

Bantams lose heartbreaker, series to Fergus Sunday

Fergus Bantams survived an Acton onslaught in the third period and went on to defeat them 4-2 in the third and final game of the O.M.H.A. Bantam 'B' playoffs here Sunday afternoon. The loss eliminated the Acton Firefighters from the playoff picture after winning the first game here last Wednesday and dropping a 5-3 decision in Fergus Friday.

Trailing 2-0 as the speedy Fergus team rapped in two goals in the first period, the Firefighters came on strong in the third and tied the final game up before a large Sunday afternoon crowd at the community centre. It looked as if the game might be a repeat of the first game of the exciting series which the locals won in a come-from-behind situation. But this was the Fergus team's afternoon to gloat. The popped in what proved to be the winning goal with a minute and 25 seconds left to play on a two man break. Slater drilled the winner past Steve Webster who played an outstanding game in goal for Acton.

The final goal was scored into the empty net as coach Harold Townsley pulled his goalkeeper for an extra forward and

O'Sullivan hit the yawning cage after the visitors had missed on their first attempt.

The Fergus goalkeeper pulled some fancy saves as he kept the Acton team off the score sheet. He was more lucky than sharp on a couple of occasions.

It was a heartbreaker for the Acton team to lose after fighting back from behind the 2-0 deficit. Gary Turkoz narrowed the margin at 4:59 of the third to put the Acton club back in the game. Pete Morrison and George McPhail assisted. Then George McPhail tied the score at 11:45 from Morrison to deadlock the count only to have Fergus pull the win out from under them.

At Fergus Friday the Fergus club bagged all five of their goals in the first period—three of them while an Acton player served a five minute major for throwing his stick.

The Acton team still fought back and outplayed Fergus most of the way but could notch only three goals. Pete Morrison drilled two of them on unassisted efforts and George McPhail got the first one from Brendan Irwin and Pete Morrison.

Slater got two goals for Fergus, Jones, Manley and Griffin one apiece.

The Acton club will continue to play exhibitions.



THE FERUGS DEFENSEMAN shows his chagrin after he banked the puck into his own net to tie the O.M.H.A. Bantam B. Playoff opener here last

Wednesday. Acton forwards Pete Morrison and Ron Louette show their elation with raised sticks.—(Staff Photo)



PETE MORRISON shifts the Fergus netminder out of his undergar and slides the winning goal home for a 4-3 win. George McPhail (no. 17) trails

Pete in the event there's a rebound. George scored three in the playoff victory, the lone win for Acton in the series.—(Staff Photo)

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from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons

Events at Acton Arena in the past week went a long way towards confirming the old adage that hockey is not a game for spectators of the faint-hearted variety. Local minor hockey teams, involved in O.M.H.A. playoffs constantly kept fans on the edges of their collective seats and created more excitement than is stirred up in Maple Leaf Gardens, whenever "Les Canadiens" come to town, as they battled for the right to advance to the second round.

Acton Y's Men's Pee Wees started it all off Wednesday night, by popping two goals into the Elmira net before the visitors had time to clean the snow, they had accumulated in the pre-game warmup, off their skates. The Elmira lads were stunned, and it was not until the third period that they were able to come from behind and snatch a win away from coach Barry Inscow's hard-working crew. Rumor has it that a fresh supply of that good old Waterloo county maple syrup was rushed down in the second period to provide the quick energy the visitors lacked in the first period!

In the second game of Wednesday night's doubleheader, Fergus had the Acton Firefighters bantams down 3-1 at the end of the second period, before the local lads got out the hose and doused their red-hot opponents. Then coach Harold Townsley lit a fire of his own under his squad and the result was a three goal spurge in the last 10 minutes of the game and a 4-3 Acton victory.

Thursday night's Juvenile game provided enough suspense to keep Acton fans twitching and turning right up until the final buzzer. The local Lions held a 2-1 lead at the end of the second period and had to do some tenacious checking to stop the onrushing Merriton Kennares and preserve their 3-1 victory.

Perhaps the spine-tingler of them all took place Saturday night, as Acton Ken Construction Novices met New Hamburg in the third and deciding game of their series. The teams were scoreless until midway through the third period, when the Kents finally blinked the light. From that point on, the Acton lads used everything they had (including a couple of timely fumble recoveries in front of their own net if you please), to preserve a 1-0 win and present coach George Ware and Manager Murray Scoyne with a O.M.H.A. playoff series victory in their first attempt. The ensuing victory celebration included series of bear hugs, hand shakes and joyful victory leaps that resulted in the formation of a "human mountain" at the Acton blue line.

