

Notes and Quotes

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By Denis Gibbons

Last night's 7-6 Tanner loss to Elmira Polar Kings was the fifth one goal defeat for Acton, on home ice this season.

Previous cliff-hangers included a 5-4 overtime loss to the same Polar Kings, and 7-6, 4-3 and 3-2 defeats at the hands of Cheltenham, Durham and Fergus respectively.

Transfer the five games into the Tanner win column and their record becomes a very respectable 10-9 instead of a dismal 5-14.

However, "close" only counts in horseshoes and Tanners may have to carry a few if they stay in sixth place and face either Lucan Jets or Durham Huskies in the first round of the playoffs.

Industrial league scoring leader Ed Hillier "shoed 'em how it was done", bagging three goals in last night's nip and tuck tussle.

Ed tools for Blow Press in the A.I.H.L. and currently holds an eight point lead in the scoring race, on the strength of 32 goals and 27 assists in 14 games.

Ed has been a valuable addition to the Tanner lineup.

Central Intermediate "B" statistics show that eight former St. Mary's Lincoln's junior "B" players have accounted for more than half of league leading Lucan Jets scoring point total of 457.

Jack Naim, Jacques Cousineau, Dusty Aldis, Doug Galloway, Barry Hearn, Rick Bradford, Larry Hossack and Ron Cauduro have compiled 229 scoring points.

It's O.M.H.A. playoff time again and Acton Kent novices and Acton Lions juveniles will carry the local colors in to first round playoff series this weekend.

Kents take on Ancaster in the first game of a best of three series Saturday at 1.30.

Last year in the "D" series playoffs, Ancaster whipped Copetown and Fonthill, before bowing out to Waterford.

Lions travel to Fergus for the opener of a best of five series, Sunday.

Fergus finished first in the five team Wellington-Waterloo league that includes Orangeville, Drumbo, Plattsville and St. George.

Congratulations are in order for coach Barry Inscow, manager Don Van Fleet and the Acton Y's Men pee wee pucksters, after their fine showing at the Delhi pee wee tournament.

Peewees, who will meet the winner of the Fergus-Elmira series in the first round of the O.M.H.A., will also compete in tournaments in Goderich and Oshawa later in the season.

The Ontario Lacrosse Association accepted Acton's entry of a junior team, at their annual convention in Toronto, Saturday.

Other junior entries accepted include Ajax, Windsor, Scarborough, Port Elgin, Oakville and Midland. Acton will likely be classified junior "C".

Last year's juvenile coach Howard Dwyer, who represented Acton at the convention, also reports that Merv Marshall was voted rookie of the year and outstanding goalie in the O.L.A. Senior league.

Merv starred for the Mann Cup champion Brooklin Redmen, last summer, after playing one year with the professional Detroit Olympics.

Enrico Caruso of Georgetown was re-elected president of the O.L.A.

Rocket Rick scoring champ



Ricky Holmes, slick centre and captain of Acton Kent novices was officially declared Tri-county novice scoring champion by league secretary Herb Robinson, this week.

Ricky netted 37 goals and chalked up seven assists in Kent's 20 game schedule. He finished with four point edge over Streetsville's Marc Sinclair, who collected 27 goals and 13 assists.

This is the first time in the memory of local minor hockey officials that an Acton player has won a league scoring championship.

Ricky and his teammates will be in action at the community centre, Saturday afternoon at 1.30 when they host Ancaster in the first game of a best of three series, in the first round of the O.M.H.A. novice playoffs.

Tri county scoring statistics

Player	Team	G	A	Pts
Ricky Holmes	ACTON	37	7	44
Marc Sinclair	Streetsville	27	13	40
Todd Inouye	Oakville	19	14	33
Eric Ellison	Milton	15	14	29
Dave Marshall	Milton	14	13	27
Steve Frock	Oakville	11	15	26
Dan Polizziani	Burlington	16	8	24
Tim Trimmer	Brampton	13	10	23
Paul Flack	Streetsville	11	12	23
Doug Bennett	Oakville	10	13	23
Peter Hawkrigg	Burlington	9	14	23



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Peewees runners-up in Delhi tourney

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The Acton lads dumped Paris 5-3, Friday night and bested Napanee 3-1, Saturday, before dropping a 3-1 squeaker to their old Tri-county rivals Milton in the tourney finals Sunday afternoon.

Following the final game Acton captain Steve Brunelle accepted the Leitch-Gair Insurance trophy, which is presented annually to the tournament runners-up. Previous winners of the trophy include Dunnville, Saltfleet and Paris. All players received crests as well.

The locals outshined and outshot last year's runners-up Paris to register their 5-3 win Friday night.

John Hansen scored the only goal of the first period to put Acton in front 1-0.

Paris tied it up on a deflected shot early in the second period, but Gary Barden and Jeff Townsley potted goals before the period ended to make the score 3-1.

After Paris had counted their second goal of the game, in the third frame, Russ Van Fleet got a breakaway and neatly diked the Paris goalie to score Acton's fourth goal.

Paris got one goal back, but with less than two minutes remaining in the game they pulled their goalie and John Hansen fired his second goal of the game into the empty net to wrap up the win.

