

Huskies blank Tanners wrap up series in four

Durham Huskies closed the door on the 1970-71 intermediate hockey season in Acton, when they blanked Acton Tanners 9-0 Friday night, and wrapped up their best of seven Central O.H.A. Intermediate "B" group semi-final series in four straight games. Huskies, who had a whopping 43-7 margin in goals in the four games, now meet either Lucan or Elmira for the group championship.

Although Tanners never stopped hustling until the final buzzer, Huskies had the win all but wrapped up at the end of the first period. Durham "peppered" goalie Bruce Thomson with a barrage of shots and came out with a 5-0 advantage. Dale Rahn scored twice and Gerry Herman, Al Lennox and Jim Aitken added singles.

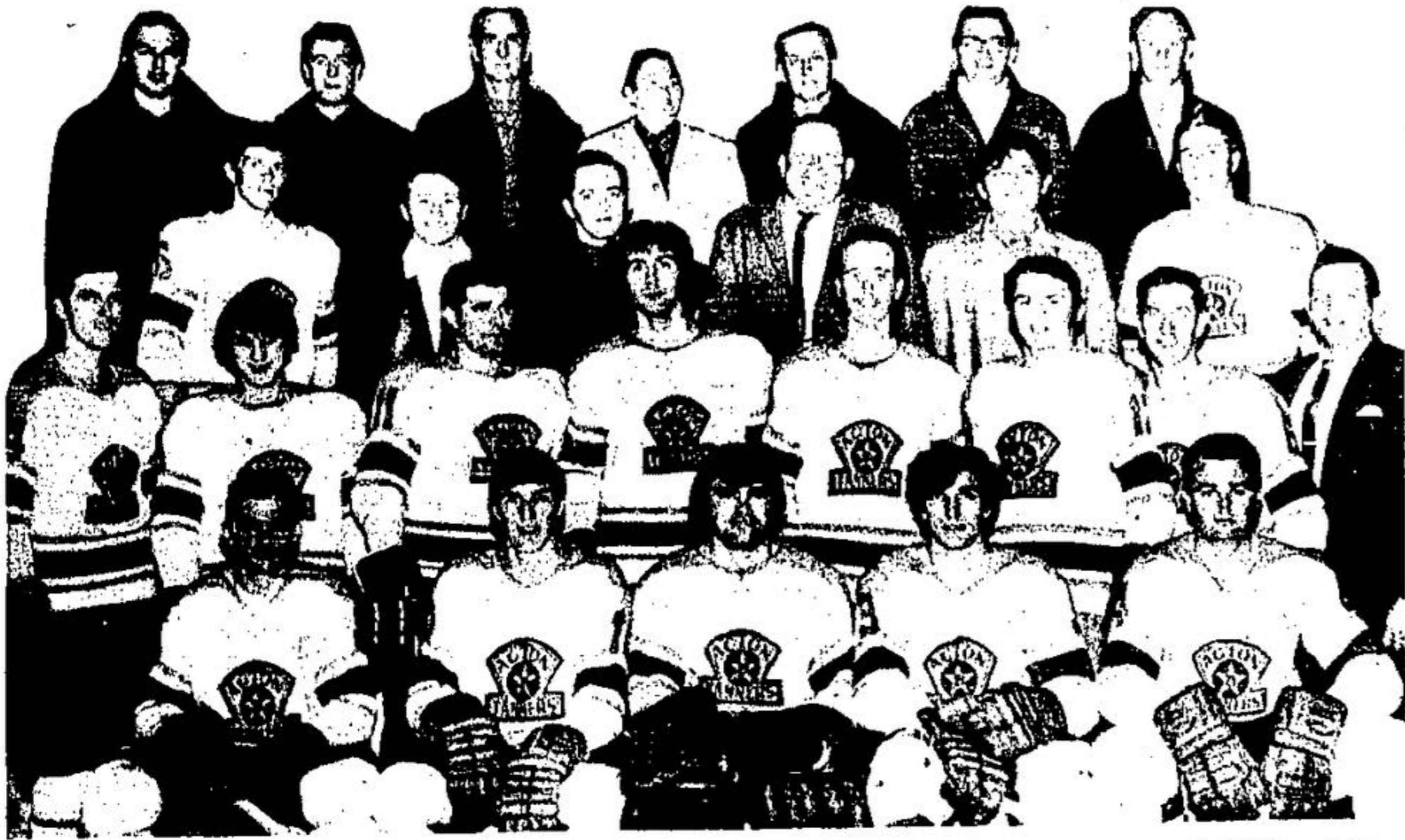
Check well
Tanners checked well in the second period and managed to hold Huskies to a single tally, a low shot by Jim Aitken that slipped past Thomson from a bad angle, but couldn't put the disc past Durham goalie Gord Becker. Becker played well and his defence gave him excellent protection.

