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"TURK'S" final goal as a Ram was typical of the close to 200 he netted in two years with the team. As the picture shows, Brockville goalie Larry Herrington was turned right around by Bob's fake. The goal came at 1:24 of the overtime period.—(Staff photo)



CR-R-RUN! Rams' Bob Waller knocks Rick Thompson of Brockville for a loop in the third period.—(Staff photo)



RAM CAPTAIN Bob Turkosz accepted the Ed manager Jack Christie, Baxter, assistant Blair trophy from O.L.A. Junior "C" captain Mike Marcoux, assistant captain convenor Al Baxter following the game. Craig Weldon and Turkosz.—(Staff photo) Pictured left to right are O.L.A. secretary-

Ramshad big lead Essos fought back

Forgotten amidst the excitement of the victory celebration, following Rams' championship win, was the fact the game was far from a runaway and could have easily gone either way.

Art Sinfield gave Brockville a 1-0 lead at 3:25 of the opening period, when he fired a high shot over Gary Turkosz' shoulder, while Bob Turkosz was sitting out a slashing penalty.

Rams appeared tight and began shooting wildly in an effort to get on the scoreboard. Finally, after 10 minutes and 30 seconds of frustration, Bob Turkosz connected on a bounce shot from about 50 feet out.

Stu charges Turkosz and Sinfield went off together for slashing at 14:30, just before Stu McCulloch brought the team to life and the fans to their feet with his first blockbusting rush of the night.

Herrington came up with egg on his face, when he fanned on Bob Braiden's slow dribbler at 16:10. Braiden had possession of the ball for almost a minute, as he circled the Esso net twice before shooting.

Mike Marcoux cashed in Bob Turkosz' pass to close out first period scoring 33 seconds later. First period score—Rams 4, Brockville 1.

When George McPhail scored from Mike Marcoux early in the second period, it looked like Rams would turn the game into a rout, but Essos quickly eliminated that possibility with two fast goals by Gary Brisson and Jack Bertrand.

Penalty shot Brockville could have cut the Acton lead to one goal, if Al Belmore hadn't missed the net completely on a penalty shot at the five minute mark. Referee Bert Naylor awarded Belmore the free shot, after he was hauled down by McCulloch on a breakaway.

With the score 5-3, Rams on the attack again. Bob Gowland scored from just outside the crease, Craig Weldon upped the Acton lead to 7-3 and Bob Turkosz deked Herrington out of his pants at 13:20 to give Rams a five goal lead 8-3.

Once again Brockville bounced back. With Harry Barends off for high-sticking, Ian Brown scored and slightly over a minute before the period ended Belmore connected to narrow the Acton lead to 8-5.

Goalies hot Red-hot goalkeeping by Herrington and Gary Turkosz in the third period kept sharpshooters on both sides tearing their hair out while the huge crowd looked on in amazement and applauded each save.

A goal by Bob Turkosz in the first minute was disallowed, because he was in the crease and after that Herrington was literally unbeatable, as he turned aside every Acton shot.

Meanwhile, Essos slowly poked away at the Ram lead. Few fans budget when Jack Bertrand scored at 6:45. But when Sinfield and Brisson teamed up on a pretty passing play and cut the Acton lead to 8-7 at 10:08 the nail-biting began. The Brockville bench went wild shortly after, as Ian Brown took Gary Brisson's

pass and whipped the ball past Gerry Turkosz to tie the score. Excitement great

Excitement reached a peak in the final five minutes of regulation time. First Gary Turkosz hurled himself through mid-air to block Brisson's shot. Then Herrington beat Bob Turkosz and Chris Sargent on breakaways. Play moved from end to end with lightning speed.

With less than a minute remaining, Mike Marcoux broke in on Herrington alone, but his bounce shot hit the post and the game went into overtime.

Brockville		Acton	
G	A	Pim	
Herrington	0	0	0
Bonkoski	0	0	0
Zucker	0	0	0
Thompson	0	0	0
Con	0	0	0
McCulloch	1	0	2
Brisson	2	1	0
J. Bertrand	2	0	2
Sinfield	1	1	0
	1	1	4

L. Bertrand	0	1	0
Brown	3	0	0
Cutco	0	1	7
Belmore	1	1	2
Earle	0	0	0
Swift	0	1	0
	10	9	31

Acton		Brockville	
G	A	Pim	
G. Turkosz	0	0	0
Weldon	1	1	2
B. Cooksley	0	0	0
Sargent	0	1	0
Waller	1	1	0
B. Turkosz	3	1	4
Gowland	1	0	2
P. Cooper	0	1	0
Roughley	0	0	2
H. Barends	0	1	2
McCulloch	0	1	0
Marcoux	2	1	0
McKenzie	0	0	2
Hons	1	1	0
McPhail	1	0	0
Braiden	1	0	0
Murray	1	0	0
Ilax	0	1	0
	11	9	16



"I TOLD you right from the start we couldn't trust these guys," Ram president Howard Dwyer seems to be telling coach Bruce Sears, after both got their victory shower Saturday night. Paul Cooper didn't seem to be bothered. He was too happy about the overtime victory.—(Staff photo)



BROCKVILLE goalie Larry Herrington was George McPhail from close in. Art Sinfield hard to beat in the first 10 minutes of the game. Herrington blocked this shot by McPhail.—(Staff photo)

Waller pots winner . . .

