

Notes and Quotes

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By Denis Gibbons



Durham Huskies trounced the high-flying Lucan Jets 9-2, in Durham Sunday afternoon to climax a long uphill climb to the top rung of the O.H.A.'s Central Intermediate "B" loop. Huskies need only a tie in their season finale against the cellar-dwelling Fergus Flyers to wrap up first place.

Jets have held down sole possession of the top spot since November, but losses to Georgetown, Elmira and Durham within the last month have dropped them to second place.

While the league's other five teams found the Jets a tough nut to crack, the defending Ontario champion Huskies whipped them three out of four and only dropped the fourth contest 5-4 in overtime.

Barring a miracle in Fergus, Friday night, Huskies will meet Cheltenham Harvesters in a four out of seven group semi-final, while the local Tanners clash with Lucan, and Fergus tangles with Elmira in best of five quarter-finals.

To say Tanners have had trouble with the speedy Jets, this year would be a gross understatement. Jets have outscored them 55-8 in their four regular season meetings.

However, anything can happen in the playoffs, and coach Russ Bowman feels the key to stopping the Jets is a tenacious forechecking system, he hopes his charges will be able to employ.

A win over arch-rival Georgetown Raiders in the regular season curtain-dropper here Friday night, could also give Tanners a lift before their series with the Jets.

Raiders have received word that they'll meet Wallaceburg in the first round of the Intermediate "A" playoffs.

The series will open in Wallaceburg Sunday, and return to Georgetown Sunday February 15.

Fergus Pee Wees and Elmira Bantams won their Waterloo-Wellington league playoff series in straight games and will probably be in town to meet their Acton counterparts this Saturday.

Acton V.P.W.A. Midgets will play the winner of the deciding game of the Fergus-Elmira series, scheduled for Elmira, Thursday night.

Fergus novices ousted Elmira in three games and will now play New Hamburg.

The winner of that series will play the survivor of the Acton-Ancaster series. The local Kents took a one game lead with a 6-5 win, here Saturday.

Lions juveniles will be out to even up their best of five series with Fergus, here Thursday night at 8. Fergus won Sunday's opener 5-2.

Woodbridge and Nobleton are tied one game apiece in the North York juvenile "B" playoffs.



ACTON KENT goalie Mark Morrison turns back a drive off the stick of Ancaster centre Dave Wilson during Saturday's O.M.H.A. novice playoff opener here. Norm Thornhill and Ricky Holmes race in to clear the loose puck. Holmes scored five goals as Kents claimed a close 6-5 win. Second game of the series is in Hamilton Thursday night and the third, if necessary, back here, Saturday afternoon at 3.30.—(Staff photo)

Kents claim 6-5 victory

Acton Kent novices, jumped into a 4-0 first period lead, increased it to 6-1, after two periods, then had to work hard to preserve a close 6-5 win over the Ancaster crew, in the first game of the Zone 2 Novice "B" playoffs, here Saturday afternoon.

Second game in the best of three series is scheduled for Scott Park Arena in Hamilton, Thursday night. If a third game is necessary it will be back in Acton, Saturday afternoon at 3.30.

A five goal performance by Tri-county scoring champion Ricky Holmes and stellar goalkeeping by Mark Morrison were big factors in the Acton win.

Paul Abbey added one apiece.

Acton: Mark Morrison, Brad Buchanan, Scott Withers, Ford Alton, Doug McKnight, Steve McKnight, Ricky Holmes, Dave McGilloway, Scott Malcolm, Jeff Shields, Norm Thornhill.

1st PERIOD
Acton...Holmes 5-20
Ancaster...Holmes (Withers) 7-00
Acton...McGilloway 10-20
Acton...Holmes (Malcolm) 10-55

2nd Period
Acton...Holmes (McGilloway) 8-20
Ancaster...Hastie 12-10
Acton...Holmes (McGilloway) 13-25

3rd Period
Ancaster...Abbey (Hastie) 2-0
Ancaster...Wilson (Abbey) 4-35
Ancaster...Wilson (Radigan) 6-05
Ancaster...Hastie (Radigan) 14-45



Tanners bounce back shoot down Flyers

After suffering a 9-4 drubbing at the hands of Elmira Polar Kings in Elmira, Saturday night, Acton Tanners did some drubbing of their own in a 12-5 win over Fergus Flyers here Monday night.

Tanners completely dominated the game, outshooting the shorthanded Flyers 70-38.

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Tanners built up a 4-1 first period lead and were in front 10-3 after two frames.

