

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons



Few hockey teams find it a pleasant task to file a protest over a game they lost on the ice. The idea of trying to regain in the committee room, something that seemingly was lost fair and square in competition usually does not sit well with players or fans and leaves a rather bad taste in the mouths of both.

Acton Tanners' recent protest of an 8-6 loss to arch-rival Georgetown Raiders illustrates the point.

After a dismal exhibition schedule and a 13-2 opening game loss to Durham, Tanners had shown a marked improvement in their next four starts, dropping a close 7-6 decision to Cheltenham, then upsetting Harvesters 7-5 right on their home ice, the team's first league win since March 1968. The locals fell behind early in the Georgetown game, but bounced back to outscore the powerful Raiders in the third period and very nearly tie the game up.

Acton's protest of the game on the grounds that five Raider players had not signed O.H.A. player's certificates, perhaps looked like "dirty pool" to many, but actually was quite justified.

The O.H.A. insists that players competing in league games be signed to player's certificates and that the team manager be prepared to produce them before each game on the request of the referee.

There is a very good reason for such insistence. It's no secret that in the past, teams have brought "ringers" in from city leagues and have even snatched in Junior "A" and Senior "A" players for an occasional game. Without the O.H.A. rule there would be absolutely nothing to prevent a town from icing an entirely new lineup for every game.

The O.H.A. upheld the Acton protest and Georgetown officials admitted the players were not signed. It may have looked like a "low blow" for Acton officials to file the protest but if things like these are not stopped in November and December, they'll continue in February and March when the teams are playing for all the marbles.

Tanners will be looking for their first win ever, over Lucan, when the high-flying Jets come to town for the second time, Friday night at 8:30.

Seaford Beavers and Elora Rocks, who have both been grouped with Tanners in past seasons are experiencing quite opposite fortunes in W.O.A.A. play.

Beavers recently continued their winning ways with a 12-3 trouncing of Monkton.

Rocks, on the other hand, have lost five straight games and poor attendance has left the club in financial trouble.

Name Jim Kinkley winner Tri county honor award

Tri-county group convener, Jim Kinkley of Etobicoke was named winner of the Tri-county Honor Award and the beautiful new Jim Brockie Memorial Trophy at the league's annual President's Dinner in the Milton Legion Friday night. Mr. Kinkley, who is also third vice-president of the O.M.H.A. received the award from a former winner Fred Hammond of Oakville.

Besides Mr. Hammond, former Honor Award winners include Mrs. Edith Dancocks and Ann McDuffe of Milton, Bob Patterson and Bill Jackson of Brampton, Bill Burrell of Malton, Joe O'Kraika of Hespeler, Herb Robinson of Georgetown, Vern Gowling of Preston and the late Jim Brockie of Oakville, in whose memory the new trophy was donated.

League president Don Jarvis of Georgetown was host for the annual event, which was attended by over 60 minor hockey officials and their wives from 10 of the 11 Tri-county towns.

Novices bounce back whitewash Milton 6-0

Acton Novices suffered a 5-0 loss at the hands of Hespeler last Wednesday night but bounced back to shutout Milton's "B" team 6-0 here Saturday afternoon.

Ricky Holmes scored his first of five goals on a pass from Scott Malcolm at 6:40 of the opening period and scored his second unassisted at 13:15.

Holmes completed his hat trick at 8:25 of the second frame and assisted on Scott Malcolm's goal at the 12 minute mark.

In the third period Holmes tallied his fourth goal from Dave McGilloway at 5:20 and fired his fifth of the game on a pass from Doug McKnight at 10:15.

Ford Alton, playing the point for the first time this year was a tower of strength for the locals. Mark Morrison and Roger Ord combined to record the shutout. Novices take on Preston here Saturday afternoon at 1:30, then host Hespeler in a return game Wednesday December 17 at 7.

profane language from players this year, and asked that all towns co-operate in "meeting playoff deadlines."

Hank Watt of Orangeville, a former executive member of Tri-county presented life membership plaques to Bill Burrell and Fred Hammond, two founders of the group, later in the evening.

Acton Tri-county Minor Hockey president Ron McKnight and league representative Denis Gibbons represented Acton at the event.

