

Harvesters claim 7-4 win

# Seventh straight setback dims Tanner playoff hopes



ACTON C.F.A.W. midgets open their O.M.H.A. playoffs this week against New Hamburg. Pictured front row l. to r. are: Dale Fisher, Steve Webster, Pete Morrison, Dan McGilloway, George McPhail. Middle row l. to r. are: Bren Irwin, Steve McIntyre,

Harry Lawson, Henry Toebes, Ken Hurren, Roland McCulloch. Back row l. to r. are: manager Bill Knight, Gary Fisher, Gary Turkosz, Dave Lee, Randy Coker, coach Jim James. —(Staff Photo)

Cheltenham Harvesters broke a three way tie for fourth place in the Central O.H.A. Intermediate "B" league with a 7-4 victory over Acton Tanners, Sunday afternoon. The loss was the seventh in a row for Tanners, who haven't won since they shellacked the same team 10-3, November 27.

Tanners must now win two of their three remaining league games to make the group playoffs. Fergus Flyers, the other team battling for the final playoff berth, come to town for an 8.30 game Friday night. Tanners pay a return visit to Fergus, Tuesday, February 18. In between, Tanners host Elmira Polar Kings in a rescheduled game Friday, Feb. 12.

Outside of the first period of Sunday's game, Tanners might just as well have gone for a swim in the heated pool, which adjoined the ice rink at Mayfield Arena. Harvesters outskated and outthrust Jim James' crew in the final two frames. Tanner defencemen were continually caught out of position, leaving goalie Bruce Thomason at the mercy of the Chelts. A rash of second period penalties didn't help the Tanner cause either. Harvesters scored twice, while Acton was shorthanded.

**Lost in first**

Coach James felt his team's failure to capitalize on first period scoring opportunities was a big factor in the loss. "We lost that one right in the first period," he commented. "We should have come out of it with a 3-1 lead". Gordie Bell and Dan Arbie both missed excellent chances.

Fred Buchanan fed a pass to Larry Gregson, who converted it into the first goal of the game at the 15 minute mark, but Harvesters caught Tanners napping and tied the score on a two man break at 18:21. Ed Wilton scored on a perfect pass from Creighton. Play was very scrawny in the opening period.

Lanky Dick Buisman put Harvesters in front to stay, when he cashed in a pass from John Hamada at 1:43 of the second period. Minor penalties to Gordie Bell and Kevin Hall paved the way for Alex Smith's goal at 10:16, which put Cheltenham ahead 3-1.

**Buchanan's breakaway**

Less than two minutes later, Fred Buchanan narrowed the count to 3-2, when he beat Harvester goalie Rick Hyponen with a well-placed backhand. Larry Gregson sent Buchanan on the breakaway with a neat pass. Buisman's second goal at 13:13 upped the Harvester lead to 4-2.

Fighting majors to both players resulted from a rousing battle between Dave Norton and Cheltenham rearguard Rick Archdekin, shortly afterwards. Archdekin skated away with a unanimous decision.

Just 10 seconds later, Harold Townsley scored on a pass from Gary Naylor, while Tanners were two men short.

Harvesters stretched their lead to 6-3 with two markers early in the third period. Tanner winger Jan Riddall put a perfect pass on George Naka's stick, then the Acton defence brigade stood and watched as Naka blasted home a

slap shot from 15 feet in front of the Acton cage. Dick Buisman completed his hat trick for the sixth Cheltenham goal.

**Penalty shot**

Dan Arbie picked the upper left-hand corner of the Harvester net on a penalty shot for Acton's fourth goal, mid-way through the period. Hyponen had no chance on the perfectly placed shot. Referee Sullivan called the penalty shot, when Arbie was hauled down from behind on a breakaway by a Cheltenham defender.

Naka potted his second goal of the game with Buisman assisting to ice the Cheltenham win at 12:49.

Larry Gregson with a goal and an assist was Tanners' top performer.

Coach James was critical of some of Sullivan's calls, especially his calls on positions for faceoffs.

**TANNER TIDBITS**—Tanners played without Bruce and Brian McDuffe, who were in Omaha, Nebraska watching brother Pete play goal for Omaha Knights of the SPHL. . . . Steve Goy was also sidelined with a pulled groin muscle. . . . Naka and Hamada also play for the Japanese-Canadian all-stars, who edged Cheltenham 5-4 in an exhibition game recently.