Harold Townsley paced the Acton attack with four goals and an assist. John Mason tallied two goals and assisted on two others and Ed Hillier bagged a pair of goals and an assist.

Harry Phillips, Jack Poot, Kevin Hall and Jan Riddall netted a goal apiece. Hall and Stu McDonald added two assists each and Poot, Brian McDuffe, Phil Marzo and Bill McCormick all chipped in one.

Ossie Harper scored twice for Fergus and Jim Proctor, Danny Peden and Paul O'Sullivan scored one each.

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Blow Press victorious in first place battle

Cellar-dwelling Nielsen's Clothing recorded their second consecutive win, a 5-1 upset of Lakeview Discount in the first game of Sunday night's Industrial Hockey League doubleheader. Blow Press topped Heller's 8-5 in a battle for first place in the nightcap.

Nielsen's broke a 1-1 first period tie, with three unanswered second period markers, then added an insurance tally in the final frame. Wayne Wilson turned in a nother outstanding performance in goal to hold the high-scoring Lakeview crew to a single goal.

Gord Mason, Barry Wilson, Gary Masales, Ray Stull and Grant McCallum netted one goal each for the winners. Mason and Stull each contributed two assists, while Gary Masales, Russ

Masales and Alan Hall chipped in one apiece.

Stu McDonald tallied the lone Lakeview goal, from Ernie Waller and Dave Papillon at 14.45 of the first period.

Eight penalties, including fighting majors to John Cunningham of Blow Press and Ron Mellon of Heller's marred second game action.

Ed Hillier paced the winners with four goals and one assist, increasing his league leading point total to 64. (36 goals and 28 assists). Kevin Hall netted a hat trick and Steve Gay potted one goal. Jim McDonald and Harv Hillier each helped out on one goal.

Ron Mellon fired a pair of goals for Heller's and Chick Milne, Gary Taillefer and Gary Ritchie had one apiece. Bill Cook collected three assists

"Basher" Buchanan was the Tanner culprit on four occasions.

Tanners wind up their schedule with a game against arch-rival Georgetown Raiders, here Friday night at 8.30.

Peewees top Georgetown

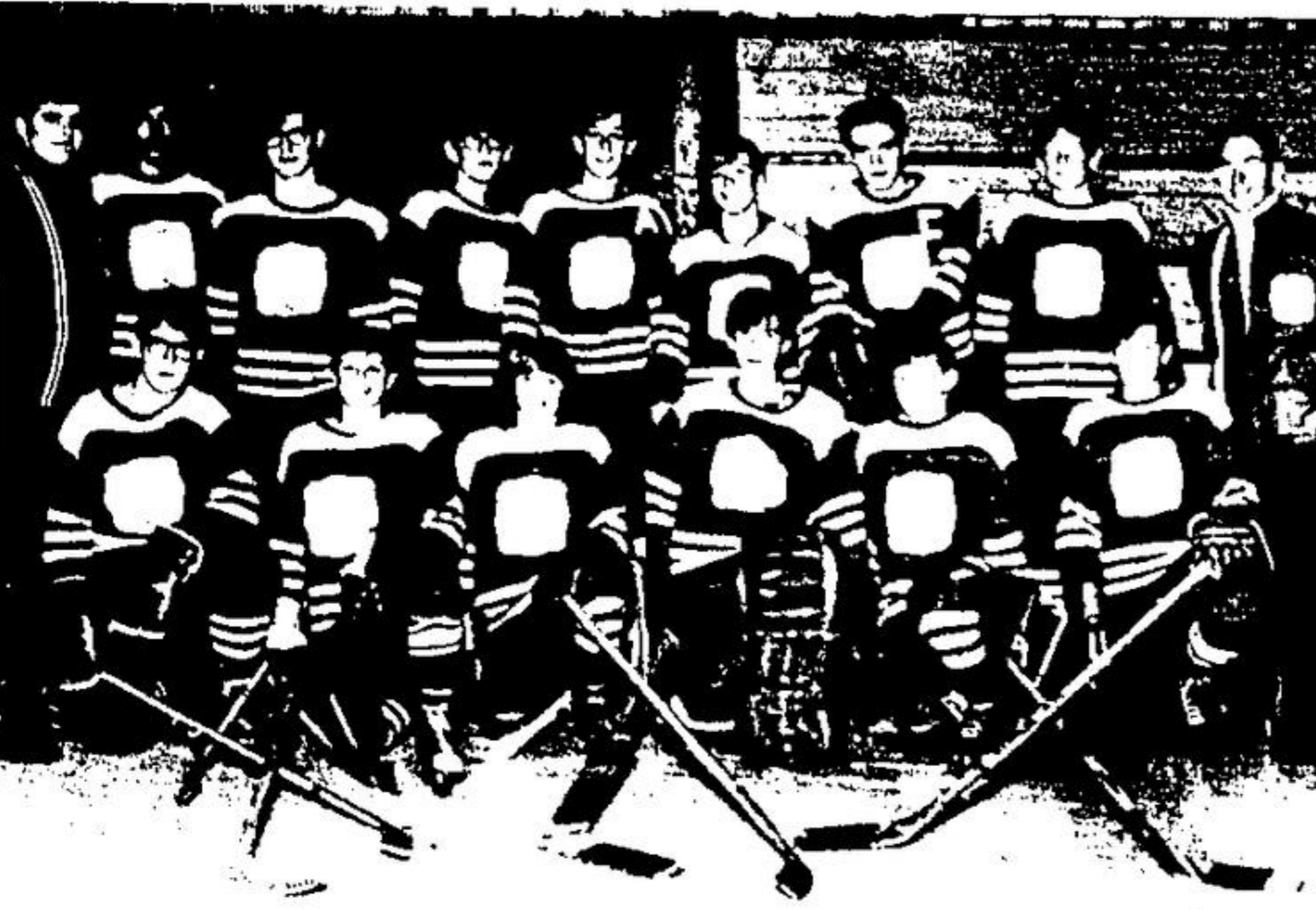
Acton Y's Men peewees recorded a 4-1 win over Georgetown 4-town peewees in an exhibition game, here Saturday afternoon.

