

THERE'S A SIGN in a western saloon which reads, "Don't

shoot the piano player -he's doing the hest he can!"

That very nearly describes the plight of the Acton Tanners as they try despetately for their first win of the sesson. Their last four games, have been close, tester-tottering between wins and loues until the last few minutes of the contest. Then the decision seems invariably to go to the opposition.

This state of affairs is not the kind to inspire confidence in either team or players. It's hard on coaches, too. Coach Townday.is as near to apoplexy as he can get without consulting a tawhones."

As you can meet there are all sorts of theories to pin-point the team's weeknesses, which are many, but most of it destructive rather their constructive.

WHEN THE SEASON STARTED part of the idea was to assemble a sound as approximate to being all local as a team can get. Let's face it. The Tanners were tired of depending on players from other places. In most cases their press clippings were more. dependable than their performances.

Some lived up to expectations, But then there was always the problem of getting them all to the rink on the same night for practices or games. To solve this the executive decided to bank on tocal players.

But only some of the local players wanted to play. Others decided they would rather have fun in the Industrial League than toil in the Tanner vineyard where the competition is tougher, the hockey rougher. That left the executive out on a very thin, shaky

They'd heard on pretty good authority that the local lads would go for the scheme since they felt they were equal to or better than what had been appearing in Tunner livery.

But as they say down at the stock yards, that must have been a lot of uh, Bologna.

Since it was a case of either put up or shut up, the Tanners are going along on with what they have got. They're having a rough time hitting the win column but they are trying. That's all you can ask of

any team! Friday night they entertain the Georgetown Raiders, a club bristling with former Tanners, and some milty former Juniors. They are still gunning for their first and it would give them immense

satisfaction if they could accomplish it against the Raiders. , It seems that everyone wants to kick you when you're down. But players and fans alike know gost horns can turn into some pretty fancy cheering when you get a few wins under your belt.

SPEAKING OF WINNERS, did you see the Canada-Russia shinny match at the Maple Leaf mill pond Sunday night? It was enough to make you forget the N.H.L. variety, despite its alleged superiority.

The young, russed Canutskies may have blown the match but they produced some real thrills for the sit-ins and the thousands watching on the Big Eye. The comrades, pros by our definition, played pretty fair hockey but they got rattled same as anybody else when the Canucks played it close to the vest and threw a few beefy dychecks.

We were amused, and at the same time sad, when hockey writers from the dailies, conferred few kind words on the Nationals. Cowed by their own logic they asserted the Comrades could have won in a breeze if Wayne Stephenson hadn't been so good in goal.

They might as well have said the Nationals would have won easily if gigantic Victor Starshinov hadn't been so good on defense.

They should know by now it's what goes in that counts. Besides, we think they were exaggerating when they say the

Russians had more chances to score. As Denis Gibbons said to Esther Taylor the other night as Port. Elgin nipped the Tanners. "You calls them as you sees 'em." And that ain't the way we seed it.

FIRST TOURNAMENT of the season for the Tri-County Y's Men's Pee Wees was at Delhi Saturday when they lost to Paris and Tillsonburg by identical 3-0 scores.

Coach Barry Inscoe, first helmsman to pilot a Tri-County and provincial title to this neck of the Niagara escarpment since the Adams boys decided to settle here, said he was pleased with his charges. "We only got outshot by two or three goals in each game," he declared. "They played well."

The Pee Wees will also enter the popular Goderich tourney this season. Coach Inscoe says they are improving as the playoffs draw near: witness their 4-2 win over Preston Sunday.

Lions explode beat Hespeler

period goals, Acton Liches went on to defeat Hespeler Juveniles

Bantams nip Preston

Acton Firefighter Bantams suffered a 7-1 defeat at the hands of Oakville Wednesday but rebounded to take a 3-1 victory over Preston Tuesday night in Tri-County hockey.

Pete Morrison bagged the lone Acton reply to the Oakville squad, assisted by Gary Turkosz. Key to the Preston win was a strong third period which the team went into tied 1-1. Peter Morrison shot the Acton club in front at 3.20 of the first but Clement tied it for Preston from Schlegel with 35 seconds left in

the period. A scoreless second period was followed by a long interval in the third when George McPhail drilled the winning goal at 12.27. Pete Morrison added his second and the insurance marker from Ron Louttet with a minute

left on the clock. The old style Preston nets where the puck bounces off the taut twine made goal counting difficult. Acton fans figure they were robbed of one marker but had another given them to even

Exploding for three first 6-1 Thursday night on the seriod goals, Acton Lions went Hespeler club's own bailiwick: Hespeler broke a shutout for Acton goaltender Craig Weldon

in the last period. The Lions led

3-0, 4-0 and bagged two goals in

the last period. They were full value for the win. George Cook notched two

goals for the Acton club while John Mason, Stewart McCulloch, Allan McKenzie and Peter Marzo rifled singles behind the Hespeler netminder.

