

Speedway fans screaming

# Eddy Stewart wins feature

Fans were screaming Sunday afternoon from the Acton-Osprey speedway when Eddy Stewart in stock car No. 1 passed Art Sommerville's No. 48 on the final corner of the Acton Feature race to snatch the checkered flag in a breath-taking finish.

From the green flag, the spectators had their eyes full of Larry Bain, who had lost a wheel in an earlier race, came off the second corner on three wheels - the fourth beat him to the pits again!

Al Peterson, whose driving had had fans on their feet previous Sundays this season, signaled left with a torn fender, hit the pit area, tore off the fender and was back on the track for the restart after the third lap.

Three six cylinder cars, No. 91-Barry Cleland, 48-Art Sommerville, and 56 Larry Cox, were leading the field at the halfway point. Murray Wallace in 80 gave fans a few thrills with

some spectacular "donuts" on the first corner a couple of laps in a row. Then came No. 1, Eddy Stewart, from the back of the pack, up with No. 48 to sandwich No. 91.

Neck and neck, Sommerville and Stewart battled for four laps until that final corner. Stewart came out of number four corner and burst into the straight-a-way to snatch the checkered flag by a bumper.

Number 48, 49, Cliff Faryon, and 91 were in such hot pursuit that fans were wiping sand off their brows!

In the Contie, No. 70 had pole position and held it to the final black and white. There was lots of action behind him as 56, Larry Cox and 19 Larry Bain with 34, Chuck Lawler played it three abreast on the corners for a while. But Cox held onto second place and Bain had to be happy with a close third.

Two handsome trophies were awarded to No. 80 Murray

Wallace and 34 Chuck Lawler for their first and second places respectively in the trophy dash.

Four girls hit the Powder Puff trail - and not without a little excitement. Number 91 driven by Hanna Cleland held pole position to the checkered flag. Karen Kyle in 20 pushed Hanna all the way to the last corner only to whirl into the infield as 34 Mrs. C. Lawler sped past to take second. Number 20 placed third, followed by June Dorah in car No. 4.

Fans were disappointed when Acton's top point winner, George Nichols in No. 90, whammed off the fourth corner just short of the checkered flag and connected spidily with the fencing.

George had been in there to win the first-Class "A" heat when the accident occurred. There was noticeable silence in the stands as the tow truck piled 90 off the fence and carted car and missing wheels to the infield where they remained for the afternoon. Local fans will be pleased to know Nichols is expected to be back in the front next week when he reassembles 90's right side.

The sun shines every Sunday on the action at Acton Speedway. But - Saturday, June 14 at 6.30, a special evening of races will see the Speedway officials and drivers donating all proceeds to the Osprey Home and School Association.

District fans can expect some pretty hot action under the lights. Tickets are \$1 with children under 10 admitted free. Everyone concerned is hopeful for a standout crowd that evening.

CLASS "C" FIRST HEAT: Barry Cleland, John Fedora, Art Sommerville.

CLASS "B" First Heat: Cliff Faryon, No. 55, Ray Thompson.

CLASS "A" First Heat: Del Major, Al Peterson, Eddy Stewart.

CLASS "C" Second Heat: Art Sommerville, John Fedora, No. 70.

CLASS "B" Second Heat: No. 55, Cliff Faryon, Lorne Ronton.

CLASS "A" Second Heat: Al Peterson, Murray Wallace, Steve Polto.

Powder Puff: Hanna Cleland, Mrs. C. Lawler, K. D. Kyle.

Trophy Dash: Murray Wallace, Chuck Lawler, No. 55.

Cooler: No. 70, Larry Cox, Chuck Lawler.

Feature Race: Eddy Stewart, Art Sommerville, Cliff Faryon.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR Charlie Thomson sits in the midst of special award winners at Saturday afternoon's Legion minor hockey windup. Left to right with awards are Ricky Gibson, judged as the gentlemanly and most improved player; Mark Morrison, most improved goalkeeper; Ross Budgell, who received a special award for helping with the league and John Hansen, picked as the outstanding Boy Scout in the league. (Staff Photo)



TOP SCORERS in Legion town league hockey last season were Scott Malcolm in Atom, Charlie McRae in Pee Wee, Henry Toebes in Bantam and Glen Taillefer in the Midget series. Missing is Doug McKnight, Novice scorer. (Staff Photo)

## Free Press Sports Page

# Legion town league banquet winds up 1969 hockey season

On with other sports. Hockey is officially over for another season.

The season may be over but judging by the enthusiasm and deafening noise players from the Legion town league hockey displayed at the league's annual banquet Saturday afternoon at the Legion hall, interest is still mighty high.

While Ted Pope, Bob Louttet, Charlie Thomson, Gord James, Kerwin McPhail, etc. tried to be heard over the hubbub and present the long line of shining silverware to surprised and delighted recipients, there was lots of back-slapping and congratulations from fellow players for winners.

Ladies who whipped up the turkey dinner which players, coaches, managers and guests did ample justice to, were also on the receiving end of the applause for their culinary efforts. Each was introduced in turn and received a round of warm applause.

Trophywise there were some surprises and some extras, all of which met with approval from the floor.

Championship silverware was the first to be presented, with the captain and the coach of each winning team accepting. Clarence (Silent Sam) Hill had the distinction of wending his way to the head table twice since he coached two champs, filling in for another.

A special award went to Ross Budgell, for the help he gave to the league during the season. He in turn had an award for the Boy Scout who played in the league and exhibited the most sportmanlike qualities.