Huskies popped in three more goals in the first seven minutes of the final frame to put the icing on the cake. Lennox netted his second of the game and league scoring champ Butch Graham bagged the other two. Five Huskies, Rahn, Aitken, Vern Batte, Larry Schafer and Ike Picher had two assists. Jan Riddall, Dan Arbie and Harold Townsley came closest to spoiling Becker's shutout.

Rough play
Rough play by both teams marred third period action. Referee Ron Breen of Georgetown handed out exactly half of the 28 minors he called, in the final 20 minutes. Lloyd Smallwood and Brian McDuffe of Acton and Jim Aitken and Bob Hetherington of Durham almost got into some fistfuffs in the final five minutes, but linesmen separated them. Smallwood took four of the 15 Acton penalties.

Coach Jim James expressed the opinion Lucan and Durham should be elevated to Intermediate "A" and be placed in another group next season.

TANNER TIDBITS—The series could be summarized in one sentence: "Tanners were simply outclassed by a better team." Credit must go, however, to the 14 players who dressed for Friday's game and never stopped skating even with the score 9-0. Gary Naylor, Bill Barbour, Ed Hillier, Phil Marzo and Steve Goy missed the game with injuries. Team president Jack Marshall said after the game tanners will definitely be back next season in spite of rumors to the contrary.



ACTON TANNERS BOWED OUT of O.H.A. Intermediate "B" playoff action, when they lost to Durham Friday night, in the fourth game of a best of seven series. Team members are front row 1. to r. Gordie Bell, Bob Andrews, Bruce Thomson, Dan Arbie, Brian McDuffe. Second row 1. to r. Jack Poot, Jan Riddall, Fred Buchanan, Kevin Hall, Lloyd Smallwood, Larry Gregson, Harold Townsley, coach Jim James. Third row 1. to r. Dave Norton, Ed Hillier, Bill Barbour, assistant trainer George Beatty, Steve Goy, Stu McCulloch. Fourth row 1. to r. Phil Marzo, team president Jack Marshall, statistician Ross Ballentine, trainer Sonny Townsley, manager Harold Speaker, secretary-treasurer Del Cook, assistant trainer Gary DeBruyn. Missing when photo was taken were: Gary Naylor and executive members Roy Goodwin, Cyril Swim and Ron McKnight.—(Staff Photo)

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By Denis Gibbons



Wishful thinking by many, about formation of a junior "C" hockey team in town could well turn into a reality, if all the people who have been talking about it for the last three years lend their support to a movement started recently by a few local hockey buffs.

They hope to start the junior "C" ball rolling at an open meeting in the community centre, tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8, by electing a slate of officers to run the team. Bob Marshall, who has had years of experience as an O.H.A. convener, as well as with the Acton Tanners intermediate club, will chair the meeting and all interested in formation of the team are invited to attend. Players who will still be eligible for junior play next season are especially urged to attend.

Need team

Acton has suffered from lack of a junior hockey team since the old junior "D" team folded in the mid-fifties. An Acton entry competed in the O.H.A. junior "D" playoffs in the 1962-63 season, but did not participate in group play.

Year after year players graduating from the juvenile ranks have had to either make the jump to intermediate ranks, join an industrial league or hang up their skates. Some have been able to catch on with junior "C" and "B" teams in the area, but for a good many, their final year of juvenile hockey has been their last.

Six players, who formed the nucleus of this year's juvenile team, probably could have helped a local junior "C" entry this year. All six will still be eligible for junior hockey next season. In addition, at least four players presently in their final year with Acton midgets show promise for the future and all still have three years of junior eligibility remaining. Classification of the team as "C" would also entitle Acton to use four import players.

