

"This is the way it used to be"

Townsley guns down Chelms Thomason terrific in 4-3 win



IT'S ALL OVER! Jack Poot (16) congratulates Tanner goalie Bruce Thomason, as Fred Buchanan and Stu McDonald race over to add their congrats, after Acton's thrilling 4-3 victory over Cheltenham here Friday night. —(Staff Photo)

"This is the way it used to be", was the predominant comment of jovial fans at the local ice palace, as Acton Tanners skated off with a well-earned 4-3 win over Cheltenham Harvesters, Friday night.

Tanners' second 1970 victory in a row had everything an exciting hockey game should have, from thrilling end to end rushes and fabulous goaltending, to a rousing fist fight and some good old-fashioned name calling.

Rookie goalie Bruce Thomason and veteran sniper Harold Townsley were standouts in the game that attracted the season's largest crowd.

Thomason's play was absolutely unbelievable, as he robbed the frustrated Harvesters time after time on shots that were labelled. Townsley had his powerful slap shot on target all night and connected for two key goals, including the winner at 14:30 of the third period.

Tanners outplayed the visitors in the first period and grabbed a 2-0 lead.

Brian McDuffe drilled home a slap shot at 11:44, after centre Stu McDonald won the draw on a faceoff in the Cheltenham end, and Townsley took McDuffe's pass to beat Harvester goalie Bob Hogarth with a sizzler from just outside the blue line, at 12:15.

Gordie Bell and Harvester captain Alex Smith tangled early in the second frame in a tussle that could have involved more players except for quick intervention by linesmen Leon Stickle and Ted Cassidy.

Harvesters took advantage of an interference penalty to Bill McCormack to get on the scoresheet. Vic Breadner tipped in a shot from the point by Tom Hicks at the 6:30 mark. Thomason was partially screened on the play.

Tanners appeared to be wilting late in the period, but got a shot in the arm, when Jan Riddall popped in a pass from Jack Poot, a goal that Cheltenham protested vigorously. Riddall's shot slid right along the ice and

bounced back out immediately. Harvesters claimed the puck had hit the goalpost and not crossed the line, but referee Ron Breen ruled otherwise.

Third period goals by Ed Webster at 4:35 and Al Stitt at 12:34 tied the score and Harvesters were pressing for the

winner, when referee Breen sent Hicks and Stitt to the sin bin for tripping penalties within the space of 37 seconds.

The locals wasted no time capitalizing on the penalties. Townsley and Riddall combined on a slick two way passing play with Townsley denting the twine

for the winning goal.

Harvesters pulled goalie Bob Hogarth in the final minute of play, but Tanners successfully dumped the puck out of their own end to preserve the win.

After the game an elated coach Russ Bowman commented on his team's play. "Our

positional play has improved tremendously", he said. "We did have a bad second period, but the guys know what they're going to do with the puck now, they don't all chase after it any more."

Both teams were minus their leading scorers for the game. Cheltenham's Junior Tibbitts was a victim of the flu and Tanners' Bruce McDuffe is still sidelined with a badly bruised knee.

Fergus Flyers make their first visit to Acton for a game Friday night at 8:30.

Milton stops Lion streak

Milton juveniles jumped into a 2-0 first period lead and skated to a 4-1 win over Acton Lions in a Tri-County game in Milton Monday night. The loss was the first in over a month for the Lions.

Mike Cooper netted the only Acton goal from Joe Tarr and Bob Andrews at the 8 minute mark of the third period.

Defenceman Alan Grist played the game, although he was suffering from a slight charley-horse he picked up in last week's 2-2 tie with Chinguacousy Hawks.

Lions now have a record of four wins, seven losses and five ties and have four league games remaining, before they enter the O.M.H.A. playoffs.

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons



After a long list of forecasting failures, that included picking the Orioles over the Mets in the World Series, one of my prognostications finally proved to be correct.

The Tanners and Cheltenham Harvesters made a risky prediction, that Friday night's intermediate "B" game would be a real "burnburner", look good, by staging the most exciting contest played here in two years.

None of the 250 fans were asking for their money back, after witnessing a genuine spine-tingler that was not decided until the final buzzer.

With two straight wins under their belts, Tanners are gradually beginning to erase the rather shady image they left with fans, after a horrible record of 23 losses in 24 games last year.

A very noticeable change in attitude has been the prime factor in Tanners' resurgence. In the last two games with Fergus and Cheltenham, Tanners have been "on the ropes" in the third period, but have pulled up their socks and fought hard for the winning goal in both instances.

Last year's squad, probably would have been buried under a four or five goal avalanche, in the same circumstances.

Superb goaltending by rookie Bruce Thomason, hasn't hurt the local cause one bit either.

Three of Acton's nine remaining games are with arch-rival Georgetown Raiders and should stir up some good old-fashioned spicy dialogue between the fans of both towns.

First of three encounters is slated for Georgetown Sunday afternoon. Meanwhile Tanners host the pesky Fergus Flyers here Friday night at 8:30.

Tanners have won their first two meetings with Fergus 8-4 and 4-3, but the much-improved Flyers have since upset Elmira Polar Kings.

O.M.H.A. group convener Jim Kinkley has nothing official to report yet, on who Acton's opponents will be in this year's provincial playdowns. However, the O.M.H.A. has promised to do everything possible to get the Acton entries on the ice, without a great delay.

The elevation of Beamsville from "C" to "B" in the O.M.H.A. classification, has aroused speculation that Acton might be pitted against Niagara peninsula town in the first round.

Brian Lewis of Georgetown, who started out refereeing games in the Tri-County Minor Hockey League will referee his first NHL game tonight.

