

the SPORTS spot

BY JOHN McNEILL



Playoff time is creeping up on most of the local hockey organizations with a number of the teams getting in shape with various exhibition ventures. The Y's Men's Pee Wee team begin their playoff series with Elmira tonight. Game time is slated for 7 p.m. Competition in a best of 5 series Acton moves to Elmira Saturday afternoon for a 4:00 p.m. match. Coach of the local squad says "We'll take 'em... one at a time..." While most of the teams are taking advantage of the practice time offered in exhibition games before the playoffs, one team, in particular the Acton Juniors are going to find themselves minus a couple of good players due to excessive brown-and-tittle brain work. In an exhibition match with Elmira, an Acton player drew a match misconduct in game which was apparently refereed by an official that simply couldn't handle the situation that evolved. The Lions had the game 5-4 up until the last two minutes of the game when pandemonium broke out on the ice with several small skirmishes between referees and the two teams involved. The anonymous number 12 ringer on the local squad (name withheld due to mysterious disappearance of score sheet) was sentenced to a match misconduct. The Waller brothers - Ernie and Bob, along with John Mason, Ken Owen and Brian Farrell had tallied a five point win before the outbreak and calling of the game.

Acton Legion Town League teams will tally up their season of scheduled games this weekend and begin playoffs on the following Saturday.

A local delegation of hockey intellects that journeyed to Elmira Monday night had the opportunity to point out an officiating error on the part of the attending referees. With the game tied 1-1 both teams Ferguson and Elmira left the ice at the conclusion of the match to address. Only after a thorough check in the O.M.H.A. rule book did the game head on into overtime much to the satisfaction of the Acton Scouts.

The Acton Legion Minor Baseball Association is once again on the lookout for help in planning the '68 hardball season for the local kids. A general meeting for those interested in giving a hand will be held next Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in the Community Centre. The league this year is hoping to enter into an inter-county league and to do so they'll have to get going right away.

The Tanner upset last Friday night saw the locals lose a tough one to Durham Huskies. The cannoe crowd's winning margin came just five seconds after the beginning of the sudden death overtime for the 5-4 win.

Harold Townsley who was injured during that match is reportedly suffering from stiffened muscles in his shoulder and will be all right by this Friday night.

All the local Toronto fans are walking around with their heads hung low - ducking flying frog luck charms. C'mon Toronto-hov's! The Horton going to sell his doughnuts next season, Bob Polford sell his brand new automobiles or how's Pote Stomkowski going to wrap those fat lips around a mike and talk to all those people again on the radio.

Legion town league tallies

ATOM
Brampton edged Weston in the atom town league opener Saturday to the tune of 3-2. Danny Webster opened for Brampton with an early first stanza marker on a Scott Malcolm assist. Malcolm rallied a double tally take in the last period of play to tie up the game and then score the winner. Danny Webster assisted on each of Scott's scores and Gord Bruce assisted on one. Jeff Sholtis slammed in both Weston markers, unassisted in the first period.

NOVICE
St. Catharines' Steve Brunelle tallied a hat trick during the second and third period of a game with Ottawa to parlay a 3-1 win. Scott Withers grabbed Ottawa's lone marker unassisted and served both tripping sentences as well. Niagara Falls dumped Hamilton 5-2 in the second half of the novice twin bill. Steve Papillon and Rick Baginski tallied themselves a pair of markers apiece for the Flyers with Baginski, Papillon, Jim Gentles and Jim Hurley earning the assists. Norm Thornhill scored for Niagara Falls unassisted in the second stanza. Marvin McNabb scored Hamilton's double tally, both scores unassisted. John McCutcheon received a

Mows down paws in yearly bonspiel

The curling club's annual Maw and Paw bonspiel was played Monday afternoon, and this year the Maws defeated the Paws to win the Gwen Tyler trophy. A buffet lunch was enjoyed. It was men vs. women again on Monday evening, and after the games there were Valentines for all the ladies.

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PEE WEE
In the pee wee opener Baltimore battled Rochester to a 7-4 win.