Peewees lose squeaker 3-2

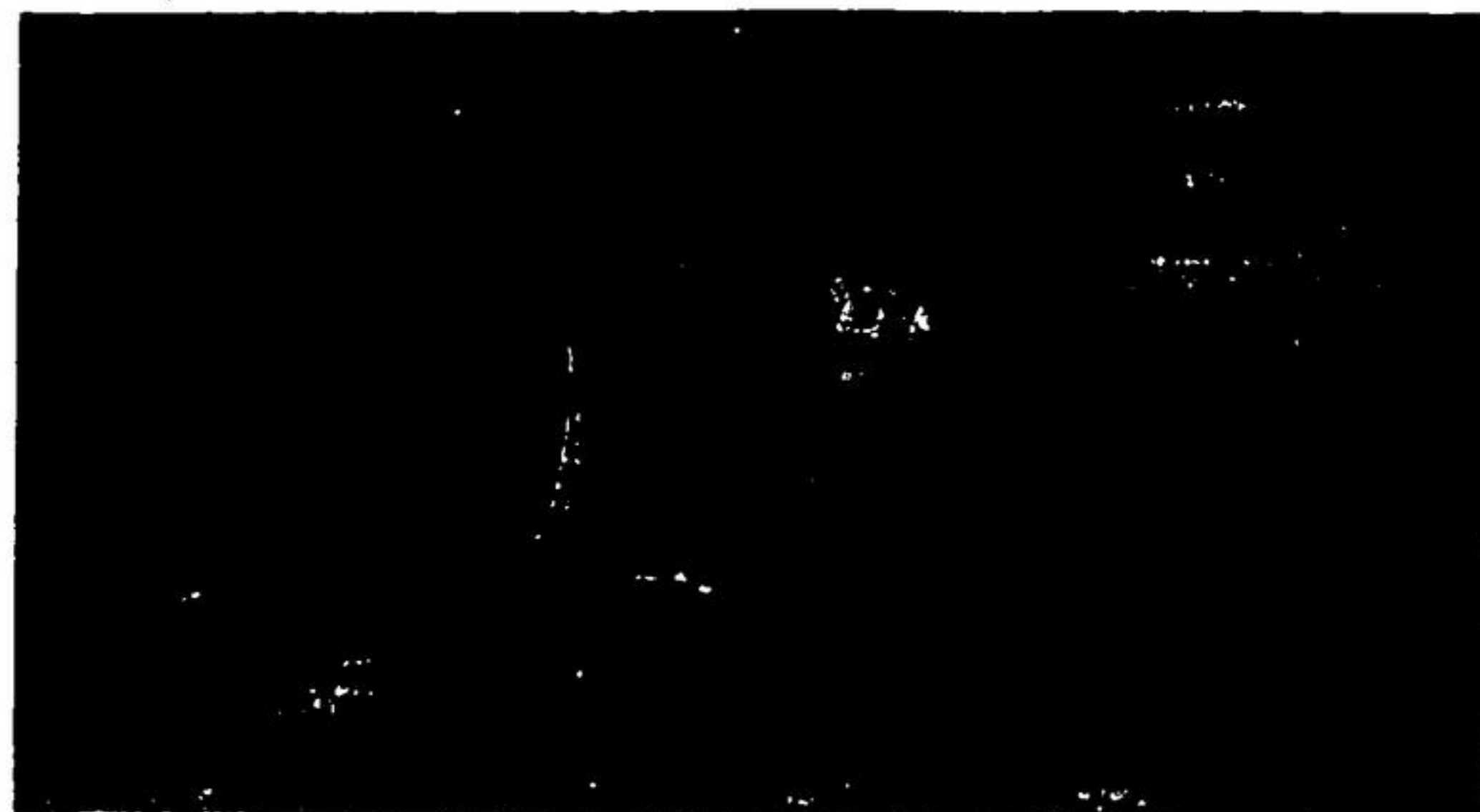
Georgetown Pee Wees scored a goal in the third period last night to break a 2-2 deadlock and hand Acton Y's Men a tough 3-2 defeat.

Georgetown led 1-0 after the first period, but Acton outscored their hosts 2-1 in the second stanza to tie the game up.

Gerald Barden tallied Acton's first goal unassisted and John Hansen fired the second one on a pass from Russ Van Fleet.

Coach Barry Inscow and manager Don Van Fleet feel their boys turned in a fine showing, nevertheless. They had special words of praise for the work of goalie Mike Luty and defenseman John McCutcheon.

Acton: Mark Morrison, Roger Ord, Scott Withers, Shane Withers, Ford Alton, Doug McKnight, Steve McKnight, Jeff Shields, Larry Brown, Brad Buchanan, Dave McGilloway, Scott Malcolm, Ricky Holmes.



ACTON Y'S MEN PEWEEE goalie Mike Luty in front of the net. The action took place during Thursday night's Tri-county league game Gary Barden for the puck. Byron Timbers (right) here. (Staff Photo)

Huskies nip Tanners 4-3 Lucan Jets here Friday

Durham Huskies had their hands full with the rejuvenated Acton Tanners Friday night but they managed to take home a marginal 4-3 win from a game where scoring was confined to the first period and a half.

