



TANNER WINGER STEVE GOY watches helplessly as another pass from a teammate misses its mark. Cheltenham Harvester goalie Rick Siekerzycki prepares to clear the puck and defenceman Alex Smith (5) takes Goy out of the play.

Other Harvester players in the picture are l. to r. Jack Pack, George Naka and Dick Buisman. Tanners in the background are Harold Townsley and Bruce McDuffie. Harvesters won Friday night's game here 6-0. —(Staff Photo)

Tanners chumps at home look like champs Sunday

Acton Tanners' play ranged from the ridiculous to the sublime in a pair of weekend Central O.H.A. Intermediate "B" league games.

Tanners turned in their sloppiest performance of the season, losing 6-0 to last place Cheltenham Harvesters before a crowd of about 175 at the community centre, Friday night. Sunday afternoon, Jim James' crew did a complete reverse and outplayed third place Elmira Polar Kings for two periods, before going down to a tough 2-1 defeat.

As a result of the losses, Tanners are now in a three way tie with Cheltenham and Fergus for the league's fourth and final playoff spot. Harvesters' win was their second in a row, after nine straight losses.

Ferri guides Chelts: Former Georgetown Raider star Nick Ferri had his Harvesters playing a much improved brand of hockey. Nick took over coaching chores last month. Addition of goalie Rick Siekerzycki and centre George Naka, both former Chinguncoyus juvenile stars has given the team a youthful look.

Siekerzycki was brilliant in the Harvester nets, blanking Tanners for the entire 60 minutes. Erratic shooting by Acton helped the Cheltenham cause. Naka was a veritable buzz saw, as he stickhandled neatly and forechecked tenaciously. Although he failed to score, Naka assisted on the first three Harvester goals.

Dick Buisman and Norm Sharpe put a pair of goals apiece for the winners. Alex Smith and Jack Pack netted the others. Slick centre Ed Wilton collected four assists to move into second place in the league

scoring race.

Buisman, a towering defenceman, also played a head-up game both ways for the visitors.

Bush variety

Tanners' play was scarcely above the bush league level with the exception of a few players. Bruce Thomason making his first start, since being released by Brantford Majors, performed adequately, but his defence gave him little help. Tanners' passes were off target all night and their checking left a lot to be desired. Fred Buchanan and Alex Smith received fighting majors for a first period tussle. Referee Jim King also handed out five minors, three to Acton and two to Cheltenham.

Thomason was practically unbeatable in Sunday's game in Elmira. Polar Kings' winning goal, scored by former Waterloo

University star Rick Bacon at 17:12 of the final period, was a perfect shot. Bacon let the shot go after winning a faceoff in the Tanner end.

Solid effort

Coach Jim James was naturally consoled by his team's improved effort. "I'd say we outplayed them for the first two periods and it was nip and tuck in the third," he said. "We played every bit as well as we did beating Durham." Defencemen Bill Barbour, Kevin Hall and Brian McDuffie sent more than one Polar King sprawling with solid checks.

After two scoreless periods, Laverne Miller opened the scoring for Elmira with Ron Esch and Glen Cressman assisting at 7:46 of the final frame. Dan Arbie tied the score with an unassisted marker at 15:45.

Juvenile fracas

Order neutral refs suspend player

As a result of a second period fracas involving players and fans of both towns during last Thursday night's Tri-County juvenile game here between Acton Lions and Hespeler, league officials have ordered neutral referees for tomorrow night's Acton-Guelph juvenile game here and also for Saturday night's Acton-Hespeler game in Hespeler.

Acton player Jim Stevenson, who became involved in a disturbance with Hespeler players, even though he was not dressed for the game has also been suspended for two games. Stevenson was already sitting out the last 10 minutes of the December 17 game between Acton and Preston.

Referee Barry Inscow called Thursday night's game at the 10:01 mark of the second period, after several fights involving players and fans broke out. Police were called to restore order and as a precautionary measure to ensure players safe passage to cars outside. Hespeler

Acton cagers top Guelph

A 26 point performance by Harry Oehrich sparked Acton's industrial basketball all-stars to a 46-34 win over Peloso's Food Market in a Guelph industrial basketball league game, last night (Tuesday). Oehrich included a perfect eight out of eight from the free throw line in his 26 point total. George Wallis hooped nine points for Acton, Bill Ladsborough four, Dan Arbie and Fred Dawkins three each and Ron Heller and Mike Marcoux two apiece.