McCrae, Storey and Ward tallied in the first period for Baltimore with Fisher, Shultis and Storey earning the assists. Jim McNabb and Mike Ferguson tallied up the Baltimore scoring in the third period with a pair of markers apiece as Charlie McCrae assisted on two and Storey on one.

Rochester's tally came from John Rochester with a goal and two assists from Marcoux with a counter and an assist, John Hanson scored along with Glenn McKenzie assisted by Peter Hargrave.

Springfield slaughtered Cleveland 11-3 in the second pee wee set. Dave Forester golfed in five Springfield markers with Russ Coultrup and Bernie Taylor taking a pair of assists each along with a single assist from Bill McKenzie. Bernie Taylor tallied himself a hat trick and Dave Burke a pair of counters. Bill McKenzie scored on a Terry Slaven assist.

BANTAM
Hershey edged Pittsburgh 4-3 in a bantam battle last Thursday night.

Charlie Kulken scored in the first stanza from Rowland McCulloch and Randy Marsh netted a second period pointer from Ken Anderson and Trevor Swan. Pittsburgh had the game at a standstill when John Thatcher and Randy Coker counter markers before the second period was over. Rowland McCulloch opened

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Free Press Sports Page

Pee Wees win two exhibitions start O.M.H.A. playoffs Wednesday

The Y's Men's Pee Wee hockey club has been busy with exhibitions since the Tri-County season ended. Wednesday night they held on to a 3-2 lead to scrape through with a 3-2 win over Port Dover. Thursday night the club took a last minute engagement to fill out a minor hockey night at Elora and brought a 3-1 decision home.

This week they play an exhibition with Arthur tonight (Wednesday), make a return trip to Port Dover and practice Sunday. All the activity is in preparation for the O.M.H.A. Pee Wee "B" playoffs which start here next Wednesday against Elmira.

First round will be a three out of five series, here next Wednesday and back in Elmira the following Saturday. Port Dover jumped into a 1-0 lead in the first exhibition, Cronk scoring from Wright and McCrae. Terry Holmes knotted the count as Billy McGilloway

Late bulletin

Word was received last night (Tuesday) that the Y's Men's Pee Wees had to start their O.M.H.A. playoff round with Elmira in Acton tonight (Wednesday). Game time is 7 p.m. Other exhibitions scheduled will be dropped until the club has time to play them.

48 rinks compete in March bonspiel

A bonspiel made up of forty-eight rinks from Brampton, Georgetown, Acton, Erin, Hillsburgh, Orangeville, Milton, Sherwood Park, Bolton and Oakville will be held this year from Saturday, March 2 to March 9. Games will be played on Saturdays and nights at the various clubs. Oakville and Brampton clubs will host 24 rinks each on Saturday, March 2. Play will continue on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday nights of the following week.

Two games of ten ends will be played by all teams on the first Saturday. Each team will play at least three games. There will be four events with all semi-finalists playing at Georgetown on Saturday March 9.

Theme of the bonspiel is to encourage the average curler to take part. For this reason rinks are limited to eleven points based on four points per skip, three per vice, etc., according to club rating. No more than eleven points per team. Entry forms are available at all clubs. The committee is hoping that this bonspiel will be increased

the third period for Hershey with Randy Marsh and Henry Wisson assisting. Gary Masters tied it up again for Pittsburgh on a Steve Connell assist. Hershey clincher came from Andy Downes on a Ken Anderson assist.

4-town tourney Novices draw Woodbridge

Acton Legion 4-town tourney novices played to a 4-4 tie with Woodbridge Rooster Tails in an exhibition Sunday in a Toronto arena.

The game was a see-saw with first one team ahead, then the other tying it up. Jim Hurley, Norm Thornhill, Billy Ware and Marvin McNabb supplied the Acton goals. Assists were collected by John McCutcheon, John Scoyne, Ricky Baginski, Billy Ware and a pair by Steve Papillon.

Steve Muthe, Tim Colley, and Ken Colley with a brace looked after the Woodbridge scoring. Jody Gage and Les Armstrong were helpmates.

Acton - David Salt, Jim Hurley, Steve Brunelle, John McCutcheon, Brad Martin, Norm Thornhill, Billy Ware, Ivan Hoarns, John Scoyne, Ford Alton, Steve Papillon, Ricky Baginski, Marvin McNabb.