The usually aggressive Huskies were manhandled by the younger, spunkier Tanners who might have come up with a tie in the last few minutes of the game if they could have cashed in on at least two glittering scoring opportunities.

As it was the crowd stayed until the end of the cliff-hanging clash, anxious to see the Tanners add at least a point to their statistics.

Coach Russ Bowman, missing regulars Stu McDonald, Harold Townley and Steve Townley, had to juggle his lineup to patch the holes and it could have been good enough to make it win number four. The Acton club outbumped the visitors but also took the brunt of the penalties which partially reduced their effectiveness.

Max Muselka, wearing number two, made the Huskies keep their heads up when they munched across the blue line as did defencemen Brian McDuffe, Jim James and Phil Marzo.

Veteran Durham forward Jim Nixon, a fox on the blades, could only pick up one assist all night as the Tanners hemmed him in.

Huskies, O.H.A. Int. B. champions last year, took the lead at 9:21 of the first period

when Neisen hit the target behind Acton goaltender Bruce Thomson, who has been one of the twunklers for the Tanners this season.

Less than two minutes later Fred Buchanan tied the score for Acton on a picture play with brother Bruce and Brian McDuffe. Time was 11:05.

Huskies took the lead again at 12:40 when Stephen scored at 12:49. But with a scant 30 seconds left on the clock in the first period, Bruce McDuffe rifled Acton's second marker in from Jan Riddall and Jim James to wind up the first canto at 2-2.

The Tanners bottled Durham up for minutes at a time although they drew all three first period penalties.

Nixon did the spade work as Durham went ahead 3-2 at 5:16 of the second period while the Tanners were shorthanded. Neisen rattled the puck in for his second goal of the night.

Durham added another at 7:56 which proved to be the winner, Stephen pulling the trigger from Piche and Bev Allen.

The Tanners came hurtling back and at 9:57 Kevin Hall's blast from Jack Poot and Brian McDuffe eluded the Durham goaltender and reduced the margin to one goal.

Both teams had some good chances but there was no scoring from that juncture. Both goaltenders played well with Thomson being lucky as well as steady in the Tanner cage.

Acton picked up 10 of the 15

penalties including a match major to Kevin Hall late in the final stanza which carries with it an automatic suspension for the next game. Kevin questioned the wisdom of the referee's decision on a minor infraction. As words became threats and turned into gestures, the official's thumb played the final part.

The Tanners play the powerful Lucan Jets in Acton this Friday night and they will be gunning for win number four. Jets won the first encounter here, but victories over the past two weeks have bolstered the Acton team's spirit and swelled crowds.

Friday's game, a "Meet the Tanners" night, saw the Acton Club introduced to the crowd between the second and third periods.

Bantams improve despite losses

Acton Firefighter bantams turned in one of their best performances of the year despite dropping a 3-2 decision to Hespeler last Wednesday night in Hespeler.

"Everybody played well", coach Harold Townley commented "but we made two mistakes and it cost us two goals and the hockey game."

Chris Schuts and Billy McGilloway scored for Acton and Ken Hurren played a heads-up game on defence.

Saturday afternoon here, Chris Schuts scored again as the bants came out on the short end of a 5-1 game against the powerful Guelph Lions.

Acton will be out to avenge a previous 2-0 loss to Preston, when the two teams clash here Saturday at 2:30. Bantams then travel to Guelph for a return game Wednesday December 17 at 7:45.

Acton: Ricky Bonnette, Ken Hurren, Steve McIntyre, Tim McIntyre, Chris Schuts, Henry Toebes, Steve Marshall, Billy McGilloway, Jim McNabb, Terry Holmes, Gary Fisher, Ron Loutett, Russell Coultrup, David Lee.

Top scorer for Nielsen's was Gord Mason with three goals and two assists. Ron Schmidt had two goals and four assists. Russ Masales and Larry McAfee each scored once and Alan Hall collected an assist. McAfee served the only two penalties of the game.

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Peewees trip Eringate drop two league games

Acton Y's Men's Pee Wees whitewashed Eringate 6-0 in an exhibition game here last Saturday, then dropped Tri-County league encounters 6-1 to Guelph and 4-1 to Burlington.

Wayne Allen scored two goals and Gerald Barden, John Ashley, Russ Van Fleet and Kent Kenner added one each in the win over Eringate. John Hansen and Steve Brunelle each assisted on two goals. Jeff Townsley, Russ Van Fleet and Kent Kenner picked up one helper apiece.