The Hespeler netminder took umbrage at the Lions' show of strength and took his stick to Clive Stewart's head at one point in the game. Clive sustained a gash which required five stitches and earned the stick wielder a

five minute sentence. Allan McKenzie, rapidly rounding into shape, collected two assists for the Lions while Jim Stevenson, Bob Waller, Mike Cooper and John Mason got

The Acton team takes on Georgetown here on Thursday

Shuffle goes to Milton Charles

Milton Charles took a 10-2 win from the Dominion Hotel in shuffleboard Jeague action at Milton Thursday.

Dominion entertain Oakville here next Thursday.

Sunocos shade shaky anners

It took two periods before JIM SWEENEY .. vateran's Action, Tanders realized they netminder, for the Yenners, was were in a lankey game I riday cultud on to make wine might, here: everstopping sever in both

Porf Eigen Sumocov, delayed by foggy weather and differs touds, arrived an hour late for the scheduled O. H. A. Int., B. contest, but they were on top of

nets in the second period," coach Harold Townsley complained as the Tanners dropped a 4 I decision to Fergus Flyers, here, Sunday

riday's and Saturday's games

Despite the 'effective puck'

blocking the Acton club

dropped four more points.

afternoon, in front of 200 fans. The winless Tanners did everything but carry the puck over the goal line in an attempt to erase a 2 O Fergus lead. They couldn't best acrobatic Don Prickett who handled the Flyers' netminding.

Playing coach Harold Townsley reduced the margin at 12.47 from Bruce McDuffe and Harry Phillips but Fergus added two third period goals for the

Veteran Bob Dobbie, creaking in every muscle but dangerous every time he stepped on the ice, figured in two of the Flyer goals. The old master playmaker put one behind Jim Sweeney himself midway through the third period to wrap the game up for Fergus. A wide-open contest with all

kinds of scoring opportunities for both sides, it was Flyers who were the opportunists. The Tanners couldn't seem to get untracked ad when they were in on the Fergus net muffed their chances.

Sweeney was a standout for the Acton club in the first period coming up with big saves as neither the forwards or defense bothered to check. He kept them in the game but

"We missed too many open. Dobble set Darroch up in front of Sweeney with less than 20 seconds left in the period and he put l'ergus alieud.

Grant Lanier made it 2 0 at 2.05 of the second period from a scramble in front of the Acton net. Both sides ran into a flock of double penalties at this point. With the sides at five each Townsley drilled the lone Acton

With Davidson of Fergus serving a two and five minute sentence and a man advantage the Tanners swarmed all over the Fergus end, missing yawning nets and simple tap-ins until the viutors got back to full strength. Sweeney again kept the

Tanners in the game with saves on three and one and two and one situations in the early minutes of the third period Dobbie finally beat him at 9.30 with an along-the-ice that which caught the far corner.

Ron Asseltine was off for hooking when Davidson sewed the game up for Fergus just as he stepped back on the ice. It was the first game for the big defenseman since he was given a seven game suspension for popping referee Dave Heipel one. The Tanners missed Steve

whom were unable to play. Next game is Friday night here when they entertain Georgetown

Gervais and Kevin Hall, both of

Whether it was a tongue tashing from coach Harold Townsley between periods or a desire to show they had the potential, the Tanners came out on fire in the third stanza. potted four goals, and almost tied the affair up. The Sunocov won, however, 6 Some fairs, confident the

beating, left the arena before the final canto and weren't in the audience by the lanner surge. Bruce McDatte, who flied the lone Acton tally in the first two

periods, added two more in the final chapter to post a har trick; ful first of the wason Golde Hell, a going concern all flight. and "gentleman" Jun Larcelly filed the other goals

> Veteran Lev Kingston rattled in two of the Sumscos who had some tuck as well as yould tee management in chalking up, the lead. They got their first goal at the 10.37 mark of the first worked his way to the Port blue period white they played line where he let a blazing dior defense napping A deflected nuck which bounced off playing coach Harold Townsley and slipped under goalie Jim down Sweeney made it 2 0.

the play but couldn't wern to beat Texckey in the Port I lain nets. The second period barely got underway when Jim James was awarded a cross checking penalty. While he was off Les-Kingston scored the first of two goals. It looked like the play was off-side but the officials never noticed

Penalties, which played a

Two more losses for Acton

Kents in Tri-County hockey

have not dampened their spirits.