Good start

Add the three sources of player talent together and you come up with a reasonably good junior squad. There's no reason to believe the team would perform like giant-killers the first year, but at least it would be established and players in the lower ranks of the Acton minor chain would have something to set their sights on.

In our opinion, fan interest in junior hockey would rise steadily. In its first year of operation, Acton Rams junior lacrosse club showed a steady increase in gates, even though the team won only three games in a tough junior "B" loop.

Organizers, who have set up tomorrow night's meeting, have contacted representatives in Galt, Guelph, Fergus, Elmira, Orangeville, Georgetown, Erin and Bramalea and all have indicated interest in forming junior "C" teams and playing in a group with Acton. Four of the towns, Guelph, Elmira, Orangeville and Georgetown have had junior "C" entries as recently as 1969 and are apparently eager to return.

The other four towns are in much the same situation as Acton. They have a surplus of good junior-aged hockey players, but no place for them to play. Fergus juveniles lost only one regular season game and are now playing Tillsonburg in the O.M.H.A. semi-finals, after polishing off Orangeville, Goderich and Byron in straight games. Juvenile entries from Bramalea and Georgetown have always been near the top of the Tri-County standings.

Such a nine team league would pose no travelling problems for Acton. Furthest road trip, to Elmira, would be only about 40 miles.

Important steps

Two things we consider very important in formation of a junior team will definitely be at the top of the agenda of tomorrow night's meeting, according to chairman Bob Marshall. First is election of a capable slate of officers by a vote open to all who attend, thus assuring control of the team will not fall into the hands of one small group.

Second is establishment right from the outset of an understanding with the local minor hockey organization. Junior hockey teams and minor organizations can work together to benefit each other, but if good relations are not formed at the beginning a war over players' rights and fundraising projects could result, as it has in some towns not too far removed from here.

Decision to attempt formation of a junior "C" team in Acton is a good one. We only hope the men who have taken the initial steps will receive the support they deserve.

Tykes play well in Georgetown

Acton Legion tyke all-stars put up a tremendous battle against more experienced teams, even though they bowed out of Saturday's annual Georgetown tournament in two games.

Goalie Derrick Neeley played extremely well in both games, a 4-0 loss to Bolton and a 6-0 defeat at the hands of Georgetown. Derrick's fine play earned him the first round MVP trophy in a vote of tournament officials.

Don Brouillard also received a trophy for his fine play from his teammates.

Midgets split games

Acton C.F.A.W. midgets edged Streetsville 3-2 here Thursday night, but were blanked 3-0 by Preston last night (Tuesday).

Ken Hurren, Gary Turkosz and Roland McCulloch scored for Acton in Thursday night's game. Dale Fisher earned a pair of assists and McCulloch, Pete Morrison, George McPhail and Brian Irwin collected one apiece. Sean O'Connor and Don Pritchard were the Streetsville marksmen. Brian Irwin was selected Acton's MVP for the game.

Midgets will now enter the Tri-County league playoffs with Streetsville, Hespeler and possibly Milton. Milton will take part only if they lose the deciding

game of their O.M.H.A. quarter-final series with Thorold, Friday night.

Streetsville edges Lions

Streetsville juveniles edged Acton Lions 2-1 in a Tri-County league encounter at the community centre, Thursday night. Streetsville led 1-0 going into the third period and each team scored once in the final frame.

Bill Field scored for Acton with Gord Williams and Joe Tarr drawing assists. Dave O'Hearn and Alan Drury scored for Streetsville.

Delhi sidelines Acton novices

Delhi novices whipped Acton A-B's 8-1 here Saturday afternoon, to eliminate the locals from the O.M.H.A. novice "B" zone playoffs. Delhi won the best of five semi-final series three straight. They'll now advance to the zone finals.

In spite of the lopsided score, A-B's played their best hockey of the series. The game was scoreless until halfway through the second period, as both teams checked closely. Acton goalie Russell Lee played well for the first two periods.

Normie bags four
Normie Stefan bagged exactly half of the Delhi goals, to raise his total for the three game series to 13. He also assisted on two other markers. Brian Walters proved almost as effective as Stefan, scoring two goals and chalking up three assists. Rick Van Parys and Gary Mertens tallied the other Delhi goals.