Gary Barden scored Acton's only goal against a much bigger Guelph club, on a pass from Jeff Townsley. Contini bagged a hat trick for Guelph. Purdy, Tunney and Laarnan tallied one apiece. Gary Barden was chosen Acton's MVP for the game.

Sunday in Burlington Acton were short three players, but still gave their "AAA" hosts a good battle. Burlington held a slim 13-9 margin in shots on goal. John Ashley scored the Acton goal on a slick pass from John Hansen.

Pee Wees host Preston, a team they defeated earlier this year, Thursday night at 7, then play a

Tanner protest upheld

Acton Y's Men's Pee Wees returned game in Guelph Wednesday Dec. 17 at 6:45. Acton: Mike Luty, Robin Incoe, Steve Brunelle, Joe Kenner, Kent Kenner, Gerald Barden, Gary Barden, John Hansen, John Ashley, Jeff Townsley, John Scoyne, Jim Huley, Wayne Allen, Byron Timbers, John McCutcheon, Russ Van Fleet.

Guelph downs midgets 6-2

Acton Midgets went down to a 6-2 defeat at the hands of Guelph in a Tri-county game here last night.

Brian Irwin scored Acton's first goal on passes from Pete Morrison and Randy Coker, then assisted on the second goal by Gary Turkocz.

The game was very clean. Acton served only two minor penalties.

Midgets play in Georgetown, Thursday night at 7.

400 club winners

Acton Yanners received word Friday from O.H.A. secretary-manager Bill Hanley that their protest of the use of unsigned players by Georgetown Raiders, in Raiders' 8-8 win over Acton a week ago Friday has been upheld.

Raider officials admitted the naughty deed and as a result the game will go into the records as a win for Acton. Mr. Hanley also confirmed that Georgetown have been reclassified Intermediate "A", making them the only "A" team in the seven team Central Ontario Group.

400 club winners

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were: Mrs. E. Incoe, Fred Allen, Don Mollatt, Vera Barker and Jim Graham.

O.H.A. stats

O.H.A. INTERMEDIATE "B" LEAGUE TO FRIDAY DEC. 5/69

Team	GP	W	T	L	Pts
Lucan	9	7	1	1	14
Elmira	10	6	1	3	13
Durham	8	6	0	2	12
Cheltenham	9	4	1	4	8
Georgetown	9	3	1	5	7
Acton	8	3	1	4	6
Fergus	9	1	1	7	2

TOP SCORERS

Player	G	A	Pts
J. Robb (L)	14	15	29
G. Herman (D)	12	12	24
S. Proctor (L)	10	12	22
B. Hazen (L)	10	11	21
J. Tibbits (C)	5	15	20

GAME SCORES

Lucan 19 - Fergus 0.
Lucan 7 - Fergus 0.
Durham 7 - Elmira 2.
Acton 8 - Fergus 4.
Lucan 4 - Cheltenham 3.
Elmira 3 - Fergus 4.
Durham 4 - Acton 3.

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Blow Press, Heller's win Mackenzie silences guns

Superb goaltending by Jack Mackenzie and slick passing plays carried Blow Press to a convincing 9-2 win over Lakeview Discount in the battle for first place in the Acton Industrial Hockey league Sunday night. In the first half of the twin bill, Heller's outlasted Nielsen's 11-7 to move into a second place tie with Lakeview.

Mackenzie silenced Lakeview's big scoring guns until 17:15 of the final period. The winners led 4-0 after one period and 7-0 after two frames.

Steve Goy, Kevin Hall, Ed Hillier, and Harv Hillier netted two goals each for Blow Press. Jim McDonald notched one. Goy also picked up three assists, John Cunningham added two and the Hillier brothers had one each.

George Cook and Wayne Wheeler tallied the Lakeview goals. Dave Sproston, Dave Pappilon and Larry Porte added assists.

Lakeview served all four minor penalties handed out by referees Bob Andrews and Craig Weldon. Wayne Wheeler sat out two and George Cook and Dave Sproston one apiece.

Heller's jumped into a 5-3 first period lead, made it 9-3 after two periods, then had to hang on in the third as Nielsen's outscored them 4-2.

Gary Ritchie and Chick Milne each bagged a hat trick for Heller's. Ron Mellon and Gary Taillefer scored a brace apiece and Rick Coe scored one. Ritchie picked up four assists. Milne, Mellon and Taillefer had three each and Coe and Bill Cook added one each. Mellon took over the league scoring lead with his five point performance.

Top scorer for Nielsen's was Gord Mason with three goals and two assists. Ron Schmidt had two goals and four assists. Russ Masales and Larry McAfee each scored once and Alan Hall collected an assist.

McAfee served the only two penalties of the game.

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