

Shade New Hamburg



HEY, FELLAS, the puck is behind you! Defenceman John McCutcheon moved in on the action to ram home the winning goal for Acton over New Hamburg Novices Sunday afternoon. (Staff Photo)

## Kents win first game of playoffs in overtime

Continuing a winning streak that started in the last game of the schedule, Acton Kents took the first game of the O.M.H.A. Novices 'B' playoffs Sunday afternoon with a 3-2 decision over New Hamburg.

John McCutcheon broke through at centre ice to score the winning goal at the 7:45 mark of the overtime period just after New Hamburg failed to score on a penalty shot.

The New Hamburg goalkeeper, a sparkler for the visitors, left the net to go for the puck but John reached for a deflection and the puck bounced over the goalie's head and into the net to break the 2-2 tie.

The goal was celebrated fitly by Acton fans who saw a real sea-saw battle between the two teams.

New Hamburg took a one goal lead in the first period as Fred Broda connected into the bottom right hand corner from a stick scramble. Sandy and Randy Wagner got the assists.

Kents evened it up in the second period while Randy

Wagner was off for tripping as Johnny Scoyne was credited with the goal which deflected off his skate at Scott Oakley centred from the corner. Norm Thornhill also received an assist on the goal.

The Acton club outplayed the visitors in the second and third periods but New Hamburg again took the lead when Jamie Haunn scored from Ricky Haffner at

12:35 of the third stanza. Kents roared back and Johnny Scoyne bagged his second goal of the game. His backhand shot was knocked down but trickled over the goal line at 13:16 and the game was deadlocked again.

Overtime barely got started when John McCutcheon took a high sticking penalty at the two minute mark. The New Hamburg advantage was nullified when Ross Vantzi received a high sticking penalty 45 seconds later. Both teams played shorthanded.

Acton fans were agitated when New Hamburg was awarded a penalty shot after the penalties expired. But Robin Incoe, the Kents netminder, outguessed the New Hamburg player taking the shot, ducking every move and making him move first. The shot was awarded when Joe Kentner threw his stick on a breakaway.

John McCutcheon sewed the game up with his breakaway and New Hamburg's intention to lift the goalkeeper for another forward was dropped when Ricky Haffner got a penalty in the last minute.

The two-out-of-three series resumes Saturday in New Hamburg. If a third game is necessary it will be played in Acton the following Saturday.

Winner of this series will play the winner of Virgil and Beamville. Winner of that will play the Elmira-Fergus winner. Other teams still in the zone championship hunt are Delhi, Port Dover, Aylmer, Caledonia and Hagersville.

Putting a flame or spark near a car battery may cause it to explode, says the Ontario Safety League. A battery while charging generates hydrogen gas that can build up near the opening at the top of the battery.



CLOSING IN ON A NEW HAMBURG attempt to get command of the puck in the defenceman, Jim Hurley and John Scoyne visitors' end.



TENSION WAS HIGH before the final 10-minute overtime period to break the two-all tie between Acton and New Hamburg Novices. A few hints from coach George Ware and manager Murray Scoyne, and the team pushed on to victory. (Staff Photo)

## Narrow win for Kitchener over Novices

Kitchener Sharks narrowly defeated Acton Four Town Tournament Novices 5-4 in an exhibition match Sunday.

Acton was trailing in the first period 2-1 following a goal by Freddy Allen from James Ellerby. Steve Buchanan put the second Acton goal in early in the second period on a pass from Doug McKnight. Three more goals for Kitchener put them out in front 5-2 at the end of the second period.

Acton attempted a come-back in the third, and succeeded in keeping most of the action in the visitors' home territory. Doug McKnight assisted Steve Buchanan and Marvin McNabb on two more goals, but the team failed to tie the score.

Black scored two for Kitchener, Lynch, Schmiot and Higgins each scored one.

