

# Kents win—tie up playoff series

Acton Kents bounced back from an opening loss at home to defeat Beamsville Novices 2-1 Tuesday night, tying up the best-of-three O.M.H.A. quarter finals at one game apiece.

Third and final game will be played in Acton Friday night at 7:15 p.m.

Norm Thornhill potted the winning goal Tuesday night at Beamsville at the 2:40 mark of the third period and Kents hung onto the slender 2-1 edge. Norm made no mistake with his shot, the pass coming from Johnny Scoyne. It was his second goal against Beamsville.

Jim Hurley tied the game up for Acton in the second period with his first goal of the season — an unassisted effort. Beamsville went ahead in the first period as Dean Baerg scored from John Harvey.

Robin Inscow played well in the nets for Kents in the hard skating game. There were three penalties, two of them served by the Acton club.

Beamsville took an exciting 4-3 overtime decision from Acton in the series opener in Acton Friday night, scoring the winner at 4:30 of the overtime.

Kents, trailing 3-1 pulled two goals out of the bag with a little more than a minute to play, the final one with goalkeeper Inscow pulled for another attacker.

Acton went ahead in the early part of the second period as Norm Thornhill scored from John McCutcheon and Scott Oakley. Beamsville came back with two goals to go ahead and

added another at 2:40 of the third period.

Things looked bleak for the Acton team until Johnny Scoyne put them back in the game with a minute and 16 seconds left on the clock.

Coch George Ware pulled his goalkeeper and Ricky Holmes tied it up, assisted by Joe Kentner with only 10 seconds left to play only to have Beamsville score in overtime.

Kents served five of the six penalties.

Beamsville Lineup: Mark Ellis, Jerry Dooly, Paul Mountain, John Harvey, Jim McLennan, John Burns, Harold Sawatzky, Greg Louth, Steve Hamilton, Dean Baerg, Delvine Egas, Frank Fowstall, Sam Redinger, Goady Helmer, David Housie, Kevin Smith.

Acton Lineup: Robin Inscow, John McCutcheon, Bill Ware, Ricky Holmes, Joe Kentner, John Scoyne, Scott Oakley, Mike Ware, Scott Withers, Jim Hurley, Jeff Shickie, Norm Thornhill.



EYES ON THE ICE, John Scoyne and Ricky Holmes chase the puck into the Beamsville end of the rink. — (Staff Photo)



SIZE IS NO OBSTACLE for Scott Oakley checking a Beamsville player for control of the puck during Friday's game. — (Staff Photo)

## Tanners extend Raiders

Acton Tanners gave Georgetown Raiders a scare Wednesday night despite the fact they had only six men and a goalkeeper in uniform.

Raiders had to finish strong with five third period goals to overcome the decimated Acton club. The Tanners led 1-0 at the end of the first period and trailed 4-3 going into the third, dropping a final 9-5 decision.

It was almost 60 minute hockey for Ken Hearn, Harold Townsley, Gordie Bell, Jan Riddall, Fred Buchanan, Harry Phillips and goalkeeper Jim Sweeney.

The Tanners meet Hespeler this Friday night here as the schedule nears the end.

**Don Marzo busy arranging trips**

One of the busiest men in town these days is Don Marzo. He's been arranging for free tickets and taking large groups of boys to Guelph for Junior games for the last three weeks. Don has been arranging for cars for as many as 150 boys each week.

Anyone who might wish to supply transportation is welcome to get in touch with Don and he'll also see you receive a ticket.

## Novices lose to Kitchener

In Four-town exhibition action, Kitchener Novices defeated the Acton boys 6-1 in an exhibition match on Feb. 23.

The visitors were ahead 1-0 at the end of the first period. Gord Toth scored the lone goal for Acton on a pass from Ford Alton in the second. The period ended 2-1.

The Kitchener team took over the game entirely in the third period knocking in four more goals for a final score of 6-1.

## Four-town downs Brampton

In Four-town Tournament action Acton chalked up two victories over Brampton. The Legion Novice boys defeated the Brampton Sharks 6-2 on Feb. 14. Ford Alton scored two goals, and Bud Buchanan, James Ellerby, Doug McKnight, and Gord Toth each put one in the Brampton net.

On Feb. 16 Acton Bantams downed Brampton 3-1. Goals were by David Braida, Jim McNabb and H. Tocher, with assists by Garth Taylor, Ron Swan and Steve Van Fleet. Acton suffered seven penalties and Brampton six in a rough match.