After dropping the second game to Fergus Friday night in the "hustle" town, the Firefighter bantams had trouble getting untracked in the third game played here, Sunday afternoon, before a large Sabbath day audience. However, after trailing 2-0, they fought back to tie the score, only to have the visitors score the winner in the last five minutes. Coach Townsley then pulled his goalkeeper in an attempt to tie the score, but the move backfired and Fergus added another goal into the empty net and handed the Firefighters a heartbreaking 4-2 defeat.

Last week's action brought rewarding victories and the chance for greater achievements to the Novices and Juveniles. For the Pee Wees the Bantams, the results were disappointing needless to say, but the players of both teams have the satisfaction of knowing that they gave it their best effort and were worthy representatives of their town. For in the game of hockey there must always be a winner and a loser.

However, among the spectators who took time out to attend last week's playoff games, there were no losers. They gave their support and encouragement to the boys and in turn received an enormous amount of enjoyment.

The words of a first year minor hockey coach sum up the situation very well. "When I was asked to coach a team", he said, "I thought only of the amount of time it was going to cost me. After about two weeks with the boys, I found out I needed them more than they needed me".

A doff of the old chapeau goes this week to Jan Riddall, who broke out of a scoring slump to score all four goals, as the Tanners dropped a close 7-4 decision to the powerful Seaforth Beavers.

Bantams come from behind take first playoff game

Acton Firefighter Bantams came from behind to edge Fergus 4-3 in a thrill-packed O.M.H.A. Bantam B. playoff opener last Wednesday night.

Pete Morrison bagged the winning goal with only a minute and a half left to play in the game and just 32 seconds after George McPhail was credited with the tying marker. Pete stickhandled his way around the defense and deked the Fergus netminder before depositing the puck in the net.

The crowd, highly partisan, went wild.

Key play of the game was the tying goal credited to George McPhail. Actually a Fergus defenseman attempted to clear on a goalmouth scramble and he

backhanded the puck into his own net.

The Acton club, fighting an uphill battle, were stymied by the smaller visitors and seemed unable to get untracked for the first two periods. George McPhail put them in front at 2:25 of the first chapter assisted by Gary Turkoz but Fergus tied it up at 9:50, Marley from Boyd.

First play of the second period netted Fergus their second goal from the stick of Slater. O'Sullivan assisted. They stretched the margin to 3-1 at 10:15 as Griffin scored from Slater.

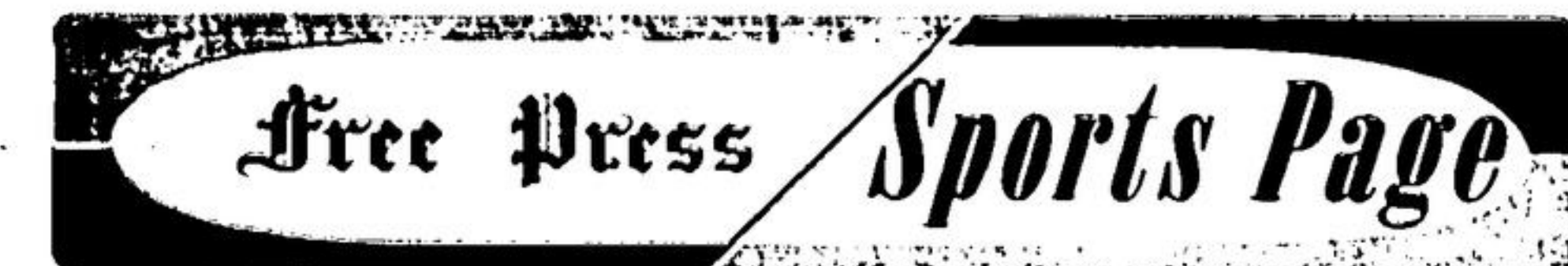
George McPhail started the Acton club back on the right path in the dying minutes of the second period with his second

goal, assisted by Pete Morrison and Tim McIntyre. They started to press hard for the equalizer.

Ron Louette was right in and let a blistering shot go that hit the goal post. It looked like the Fergus team would hold on to the lead until the defenceman's faux pas. George McPhail got credit for the goal since he was in on the play. It completed a hat trick.