Saturday night in Acton a

"new" Georgetown novice team

walloped the locals 8-0 and

Sunday afternoon in Preston the

Strong defensive hockey and

good goaltending by

Georgetown kept the Acton

team from the score sheet

Saturday. The aggressive visitors

filled the Acton nets with pucks,

five of them in the last period.

Kents were edged 2-1.

mighty important part for Port Flyin helped them with number tive. Phil Marzo, who couldn't look sideways at an official without thearing a penalty, was diesed into the sin bin at 9.15 of the second. While he was off Kingston drilled his second goal

and Sunoco's fourth. One

minute later they had their fifth

on a recordet. Reuce . McDuffe put the Tunners back in the game at Acton club was taking another 12.48 when he cashed in "Red" Hittip's rude and rebound but hig Wimp Lamont Wlupped in another for the Sunocos while

> · Marzo served a joughting penalty. Hoffy Drone had balely stepped back on the ace afterwrong an elbowing penalty to the third period when Ron Malcolm set McDuffe up at centre He wheeled down centre and let a long that fly which

caught the right corner. The lanners caught the Gordie Bell stick handled his way out of the Acton end and shorthanded, catching the Acton - go and scored the third. Seven minutes later Jun Farrelly cashed in a long, blazing drive The Tanners were only two

McDutte polished off his hat The Tanners had their share of trick less than a minute later to narrow the gap to one goal but the Acton club couldn't tie the wore. They threw everything but the proverbial kitchen ank at the visitors only to be foiled at every turn.

> "If only we'd started to go in the first two periods," mixed couch Townsley who shed his uniform for civies and a benchcoach's role in the last stanza.

Kents lose 2-1 heartbreaker to Preston

Goalie John McCutcheon,

filling to for regular tender

Robin Inscor, played a strong,

alert game in the Acton net but

couldn't cope with the strong

Although pre-game spirits

were high Sunday afternoon

Kents lost a real hearthreaker to

their Preston hosts. They

outplayed Preston most of the

way but stackened up early in

5.24 mark of the second but

Preston went ahead at the

the second and third periods.

Georgetown attack.

Scoring summary

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Acton came back to knot the

count at 12.05. A pass from the

corner off John Scoyne's stick

hit Scott Oakley perfectly and

the 3.50 mark of the final

hard for the balance of the game

their marksmandip was off and

numerous "set-ups" were foiled.

In the final minute coach Ware

pulled his goalie from the net in

lavor of an extra attacker but

Kents entertain Preston here

in Acton Saturday at 6.45 p.m.

Preston scored the winner at

Although the Kents pressed

Scott blasted tistomer

Kon Malcolm, Bruce McDuffe, Steve Corvais, Ilm Hullough.

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4-town Midgets lose to Oakville

Dukville's midget ulisture : bounced the Actor Lour Town team ". 7. 1 dn "an- exlubition Saturday, Charle Citiden barred the lone Acton goal from Roper Swan, and Joe Tarr. Fidier, -Campbell, Allen, Shaw, McCarney, Chivers and Parker gest the Oakville goals

Winter carnival

Také a jolly Bavarian named Schmickelfritz, add plenty of snow and Nancy Greene, then nux in a bevy of beauty queen contestants, bands, snowmobiles, and dog sleds and you have the recipe for Kitchener's Winterfeste which takes place January 19 26.

Winterfeste is a revival of a once popular local winter carmival that died during the depression and a slanted to take advantage of Kitchener's rich Pennsylvania Dutch heritage and the areas old world charm.

There were iki jumping and cross country champtondips and a snowmobile gymkhana on Sunday, January 19, and next Saturday, January 25th, a giant ski show with Nancy Greene in attendance.

That morning a two and a half hour long parade of floats, snow queen contestants, skiers, snowshoers, snowmobiles, dog-sleds, and bands will travel through downtown Mitchener and Waterlow. A mammoth "Klondike Barbeque" at Waterless Lutheran University starts at moon, and the afternoon will be loaded with dog ded faces, ski and snowshoe faces, speed skating and hockey games. Downtown streets corners will be occupied by Conestoga wagons dispensing "Polar bear burgers" and linckey games are scheduled at various rinks in

Saturday evening is Winterfeste might at Kitchener Memorial Auditorium including barrel jumping, a press, radio and TV hockey game, and the crowning of the Winterfeste Queen and Princess by Nancy Greene.