(Continued from Page 1) players and officials to say a few words.

Thanks fans Softspoken team captain Bob Turkosz attributed a large portion of the team's success to the tremendous fan support they received.

"We owe a lot to the fans who supported us so well right from the start of the season," he told the Legion gathering. "Without you we couldn't have won it."

Still perspiring from the tension of the overtime period, team president Howard Dwyer had this to say.

"There's no way I could go through another one of those. We started building for this four years ago. We worked hard, we got what we wanted, now we start building again for next year."

Saturday's game was the last as juniors for eight Rams, Bob Turkosz, Bob Waller, Paul Cooper, Alan McKenzie, Dave Cooksley, Bob Gowland, Bob Roughley and Doug Hons. A ninth, Fred Barends, was sitting out the final game of a four game suspension.

Original Ram Rams' all-Ontario title was the best possible gift for the old vet Larry "Ram" Taillefer, who celebrated his 47th birthday Saturday. A defenceman with the Ram intermediate team of the '50's, the original "Ram" pooh-poohed the idea lacrosse was better when he played.

Lacrosse is faster now than it ever was. Every year these kids are getting better and better. I've seen a great lacrosse game tonight. Congratulations to the team and especially to Bobby Turkosz. He's the greatest, Taillefer said amidst shouts of approval from the crowd.

Conveying congratulations from Acton Council, Councillor Orval Chapman recalled the Free Press headline after the fifth game of the series "Hustling Essos take Rams by the horns."

"You've seen tonight what happens when you take a Ram by the horns," he mused. "Look out when they get a second breath!"

For all but two Rams, Doug Hons and coach Bruce Sears, the provincial championship was a first. Sears played on the 1960 Port Credit Sailor Mann Cup title team and coached Long Branch pee wee and bantam teams to O.M.L.A. crowns. Hons played on three Ontario minor title teams in Long Branch and was with the Quebec Junior "B" provincial championship Montreal team last season.

"It's my fifth provincial championship, but the last one's always the best," Hons said after the game.

Coop proud Having completed his final game in a Ram uniform, Paul Cooper summed up the feelings of the rest of the team.

"It's my first championship ever," he said. "And I'm just proud to have played with such a great group of guys."

"I thought we were going to blow it in the third period, but the guys were really up for the overtime. They all played well," coach Bruce Sears commented.

What did he say to the players in between periods? "I simply told them I heard it was going to be a nice day Sunday and they could either be back here or out somewhere doing whatever they liked. I guess they all decided they wanted to go swimming!" Sears smiled.

"The happy sequel to the Ram story was that Sunday was an absolutely perfect day for swimming."

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Notes and Quotes from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons

The most satisfying feeling besides watching the Rams win the Junior "C" championship itself, was to be able to see the Acton Community Centre filled almost to capacity as it was Saturday night.

Fans weren't exactly hanging from the rafters, as followers of the 1938-39 Tanner championship team tell us they were when close to 1,500 squeezed their way into the arena, but empty seats were few and far between and certainly in my own memory and that of younger Ram fans it was as large a crowd as has ever attended a game of any kind here.

It was heartwarming to see members of Acton's two previous provincial sports championship teams, the 38-39 hockey Tanners and the 1947 baseball Intermediates cheering every Acton goal with just as much enthusiasm as the regular Ram crowd. They no doubt remembered the wonderful support they received, when they carried the town banner into provincial competition.

During the last two decades, fan support of Acton entries in any sport has gone up and down like a roller coaster and many fans, who would have been labelled die-hards in the days that Acton was highly regarded in provincial sports circles, abandoned their interest in the welfare of local teams.

Saturday night many of them came back, not because they're particularly fascinated by lacrosse or because they didn't have anything better to do. They came because of Acton. They knew the Rams had a chance to put Acton back where it once was on the sports map of Ontario and they didn't want to let any chance they had to help them do it slip by.

As it turned out the backing the team received Saturday night was probably as big a factor in the overtime win as anything. Team captain Bob Turkosz told fans sincerely after the game "We couldn't have won it without you."

As one fan put it following the game. "Tonight the Rams have helped bridge the generation gap." There were people in that arena that haven't been there in years."

Let's hope he's right and that all Acton teams can look forward to the same kind of support the Rams received.

To the team and management, congratulations on a great victory. You worked hard for it, you deserve it.

To the fans, the Rams have put the capital "A" back in Acton. Let's make sure it stays there.