Rotary to mark 20th anniversary

The Rotary club will be recognizing their 20th anniversary at a special meeting on April 2. This week Howard Jones joined the two-decade old club. Several other new members have joined recently.

Novices take lead in O.M.H.A. playoffs

Skating well and outshooting the visitors by a wide margin, Acton I.G.A. Novices took a one game lead in the first round of the O.M.H.A. Novice "B" playoffs Sunday afternoon with a 3-1 win over New Hamburg.

Second game of the best-of-three series will be held in New Hamburg Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. as part of minor hockey night there.

The teams played to a 1-1 tie in the first period of the game but the Acton club went ahead to stay with the only goal of the second period. They wrapped it up in the third stanza with one more.

Russ Van Floet rapped in the first two goals for the Acton squad, assisted on the first by Gary Barden and by brother Gerald Barden on the second. It was scored from a face-off near the New Hamburg net.

Ricky Holmes bagged the third and final goal from Kent Kontner after Kent carried the play in the visitors' end.

Coach Barry Inscow elated at the win, still felt his club should have displayed more finish around the net. They missed several good chances to score.

However, he feels his charges could win the second game if they play as well Saturday. If a third game is necessary it will be in New Hamburg.

MINOR BASEBALL

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 20 at 8 p.m.

If you expect to have an interest in baseball for the kids this coming summer, please attend this meeting at the Acton Arena next Tuesday.

It is necessary to organize early in order to enter in any County or Inter-County league. Last year we had in excess of 100 boys organized locally.

ACTON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOC.

Sunday night battlers Raiders wallop Hornets 8-2 Orioles victorious over Jets

Raiders' opened Sunday night's industrial league twin-bill with an 8-2 win over the Hornets in the local ice palace.

Jets and Orioles battled out to a 5-2 win for the chirping troupe in the second half.

Captain Gord Mason paced the Raiders to victory with a three marker tally and two assists. Bill Coon, Jim McDonald, Ken Tuck, Gord Van Qils and Gerry Vanderkayen tallied the remaining Raider points as Doug Garrett earned three assists. Bill Coon, a pair, Gerry Vanderkayen a double take and Jim McDonald, and Ken McIsaac on single help-ers.

Hornet scorers came from the Holmes brothers, Glen and Ruddy with an assist coming from Stu McDonald.

Raider Doug Carroll received the only penalty in the game - three minutes for hooking.

John Cunningham sparked for the Orioles in the second feature with three unassisted scores. Oriole captain Dunc Gibson tallied unassisted along with Raider rookie Gord Mason.

Jet markers came from Ben Mellon on a Jim Dillougher assist and Ed Hilliard with an unassisted marker.

Jets scored four of the five goals in the second feature. Referee officials Alan McNabb and Herrie Elliott.

Send telegram to Olympics ACTON ARENA SCHEDULE

Want to encourage the Canadian national hockey team in their fight to bring Canada a gold medal in the winter olympics? Ed Owens informs the Free Press the juvenile hockey team intends to send a telegram of encouragement from Acton fans. You can have your name on it for 50¢. Contact any member of the juvenile hockey team.

Some people have two ideas about a secret. Either it's not worth keeping, or it's too good to keep.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
6-7 p.m. - Hockey School
7-8 p.m. - Pee Wee (Tri-City)
Elmira vs Acton
8-9 p.m. - Bantam (Tri-City) Exhibition
9-10 p.m. - Midgets (Tri-City) Practice
10-11 p.m. - Ind. Hockey
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
2-3 p.m. - Mothers and Pre-School Children
6-8 p.m. - Figure Skating
8-9 p.m. - Legion Hockey
9-10 p.m. - Juniors (Tri-City) Practice
10-12 p.m. - Ind. Hockey
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
6:30-7:30 - Novice (Tri-City) Practice
8:30 p.m. - Int. "B" Hockey
Elora vs Acton Tanners
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
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
4:30-7:30 - Exhibition Hockey
8-10 p.m. - Public Skating
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
8-11 a.m. - Industrial Hockey
11-12:30 p.m. - Tanner Practice
1-2 p.m. - Tri-City Novice -
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
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