Acton netminder Steve Webster had to be sharp in the final minutes. He turned aside two partly screened shots that looked labelled.

Morrison saluted the game away at the 13:30 mark of the 15 minute last period and the Acton club hung on to take a lead in the best-of-three series.



1-0 thriller

Kents out New Hamburg meet Beamsville next round

Acton Kents shaded New Hamburg Novices 1-0 in a real thriller here Saturday afternoon to take the first round of the O.M.H.A. 'B' playoffs by two goals to one.

Ricky Holmes scored the winning goal on a pass from Billy Ware while the Kents played shorthanded at the 6:55 mark of the third period. Billy handed Ricky a clearing pass and he whipped it behind the surprised New Hamburg netminder before he had a chance to make a play.

Kents will now meet Beamsville in the second round

of the playoffs which start in Acton Friday night at 7:15. The Acton team is the defending champion.

The two teams played through two scoreless periods in the final game with Robin Inscow playing a strong game in the nets for the Kents. He stopped a number of point blank shots.

There was no scoring or penalties in the first stanza but the Acton club served two penalties in the second chapter as Joe Kentner and Scott Oakley got the gate.

In the third period Joe Kentner received his second

penalty, this time for holding the puck in front of the goal crease. While he was off Ricky Holmes drilled the only goal of the game.

Coach George Ware and manager Murray Scoyne were pleased with the Acton team's play. They dominated play in the first period but couldn't seem to get the puck in the net. The game was more even in the last two chapters.

Dominions win tourney trophy

By Charlie Thomson

Dominion Hotel lost to the New Murray Hotel of Oakville 7-5 in United Shuffleboard League action this week. Dominions have a bye this week.

The league held a tournament week in Eridale and the Dominion team won a beautiful trophy. Players on the trophy winning team were Jeff Denny, John Vlietstra, Richard Tremblay, Lawrence Hiltz, Bob Woodcock and Jeff McLaren.

Same Tanners?

Riddall's four goals extend Seaforth

Seaforth Beavers are crowding the league leaders for room in the 10 team O.H.A. Int. B. league but they had their hands full with the winless Acton Tanners here Friday night.

The Tanners, with Jan Riddall plunking four goals into the net, threw away the previous Friday's hapless script and played as if the league leadership was at stake.

Beavers went home with a 7-4 decision, the last goal scored in an empty net, but they knew they'd been tested. It was hard for them to believe the Tanners were the doormats of the league.

The visitors took the lead at 7:45 of the first period as Jack McIlwain twanged the twine but the Tanners bounced back as Riddall rifled two goals in for the lead, the first on a solo, the second with help from Gordie Bell.

Tom Dick and Tom Dale beat Jim Sweeney at 14:25 and 16:25 to regain the lead for Seaforth but Riddall made his first hat

trick of the season midway through the second period to deadlock accounts. Bell and Buchanan were the helpmates.

Less than a minute later Seaforth grabbed the lead again as McIlwain bagged his second and they made it 5-3 at the 18 minute mark as Dolmage scored. They stretched it to 6-3 early in the third but Riddall finished off a four goal performance at 5:45 of the final chapter to narrow the gap to two goals. Bell and Phil Marzo assisted.

The Tanners pulled Sweeney in the final minute but Tom Dick scored in the empty net to give Seaforth the victory.

Acton has no home game this Friday due to another schedule mixup. The Tanners journey to Georgetown tonight (Wednesday) and return here against Hespeler next week.

Elmira Pee Wees eliminated Acton Y's Men from the O.M.H.A. Pee Wee 'B' playoffs Wednesday with a 6-2 win, their second in the best of three series.

Coach Barry Inscow had his charges flying in the first period and a half and they grabbed a 2-0 lead but the visitors came back to tie the score and go ahead by a goal in the second. Then they added three more in the final chapter while the Y's Men went scoreless.

Tim McIntyre put the Acton team in front at 1:10 of the first period assisted by Ken Withers. Chris Tennant made it 2-0 at the three minute mark of the second with help from Gerald Barden.

Elmira got back in the race with a goal at 5:25 by Martin and Batt tied it up at 7:20. Martin got his second later to put the visitors ahead to stay. Martin finished off a hat trick at 10:03 of the third period. K. Martin got another at 11:50 and Fair finished the scoring to make it 6-2.

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