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons



Fifth renewal of the Super Bowl, to determine the champion of U.S. professional football, slated for Miami Florida this Sunday, got me reminiscing this week about some of the great moments in Super Bowl and NFL championship history. Although I've never seen a live-NFL game, I haven't missed watching a title game on TV since 1957. My most vivid memories are of Vince Lombardi's powerful Green Bay Packer teams. Here are the title games from 1960 on, as I remember them.

After years of second division finishes, "The Pack" and "The Man" won their first western division title in 1960 and almost upset the favored eastern division champion Philadelphia Eagles in Franklin Field. Who can forget the sight of Chuck Bednarik stopping Jim Taylor, after the bruising fullback had broken about four tackles in the closing minute of the game?

Bednarik's 60 minute two way performance at centre and middle guard marked the end of an era for the NFL's stellar two way performers. "The Dutchman", Norm Van Brocklin was at the helm of the 1960 Eagle team, but the picture I recall most vividly as a Packer fan appeared in the dailies the next day. It showed Eagle running back Bill Barnes with his arm neatly wrapped around Packer defensive end Bill Quinlan's leg, as Ted Dean ran the ball over for the winning touchdown.

Powerful offensive

My memories of the 1961 and '62 title games between "The Pack" and Jim Lee Howell's New York Giants are not as vivid, but I do remember Green Bay mustering one of the greatest offensive attacks of playoff history to win 37-0 in '61 and Jerry Kramer establishing a playoff record at that time, by booting three field goals in a 16-7 Green Bay win in the shadows of Yankee Stadium in '62.

Freezing temperatures and a frozen Wrigley field turf set the atmosphere for a classic defensive struggle in 1963, which saw George Halas' Monsters of the Midway outlast New York Giants 14-10. The Bear defensive unit headed by Ed O'Bradovich, Doug Atkins and Larry Morris treated Giant quarterback Y. A. Tittle to several face to face meetings with the frozen turf. Morris was named outstanding player of the game, a rare honor for a defensive player.

Browns blank Colts

Cleveland Browns 27-0 whitewashing of Baltimore Colts in 1964 was only the second win for an eastern division team since 1956.

"The Pack" came back in '65 and began a five year reign as the kings of professional football with a 23-12 win over the Browns in the mud, at Lambeau Field.

The Cotton Bowl in Dallas was the site of the 1966 game, one of the most exciting of all time. The upstart Cowboys had the Pack on the run and came within a hair of winning their first NFL crown, before Green Bay pulled out a 34-27 win.

The teams were the same but the temperature was about 60 degrees cooler at Lambeau Field the next year, when all-Pro guard Jerry Kramer found his famous toe-hold in the turf and moved out massive Bob Lilly, allowing Bart Starr to sneak over for the winning touchdown on the final play of the game.

Bowl inaugural

1968 marked inauguration of the playoff between the NFL and the relatively new American Football League in the Super Bowl at Miami, Florida. Most observers felt the AFL Kansas City Chiefs wouldn't

come within three touchdowns of the powerful Pack. They were right. Packers spent the week preceding the first Super Bowl calmly explaining to reporters how they planned to take apart the taunted Chief defence, they went out on Sunday and did it to the tune of 35-10.

Oakland Raiders proved to be little better than the Chiefs at dethroning the Packers, as the Pack rolled to their fifth straight title 33-17, in 1969.

Baltimore Colts, who succeeded Green Bay as NFL champs the next year, had lost only one game, when they strode on to the Orange Bowl gridiron to try to uphold the NFL's superiority. But Jets had a different idea. Namath called a masterful game, passing to George Sauer and Don Maynard and sending Matt Snell crashing through the battered Colt line, in between. The result was a stunning 16-7 upset win for the Jets, a win that probably did more than anything else to convince fans the AFL was for real.

Lightning strikes

Lightning never strikes twice, at least not twice in the same spot. Site of the 1970 Super Bowl was switched to Tulane Stadium in New Orleans, better known to New Year's Day TV viewers as the Sugar Bowl.

But Grant's Minnesota Vikings had captured their first NFL title in impressive fashion, knocking off the Los Angeles Rams and Cleveland Browns on successive Sundays. Hank Stram's Kansas City Chiefs, on the other hand had fought an uphill battle to reach the Super Bowl, upsetting the Jets and Oakland Raiders. Vikings were heavy favorites going into the game, but Chief quarterback Len Dawson duplicated Namath's feat, mixing plays superbly, keeping the vicious Viking defence off balance and guiding Kansas City to a surprising 23-17 win.

