

BATTLING IN MID AIR for control of the ball are Acton's Harry Oehrich 55 and Milton's Loris Ferguson. Redman No. 21 Bill Landsborough looks on for a chance to take that ball into Milton net territory, during an exhibition game in A.D.H.S. Thursday afternoon. — (Staff Photo)

## Lions trim Merritton 3-1 win series three straight

By D. Gibbons

Ardent supporters of the Acton Lions Juveniles must have wondered if they weren't seeing a repeat of the previous week's game, Thursday night, as they nervously sipped away at their coffee and munched their hot dogs between the second and third periods, within the warm confines of the Acton Community Centre Auditorium. For the Lions had just left the ice with the same slim 2-1 lead, they carried into the third period of the week before.

Consequently, several sighs of relief preceded a noisy victory celebration, 20 minutes later, as the Lions hung on to defeat a stubborn group of Merritton Kenmores 3-1 to win their best of five O.M.H.A. playoff series, three games to none. The victory, advanced the locale into the second round against the winner of the Fergus-Wingham series.

Both teams played it very cautiously and close to the book in the first period, with only two minor penalties one to each team, being called.

The Kenmores appeared to have opened the scoring at the eleven minute mark, when they batted the puck into the Acton cage from a scramble in front. But referee Ron Breen, who was right on top of the play, spotted a Merritton player in the crease and disallowed the goal.

Seven minutes later, the Lions officially opened the scoring, as Pete Marzo cashed in passes from Alan McKenzie and Brent Marshall.

Mike Cooper put Acton two goals in front at 1:50 of the second period on a nifty three way passing play with Stu McCulloch and Jim Stevenson. But the visitors narrowed the margin to 2-1 as Jim McNamara bulged the twine at 15:05. Scott Anderson and Bill Mervap assisted on the play.

Pete Marzo took Bob Andrews' pass and fired one of his booming slap shots past Kenmore goalie Eldon Anderson

at 5:05 of the third period to give the Lions a 3-1 lead. Acton played shorthanded for five minutes after Jim Stevenson was given a major penalty, but successfully killed off the penalty and managed to shut-out their rivals the rest of the way.

John Mason of the Lions and Bill Mervap of Merritton engaged in a minor tussle and both received roughing penalties at 15:51.

Fergus and Wingham open their best of three series in Wingham tonight. The second game goes in Fergus, Friday night at 8:30. A winner in the series must be declared by this Sunday.

MERRITTON KENMORES Eldon Anderson, Greg Hildebrand, Dave Thomson, Bill Mervap, Jim Thomson, Stan Janoslawski, Guy D'Adamo, Jim McNamara, Bob Isherwood, Scott Anderson, Rick Mounsey, Jim Kaufman.

ACTON LIONS  
Craig Weldon, Randy Weldon, Lloyd Smallwood, Bob Walker, Brad Timbers, Bob Andrews, Pete Marzo, John Mason, Brent Marshall, Stu McCulloch, Mike Cooper, Jim Stevenson, Alan McKenzie, George Cook.

SCORING SUMMARY  
1st Period: Acton: Marzo (McKenzie) (Marshall) 18:00  
Penalties: Timbers (tashing) 14:03; Mervap (holding) 19:59  
2nd Period: Acton: Cooper (McCulloch) (Stevenson) 1:50  
Merritton: McNamara (Anderson) (Mervap) 15:05  
Penalties: Andrews (high-sticking) 4:35  
3rd Period: Acton: Marzo (Andrews) 5:05  
Penalties: Stevenson (spearing) 8:35; Merritton (bench minor for having too many men on the ice) (served by Bob Isherwood) 13:31; Mason (roughing) 15:51; Mervap (roughing) 15:51.

REFEREES: Gerry Perkins and Ron Breen of Georgetown.



ATOMS - Weston downed Brampton 6-2 in last Saturday's action. In the first period David McGilloway scored the first goal of the game for Brampton on assists from Marc McKerracher and Ricky Gibson. Shane Withers tied it up for Weston unassisted. The second period belonged to Weston. Peter Zions and Bruce McPhail each scored unassisted making it 3-1 at the end of the second. Ricky Gibson McKerracher and Ricky Gibson for Brampton's last goal of the game. For Weston, Bruce McPhail scored two unassisted and Shane Withers scored from Ken Woodman.