Acton Lineup: Mark Morrison, Tim Taylor, Bret Legate, Freddy Allen, Doug McKnight, Steve Buchanan, John McHugh, Leonard Brown, Steve McKnight, Bob Anderson, Fort Alton, James Ellerby, Marvin McNabb, Mike Morris, Ken Swan, Joey Schuis.

## Tri-County teams in playoffs

Tri-County representative Denis Gibbons completed final arrangements for the start of the playoffs for Acton Pee Wees and Midgets, Tuesday.

The Pee Wees will meet Elmira in a two out of three series starting in Elmira Saturday at 4:15 p.m. Second game will be played in Acton Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.

Elmira Pee Wees, fresh from a series victory over Fergus, won the toss and the third game, if necessary, will be played there Feb. 15.

Coach Barry Incoe and manager Ed McGiloway are exuding an "air of confidence" over the series, confident their charges will make a good showing.

Acton Midgets, with a bye, start a two-of-three series with Fergus here Saturday at 6:45 p.m. The second game of the set will be played in Fergus Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

The Bantams, meanwhile, are waiting for the winner of the Fergus-Elmira series.

The Juveniles and Novices are presently engaged in playoffs with Merrittton and New Hamburg respectively. Both won the first games.

## Dump Merrittton

# Lions take playoff edge

Sparked by a three goal effort from Bob Andrews, Acton Lions defeated Merrittton 5-2 Sunday afternoon to take a one game lead in the best-of-five O.M.H.A. Juvenile 'B' playoffs.

In a game with lots of penalties and a forest of high sticks, the Lions did not give one of their better efforts but they

were never headed after grabbing a 2-1 lead in the first period. They stretched it to 4-1 by the end of the second. Both teams scored a goal in the final 20.

Second game of the set will be played in Acton this Thursday night at 9 p.m. and coach Jim Hargrave, Bernie Taylor, Steve Brunelle, John Hansen, George Arden, Bill McKenzie, George Carnegie, Ron Death, Charlie McRae, John Cameron, Mike Ferguson, Steve Ward, Dave Salt.

Manager Bob Marshall said the Merrittton club didn't have cards for many of their players indicating they could have come from anywhere in the Niagara peninsula.

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## Dominions tie Oaks

Dominion Hotel shuffleboarders tied the Royal Oaks 6-6 in Oakville Thursday night and now share fourth place in the nine team league with Oakville House. Dominion have a game in hand.

The Acton entry meets Milton Centennials next week in Milton.

big gun, shooting three goals and collecting two assists. Don Perry notched two goals, Dave Papillon and Harold Townsley one each with Harold also getting two assists. Dan Arbic was the leading assist collector for the discounters with three. Steve Goy had one.

Denis Gibbons, Jim Lee and Gary Massale refereed the games.

Legion town league tallies

## ATOMS - Weston edged out Brampton 5-4 in close match Saturday.

Bruce McPhail who scored three unassisted for Weston, and Scott Malcolm who put all four goals in the net for Brampton were the stars of the game. Bruce McPhail scored the first two goals to put Weston ahead 2-0. Scott Malcolm scored from Paul Bowen for Brampton. Steve Tremills scored another for Weston unassisted to put his team ahead 3-2 at the end of the first period. A goal by Scott Malcolm from Russ Lee for Brampton, and one by Peter Zions from Ron Guest for Weston, made it 4-2 at the end of the second. Scott Malcolm rammed in a third point for Brampton from Gary Scoyne, and a fourth unassisted to tie it up. In the last minutes of play, Bruce McPhail scored unassisted

## Y's Men take exhibition

Waiting for a winner in the Fergus-Elmira group play-off series, Acton Y's Men's Pee Wees are filling in with exhibition games. The 4-Town Tourney Pee Wees gave them a good test in the most recent one, before bowing 4-2.

The Tri-County team took the lead in the first period as Ken Withers scored from Wade Knight and Tim McIntyre. Russell Coultrup made it 2-0 on a marker in the second period assisted by Chris Tennant.