Acton held a 19-13 edge in shots on goal in the contest.

Four key players, Gerald Barden, Jeff Townsley, Steve Brunelle and Mike Luty were on the sick and injured list for Acton's second game against Napanee, Saturday, but the remaining players turned in a fine effort to chalk up the victory.

Joe Kentner and Byron Timbers filled in admirably for the missing regulars.

John Hansen gave Acton a 1-0 lead with the first shot he fired at the Napanee net.

Napanee counted the only goal of the second stanza to send the game into the third period all even.

Russ Van Fleet tallied the winning goal on a solo effort and John Hansen put the game out of reach with his second marker, with three minutes left.

Napanee outshot Y's Men 18-14 in the game, but goalie Robin Inscow was "johnny on the spot" to stop several scoring attempts by the easterners.

Three of the four players, who missed Saturday's game were back in the lineup for the final game, Sunday, but the Milton squad, that finished first in the 11 team Tri-county league this year, proved to be a little too strong for the locals.

Milton led 2-0 at the end of the first period and 3-0 after two frames.

John Hansen bagged his fifth goal of the tournament from Kent Kentner, for the Acton's only goal in the third period.

Milton held an 18-10 edge in shots on goal.

Teams were also entered in the tournament from Aylmer, Tillsonburg, Waterford, Delhi and Caledonia.

Some of the Acton players were billeted for the weekend on tobacco farms and were given tours of the premises.

Coach Barry Inscow, manager Don Van Fleet and the many Acton fans who attended the tournament were very proud of the team's performance.

"The Acton contingent", coach Inscow reports, "returned home Sunday night, tired but satisfied".

Acton: Robin Inscow, Mike Luty, Steve Brunelle, Joe Kentner, Kent Kentner, Jim Hurley, John Scoyne, John Ashley, John Hansen, Wayne Allan, Gerald Barden, Gary Barden, John McCutcheon, Byron Timbers, Russ Van Fleet, Jeff Townsley.

Lions, Kents open O.M.H.A. playoffs

Arrangements were made this week for the start of O.M.H.A. playoff series for Acton Kent novices and Acton Lions juveniles.

Kents will take on Ancaster in the first game of the best of three series, here Saturday afternoon at 1.30. Second game will be played in either Dundas or Caledonia next week, with the third game, if necessary, to be played on the weekend of February 8 and 9, on the home ice of the team that wins the toss.

Winner of the series will advance into the Zone 2 quarter-finals against the winner of the Fergus, Elmira, New Hamburg group.

Lions will open a best of five series against Fergus, in Fergus Sunday afternoon at 5.15. The series will return to Acton for an 8 o'clock game Thursday February 5. Game three is slated for Fergus, Sunday February 8 at 5.15 and game four, if necessary, will be played in Acton Tuesday February 10. The fifth game, if necessary, is scheduled for Thursday February 12 in the arena of the team that wins the toss of the coin.

Winner of the series will advance into the next round against the "B" champion of the North York group, either Woodbridge, Nobleton or Sutton.

Y's Men's pee wees, Firefighter bantams and U.P.W.A. midgets will all await the winner of the Fergus-Elmira playoff series, which are now underway. Winners in the Fergus-Elmira series are to be declared by Sunday February 8.

While they await the winner of the Fergus-Elmira playoff series, Acton U.P.W.A. midgets will compete in the Georgetown Midget Tournament this weekend.

Acton's first game is against Camp Borden, Thursday night at 9.

Coach Jim James and manager Bill Knight hope the tournament will keep their charges sharp for the upcoming O.M.H.A. playoffs.

Teams are also entered in the tourney from Detroit, Brampton, Ajax, Milton, Oakville, Guelph, Burlington, Chinguacousy, Hespeler and Georgetown.

Nielsen's notch first win Hellers bomb Lakeview

A goal by Gary Masales, from Gus Holmes at 16.55 of the third period broke a 4-4 tie and gave Nielsen's and Cliff Nelson of Blow Press sat out win of the season, a 5-4 thriller over Blow Press, Sunday night.

In the nightcap of the twin bill, Heller's moved to within one point of the slumping pressmen by bombing Lakeview Discount 17-2.

Nielsen's led 2-0 after one period of their game, but the score was tied 3-3 going into the third period.

Ray Stull also scored twice for Nielsen's and Barry Wilson and Grant McCallum netted one apiece. Ron Schmidt notched three assists, Holmes two and McCallum, Russ Masales and Alan Hall one each.

Ed Hillier added four points to his league leading total with a one goal, three assist night for the losers. Kevin Hall scored one and assisted on two others, Bill Coon had a goal and an assist, Harv Hillier one goal and John Cunningham one assist.

Milne registered six assists, Bill Cook five, Ritchie four, Mellon, Rick Coe and Gary Tailfefer three each, Howard Dwyer two and John McNabb one.

Dave Papillon potted both Lakeview goals. Wayne Wheeler, Stu McDonald and Larry Porte collected assists.

Porte and Gerry Van Der Eyken served penalties for Lakeview, while Gary Ritchie was banished once for Heller's.