Acton led 2-0 at the end of the first period and 4-0, after two frames, before Moffatt beat Robin Insoe for the only Georgetown goal on a deflection in the third period.

John Seoyne, Kent Kentner, John Hansen and Russ Van Fleet were the Acton marksmen. Kentner, Wayne Allan, Jim Hurley and Gary Barden each collected an assist.

O.H.A. standings

GP	W	T	L	Pt
Durham.....	23	18	5	36
Lucan.....	23	17	6	34
Elmira.....	23	14	1	29
Georgetown.....	22	11	1	23
Cheltenham.....	23	9	14	18
Acton.....	22	6	16	12
Fergus.....	22	3	19	6



ACTON FIREFIGHTER BANTAMS whitewashed Aurora 4-0 in an exhibition game, here Saturday and will take on Elmira in the first round of the playoffs. First game will probably be here this Saturday. Front row left to right: Gary Fisher, Tim McIntyre, Terry Holmes, Rick Bonnette, Jim

McNabb, Dave Lee. Back row left to right manager Steve Goy, Russ Coultrup, Ron Louttet, Henry Toebes, Ken Hurren, Ken Withers, Steve McIntyre, Chris Schuts, coach Harold Townsley. Absent when photo was taken were Steve Marshall and Billy McGilloway.—(Staff Photo)

Bantams blank Aurora 4-0

Acton Firefighter bantams kept sharp for the upcoming O.M.H.A. playoffs, with a 4-0 exhibition win over Aurora's "B" team, here Saturday afternoon.

Acton took a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Ron Louttet unassisted at 4:30 and Chris Schuts from Terry Holmes at the 13 minute mark.

Steve Marshall scored from Ron Louttet at 2:20 of the second period to make the score 3-0.

Henry Toebes potted the fourth Acton goal, from Jim McNabb at 11:30 of the third period.

Rick Bonnette turned in a stellar performance in goal to record the shutout.

Thistles tame Lions in playoff lid-lifter

Fergus Thistles dumped Acton Lions juveniles 5-2 in a penalty-filled O.M.H.A. juvenile "B" playoff opener in Fergus, Sunday afternoon. The win gave Fergus a one game lead in the best of five playoff series.

Lions served 12 of the 19 penalties called in the game and were shorthanded for four of the five Fergus goals.

Thistles led 3-1 at the end of the first period, and 5-1 at the end of the second. Lions outplayed their hosts in the final stanza, but managed to score only one goal.

Bruce Boyd beat Acton goalie Craig Weldon on a slap shot from the point at 11:35 of the first period

Lloyd Smallwood tied the score on a similar shot at 15:38, after Fergus centre Joey Peden put the puck right on his stick.

Thistles took advantage of Acton penalties, to pop in two more quick goals in the final minute of the period. Wayne Beirnes and Dan Rooney were the marksmen.