GOALIE ROBIN INSCOW recovers from a goal while John McCutcheon and Scott Oakley attempt to move the puck out of the Acton goal. — (Staff Photo)

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## Lions lose opener Ont. quarter finals

Acton Lions bowed 10-2 to Wingham Flyers last night, in the opening game of their best of five O.M.H.A. quarter-final playoff series, played before a crowd of about 300 in Wingham.

Lions fell behind 3-0 in the first period and were not able to recover, as the fast skating Flyers increased their lead to 6-1 at the end of the second period and added four more goals in the third.

Play was extremely rugged throughout the entire game, with no less than 30 penalties being called.

The Templeman brothers, Monty and Paul, accounted for five Wingham goals between them. Glen Morningstar and Bob Armstrong scored two each and Don MacKinnon collected one.

Mike Cooper and Pete Marzo replied for Acton.

The Flyers are a hunting hockey club and the local Lions will have to turn in a much improved performance when the two teams meet here tomorrow night at 9 p.m.

However, one game doesn't make a series and coach Jim James and manager Bob Marshall are hoping to see a large crowd here to give their charges the encouragement they will need to bounce back.

There is no doubt that the support the Flyers received from their fans last night had some bearing on the final outcome.

Craig Weidon played a strong game in goal for Acton, much better than the score indicated.

Remaining dates for the series, if necessary, are as follows: Thursday, Feb. 27 at Acton 9:00.

Sunday, March 2 at Wingham 3:30.

Thursday, March 6 at Acton 9:00.

Sunday, March 9 at Wingham 3:30.

Local fans will be interested to know that former Actonian Crawford Douglas attended the game. Crawford is now associated with television station CKNX TV in Wingham, and many Acton fans who made the trip were able to renew old acquaintances.

## Town league Set schedule for playoffs

Legion Minor Hockey Semi Finals. ATOMS 3 out of 5 Mar. 1, 15, Wednesday 19 and Monday 24.

12:30 - Brampton vs. Weston.

NOVICE Home and home games goals to count.

Saturday March 1 and 15 semi finals.

1:30 p.m. Niagara Falls vs. St. Kitts.

2:30 p.m. Oshawa vs. Hamilton.

PEE WEES Home and home games goals to count.

Saturday March 1 and 15 semi finals.

3:30 p.m. Rochester vs. Springfield.

4:30 p.m. Baltimore vs. Cleveland.

BANTAMS Home and home games goals to count.

Saturday March 1 and 15, semi finals.

5:30 p.m. Pittsburg vs. Buffalo Hershey Bantams have a bye.

The Midgets have not completed their schedule.

There will be no games Saturday, March 8, on account of the Four Town Tournament in Milton.

The Swastika, the symbol of Nazism was for centuries regarded as a good luck token by the Indians of Canada.

### Schedule 4-Town Tourney

Schedule for the Four Town Tournament to be held in Milton arena on Saturday, March 8, has been set.

Games start at 7:00 a.m. and continue until 7:15 p.m. Teams from the town leagues in Acton, Fergus, Georgetown and Milton compete each year for the titles.

Following is the schedule:

7:00 a.m.	Bantam - Milton - Georgetown
7:55 a.m.	Pee Wee - Fergus - Georgetown
8:50 a.m.	Novice - Milton - Fergus
SCRAPE & FLOOD	
10:00 a.m.	Bantam - Acton - Fergus
10:55 a.m.	Pee Wee - Milton - Acton
11:50 a.m.	Novice - Acton - Georgetown
SCRAPE & FLOOD	
1:00 p.m.	Bantam - Consolation
1:55 p.m.	Pee Wee - Consolation
2:50 p.m.	Novice - Consolation
4:00 p.m.	Novice - Championship
5:00 p.m.	Pee Wee - Championship
SCRAPE & FLOOD	
6:15 p.m.	Bantam - Championship
7:15 p.m.	Midget - Championship
DINNER	
Bantam	11:30 a.m.
Pee Wee	12:15 p.m.
Novice	1:00 p.m.

## Industrial league Nielsens edge out Blow

Nielsen's narrowly edged out Blow Press 7-5 in a hard-hitting Industrial league game Sunday night.

Sinclair scored the first goal of the game for Nielsen's at the 1:10 mark of the first period on an assist by Bill Cook. Rick Coe tied it up from Ed Hillier at 2:12.

