



BIG GUNS of the Acton Lions in the final game of the playoff series with Wingham Flyers were Pete Marzo and John (Mac) Mason. Lions went down 1-2-3 to the fast skating Flyers, losing the final game 10-3.—(Staff Photo)

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 from the world of sport

For over 300 young hockey players from Acton, Milton, Georgetown and Fergus, this Saturday will mark the highlight of the entire hockey season. They'll start pouring into the Milton Arena in the early hours of Saturday morning for the annual Four Town Hockey Tournament.

The Four Town Tournament was organized in the early 1950's by a group of dedicated men who were interested in providing an opportunity for boys who had been playing in house leagues all season to put what they had learned to the test against competition from other towns.

The four towns originally involved were Brampton, Orangeville, Milton and Georgetown. Later Acton replaced Brampton and Fergus was admitted when Orangeville dropped out.

Although the question has never been answered definitely, the Four Town Tournament is believed to be the longest continuous Minor Hockey tournament in the province.

Every year, each of the four towns pick an all-star team from their Novice (9 and 10 year olds), Pee-Wee (11 and 12 year olds) and Bantam (13 and 14 year olds) house leagues to play in the tournament. The teams are usually chosen in the early part of December so they can arrange exhibition games which will prepare them for the tournament which always takes place in March.

The site of the tournament rotates from town to town, and representatives of each town sit on a committee to draw up the schedule for the day. The town which hosts the tournament is also responsible for providing a meal for the participants.

Games begin at 7 o'clock in the morning and run through until 8:30 p.m. The winners of the first round games meet to play for the championship trophies, donated by the Georgetown Legion. The losers meet in consolation games, with the winners of these games receiving consolation championship crests. In addition, every player in the tournament is presented with a participant's crest.

Acton's three entries in this year's tournament are under the sponsorship of the Acton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, while the Industrial Minerals Company, Goy Cartage, and Civiore Construction supply sweaters and socks.

The Novices are under the direction of coach Ron Schmidt, assistant coach Ken Hearn and manager Clarence Hill.

The Pee-Wees are somewhat of a family affair, with Bill Fisher, Dale Fisher and Gary Fisher, all brothers, handling the reins.

Coach Stu McCulloch and Manager "Pop" Schuts guide the destinies of the Bantams.

The Bantams will be the first Acton team to take to the ice, when they tangle with Fergus at 10 o'clock. The Pee-Wees play Milton at 10:55 and the Novices take on Georgetown at 11:50.

The tournament is a tribute to the original organizers and to men like Ted Pope, Gord James, Bob Louttet, Charlie Thomson and the many others who have kept it operating over the years.

But as even these men will tell you, Four Town Tournament Day belongs to the boys. Whether it's the games won, the games they should have won, the trophies, the crests, the delicious meal away from home or the new friends they made from other towns, the Four Town Tournament is a happy memory to think and talk about for the rest of the year.

So instead of taking advantage of some extra sleeping hours in the morning or lying on the couch watching that favorite movie on T.V. in the afternoon, drop down to the Milton arena this Saturday and give the boys some encouragement. The tournament deserves your support.

SPORTS
Scoreboard

ACTON INDUSTRIAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

TOP TEN SCORING:

Dan Arhic, LD	60
Gord Mason, N	55
Stu McDonald, BP	49
Tom Sinclair, N	41
Gary Ritchie, BP	35
Jim McDonald, BP	35
John Goy, N	34
Ron Mellon, H	32
Bill Coon, BP	31
Dave Pappion, LD	26

LD - Lakeshore, Discount, N - Nielsen's, BP - Blow Press, H - Heller's

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Blow Press	13	2	3	28
Lakeshore Disc	9	1	8	19
Nielsen's Clothing	8	2	8	18
Heller's	2	4	12	8

SEMI-FINAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAR. 9
 7:00 PM Blow Press vs. Nielsen's
 8:30 PM Discount vs. Heller's

SUNDAY, MAR. 16
 7:00 PM Discount vs. Heller's
 8:30 PM Blow Press vs. Nielsen's

In the two game total goal series, if a tie results at the end of the two games, one ten minute period will be played. Any additional time required will be sudden death.

Kents, Beamsville tie in overtime fourth and final game tonight

Fourth and final game of the O.M.H.A. Novice "B" quarter final playoffs will be played tonight (Wednesday) at Beamsville between Acton Kents and Beamsville Novices at 7 p.m.

The teams failed to declare a winner in the third game of the series Friday despite an overtime session, forcing the set into an extra game. Since Acton had the venue of the extra game in the best-of-three series the fourth contest will go to Beamsville.

Jim Hurley's unassisted goal with a minute and 30 seconds left in the overtime period wound up Friday's game in a 4-1 tie before an excited Acton crowd. Beamsville grabbed a 4-3

lead with less than three minutes left on the clock but Jim Hurley's shot trickled over the line to tie the see-saw game for the fourth time.

Johnny Scoyne's three goal hat trick accounted for all the other Acton goals in the contest. Kents took a 1-0 first period lead which Beamsville tied up in the second period. Each club got

Pee Wees blank two opponents

Exhibitions for the V's Men's Pee Wees this week resulted in a 4-0 win over Flora and a 2-0 victory over the 4-town tournament Pee Wees.

Terry Holmes notched two goals in the win against Flora with Billy McGilloy bagging one and Ken Withers another. Tim McIntyre got two assists, and Billy McGilloy one.

Mike Luty racked up the shutout in goal in a game which saw Acton serve nine of the 12 penalties.