NOVICE - Oshawa tied with St. Kitts 1-1 in the first Novice game. Jim Ellerby scored the first goal unassisted for the Oshawa team. At the end of the first period it was 1-0 over St. Kitts. Ford Alton scored unassisted for St. Kitts in the second period to tie the game.

In the second Novice game, Niagara Falls defeated Hamilton 5-1. Neither team scored in the first period. For Niagara Falls, Steve McKerracher, Jim Mathews from Steve McKerracher, and Brett Legate unassisted. Larry Brown scored Hamilton's lone goal from Gord Toth. In the third period, Brett Legate chalked up the fifth goal for Niagara unassisted.

PEE WEES - Rochester narrowly edged out Baltimore 6-5 in the first Pee Wee game. Charlie McRae opened the scoring for Baltimore on a pass from Dan Jensen. Then Rochester turned on the steam

MIDGETS - St. Louis downed the L. A. Kings 8-4 in fast action. Bill Severinski opened the scoring for the L. A. Kings on an assist by Mike Field. St. Louis quickly tied it up with an unassisted goal by Glen Taillefer, and then shot out ahead with another goal by Ted

## C. of C. dinner

Seven elected officials will be guests of honor at the annual dinner meeting and election of officers for the Acton Chamber of Commerce in the Dominion Hotel Feb. 19.

The list includes George Kerr, M.P. for Halton West, George Currie, Reeve of Etobicoke Township and Warden of Halton County, 'Steamer' Emmerson, mayor of Georgetown, Les Duby, mayor of Acton, and Bill Hoey, reeve of Nassagaweya and two representatives of the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs. The topic of discussion will be regional government.

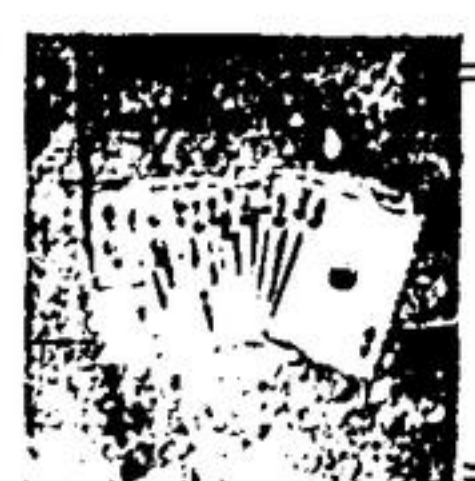
The following people have been nominated for officers: Pres. J. Shadbolt; 1st vice, J. Rol; 2nd vice, O. Chapman, sec. C. Schuts; treas., T. Pratt; Directors, 2nd of 2 years - T. Reidt, F. Gordon, M. DeJong, C. Watek; 1st of 2 years - J. Coniglio, E. Jollymore, D. Timmings, D. Lindsay.

Klaver from David LeBlanc. The second period belonged to St. Louis with two goals by Glen Taillefer and one by David LeBlanc. Assists were by LeBlanc, Klaver and Tim Cole.

On into the third, Taillefer scored unassisted and LeBlanc two unassisted to make it 8-1 for St. Louis. Then, in an effort to come back, Muelbacher scored from Keith Smallwood, Smallwood unassisted and Saltz unassisted. Final score was 8-4 for St. Louis.

LEGION MINOR HOCKEY STANDINGS	W	L	T	Pts.
ATOMS				
Brampton	4	2	18	
Weston	4	2	10	
NOVICE				
Niagara Falls	12	2	0	24
St. Kitts	6	5	3	15
Hamilton	7	1	13	
Oshawa	1	11	2	4
PEE WEES				
Rochester	9	2	3	21
Baltimore	9	3	2	20
Springfield	3	8	3	9
Cleveland	2	10	2	6
BANTAMS				
Hershey	7	2	0	14
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	12
Buffalo	1	8	0	2
MIDGETS				
St. Louis	11	1	1	23
L.A. Kings	1	11	1	3

Sat. Feb. 22: The last scheduled games.  
Sat. Mar. 1: The playoffs.



## Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

One advantage of duplicate bridge is that after the battle you can look back and find your mistakes.

In looking over the hands played last week at the Acton Bridge Club, I came across this gem. The point of the hand can be easily overlooked at rubber bridge, but the truth is there on the travelling score where all the results are listed.

East dealt with North-South vulnerable.

The bidding:  
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH  
Pass Pass Pass 1S  
Pass 2H Pass 3H  
Pass 4H All Pass

Opening lead - King of diamonds.

Maybe you didn't see any problem as you bid this hand to yourself. So how come three experienced bridge players end up playing this hand at two spades.

There should be two objectives in your mind as you

bid a hand. The first if how many points are there in your combined hand and second to find a four-four or better fit preferably in a major suit. Once a four-four fit is found that should be the trump suit. In the hand shown, North's duty is to support hearts once partner has mentioned them. There is no need to rebid the five card spade suit.

The play of the hand is not easy. Declarer can count nine tricks including one trump ruff. Because of entry problems it is better to set up a spade trick rather than ruff two clubs. By drawing only two rounds of trump declarer can accomplish this. He will lose a spade and a diamond and one trump but in return will get an extra trump trick or spade trick.

It would be good practice for you to play this hand drawing three rounds of trump and then only two rounds to see the difference.

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## Curling Cues

By Rev. A. H. McKenzie  
Acton curlers are now in the third week of the second eight-game draw, and the only undefeated rink is those of Eleanor Goy and Ted Tyler, Sr. (at the moment of writing).

The standings are as follows:  
Monday, 7-9 p.m. Mixed: Walter Dubois 4, May Dumarsh 4, Ab Irwin 4, Bill Mainprize 4, Claude Cook 2, Bill Dumarsh 2, Ron Guest 2, and Ken Marchment 2.  
Monday, 9-11 p.m. Mixed: Eleanor Goy 6, Dick Lee 4, Andrew McKenzie 4, John Buckman 2, John Goy 2, Wills Hewitt 2, George Sargent 2, Ted Tyler, Jr. 2.  
Men's League, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays: (To Feb. 4th inclusive): Gordon Reed 16, Med Blow 14, John Goy 12, Brian Moore 12, Walter Dubois 11, Ken Marchment 9, Mel Jordan 7, Don Timmings 7, Allan Buchanan 6, Len Lovell 6.  
Tuesday, 9-11 p.m. Mixed: Ted Tyler, Sr. 4, Len Lovell 3, Bill Toth 3, Chester Anderson 2, Bob Armstrong 2, Mel Jordan 2, Mel Jordan 2, Fyfe Somerville 2, Vic Patrick 0, Marg Toth 0.

As in former years, on the week of Valentine's Day, "regular" curling was suspended in favour of the Monday afternoon Maw and Paw Bonspiel, and this was followed up with a mixed bonspiel on Monday and Tuesday evenings, appropriately named "The Sweethearts' Bonspiel."

These occasions were enriched and animated by social and festive activities in which the ladies of the club, in particular, gave of their best in the way of culinary provision, tasteful decorations and in the art of witty conversation. However, in "the Maw and Paw" the men triumphed on the ice, defeating the distaff side by a 105-to-59 score, to retaliate for their 1968 ignominious rout by the fairer sex. This leaves the record at two winning years for the ladies and four for the men in the six-year history of this particular event.

## Free Press News Briefs

GRADE SEVEN and eight students at the Robert Little school are making a special study of regional government.

A COLUMNIST in another paper figured out why nobody saw any groundhogs up on Groundhog Day. There were too many snowmobiles buzzing around.

THE FIRST meeting of the Anglican and United Church men's club is tomorrow evening with the Hon. Robert Welch as guest speaker. He is the Minister of Citizenship and Provincial Secretary, and will be the first in a series of distinguished speakers the men will hear.

FRONT PAGE NEWS became a reality in Acton exactly 50 years ago. The February file shows the switch to putting news articles on the front page for the first time. The weekly short story, columns of small advertisements and what we now call "filler" were for the first time put on the inside pages. And for the first time there were five inside pages to choose from! Before that there were just four pages each week.

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