a bout with the Acton club Friday. Although they may not be at the top of the league totem at present they are still the team to beat.

The Tanners have a good record at home but their away win and loss column figures are ridiculous. Most of the losses came in the early stages of the schedule when the team was just getting organized.

Skating carnival practices begin

Skating carnival date is set for April 6, and the members of the Figure Skating Club have begun practicing for the program that climaxes their year. Skating sessions are every Thursday evening and Saturday morning at the arena.

An "Around the World" theme has been chosen.

After the names of four recipients of continental medals were published in last week's Free Press, we're hoping that we'll hear of more this week. The awards are sent directly to the recipient and no formal news releases are made. The community would like to join in congratulating any local medal owners.

One more game

Pee Wees wait for playoffs

After a string of three losses to Georgetown, Hespeler and Chinguacousy in that order, Acton Y's Men's Pee Wees will play their last scheduled game of the Tri-County hockey schedule here Wednesday against Guelph. Then this club will sit and wait for O.M.H.A. playoffs due to start sometime around the middle of February.

The three week wait will likely be filled with exhibitions. Acton clubs can not participate in the Tri-County eliminations since

Bramalea wins atom exhibition

Bramalea scored a 3-1 exhibition win over the Acton town league Atom all-stars here on Friday.

Johnny George scored the Acton goal from Scott Malcolm in the first period which ended up 1-1.

The visitors got singles in the second and third.

they are "B" teams and the rest of the league is classed "A" and "AA".

Last Wednesday here Georgetown A's took a 6-1 decision home. They led 1-0 at the end of the first period, 3-1 at the end of the second and scored three more in the third. Terry Holmes bagged the lone Acton counter.

Rick Bonnette played goal in the first and third periods, Mihalj in the second in this game as well as the next two.

At Hespeler Friday night, the Acton kids went into a 1-0 lead over the home team but they were swamped by a five goal Hespeler outburst in the second. Each club drilled one in the third period. Steve McIntyre scored the first Acton counter from Billy McGiloway, and Billy shot the second assisted by Terry Holmes and Chris Tennant.

Sunday at Bramalea, Chinguacousy chalked up a 7-2 win over the Y's Men coming from behind a 2-1 deficit in the second stanza with three goals, plus three more in the third.

Tim McIntyre put Acton in front and Steve McIntyre posted the lone local counter in the second. Acton received one of the three penalties.

Area program full-manager

Area manager Harold Townsley reports almost every available hour of his time is taken up at the community centre. Only available time is when somebody cancels, an infrequent occurrence.

Councillor and recreation committee member Tod Tylor Jr. has been urging Harold to find time for adult skating sessions but so far it hasn't been available.

Public skating is drawing near capacity crowds after a lull. Over 200 were skating Sunday afternoon.

The new compressor is ticking along fine after a minor repair, drawing much less power than its predecessor. Lines for curling and hockey were repainted last week.

ACTON ARENA SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

7-8 p.m. - Mothers and Pre-School Children
8-9 p.m. - Figure Skating
9-10 p.m. - Legion Hockey
10-11 p.m. - Juvonias (Tri-City) Guelph vs Acton
11-12 p.m. - Ind. Hockey

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

6-30-7-30 - Novice (Tri-City) Practice
9 p.m. - Int. "B" Hockey - Seaforth vs Acton Tanners

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

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) Exhibition
8-10 p.m. - Public Skating

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8-11 a.m. - Industrial Hockey
11-12-30 p.m. - Tanners Practice
1-2 p.m. - Tri-City Novice - Guelph vs Acton
2-4 p.m. - Public Skating
4-30-5-30 p.m. - Midget Practice
5-30-6-30 p.m. - Pee Wee Practice
7-15-10-15 p.m. - Industrial Hockey

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Curling
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30
Curling

Scoring leaders

S. Malcolm, B.	23
J. Shields, W.	17
M. Morris, W.	9
G. Bruce, B.	6
D. McGiloway, B.	2
B. McPhail, W.	2
D. Webster, B.	3
M. Ware, W.	2
J. Thompson, B.	0
H. Kilby, B.	1
J. Mathews, W.	1
G. Owens, B.	0