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**FIRST PERIOD**

A—Gregson (Buchanan) (Marzo) 15:00  
C—Wilton (Creighton) (Ferri) 18:21

**SECOND PERIOD**

C—Buisman (Hamada) 1:43  
C—Smith (Sharpe) (Wilton) 10:16  
A—Buchanan (Gregson) 11:43  
C—Buisman (Smith) (Archdekin) 13:13  
A—Townsley (Naylor) 13:37

**THIRD PERIOD**

C—Naka (Hamada) 12:49  
C—Buisman (Pickernell) (Hamada) 3:06  
A—Arbie 10:16  
C—Naka (Buisman) 12:40

Acton: Bruce Thomason, Phil Marzo, Harold Townsley, Bill Barbour, Dave Hyder, Gary Naylor, Gordie Bell, Larry Gregson, Dan Arbie, Fred Buchanan, Jan Riddall, Kevin Hall, Dave Norton, Lloyd Smallwood, Ed Hillier.



LARRY GREGSON  
Goal and assist



DAN ARBIC  
Pots penalty shot

## Midgets top New Hamburg in O.M.H.A. opener

Acton C.F.A.W. midgets handed New Hamburg a 6-2 defeat in the first game of their best of three O.M.H.A. midget "B" playoff series at the community centre, last night (Tuesday).

Acton led all the way, grabbing a 2-1 first period lead and stretching it to 5-1 at the end of

the second frame. A rash of minor penalties to both teams in the third period resulted in only two goals being scored.

**Fisher fires two**

Dale Fisher paced the Acton attack with two goals. Steve McIntyre, Dave Lee, Ken Hurren and Roland McCulloch added single markers.

McCulloch also assisted on two goals. McIntyre, Hurren, Gary Fisher and Henry Toebes collected one assist apiece.

New Hamburg marksmen were Bruce Lantz and Greg Naster. The visitors let go with some powerful shots from the point, but failed to hit the target.

Steve Webster, in the Acton nets, settled down to play a steady game in the last half of the third period, after miscuing on the two New Hamburg goals.

**Rookies shine**

Coach Jim James and manager Bill Knight were especially pleased with the work of their first year players, who accounted for over half the team's scoring points in the game. Steve McIntyre and Ken Hurren came in for special praise.

Second year men Dale Fisher, Roland McCulloch and George McPhail also played strong games. Second game of the series is in New Hamburg Wednesday, February 10.

Acton: Steve Webster, Harry Lawson, Gary Fisher, George McPhail, Randy Coker, Dale Fisher, Gary Turkosz, Bren Irwin, Dave Lee, Henry Toebes, Steve McIntyre, Ken Hurren, Roland McCulloch, Pete Morrison, Dan McGilloway.

## Notes and Quotes

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By Denis Gibbons



Battle for the fourth and final playoff berth in the Central O.H.A. Intermediate "B" league begins at the community centre Friday night, when Fergus Flyers come to town to meet the Tanners in the first of a "do or die" home and home series for both clubs. The two teams are currently deadlocked in fifth place with six points apiece. Fourth place Cheltenham Harvesters have only eight points, but they enter the O.H.A. Intermediate "C" playoffs, facing Fenelon Falls in the first round.

Second game of the all-important Fergus-Acton series goes in Fergus, Tuesday, February 16. Tanners only other remaining league game is against Elmira Polar Kings, here Friday, February 12. This game was rescheduled, when Polar Kings were unable to come to Acton last Friday, on account of hazardous highway conditions.

**Fergus two up**

Besides the two game with Acton, Flyers have games remaining with Elmira and Cheltenham. Fergus won the first two meetings with Acton 7-5 and 5-4 earlier in the season.

Although Tanner officials aren't able to predict what will happen if the two teams finish in a tie for the final playoff berth, it's presumed Flyers would get the nod to enter the playoffs, since they would have beaten Tanners in three out of four regular season games. Consequently, it appears Tanners will have to win two of their three remaining games or pack their gear away until next season.

**Race for second**

Lucan-Ilderton Jets need only one win in their three remaining games to clinch first place. A fight to the finish between Durham and Elmira is brewing for second place, however. Both teams would dearly like to hang on to the second rung and avoid meeting the powerful Jets in the first round of group playoffs. Huskies have a one point lead over Elmira at present.

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
+Lucan	15	13	1	1	137	37	31
Durham	15	11	3	1	111	50	23
Elmira	15	10	3	2	90	60	22
Cheltenham	16	4	12	0	55	99	8
+Acton	15	3	12	0	54	92	6
Fergus	16	3	13	0	53	159	6

+ Lucan won two four point games against Acton.

**Top Scorers**

	G	A	P
Butch Graham (Durham)	10	27	37
Bill White (Lucan)	14	17	31
Laverne Miller (Elmira)	13	17	30
Jack Nairn (Lucan)	11	19	30
Dick Doughty (Lucan)	15	14	29
Ed Wilton (Cheltenham)	14	15	29
Ike Piche (Durham)	14	14	28

**Freddie hits jackpot**

Rumor has it Tri-County rep Fred Buchanan will retire from his job soon and start using his talents to better advantage in Las Vegas!

Representing Acton in the coin toss to decide location of the odd game in all five O.M.H.A. playoff series with New Hamburg, "Fortunate Freddie" came out on top every time. As a result, deciding games of each series if necessary, will be played here.