Anxious to avenge an 8-7 defeat at the hands of the 4-towners, the previous Wednesday the V's Men bagged a 2-0 win last Wednesday against the same team.

Billy McGilloy and Ken Withers scored for the winners with Terry Holmes and Tim McIntyre assisting.

Free Press Sports Page

Wingham ousts Lions in jam-packed arena

Wingham Flyers took their third straight win Sunday afternoon in front of a jam-packed home audience to oust Acton Lions from the O.M.H.A. Juvenile "B" playoffs. Score was 10-3.

Best game of the blood-and-thunder series and the tamest, officials levied 24 penalties and kept the game well in hand. Acton served 11 of them.

The Wingham Club, collected from the best juvenile players in

Western Ontario were outplayed by the Lions in the second period but had a big enough lead chalked up in the first stanza to coast home. They led 5-1 at the end of the first, 6-1 at the end of the second.

The Lions scored two quick goals in the early moments of the third to get back in contention but the Flyers again stepped on the accelerator and scored four more to win going away.

John (Mac) Mason bagged two

of the Acton goals while Pete Marzo notched the other.

Acton Lineup: Craig Weldon, Bob Waller, Brad Timbers, Bob Andrews, Pete Marzo, Mike Cooper, Jim Stevenson, Stu McCulloch, John Mason, Randy Weldon, Allan McKenzie, Lloyd Smallwood.

Wingham Lineup: Bill Skim, Bruce Corrigan, Pete Snow, Chuck Gibson, Bob McKay, Paul Fleury, Ken Taylor, Bob Corrigan, Jim McKinnon, Jack McPherson, Dan McKinnon, Monty Templeman, Joe Kerr, Terry Taylor, Bob Armstrong, Glen Moringstar.

Wingham takes 2-0 series lead in rough game here Thursday

Team captain Bob Armstrong put on a brilliant exhibition of scoring here last Thursday night, to lead Wingham Flyers to a convincing 11-1 victory over Acton Lions.

The tall rangy centre scored seven goals and assisted on another as the Flyers took a 2-0 lead in games in the best of five O.M.H.A. Juvenile Quarter-final.

Close to 200 fans watched the speedy visitors increase their 3-2 first period lead to 7-3 at the end of the second and outscore the the Lions 4-1 in the final stanza.

Wingham jumped into a 2-0 lead on goals by Armstrong and Joe Kerr, but George Cook and Bob Andrews scored within a minute of each other to tie the score. Armstrong's second goal at 14:04 gave the Flyers a 3-2 lead.

Temper flared on several occasions in the third period, but referee Wayne Timbers and Doug Peddie clamped down and banished would-be combatants before they could really get started.

LION LINGO: Spare goalie Terry Taylor foiled in admirably for Wingham Goalie Bill Skinn who suffered an unfortunate head injury early in the first period and was forced to leave the game.

Lions missed the services of sturdy defenseman Bob Waller who was sitting out a one game suspension.

(Armstrong) (McKay) 8.50
 A. McKenzie 11.05
 W. Armstrong 13.39
 (Templeman)

PENALTIES: R. Weldon (tripping) 3:53; Cook (high-sticking) 9:34; Cook (high-sticking) 1:30; Bob Corrigan (roughing) 11:33; McKenzie (roughing) 11:33; Cook (troughing) 12:52; Snow (roughing) 12:52; McKenzie (roughing) 14:16; K. Taylor (roughing) 14:16; J. Mackinnon (holding) 16:26; Cook (elbowing) 19:06; Armstrong (elbowing) 19:06.

Acton Lineup: Craig Weldon, Randy Weldon, Lloyd Smallwood, Brad Timbers, Bob Andrews, Brent Marshall, George Cook, John Mason, Stu McCulloch, Allan McKenzie, Pete Marzo, Jim Stevenson, Mike Cooper, Wingham Flyers: Bill Skinn, Terry Taylor, Ken Taylor, Chuck Gibson, Monty Templeman, Bob Armstrong, Joe Kerr, Don Mackinnon, Jim McKinnon, Glen Moringstar, Bob Corrigan, Bruce Corrigan, Paul Templeman, Paul Fleury, Bob McKay, Pete Snow, Don Dubeau.

REFEREES: Doug Peddie and Wayne Timbers of Milton.

SCORING SUMMARY

W. Armstrong (Kerr)	5:15
W. Kerr (Armstrong)	9:15
A. Cook	10:56
A. Andrews (Marzo)	11:58
W. Armstrong (M. Templeman)	14:04

PENALTIES: Stevenson (elbowing) 3:12; P. Templeman (interference) 5:51; Timbers (tripping) 17:35.

1st Period

W. Armstrong (Kerr)	25
W. D. Mackinnon (J. Mackinnon)	1:50
A. Mason (McKenzie)	15:57
W. Armstrong	16:17
W. Armstrong	19:51

2nd Period

W. Armstrong (Kerr)	2:06
W. Armstrong	6:05
W. Armstrong	7:22
W. Armstrong	13:50
W. Armstrong	19:22
W. Armstrong	19:43

3rd Period

W. Bob Corrigan (McKay) (Fleury)	4:15
W. Armstrong (M. Templeman)	5:47
W. M. Templeman	

Want leaders
 Playground superintendent Don Price notified the Free Press he is now accepting applications for junior leaders.

Applicants must be 13 to 16 years of age. Interview will be held Saturday.

Dominion downs Brampton

On Thursday, February 27 in the shuffleboard league Dominion Hotel thoroughly trimmed the Brampton "B" team 11 to 1 at home.

Dominion play in Hamilton Thursday night against the Dine Tavern.

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