NOVICE

R. Baginski, N.F.	18
J. McCutcheon, H.	16
H. Ware, St. K.	11
J. Kilerby, St. K.	7
D. Morris, H.	11
F. Alton, St. K.	10
G. Toth, H.	7
J. Sooyne, O.	8
S. Brunelle, St. K.	4
E. Easing, N.F.	6
S. Paillon, N.F.	5
L. Hearn, H.	4
J. Hurley, N.F.	4
B. Cleland, O.	3

PEE WEE

D. Forrester, S.	32
B. Taylor, S.	19
G. McKendrick, R.	20
J. McNab, B.	11
C. McRae, B.	11
S. Ward, B.	14
M. Ferguson, B.	8
B. Storey, B.	11
T. Lambert, S.	6
S. Marshall, C.	10
J. Rochester, R.	8
J. Hansen, B.	5
P. Harrgrave, B.	7
W. Knight, C.	4
P. Pavli, C.	3
R. Coultrup, S.	0

BANTAMS

G. Taylor, P.	11
N. Loutlet, B.	4
S. Connell, P.	9
G. Turbas, B.	3
M. Irwin, B.	6
G. Murray, B.	5
D. Pink, B.	5
J. Cooper, P.	4
T. Cole, P.	3
C. Kullin, B.	3
E. Hurran, B.	3
R. Cober, P.	1
B. Swan, B.	0

C. Thomson
Statistics

Bantams beat Georgetown 2-1

Forechecking the Georgetown club in their own end, Acton Firefighters Bantams romped to a well deserved 2-1 win over the visitors in Tri-County hockey here last Wednesday.

The Acton team outplayed Georgetown all through the game and would have added to their total except for some erratic shooting. George McPhail was right in on the Georgetown goal on three occasions only to be foiled.

McPhail and Mark Neilson were the pick of the locals in the win which was a special de-

light to fans taunted by their Georgetown counterparts in previous clashes.

Georgetown took the lead in the first period as James scored from Arnold but Pete Morrison tied the score in the second period on a solo effort. Pete bagged his second goal, which proved to be the winning one, with only a minute and 11 seconds left to play in the game. Dale Fisher assisted.

All four penalties went to the Acton squad but they never let up enough to give the visitors much of a chance.

Lose, but Bantams reach peak

Although they lost two decisions over the weekend, Acton Bantams are reaching their peak against "A" clubs in the Tri-County hockey.

Second place Hespeler grabbed a 5-2 win in Hespeler Friday but admitted they were extended by the Acton club. Sunday evening in Bramalea, the Chinguacousy club had the help of a penalty shot in a 2-1 victory.

Coach Harold Townsley was pleased with both performances although he admits he views coming weeks with apprehension. "We're at our peak," he says, "and we won't be in the playoffs until the middle of February."

The O.M.H.A. will send the Acton club, which has an auto-

matic bye into the "B" playoffs, the first available opponent.

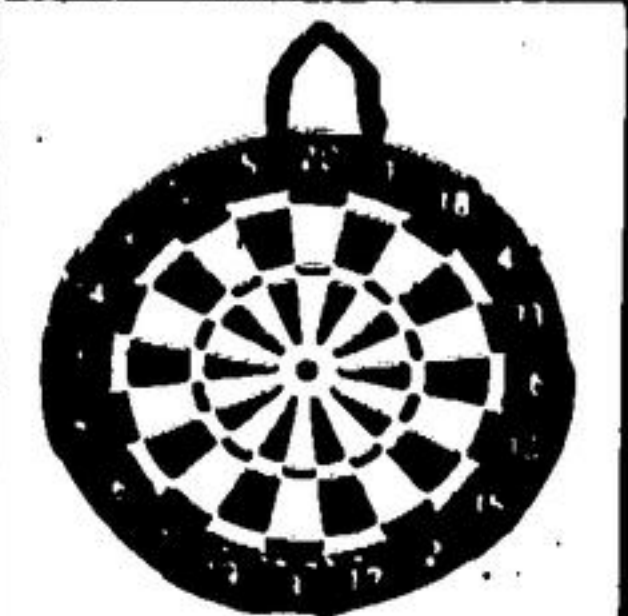
At Hespeler the winners jumped into a 2-0 lead by the end of the second period on goals by brothers P. and J. Woods. They bagged three more in the third. Zettel, Nugent and P. Woods pulling the trigger.

Dennis Harnden and Dale Fisher scored the Acton goals with John Snow and Pete Morrison assisting on both.