Results of the first season of inter-league play show teams from the old NFL held a wide edge in play winning almost 75 per cent of the games between themselves and teams from the old AFL. Baltimore easily captured the AFC crown and the right to meet the NFL champion Dallas Cowboys in this year's Super Bowl classic. Colts victory eliminated the possibility of a "rubber match" between teams from the two old leagues, but set up a game between teams with several similarities, a game that should produce a true champion.

Broncos won first

Lost in the background of classic AFL-NFL struggles is the first victory ever recorded by an AFL team over an NFL squad in pre-season or regular season play. Believe it or not the distinction belongs to the lowly Denver Broncos, one of only three teams in the entire 26 team league that has never participated in post-season play. Broncos scored a 14-10 win over the Detroit Lions in a 1968 pre-season encounter.

Broncos' victory benefitted at least one member of the Lions, gigantic tackle Alex Karras, who had promised to "walk home from Denver, if the Lions lost."

Consequently, as the story goes, Karras had a ready-made excuse, whenever he arrived late for a banquet that winter.

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ATOMS—Unassisted goals by Don Brouillard and Clint Girdwood gave Guelph a 2-1 victory over Weston in Saturday's atom opener. Brian Muirhead scored the Weston goal from Gary Scoyne at the two minute mark of the final period.

Dixie bombed Brampton 10-1 in the second game, as Lance Alton and Murray McNabb both scored hat tricks. Derrick Neeley also scored twice for the winners and Brent Vickery and Rob Renshaw added singles. Neeley and Rory McDowall contributed two assists apiece to the Dixie attack and Alton and Chris Jenkins earned one each.

Scot Timbers scored the Brampton goal from Mike Marshall, at 3:35 of the third period.

NOVICES—Oshawa and St. Catharines battled to a 3-3 tie in the first novice game.

Steve Van Der Eyken, Ron Guest and Duncan Waldie scored for the Generals. Terry Winters, John Thompson and Frank Andrews replied for the Black Hawks.

Van Der Eyken, Dennis Manes and Randy Van Fleet earned assists for Oshawa. Russell Allen and Frank Andrews picked up assists for St. Kitts.

Tom Haverty's goal from Todd McIntyre at 14:15 of the third period earned Hamilton a 1-1 tie with Niagara Falls in the novice nightcap. Mike Nicholls netted the Flyer goal assisted by David Swetman.

PEE WEES—Ron Kuiken and Nathan Fields tallied two goals apiece to lead Springfield to an 8-2 win over Rochester in the first

pee wee game.

Cliff Britton, Rick Van Fleet, John McHugh and Wayne McKerracher were the other Springfield marksmen. Kuiken, Ray Kingmill and Kevin Hiltz each drew two assists, McKerracher, Fields, Van Fleet and John Galt earned one apiece. For Rochester, Mike Morris and Paul Shultis each scored once.

Cleveland scored in every period to down Baltimore 5-1 in the second game.

Jim Matthews counted a brace for the Barons. Jack Vos, John Scoyne and Ed Ensing added singles. Ensing and Fred Allen assisted on two goals each and Vos drew one assist.

Scott Withers scored the Clipper goal at 2:30 of the second period.

BANTAMS—Bernie Taylor and Bill McGilloy counted two goals each and Wayne Allan netted one, as Pittsburgh downed Hershey 5-2. George Artem picked up two assists for the winners and McGilloy and John Pink collected one apiece. Both Hershey goals were scored by John Ashley unassisted.

MIDGETS—St. Louis nipped Los Angeles 3-2 in a real thriller. Blair Slipp, Ron Louttet and Jim McNabb each scored once for the Blues. Brian Storey and Garth Taylor replied for the Kings.

Ted Muehlbacher, Randy Ferguson, John Fuchs, Bruce Cooksley and Sid Barenis all earned assists for St. Louis.

Jeff Cooper, Bob Krul, Don Cunningham and Lindsay hit the scoresheet in the assist column for the Los Angeles.

MEET THE TANNERS



HAROLD TOWNSLEY

Senior member of the Tanners. Harold Townsley has been a perennial all-star and has also been near the top of the league scoring list, almost every year. Harold played his minor hockey in town and also played semi-pro for Washington Lions. He is well-known as Acton's arena manager. Harold lives in town with his wife Doris and four children.

Addition of centre Dave Ryder has given Tanners the depth they have lacked in past years. An Acton Minor Hockey Association grad, Dave also played for Ryerson Rams, while studying architecture there. Dave is now an architect with the Bristensky firm in Guelph. He is still single and lives in town with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Don Ryder.



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