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from the world of sport  
By Denis Gibbons

**THURSDAY NIGHT'S O.M.H.A.** Juvenile playoff game between Acton Lions and Merritton attracted the season's largest and noisiest minor hockey crowd to the local ice palace. In fact, although exact figures are not available, it appears that Thursday's game outdrew Friday night's intermediate contest between Fergus and the Tanners. Several fans were watching their first juvenile game of the year, and most went away, more than satisfied they had received their money's worth of fast, exciting hockey action. What's more, although the Tanners are to be commended for their perseverance, they haven't given local hockey enthusiasts many opportunities to cheer and shout and Thursday's game provided just this, as the Lions walked off with a 6-3 victory.

The Lions, after a season of rugged competition against "AAA" and "AA" teams in the Tri-County group, in which they by no means disgraced themselves, have been displaying their best hockey of the season, of late, finishing off their group play with victories over Heppeler and arch-rival Georgetown, and dropping Merritton 5-2 and 6-3 to take a two game lead in their best of five Juvenile "B" playoff series.

Coach Jim James and manager Bob Marshall have both brought a wealth of experience to this year's team. Jim previously was associated with minor hockey teams in Georgetown as well as with Georgetown Raiders, defending O.H.A. Junior "C" champions. Bob is well known locally for his fine organizational work with the Tanners. They have used their experience to good advantage and the results have been very rewarding for all concerned.

The team received a severe blow, when captain Brian Farrell was injured in the league all-star game in December. But they have not let down, and as coach James put it, "the boys have learned that it takes an all-out team effort to win hockey games and that's exactly what we're getting from everybody". Five players, still eligible to play midweek, goalie Craig Weldon, defenseman Randy Weldon and Brad Timbers and centres Pete Marzo and Jim Stevenson have looked right at home in juvenile competition.

Bob Waller and Lloyd Smallwood, a pair of huge defencemen, have caused opposing forwards to think twice before skating in with their heads down, while forwards George Cook, Bob Andrews, Mike Cooper, Alan McKenzie, John Mason, Stu McCulloch, Clive Stewart, and Brent Marshall have all made valuable contributions throughout the season. In addition, the Lions have been privileged to have had one of the Tri-County's foremost statisticians and timekeepers, Ron McKnight with them this season.

Last year's edition of the "Jubes" were the victims of some rather questionable arrangements by the O.M.H.A. in making up the playoff draw. After completing their Tri-County group play, they were forced to wait some four or five weeks for an opponent. As a result they became a little "rusty", and were eliminated by Fergus, who eventually lost to St. Mary's in the Ontario finals.

This year the situation has changed, and if they can come up with a win here to-morrow night at 9 p.m. against Merritton, they will have conquered their first obstacle on the road to the O.M.H.A. championship.

They are not ready "to count their chickens before they hatch", as the saying goes, and they realize they must play one team at a time, but if sheer determination and hustle mean anything you can bet that the Lions will be in every game until the final buzzer and will be doing their utmost to restore the fine reputation this town once enjoyed in hockey circles around the province.

**ACTON Y'S MEN'S Pee Wees** host Elmira tonight at 7 p.m. in the second game of their best of three O.M.H.A. playoff series. Elmira won the first game Saturday, but coach Barry Incoe and Manager Ed McGilloway still have a few aces up their sleeves, and hope to even up the series and force a third game in Elmira this Saturday at 4:15.

**ACTON FIREFIGHTERS** Bantams, under coach Harold Townsley and manager Steve Goy open their best of three series with Fergus here tonight at 8:00 p.m. The second game is slated for Fergus Friday night at 8:15 and the third if necessary, back here on Sunday.

**ACTON KENT CONSTRUCTION** Novices play the third and deciding game of their playoff series with New Hamburg here this Saturday night at 6:45. Coach George Ware and manager Murray Scoyne are certain to have their boys ready for this one.

**FANS WHO ATTENDED** Thursday night's Juvenile game will be interested to know that Mike Keracher of Merritton, who suffered a serious eye injury, when he was accidentally struck by a stick, is a patient in Room 303 on the third floor of Guelph General Hospital. He is receiving the best of care from Dr. Hutchison and the hospital staff and the condition of the injured eye is improving quite satisfactorily.

We all wish him a very speedy recovery.

# Flyers wallop Tanners in one-sided contest

Bunching goals like bananas, Fergus Flyers completely dominated the shorthanded Acton Tanners here Friday night, swamping them 19-4 on the scoreboard.

Flyers - who were hard pressed to take a Sunday afternoon decision in their last sabbath outing in Acton caught the Tanners off balance in the first six minutes of play. They rattled in the first goal at the 2:43 mark and added four more for a 5-0 lead before the clock reached the six minute mark.