Four of the seven penalties went to Hespeler. Sunday in Bramalea, in a well refereed tilt, the Chinguacousy team took a 1-0 edge as Dertinger scored on a penalty shot at 11:05 of the first period. Landry scored their second.

Dale Fisher bagged the Acton goal assisted by Randy Weldon but the team should have had at least three more. They couldn't seem to get the puck in the net. Ten penalties were levied, four of which were served by the Acton team.

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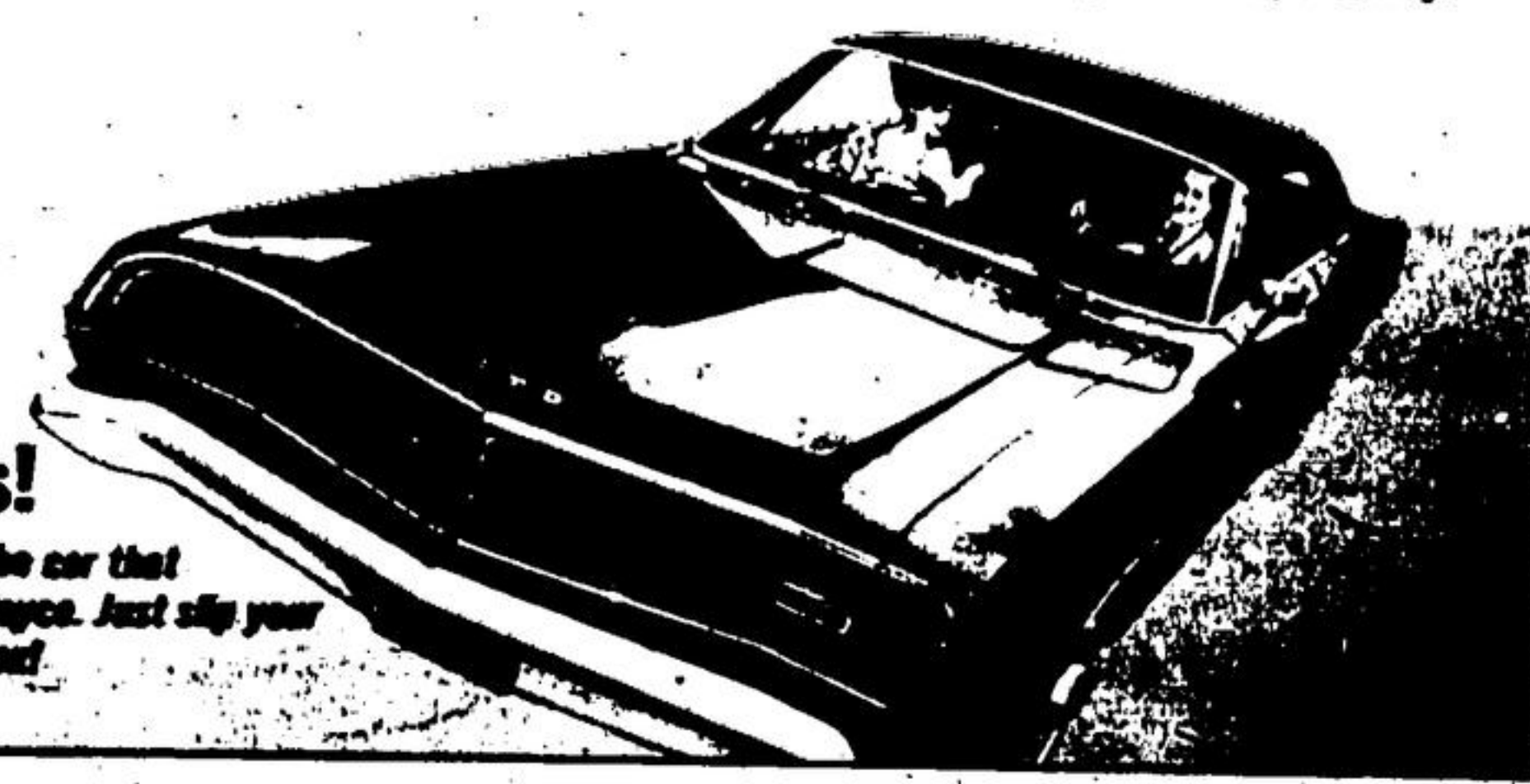
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