Polar Kings pull out win in see-saw tilt

Elmira Polar Kings overcame a 2-0 first period deficit and a three goal hat trick by Ed Hillier to nose out the Tanners 7-6 in a see-saw intermediate "B" battle here last night.

Jan Riddall and Kevin Hall scored first period goals to give Tanners a 2-0 lead.

Polar Kings battled back to outscore their hosts 4-2 in the second frame and send the game into the third period all tied up at 4-4.

John Hansen, Eric Mein, Laverne Miller and Ron Esch potted Polar King goals. Harry Phillips and Ed Hillier replied for Acton.

Hansen's second goal of the game at 1.21 of the final stanza and Glen Read's tally at 5.53 gave Elmira a two goal edge 6-4.

A rash of penalties left the visitors short-handed and Ed Hillier took advantage of the situation to complete his hat trick and knot the count 6-6.

Harold Townsley and Jan Riddall set up Hillier's goal at 8.01 and Ken Baudry drew an assist on his 10.44 marker.

Joe Grundy beat Bruce Thomason on a high shot to the corner for the winning goal at 13.12.

Coach Russ Bowman pulled Thomason with a minute to go in the game but Tanners weren't able to tie the score.

Besides Hillier's hat trick, Jan Riddall and Kevin Hall tallied a goal and two assists each for Acton. Harry Phillips scored once.

Stu McDonald, Ken Baudry and Harold Townsley all picked up two assists.

Bill Dawkins made his first start in a Tanner uniform, filling in for Brian McDuffe on defence.

Tanners host Durham Huskies Friday night at 8.30 and take on Fergus Flyers in an important contest here Monday night at the same time.

1st Period
A-Riddall (Baudry) 13:20
A-Hall (Townsley, McDonald) 19:57

2nd Period
E-Hansen (Miller, McCarthy) 4:01
E-E. Mein (Esch, Read) 4:45
A-Phillips (McDonald, Hall) 5:13

3rd Period
E-Hansen - 1:21
E-Read - 6:53
A-Hillier (Townsley, Riddall) 8:01
A-Hillier (Baudry) 10:44
E-Grundy (Miller, Hansen) 13:12

O.H.A. Int. stats.

Team	GP	W	T	L	Pts
Lucan	21	16	5	0	32
Durham	20	15	5	0	30
Elmira	20	11	1	8	23
G'town	20	9	1	10	19
Chelt.	21	9	12	18	18
Acton	17	5	12	10	16
Fergus	19	3	16	6	6

GAME SCORES
Durham 7 - Elmira 2
Georgetown 11 - Acton 3
Lucan 5 - Cheltenham 1
Elmira 7 - Durham 2

TOP SCORERS

Player	G	A	Pts
J. Robb, L.	31	30	61
D. Webster, L.	25	26	51
J. Naim, L.	17	29	46
G. Herman, D.	21	23	44
J. Tibbits, C.	15	29	44

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ELMIRA POLAR KING goalie Frank Weiler blocks a shot by Harold Townsley, as Kevin Hall waits for the rebound, during last night's 7-6 Elmira win over Tanners. Tanners host Durham Huskies Friday night at 8.30.—(Staff Photo)

Tanners bow to Huskies

Durham Huskies jumped into a 4-1 first period lead and went on to whip the short-handed Acton Tanners 9-4 in Durham, Sunday afternoon.

Tanners dressed only 11 players, including goalie Bruce Thomason.

Lone bright spot for Tanners was the play of Harold Townsley. The veteran marksman scored three of the four Acton goals and set up Jan Riddall for the fourth.

Harry Phillips notched two assists and Kevin Hall, Bill MacCormack and Thomason picked up one apiece.

Nine different players figured in the Huskie scoresheet.

Campbell, Schaefer, Picke, Hetherington, Herman, Rahn, Nixon, Stephen, and Aitken all dented the twine.

Durham netminder Gord Becker turned in his usual steady effort.

Referee Bill Devorski handed out six minors to each team.

The win moved Huskies to within two points of first place Lucan Jets. The two teams clash in Durham, this Sunday.

Midgets meet Camp Borden

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Bake sale at arena

Mothers of Acton's Tri-County novice hockey team will be holding a bake sale in the community centre at Friday night's Tanner-Durham intermediate game and again at the novices playoff opener against Ancaster, here Saturday afternoon at 1.30.

An added attraction of Friday night's program will be an exhibition game between two teams from the Legion atom (seven and eight year olds) house league.

Exhibition games between Acton bantams and Aurora and Acton peewees and Dundas will follow Saturday's novice playoff game.

Reschedule house league midget game

There will be no midget house league game, Monday February 2, on account of the Tanner-Fergus game.

Midgets will play their game, Sunday, February 1, instead.

WINTER SPORTS EQUIPMENT for all occasions

Sports Corner

Industrial point parade

Player	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Ed Hillier B.	10	3	1	21	109	71
Ron Mellon H.	10	4	0	20	111	72
Stu McDonald L.	6	8	0	12	92	105
Nielsen's	11	2	1	3	56	120

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