Looked like the Tri-County team was going to run away with the game when Russell Coultrup bagged his second goal in the third stanza unassisted, but George Carnegie put the 4-Town team back in the running with a goal assisted by David Allen.

Tim McIntyre scored for the Y's Men from Billy McGiloway to make it 4-1 and John Hansen ended the scoring for the 4-Towners on a goal from Bernie Taylor.

The Y's Men hope to start the playoffs next Wednesday night here.

again to give Weston the one-point lead.

NOVICE - St. Kitts tied with Hamilton in the first Novice game. Ford Alton scored both points for St. Kitts unassisted. Gord Toth scored both goals for Hamilton on assists from Tim Taylor. Each team suffered one penalty.

In the second Novice game, Niagara Falls downed Oshawa 3-0. Doug McKnight was the sole goal-getter of the game, scoring one in the first unassisted, one in the second unassisted and a third in the third period on an assist from Steve McKnight.

PEE WEE - Cleveland defeated Springfield 4-1 in the first of Saturday's Pee Wee action. Bob Vinski scored first for Cleveland unassisted. Peter Hargrave made it 2-0 on another unassisted. Terry Slaven scored the lone goal for Springfield from Bill McKenzie at the end of the first period. Wayne Allen scored two more goals for Cleveland unassisted in the second period to give them the game 4-1.

In the second Pee Wee game, Rochester tied Baltimore 5-5. Baltimore goals were by Charlie McCrae, John Dwyer, Mike Ferguson (2) and Steve Ward. Assists were credited to Charlie McCrae (2) and Ron Death. Doug Allen scored three for Rochester and John Hansen two. Assists were by John Hansen (3), George Arden (3), and Kevin Marcoux (1).

BANTAMS - Hershey defeated Buffalo 1-0 in a rough evenly-matched contest. Steve Van Fleet scored the only goal in the third period to give Hershey the 1-0 victory.

A man with a wonderful vocabulary is one who can describe a shapely girl without using his hands.

Bad weather may excuse delay—but near an accident, says the Ontario Safety League.

## Pee Wees down Brampton in four town exhibition

Acton Four Town Pee Wees downed Brampton 5-2 in an exhibition Sunday.

Peter Hargrave scored the first goal of the game from Mike Ferguson at the 1:30 mark. Brampton tied it up with a goal by Doug Morris from Rudy Kodars. Unassisted goals by Bill McKenzie and Mike Ferguson put the Acton boys out in front 3-1 by the end of the first period.

Brampton was held at bay throughout the second period while Pete Hargrave and Bernie

## Industrial league

### Blow Press wins 5-4 nightcap deadlocked

Blow Press got back on the win track in Sunday's Industrial Hockey League doubleheader, shading Nielsen's Clothing 5-4 in the first game. Tail-end Heller's took on the role of giant killers in the nightcap deadlocking Lakeview Discount 7-7.

Bill Coon capped a three goal performance for the league leading pressmen by firing the winning goal in the opener. The haberdashery crew grabbed a 2-1 lead in the first period only to let it slip in the second. Blow's outscored them 2-1 in the final chapter.

Besides Coon's hat trick, Gary Ritchie and Jim McDonald each scored a single for Blow's. Chick Milne and Ed Hillier collected two assists each, while Rick Coe, Fred Kirton, Larry Porte and Jim McDonald got one.

T. Sinclair potted a pair for Nielsen's, Ken McIsaac and John Goy rattled in one each. Wayne Wheeler got two assists, as did Howard Dwyer. Goy and Ray Still each nabbed one.

Heller's leatherworkers chalked up a 3-0 lead in a first period assault on Lakeview but

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## STANDINGS

New Murray.....101  
Charles Hotel.....93 1/2  
Milton Centennials.....88 1/2  
Dominion Hotel.....87  
Oakville House.....78  
Dine Tavern.....63  
Brampton "A".....66  
Royal Oak.....39  
Brampton "B".....12.

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