By the end of the first chapter they had a commanding 7-0 margin which was 11-0 by the 2:19 mark of the second period. They banged four goals behind a jittery Jim Sweeney in the first two minutes of the second.

Score at the end of the second stanza was 15-1. The third period was more equitable. The Tanners, reeling under the onslaught, were outscored only 4-3 in the final chapter.

Grant Larmer paced the Fergus attack with six goals and Doug Selby accounted for five. G. Payerter fanned his scoring with four goals. M. Johnston, M. Darroch, C. Raven and F. Davidson scored one each.

Tireless Gordie Bell popped in two for the Tanners. Fred Buchanan and Jim Farrelly notched one each. Blue liner Jim James picked up two assists. Jan Riddall, Buchanan and "Red" Phillips each earned a bracket.

Coach Harold Townsley again had to dress as only 10 players showed up for the game.

# Jubes have armlock on Merritton series

By D. Gibbons

Acton Lions Juveniles doubled the score on Merritton 6-3, Thursday night, to take a commanding 2-0 lead in games in their best of five O.M.H.A. Juvenile "B" playoff series.

The largest crowd of the season witnessed a fast exciting game which was not decided until the third period, when the

Lions, holding on to a slim 2-1 lead blasted four goals past Merritton goalie Wayne Dunbar. The visitors opened the scoring at 8:30 on the first period on a long shot by Dave Thonston which appeared to spectators at the Acton end of the arena to have hit the goalpost and bounced back out, but was ruled a goal by referee Gerry Perkins.

The Lions roared back to tie the score just a minute and 20 seconds later, when Mike Cooper took Lloyd Smallwood's pass and fired a shot that took a funny bounce into the Merritton net.

Play in the second period was featured by the "close checking" of both teams, until the 17:55 mark, when Randy Weldon took Pete Marzo's pass and let go a

blazing slap shot into the upper left hand corner of the net, to give Acton a 2-1 lead.

Only 45 seconds had passed in the third period, when Mike Cooper gave the Lions a 3-1 lead with his second goal of the game, assisted by Bob Waller and Bob Andrews. Pete Marzo's unassisted goal at the six minute mark, made it 4-1.

But the "never say die" Merritton crew fought back to within two goals of the Lions, as Goy D'Addario scored from Bill Merpow at 9:05.

The Lions made good use of the slap shot to salt away their victory, as Bob Waller and Pete Marzo both scored on sizzling drives just 29 seconds apart, Marzo and Mike Cooper assisting on Waller's, and Waller helping out on Marzo's.

Jim McNamara scored Merritton's final goal, deflecting in a pass from Bob Iderwood, but Craig Weldon in the Acton net shut out the visitors the rest of the way to preserve the win.

Referees Gerry Perkins of Georgetown and Doug Peddie of Milton handed out five minors to each team as well as majors for fighting to Alan McKenzie of the Lions and Jim Kaufman of Merritton.

Game three of the series is set for Acton Thursday night at 9 o'clock. If a fourth is necessary it will be played at the Rex Stimers Arena in St. Catharines, Tuesday night at 8:45.

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### Novice playoff

## New Hamburg deadlocks series final game here Saturday night

New Hamburg Novices deadlocked the best of three O.M.H.A. hockey playoffs with Acton Kents with a 3-0 win on their home ice Saturday afternoon.

Kents outshot the New Hamburg team 21-13, three of the attempts on goal clean cut break-aways - but couldn't beat the second string goalkeeper who handled the best Kent shots capably.

### Pee Wees lose first playoff

First game of the best-of-three O.M.H.A. Pee Wee playoffs was a 7-2 win for Elmira over Acton Y's Men's Pee Wees Saturday in Elmira.

The Acton club didn't seem to get any breaks missing some glittering opportunities in the first period. Coach Barry Incoe hopes they'll shed some of their excitement for the second game of the series here Wednesday. If a third game is necessary it will be played in Elmira, Saturday.

Elmira scored two goals in the first period and bagged three more in the second stanza before the Acton team replied. Terry Holmes notched it unassisted.

The Elmira team bagged two more in the final chapter, opening up a 7-1 lead. Chris Tennant sniped the final goal for Acton at 13:23.

Both starting goalkeeper Mike Luty and Robin Incoe who played the last five minutes looked good in goal. Clive Ord, Kent Kentner, Russell Coultrup, Wade Knight and Gary Barden played defense. Billy McGilloway, Chris Tennant, Gerald Barden, Tim McIntyre, Terry Holmes, Ken Withers, Russ Van Fleet and Jeff Townsley dressed on the forward lines.

The Pee Wees played an exhibition with Milton's 4-town team Wednesday and the game ended in a 2-2 tie. Tim McIntyre and Billy McGilloway scored for Acton, Terry Holmes and Ken Withers registering assists. Ron Rowley and Jeff Smith bagged the Milton goals.