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Industrial league

Blow Press sits astride the four team Industrial Hockey League like a colossus after chalking up another win in Sunday's twin bill. Lakeview Discount, Blow's closest pursuers, also won to stay in the race for league leader. Blow Press bounced tail-end Heller's 7-4 in the opener while the discount men doubled the score on Nielsen's with a 6-3

Heller's threw a fright into the

Acton Y's Men Pee Wees

bombarded the Preston

goalkeeper in the third period

and came up with three goals

hockey at Preston, Sunday.

They lost an 8-2 decision to

Preston took a 1-0 lead in the

first period of Sunday's contest

but the Acton club tied it up-in

the second as Tim McIntyre

drilled one home from Ken

Withers and Billy McGilloway.

Drop close one

Sunday afternoon, here.

fell a goal short.

Three goals within five

Downsview Boys' Club took a

The visitors took a 3-1 lead in

McKenzie, Roger Swan and Riny

5-4 exhibition win over Acton

4-Town Tourney Bantams

Oakville A's Wednesday in

and a 4-2 win in Tri-County

Lose to Oaks

pressmen when they grabbed a 2-1 lead in the first period and had a 4-2 edge early in the second stanza. But the McDonald boys, Stu and Jim, hitched up with Gary Ritchie and Bill Coon to sink three goals and take over the lead for Blow's.

Bill Coon shot two goals within a three minute span in the third period to ensure the victory. Jim McDonald was also

Pee Wees drop Preston 4-2

minutes of the third period

sewed the victory up for the

Acton squad. Billy McGilloway

scored the first from Tim

McIntyre. Terry Holmes bagged

the second assisted by John

Ashley and Gerald Barden. Tim

Welntyre got his second from

Acton scoring.

assists.

six apiece.

Fenton one each.

Billy McGilloway to end the

Preston managed one more

goal with five seconds left to .

Against Oakville here

Wednesday the Acton club got

a two goal shooter for the assist. Four of the five penalties winners. Ed Hillier, Gary Ritchie and Stu McDonald each sniped

In the assist department it was Gary Ritchie (2), Rick Coe, Paul Milne, Bill McDonald and Bill Gary Taillefer drilled two

second period markers for Heller's, Mason and Gary Masales each sank one. Eghoetz collected the only

while the Oaks added a pair in

both the second and third

Terry Holmes and Jeff

Townsley each sniped a goal for

Acton with Gary Barden and

Russ Van Fleet collecting an

Wednesday night the Pee Wees

entertain Georgetown at the

stanzas for an 8-2 victory.

community centre.

were served by Mason and Allan Hall of the losers.

Lakeview's squad rapped in two goals in every period to take the nightcap from Nielsen's. The clothiers matched the discount output in the first period but could manage only a goal late in

the third afterwards. Ken Baker rifled in three goals for Lakeview, his first hat trick of the season. Don Perry, Gary Masales and Rud Holmes each plunked one in the net with store manager Perry also contributing two, assists. Dan Arbic, his shooting iron silent, nevertheless carned three helpers. Rud Holmes and Dave Papillon got one each.

Gord Mason potted a pair for the haberdashers while T. Sinclair scored the final as well as earning two helpmates. Russ Masales also got two assists, Gord Muson one.



Tourney teams win exhibitions

Kents still couldn't score.

Acton's Four Town Tourney Pee Wees and Bantams played games with the Hillsburg All Stars at the 'burg Sunday and emerged on top of both cames but not without some strong opposition.

The Pee Wees led by Bernie Taylor's three goals and an assist dged Hillsburg 6 5. John Hansen drilled two and George Carnegie scored one.

In the bantam game the Acton club took a 3 1 win as Garth Taylor got a goal and an assist, Dave Braida and Steve Van Fleet each bagged a goal. Assists went to Bob Krul, Chris Schuts and Henry Toebes.



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Both penalties councillor Peter Marks and brother official Denis Gibbons awarded were served by the losers, Bill Cook and Gerry Van der Eyken the penitents.

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behind in the first period 4-2 Swan and Jordan collected D. Rulucini bagged three for Downsview, B. Goldman and J. Referees Roland McCulloch and Joe Tarr issued 12 penalties, BOWLING GO

- delication

the second period after a Acton line up: Ricky Bonnette, Chris Schuts, Henry scoreless first. The Acton club came on strong in the third to Toebes, Mike Pope, Roger Swan, outscore Downsview 3-2 but Ken Anderson, John Jordan, Chas. Coker, Jim McNabb, Riny ACTON Schuts, Harry Lawson, David Henry Toebes, Glen Braids, Steve Van Fleet, Gary Schuts scored for Acton, Roger Masters, Chris Wallace, Glen TO MAIN ST. N. on a penalty shot. McKenzie, McKenzie.