Scott Malcolm netted the Acton goal. Billy Manes and Rick Gibson drew assists. The goal came late in the third period.

Referees Bruce Lewis and Fred Yates of Georgetown

handed out four minor penalties to Delhi and one to Acton.

Lose just two

For a team made up almost entirely of first year players, A-B's did very well to reach the zone semi-finals. Coach Barry Insoe loses only two players to over-age. The Delhi squad, on the other hand, will have only a few players back next season.

Monday night in Streetsville, A-B's dropped a 6-3 decision to Streetsville Thunderbirds in a Tri-County game.

The score was tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and Streetsville led 3-2 going into the third.

Acton marksmen were Bert Post, Bruce McPhail and Scott Malcolm. Dave McGilloway, Shane Withers, Jeff Shields, Billy Manes and Tom Ryan collected assists.

In an exhibition game against the Legion 4-town novices Sunday, A-B's came out on top 6-2. Jeff Shields, Wade Vickery, Rick Gibson, Shane Withers, Billy Manes and Bruce McPhail each scored once. Steve Van Der Eyken and Peter Muselius dented the twine for the 4-towners.

Lumbers, Adam Swetman, and John Greise.
Tournament chairman Norm Long and his staff did a fine job organizing and conducting the tournament.

Firefighter bants nip Hespeler 4-3

Acton Firefighter bantams bounced back from a 2-0 second period deficit to nip Hespeler 4-3 and chalk up their first win of the season in the 26th and final game of the regular Tri-County league schedule, here Saturday afternoon.

Goals by Russ Van Fleet and Gerald Barden tied the score 2-2 and a pair of markers in the last two minutes by diminutive Jeff Townsley wiped out a 3-2 lead Hespeler had taken, when Clemens scored at 10:56. Townsley's game winning goal came on a pass from Kent Kentner with only 29 seconds remaining in the game.

Doug Rose had tallied the first two Hespeler goals, one at 6:15 of the first period and the other at 14:15 of the second.

Coaches pleased

Coach Harold Townsley, manager Steve Goy and assistant coach Jan Riddall were all pleased with the team's effort.

"They played their positions and passed the puck well," coach Townsley reported. "If they keep playing like that we'll have some close games with Hespeler and Streetsville in the group playoffs." He went on. Bantams will be grouped with the two "A" towns for league playoffs. Milton, the other "A" team has reached the O.M.H.A. semi-finals against

Essex and probably won't participate in league playoffs.

Playmakers

Besides his goal, Russ Van Fleet also earned two assists, while Townsley, Gerald Barden, Russ Coultrup, Steve Papillon and Kent Kentner picked up one apiece.

David Allan started in the Acton nets, gave way to Mike Luty, then returned in the third period, when Luty suffered a bruised knee. Both goalies played well.

Firefighters will open their league semi-final series sometime next week. They'll also participate in the "D" series of the Georgetown bantam tournament, meeting Thornhill in the first round.

ACTON—Mike Luty, David Allan, Gerald Barden, Gary Barden, Jeff Townsley, John Hansen, Russ Fleet, John McAdam, Steve Papillon, Russ Coultrup, Kent Kentner, Steve Brunelle, Terry Slaven.

SOCCER REGISTRATIONS

Saturday, March 6 and March 13

The Acton Minor Soccer Association will be holding registration sessions on Saturday March 6 and on the following Saturday March 13. Registration for boys aged 5-16 years will be held at the arena hall from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and at the Legion Hall from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on both days.

Registration fee for one boy \$4. (other boys from the same family \$3 each).

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Thursday, March 11

at 8 P.M.

Anyone interested in helping to organize a Junior "C" hockey team to represent Acton in the O.H.A. next season, is urged to attend this meeting. Junior-aged players, especially, are asked to attend.

Eight other towns, Galt, Guelph, Erin, Orangeville, Georgetown, Fergus, Elmira and Bramalea have been contacted and all have shown interest in playing in a group with Acton next year.

Mr. Bob Marshall, well-known locally and in the surrounding district for his work as an O.H.A. convener, will chair the meeting. It is hoped a team executive can be elected in order that Acton officials together with representatives from the other towns may apply for entry at the O.H.A.'s annual meeting in April.

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