In a Nielsen's power play, Gord Mason scored from Ted Sinclair and R. Masales; Jake McKenzie scored from John Goy and Gord Mason; and John Goy scored from Cook, to put the Nielsen team up three. Blow Press came up with a goal by Stu McDonald from Rick Coe to end the first period 4-2.

Sinclair put one in for Nielsen's from Gord Mason at the 1:04 mark of the second.

Ritchie chalked up two more for Blow, one from Chick Milne and one unassisted. At the end of the second period it was a close 5-4.

Early in the third, Jim McDonald caught a pass from Blow to tie the score 5-5. Then in the last minutes of play, Mason scored from Sinclair, and Sinclair popped one in unassisted to give Nielsen's the 7-5 edge.

## Hellers down Discount

Heller's downed Lakeview Discount 9-6 in Industrial League action last Sunday night.

Steve Goy scored for Lakeview unassisted within the first minute of play. Gary Tuilafer tied it up at 3:02 from Ricky Henderson. Reversing the play, Henderson scored from Tuilafer at 3:35.

John Cunningham popped the third goal for Heller's into the net with assists from Harry Inscow and Ron Mellon at 7:25. At 8:25 Danny Arbie scored from Dave Papillon for Lakeview's second goal. However, with an unassisted goal by McAfee at 12:20, Heller's led the game 4-2 at the end of the first period.

McAfee scored again at the 35 second mark of the second. Mellon added another goal from Hall at 6:50 and Harry Wilson from Eligoetz at 9:30. For Lakeview, Arbie scored from Masales at 11:07 and Masales from Arbie at 14:33. At the end of the second, it was 7-4 for Heller's.

Early in the third Garrett added the eighth goal for Heller's from Wilson. In an effort to come from behind, Lakeview tacked on two more goals, from Masales unassisted, and Arbie from John McNabb.

Heller's managed the last goal of the game at the 19:56 mark when John Cunningham scored with help from Inscow and Hall. The final score was Heller's 9 and Lakeview 6.

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## Notes and Quotes from the world of sport

The hockey season is slowly and perhaps painfully drawing to a close for the Acton Tanners. For, from a statistical point of view, the '68-'69 season has been one local fans would just as soon forget. After completing 24 games of a 26 game schedule, the locals have managed only a tie, and are mired at the bottom of the ten team Intermediate "B" league with just one point.

Although they wish to offer no excuses or alibis for their showing this season, the fact is the Tanners have had a very tough row to hoe, in several respects.

To start with, the return of the Georgetown Raiders to the league cost the Tanners the services of talented players like Blake and Gerry Inglis, Terry Lane and Don Norton. Certainly these players had the right of choice of where they wished to play, and exercised that right, but there is no doubt that their loss dealt a severe blow to this year's squad.

Secondly, the league schedule-makers did nothing to help the local cause, by producing a schedule which forced Acton to play an over-abundance of "Away" games in the first half of the season. The result of course, was disastrous and it was not until the early part of January that the Tanners playing in the more pleasant confines of the Acton Community Centre, began to show signs of coming to life.

Finally, the team was plagued throughout the year by injuries and the absence of key players who were working on shifts. Granted, the other nine teams all had their problems in this regard, but it seems that the locals had to contend with the greatest share of these two bugbears.

However, the 68-69 season cannot be written off as a complete loss. The stiff competition against such perennial O.H.A. powerhouses as Seaford, Elmira and Durham provided valuable experience for at least nine players, all of whom are under the age of 25 and all of whom are expected back next year. There's an excellent chance that this time next year they'll be forcing opponents into the same mistakes they may have made this year.

Furthermore, the season has proved that the executive, coach and players of the Acton Tanners are not a group that are easily discouraged, and this alone augurs well for future seasons.

We feel that the whole team, from the members of the executive, to coach Harold Townsley, to goaltender Jim Sweeney, who stopped a multitude of pucks this season, right down to each of the players who performed at various times, deserve a compliment for their perseverance, a compliment perhaps to replace the many slings and arrows critics have hurled at them this year.

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### ACTON LIONS vs WINGHAM

## Thursday, February 27

### ACTON ARENA - 9:00 P.M.

ADULTS 50c - STUDENTS 25c

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### THIRD AND DECIDING GAME - O.M.H.A. NOVICE 'B' 1/4 FINAL

## ACTON KENTS vs BEAMSVILLE

Acton Arena - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - 7:15 p.m.