Boyd potted his second goal of the game on a pass from Peden early in the second period, and Glen Darroch batted in a loose puck at 19:01 to make it 5-1.

Lions finally came to life in the final frame and hemmed their hosts in their own end of the rink for much of the period.

Stu McCulloch cashed in a pin-point pass from George McPhail for the only goal of the period, at 3:08.

Alan Grist looked impressive, carrying the puck for the locals and let several sizzling slap shots go from the point.

Coach Jim James admitted it was not one of his team's better performances, but remained confident about their chances in the rest of the series. "If they really want to win badly enough, they can come back," the Lions mentor commented.

After Thursday night's game here, the series returns to Fergus for a 5:15 game Sunday afternoon. Game four, if necessary is scheduled for the local ice palace, Tuesday, February 10, at 9:30 and game five, if necessary will be played in Fergus, Thursday February 12, at 7:30.

Acton: Craig Weldon, Clare Snow, Randy Weldon, Brad Timbers, Alan Grist, Lloyd Smallwood, Bob Andrews, Mike Cooper, Bill Field, Larry White, George McPhail, Charlie Geddes, Joe Tarr, Stu McCulloch, Jim Stevenson.

Ex-pro paces Huskies 6-1 win

Former American Hockey League star Butch Graham was the big gun Friday night with four goals as the front running Durham Huskies whopped Acton Tanners 6-1 in front of the season's largest crowd at the Acton ice palace.

Friday's victory was no easy task for the visitors. The Tanners put up a real argument and with Bruce Thomason glittering in the nets, Durham grabbed a 1-0 first period lead which they made 2-0 on a backhand with seven seconds left in the period.

Durham had things pretty well their own way in the second period sandwiching in three more goals. Each club got one in the final stanza.

Penalty-wise the visitors trotted home with the lion's share eight out of 13. Kevin Hall and Bob Priestman shone for the Tanners.

Little Brenda Kingmill was hit by a flying puck during the second period of the game and the injury required five stitches. She was treated at the scene by Ross Budgett of the St. John Ambulance and then taken to the emergency of Guelph General Hospital for stitches. The blow from the puck also inflicted a concussion but Brenda was able to be back at school on Monday.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kingsmill, Longfield Road.

Graham, a towering bundle of muscle, powered the Durham sled through the Tanners ice field rattling in two first period markers and singles in the second and third.

Stu McDonald, one of the better Acton performers, notched the lone Tanner goal, but the Acton club was thwarted by some neat twine-tending from diminutive Gord Becker in the Husky nets. They had their chances but seemed unable to finish off plays around the Durham goal, a fact which bothered coach Russ Bowman.

The Huskies brought their 14 karat squad in for the game, providing they were thinking about playoffs which are due to start next week. They proved Friday's win was no fluke by overpowering the class Lucan Jets 9-2 Sunday afternoon up in the snow country.

That win just about tied up first place for the Huskies and leaves the Tanners the unenviable task of generating some steam against the Jets in the first round of the playoffs.



He shoots--he scores!



PRELUDE TO Friday night's intermediate hockey contest was a tyke exhibition between the Reds and Greens from the Acton hockey school. Jimmy Hunter goes down on his stomach as he scores the winning goal for the Reds while Referee Jeff Townsley and instructor Jim James observe. Left, are two very interested spectators.—(Staff Photo)

Camp Borden tops midgets in Georgetown tourney

Acton U.P.W.A. midgets proved to be no match for a strong Camp Borden team in the first round of the Georgetown Midget tournament, Thursday night, dropping an 11-4 decision.

Camp Borden led 2-1 at the end of the first period and 7-2 after two periods.

Pete Morrison scored two goals for Acton and Gary Turkosz and Dale Fisher notched one apiece.

Turkosz, Morrison, Fisher, George McPhail and Brad Timbers also picked up one assist each.

Melsrac paced the winners with four goals. Bastarache added three, Grady two and Hayes and McRay one each.

Midgets were beaten 4-1 by Georgetown, Saturday morning

in a consolation game. Acton will probably start their O.M.H.A. playoffs against either Elmira or Fergus, next Tuesday night.

4-town peewees

Acton 4-town peewees dumped Erin 5-2 in an exhibition game on the weekend.

Ricky Baginski and John Dyer scored first period goals to give the locals a 2-0 lead.

Gord Toth scored from Steve Buchanan at 3:48 of the second period to make it 3-0, but Herberson got one back for Erin at 6:55.

Baginski fired his second goal, from Ivan Hearn in the final frame and Steve Papillon notched the fifth Acton marker.

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