Most of the fans deserted the arena before the final buzzer sounded its knell. Those who remained to the end gave the visitors encouragement.

Referee Bill Devorski handed out six penalties in the contest and the Flyers served five of them.

Next game for the Acton club is here Friday night when they play host to Seaford Beavers.

Fergus-D. Prickett goal, J. Proctor, D. Abbott, D. Peden, C. Raven, M. Johnston, G. Payerter, D. Selby, G. Larmer, M. Dauroch, J. Readybough, F. Hiller, G. Watt, F. Davidson, G. Jefferson.

Acton-J. Sweeney goal, P. Marzo, J. Bullough, G. Bell, J. Riddall, F. Buchanan, J. James, H. Phillips, H. Townsley, K. Heam, J. Farrelly, H. Drone.

Third and deciding game of the series will be played in Acton Saturday afternoon.

Home ice, a commodity which minor hockey clubs appreciate, gave the New Hamburg squad added confidence in the second game of the set. Rick Crossman gave them the lead on the first play of the game, registering what proved to be the winning goal at the 30 second mark after an Acton pass strayed onto his stick.

Rick scored his second at the 4:50 mark of the second period on a neat passing play that clicked like a clock. Goalie Robin Incoe had no chance on the play nor on the next one

which Rick Whittaker fired home for the winners at 6:35 of the second.

In an attempt to get on the scoreboard after a frustrating afternoon for his marksmen, coach Ware pulled his goalkeeper for an extra attacker with two minutes left in the game. Scott Oakley of the Kents and Fred Broda of the Hamburgs had just been banished for high sticking.

The Kents controlled the play but failed to score and the coach returned Robin to the nets when a face-off developed in the Acton end with 15 seconds left to play.

Game time for the final here Saturday is 6:45 p.m.

**ATOMS**-Brampton tied with Weston at a goal each in their game last Saturday. Neither team scored in the first period. Early in the second, Bruce McPhail got a goal unassisted for the Weston boys to put them out in front. John Thompson evened the score at the three-minute mark on a pass from David McGilloway.

**NOVICE**-Niagara Falls trounced St. Kitts to a 5-0 victory in the first game of the Novice division. Doug McKnight scored the first goal of the game on a pass from Jim Gentles. Donald Coats made it 2-0 at the end of the first period. In the second, John Schuts scored from Steve McKnight and Doug McKnight put in another unassisted. Doug McKnight added the final point from Brett Legate in the third period.

Hamilton downed Oshawa 5-2 in the second Novice game. Jim Ellerby scored the first goal for Oshawa at the 12:25 mark, with assists from Ken Swan and Mike McCabe. Five seconds later, Leonard Brown tied the score with a goal from Fred Allen and Tim Taylor. Early in the second period, Tim Taylor gave Hamilton the one-point lead with a little help from Gord Toth. The score was tied 2-2 at the end of the second, with a goal from Mike Morris by Ron Kuiken. Marvin McNabb made the difference in the third period, scoring two unassisted and one on a pass from Gord Toth, to put Hamilton out in front 5-2.

**PEE WEEES**-Baltimore defeated Cleveland 6-1 in the first Pee Wee game. Steve Brunelle scored the only goal for Cleveland unassisted in the first period. Charlie Allen scored two goals in the first, both on assists from Charlie McRae. Larry Hepburn scored in the second from Ron Death and Steve Ward. Final goals in the third period came from Charlie McRae unassisted and Ron Death who got one unassisted and one on a pass from John Dwyer.

Rochester downed Springfield 6-1 in their game. The first goal came from George Carnegie unassisted for Springfield. Then Rochester applied the pressure. John Hansen scored unassisted in the first period to tie the score. Early in the second, he

scored again from George Artem and George went on to chalk up another on an assist by Dave Allan. In the third, George Artem and Peter Miller scored unassisted.

**BANTAMS**-Pittsburg topped Buffalo 6-3 in Bantam action. Buffalo goals were by Howard Coultrup, Treth Armstrong and Ted Saitz. For Pittsburg, Henry Toebes scored unassisted, Carl Reed from Glen McKenzie, Ron Waites unassisted, David Braids unassisted, Randy Coker unassisted and Glen McKenzie from Jim McNabb.

The first two periods spelled out defeat for the Acton boys, when they failed to get combinations working for goals. Brampton on the other hand, slammed home one in the first from Terry Kouyoumian and another from Brian McKay in the second.

The Paws won the honors in the annual Maw and Paw bonspiel Monday afternoon. They won the Gwen Tyler trophy handily. There were seven rinks, necessitating two draws in the afternoon. The curlers enjoyed supper together afterwards.

A sweetheart bonspiel was played Monday and Tuesday.