Nice going Fred!

## Re-elect Iain Galbraith Halton - Peel president



IAIN GALBRAITH

Acton's Iain Galbraith was unanimously re-elected president of the Halton-Peel inter-district minor soccer league at the annual meeting, recently.

Acton minor executive Colin Bennell was also re-elected to another term as secretary. Rounding out the 1971 league executive are vice-president George Pope of Oakville and treasurer Gerry Epping of Bronte.

**Successful season**

The retiring executive commented on the successful 1970 minor soccer season. 360 boys representing 20 teams participated. Georatown teams captured two championships and Oakville and Bronte teams copped one apiece in the finals,

held in Acton in September.

Addition of new clubs and a projected increase in player registration promises to make the 1971 season even more exciting than last year. A group of men is interested in organizing minor soccer in Eramosa township and a Burlington team is leaving the Hamilton district league to join Halton-Peel.

**Junior league**

A junior "B" league with entries from Mississauga, Erindale, Bronte, Oakville and Georatown may make its debut and a squirt division will likely be organized.

The league looks forward to the coming season with confidence and hopes for increased parent and fan support.

## List O.M.H.A. playoff dates

Tri-County rep. Fred Buchanan completed arrangements for the first round of O.M.H.A. playoffs for all five Acton teams, before the start of last night's Acton-New Hamburg midget game. Acton won the opening game 6-2.

Second game of the midget series is slated for New Hamburg, Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 9.30. Third game, if necessary, will be played in Acton the following night, Feb. 11 at 9.

**Pee wees open**

Acton Y's Men's pee wees and Acton Firefighter bantams will play host to New Hamburg in the opening games of their series at the Community centre, Saturday afternoon. Pee wee game starts at 1 and the bantam game follows at 2.10. Second games of both series will be played in New Hamburg, Wednesday, February 10. Pee wee game time is 7.30 and

bantam time is 8.30. If necessary, third game of both sets will go in Acton, Saturday, Feb. 13. Once again, pee wee game time will be 1 and bantam time 2.10.

**Novice zone**

New Hamburg novices will come to town Sunday afternoon at 4.05 to meet Acton A-B's in the first game of their best of three zone playoff. A-B's will return to New Hamburg, Saturday, Feb. 13 at 1. Deciding game, if necessary, will be played Sunday, Feb. 21 in Acton at 4.05.

Acton Lions juveniles and New Hamburg will open a best of five series here, Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7.55. Remaining dates of the series are: Saturday, Feb. 13, 4.45 at New Hamburg, Thursday, Feb. 18, 8.00 at Acton, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 9.30 at New Hamburg (if necessary) and Thursday, Feb. 25, 8.00 at Acton (if necessary).

## Bants whip Centreville Holmes fires four goals

Terry Holmes triggered four goals to lead Acton Legion 4-town bantams to a convincing 10-2 exhibition win over Centreville at the community centre Sunday.

George Artern also bagged a hat trick for Acton and Charlie McRae, Mike Ferguson and Bill McGilloway scored singles.

Top playmaker for the locals was Tim McIntyre, who earned

four assists. Bill McGilloway and Chris Tennant each helped out on three goals. Bernie Taylor collected a pair of assists, while Paul Daley, Charlie McRae, Pete Pavil, Ken Withers and John

Ashley earned one apiece. Centreville marksmen were Fortuna and Zorn.

Acton have now won eight games out of 11.

## Georatown nips novices

Acton A-B novices were edged 2-1 by Georatown minor novices in an exhibition game here, Saturday afternoon. The loss was the third consecutive one goal defeat for the much improved Acton lads.

Scott Malcolm tallied the Acton goal. Coach Barry Inscow reports his boys missed some good scoring chances and they could have gained a win if they had been able to convert them into goals.

Novices meet New Hamburg in the first round of the O.M.H.A. zone playoffs. Acton eliminated New Hamburg in the opening round in both 1968 and 1969. In 1968 the team went on to capture the zone championship.

## MEET THE TANNERS



GEORGE BEATTY

Well known to players and fans around the O.H.A. intermediate circuit, George Beatty has been trainer for several Acton sports teams including hockey, baseball, softball and lacrosse. George is a long time fan of the Montreal Canadiens and Montreal Alouettes and has met some of the Canadiens' players personally.



LOYD SMALLWOOD

Rookie defenceman Lloyd Smallwood has been a pleasant surprise to fans since he joined Tanners in December. Although he's not a flashy player, Lloyd seldom has a bad game. Lloyd played his minor hockey in Acton, including two years with Acton Lions juveniles. He lives at R.R. 1 Acton.

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BOB ANDREWS dribbles past an Erin defender during Acton-Erin senior basketball game Tuesday.—(Staff Photo)

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