There were big hands for Citizen of the Year Charlie Thomson, a real favorite with the youngsters, for Ron McKnight who assisted the league in many capacities and for the executive and referees who made it all possible.

The best message of all came from Legion president Gord James who made it clear the Acton Legion Branch was going to continue with the youth work and the hockey league next season - which drew another big cheer.

Most-coveted trophies, of course, are the awards announced the day of the banquet, because it's a secret between the Legion hockey executive and the gate post who will win them.

The most improved player in the atom league went to Bruce McPhail who had the additional honor of having it bestowed by his father Kerwin, a hockey exec.

Fred Allen was judged the most improved in the novice league. He received his award from Bob Louttet.

Steve Brunelle took the Most Improved honors in the Pee Wee league. Citizen of the Year Charlie Thomson made the presentation.

George Burnett was awarded the coveted M.I.P. for the bantams by Gord James. The

new Charlie Thomson trophy for the Most Improved in the midget series went to Jack Irwin and was presented by his father Ab Irwin, proud coach and father. Most improved goalkeeper in the league? That's another of the most coveted awards. This year it went to Mark Morrison of the Pee Wees.

John Hansen was judged the player who combined all the best of sportsmanship and ability in one package to win the Boy Scout award. Scouter Ross Budgell made the presentation.

The Referees' Association trophy for the player who combines the most gentlemanly conduct and most improved performance this year went to Ricky Gibson. Referee-in-chief Ed Owen made the presentation.

The Legion league's top scorers each received a trophy for their marksmanship and they went to Scott Malcolm of the Atoms, Doug McKnight of the Novices, Charlie McRae of the Pee Wees, Henry Toebes of the Bantams and Glen Taillefer of the Midgets.

Coaches and captains of the various teams which won titles this season came forward to receive the trophies emblematic of the league championship.

Co-coaches George Ware and Barry Inscow and captain Scott Malcolm accepted the John Kentner trophy for the Atom champion Brampton team from Kenny Marshall.

The Tom Watson Novice trophy went to Niagara Falls represented by captain Joe Schuts and coach Clarence Hill. Captain George Harnden and coach Charlie Allan accepted the Acton Creamery award on behalf of the Rochester team, champs of the Pee Wee division.

Bantam champs Buffalo were represented by Jeff Cooper and coach Don Price. They received the trophy from Kerwin McPhail.

Charlie Thomson presented the Canadian Legion trophy to the Midget champion Los Angeles Kings who were represented by captain Joe Tarr

and coach Clarence Hill, taking his second in the season.

Unflappable Ted Pope emceed the program for the annual banquet and presented Ross Budgell with his special award for assisting with the league.

Members of the executive took turns in expressing pleasure at the success of the league again this season before the ladies who cooked and served the food were introduced. They were Mesdames McPhail, Timbers, Neely, Irwin, Carnegie, Allen, Burnett, Swan, McKerracher, Brunelle, Tremble, Ferguson, Hill, Morrison.

### Minor soccer

Acton Atoms play Milton in the Milton and Peel minor soccer league this Saturday at the M. Z. Bennett pitch while the Mosquitoes play at the high school. Both are at 10 a.m. The Pee Wees play in Milton on Saturday.

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MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS in the legion town league hockey this past season were judged as Fred Allen in the Novice series, Steve Brunelle in Pee Wee, George Burnett in Bantam, Jack Irwin in Midget and Bruce McPhail in the Atom league. (Staff Photo)

FLUKES PROVED to be no fluke when it comes to winning league bowling championships. They were league champs in the Acton Mixed League. Benie Lanson and Nancy Jensen are sitting while Andre Conway and Don Marzo stand with their trophies. Rupe Harmer missed Friday's bowling banquet and dance. (Staff Photo)



ROLL-OFF CHAMPS of the Acton Mixed bowling league were the V.I.P.'s who celebrated Friday evening at the league banquet. In front are Lea Blazer and Dan Porty. Standing, left to right Frank Yoth Sr., Arlie White and Wilo Near. Missing from the festivities was "Shorty" Lowin. (Staff Photo)

## Acton Juvies tame Fergus in exhibition

Acton Indusmin Juvies took revenge on Fergus Juvies for a defeat in thistleburg by defeating them 7-4 here last Friday night in exhibition lacrosse.

The Indusmin came from behind a 3-2 Fergus lead with a strong third period rally that netted them five goals and the victory. Score was tied 1-1 at the end of the first period.

Fred Flisnik, Mike Marcoux and Steve McCulloch scored two goals apiece for Acton with Flisnik also collecting a pair of assists. George McPhail was also

## Curling Cubs

An executive meeting of the Acton Curling Club was held Tuesday evening at the offices of the Tyler Transport Co. Ten members were present.

A going concern with one goal and three assists. G. Turkoz, Weldon and Kelly each got an assist.

Neatest goal of the night was Fred Flisnik's third period counter which put the Indusmen up 5-3.

Acton - M. Cooper, goal, Weldon, Nielsen, McPhail, Walker, G. Turkoz, Flisnik, P. Cooper, Roughley, Kelly, McCulloch, Marcoux, B. Turkoz.

The Finance and Building Committee reported that backing had been received for the club house to the amount of \$75,000. Plans are going ahead with the actual start on construction in the very near future. The committee also reported that the building should be ready for the coming curling season.

Yes, plans are underway for a social evening to be held in late June or early July.

Allan Ellerby and Bob Drinkwater were appointed Acton representatives to the Ontario Curling Association meeting which was held in Brampton on May 28.

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