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## SPORTS Scoreboard

By Charlie Thomson MIDGETS

Charlie Gidden, ST.	12	2
Keith Smallwood, LA.	10	3
Glen Taillefer, ST.	8	4
Dave Leblanc, ST.	6	8
Steve Garrett, ST.	7	5
Charlie Kuiken, LA.	8	1
Tim Cole, ST.	3	6
Ted Klauer, ST.	4	4
Ken Marshall, LA.	4	4
Gord Williams, LA.	3	2
Brian Givens, ST.	5	1
Joe Tarr, LA.	2	6
Bill Severinski, LA.	3	4
Goy Bosch, ST.	3	2
Gord Murray, ST.	2	2
Randy Weldon, LA.	2	0
Trevor Swan, ST.	0	4
Mike Fields, LA.	0	1
Dave Pink, LA.	1	1
Mark Nielsen, LA.	0	2
John Thatcher, LA.	0	2
Randy Downes, LA.	1	0
Bob Ballentine, ST.	1	0
Seth Armstrong, LA.	0	1
Glen Noble, ST.	0	1
Jack Insh, LA.	0	1
Gord Williams, LA.	0	1
St. Louis "ST", Los Angeles "LA"	0	1

## Brampton downs Acton Novices in four town exhibition game

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**SNOWMOBILES OUT IN SOME PROVINCIAL PARKS**

An increasing number of snowmobile users have seriously damaged winter animal shelters and small tree and shrub plantings, and the department of lands and forests has been forced to restrict the machines in some provincial parks and prohibit them altogether in others.

Snowmobiles are not allowed in eight provincial parks—Sandbanks, Serpent Mounds, Outlet Beach, Hatachawana, Pancake Bay, Five Mile Lake, Killbear, and Quetico. Their use is restricted on the following Algonquin Park lakes adjacent to Highway 60: Canoe, Cache, Bonita, South Tea and Smoke.

However, the department isn't a killjoy when it comes to winter fun and, as in former years, has lifted its parks' vehicle entry fee for the season with one exception. Pinery Provincial Park on Lake Huron charges \$1 per vehicle plus 50 cents for persons over 12 years of age, for unrestricted use of its ski hills, toboggan runs and snow making equipment.

Besides the marked trails available for public use in many provincial parks, three trails totalling 75 miles have been developed on Crown Lands in the Severn River and Parry Sound areas. Two hundred snowmobiles are expected on each of these trails during ideal weather weekends.

Snowmobile owners should remember that operation of their machines are permitted only on roads or other specially designated areas within provincial parks and are subject to all regulations under The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act and The Provincial Parks Act. They must also be covered by liability insurance.

**SNOW IS HARD ON WILDLIFE**

Deep or crusted snow may result in heavy wildlife mortality. However, rabbits, lynx and grouse, which are fitted with snowshoes, appear to have a seasonal advantage—even if food supplies are limited in variety or quantity. Snowshoe rabbits (varying hare) have an added advantage. They turn white in winter. Mice, which tunnel beneath the snow, are well hidden and can nibble peacefully on shrubs, fruit trees and seedlings.

Grouse dive into the snow blanket for shelter on cold northern nights and if disturbed take off with an explosion of snow. An overnight sleet or ice storm may trap them below the crust.

Once the snow starts to settle and pack the advantages change and light, soft footed animals like fox, skunk along on top while the hoofed beasts sink more or less to the bottom. Under these conditions deer tend to stay in a sheltered area and repeated movements result in a packed down section or yard. Fluffy snow, even though fairly deep, does not necessarily hinder still legged deer and moose but if a crust forms, their travels may be hindered.

Critical depths in most areas appear to be about 20" for deer and half of this for pheasants. In the case of deer, deep snow is a matter of travelling difficulties, although high populations may browse all the shrubs and trees as high as they can reach and then fawns may be unable to obtain as much feed as they require. In the case of pheasants, if the plants are buried, they are unable to scratch down to the seed supplies. Thus, winter is often the limiting factor on resident game.

Kouyoumian scored again in the early minutes of the third period putting the Brampton team out in front 3-0. At the 5:30 mark, Acton scored its first goal when Fred Alton popped one in the net from Fred Allen and Jim Ellerby. Paul Sawatsky added the fourth goal for Brampton at 9:30. Then at the 12:45 mark, Gord Toth scored from Steve Buchanan to bring Acton up to 2 goals.

Acton line-up: Mark Morrison, Mike McCabe, Bud Buchanan, Bret Legate, Freddy Allen, Doug McKnight, Steve Buchanan, Gord Toth, Leonard Brown, Nathan Field, Bob Anderson, Ford Alton, James Ellerby, Marvin McNabb, Mike Morris, Ken Swan, Joey Schuts.

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