After leaving the Tri-County league, Brian quickly became one of the O.H.A. Junior "A" top officials, and for the past two seasons has been acting as both a referee and linesman in the American, Central Pro and Western Hockey leagues.

Brian worked the lines in an NHL game in Philadelphia earlier this season.

Peewees shaded by Ching whipped 6-2 by Milton

Chinguacousy peewees shaded Acton Y's Men 3-0 in a Tri-County league fixture here Thursday night. The visitors led only 1-0 with a minute and a half remaining in the game, but popped in two more quick goals.

Coach Barry Inscow was pleased with his team's performance. Gary and Gerald Barden were very steady on defence and Robin Inscow made several key stops in goal. Jeff Townsley was named Acton's MVP for the game.

Acton served two minor penalties and Chinguacousy sat out one.

Peewees play in Hespeler tonight, host the same team Thursday night at 7, then wind up their league schedule in Chinguacousy Sunday.

Sunday afternoon in Milton, peewees went down to defeat 6-2 at the hands of the first place Milton crew.

Milton led 3-0 at the end of the first period and 5-1 after two frames.

Wayne Allan scored Acton's first goal from John Ashley at 5:45 of the second period and Jeff Townsley notched the second Acton marker from Russ Van Fleet at 5:25 of the final stanza.

A lackadazical performance by Acton defence, plus spotty efforts by goalies Robin Inscow and Mike Luty contributed to the defeat, coach Barry Inscow reports.

Nevertheless coach Inscow was pleased with the way his forward lines played and he had special words of praise for a couple of converted defencemen, Byron Timbers and Joe Kentner.

Midgets drop three games

Acton Midgets went down to defeat twice at the hands of Burlington this week, and dropped a third encounter to Milton. Burlington downed the locals 4-1 in Burlington Thursday night and 8-0 here, last night. Milton took Acton's measure 4-2 in a much closer game Monday night.

Gary Turkoz scored the only Acton goal in the 4-1 loss to Burlington.

Last night the visitors from the south showed just a little too much class.

Gravel and Sedlauer paced the Burlington attack with two goals each. Smith, Glass, Beatty and Kels scored one apiece.

Acton served four of the five minor penalties handed out by referees Harold Townsley and Craig Weldon.

Randy Weldon was chosen Acton's MVP for the game.

In Milton, Monday night the score was tied 1-1 after two periods, but the hosts rapped in three third period goals.

George McNeil notched both Acton goals. Roland McCulloch and Dale Fisher picked up assists. Steve Webster played an outstanding game in goal to earn

O.H.A. intermediate standings

GP	W	T	L	Pts
Lucan	17	14	0	28
Durham	15	11	0	22
Elmira	16	9	1	19
Cheltenham	18	9	0	18
Georgetown 18	7	1	10	15
Acton	15	5	0	10
Fergus	17	2	0	15

*(Intermediate "A" team)

GP	A	Pts
J. Robb (Lucan)	26	54
J. Tibbitts (Chelt)	15	42
D. Webster (Lucan)	22	40
J. Cousindau (Lucan)	19	40
C. Herman (Durham)	19	39
J. Nairn (Lucan)	13	39

Team	Score
Durham 8 - Georgetown 0	
Lucan 8 - Cheltenham 2	
Georgetown 9 - Cheltenham 2	
Elmira 7 - Georgetown 4	
Acton 4 - Cheltenham 3	



TWIN HEROES of Friday night's exciting 4-3 nothing short of fantastic in the nets, while Tanner win over Cheltenham Harvesters were Townsley blasted home two goals including the rookie goalie Bruce Thomason and veteran winner, on slap shots. —(Staff Photo) lamp-lighter Harold Townsley. Thomason was

Lions tie Chinguacousy 2-2 Andrews nets penalty shot

Smooth-skating centre Bob Andrews beat goalie Dave Mills on a penalty shot with only three seconds left in the game Thursday night to give Acton Lions juveniles a 2-2 tie with the second place Chinguacousy Hawks, and extend Acton's unbeaten streak to five games.

still tied 1-1 as the teams switched ends for the start of the final frame.

The Hawks took a 2-1 lead, when Whittington drilled a blazing slap shot past Craig Weldon at 4:55.

Lions played shorthanded for part of the third period, and managed to kill off the penalties. Craig Weldon also turned back several dangerous Hawk shots.

Chinguacousy served five minor penalties in the game and Acton sat out four.

Lions host Brampton Thursday night at 8, then play a return game in Chinguacousy, Sunday night at 10.

Acton: Craig Weldon, Alan Grist, Clare Snow, Stu McCulloch, Bob Andrews, Mike Cooper, Jim Stevenson, Bill Field, Ken Marshall, Charlie Gidden, Lary White, Joe Tarr.

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"Rocket Rick" Holmes increased his Tri-county league-leading goal total to 35 by scoring all four Acton goals. Ford Alton assisted on two of the goals.

Mark Morrison and Roger Ord shared goaltending duties for Kents.

Kents wind up their league play with a game in Chinguacousy Sunday at 5.



BOB ANDREWS

Lions had the Hawks pinned in their own end for the final minute of the game, as they tried for the equalizer and when a Chinguacousy defenceman put his hand on a loose puck in his own goal crease referee Barry Inscow awarded Acton the penalty shot.

Although the pressure of the moment was tremendous, Andrews kept his cool and made no mistake, deking Mills and sliding the puck in behind him.

Guest-put the visitors in front 1-0 at 10:45 of the first period, but Charlie Gidden tied it up for Acton on a pass from Lary White at the 13:10 mark.

Checking was very close in the second period and the game was

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