this season, better decide which

ones and get your name on the

This season, we've had the best

ice ever for curling. In fact, a

number of visiting curlers have

commented on the straightness of

the sheets. But the ice is getting

dirty from curlers using street

have ruled that no street shoes or

rubbers will be permitted from

now on. Get yourself a pair of new

rubbers and use them only for-

curling. This will help keep

foreign particles from the ice

surface and result in better

curling. Your co-operation is

Saturday at the bonspiel, there

especially requested.

Minor teams face elimination

It could be an early Spring for Acton's five O.M.H.A. hockey teams, unless they're prepared to pull up their socks and play the kind of hockey they're capable of. With the O.M.H.A. playoffs

only a week old, all five are faced with a win or else situation in their next games, if they hope to stay alive.

New Hamburg teams have made a clean sweep of all eight games played in the five age brackets so far, bringing about the critical situation.

Novices down two

Although they finished first in the Waterloo-Wellington league, Acton A-B novices dropped the first two games of a best of five series to a fired-up New Hamburg club on the weekend.

A-B's blew a 2-0 lead and lost 5-3 in the opener here Saturday, one of their most disappointing performances of the season. Sunday in New Hamburg they lost 2-1 and were saved from an even worse beating, only by the goaltending heroics of Chris Swetman.

Sparkplug of the New Hamburg wins has been their diminutive captain Greg Shantz. Shantz has been a real ball of fire in both games. He scored the fifth New Hamburg goal Saturday and netted the winner in Sunday's game on a beautiful solo effort. came up with an adequate Tim Roth and Rick Cressman,

Kevin Weeden and Joe Scherer both scored twice for the burgers Saturday, George Brown, Dave McGilloway and Shane Withers replied for Acton.

Scott Malcolm scored with help from Ricky Gibson and Dave McGilloway to give Acton a 1-0 lead in the second period of Sunday's game, but Bruce May tied the score less than a minute later. Shantz got the winner at 7:07 of the third period.

Swetman made several key stops in the first five minutes of the game, when Acton could have found themselves down by two or three goals.

A-B's appeared confused and out of position. They displayed a reluctance to pass the puck in both games and showed little of the fine hockey that carried them to first place in the league

standings. However, the series is far from over yet, according to coach Barry Inscoe and manager Gus Holmes, who both feel their lads are capable of winning the next three games.



FIREFIGHTER bantam defenceman Terry against New Hamburg. Acton player with his Slaven was hooked just before he could get a back to the camera is John McAdam (8) .shot away in Sunday's O.M.H.A. playoff game (Staff Photo)

Del Cook's Y's Men's peewees defensive performance, but were absolutely no offensive threat, as New Hamburg grabbed the first game of a best of three series 4-0 in New Hamburg Sunday night. After giving up three first

period goals, Acton held their hosts scoreless until the third. But they hardly got near the New Hamburg goal because of a rock solid defence.

Tim Scherer, Greg Cook, Haunn and Dave Schroeder scored for New Hamburg, Ricky Hotmes and Marvin McNabb worked hard for

"It looked like we had three or four guys out there with broken legs," coach Cook lamented. "Our defence played better than they have, but I don't know what happened to our forwards."

Bants disappoining Besides the novice losses, biggest disappointment for Acton fans was the 3-2 loss suffered by the Firefighter bantam team, which hadn't lost to New Hamburg in three regular season

penalties, many of which they No offence The burgers grabbed an early could have avoided by keeping 2-0 lead on a pair of soft shots by

> that slipped past Mike Luty. Wayne Allan hustled his way to the first Acton goal, while his team was shorthanded, before the period ended. He intercepted a New Hamburg pass broke in alone and banged in the rebound, after his first shot had been

stopped. Dave Facey deked Luty on a breakaway for the third New Hamburg goal in the third period. Jeff Townsley narrowed the count to 3-2, when he stickhandled his way past three

defenders and flipped a shot high

into the net. Terry Slaven assisted on the play. Coach Harold Townsley tried to get Luty out of the net in the dying minutes of the game, but New Hamburg forechecked Firefighters to a standstill and the clock ran out.

Acton took 10 of the game's 16

Toebes replied for Acton. Jim McNabb and Bill McGilloway earned assists. Although New Hamburg served

11 penalties to only four for Acton, the CFAW power play was ineffective.

Goalie Rick Bonnette was the victim of sloppy play by his defence on many of the goals.

Holmes, the smallest player on the ice, was also one of the best. His goal was the prettiest of the

Lions tamed

Lions juveniles reached the brink of elimination last night (Tuesday), when they dropped the second game of their best of five series 4-1, even though they played much better than in their 9-1 opening game loss in New Hamburg Thursday.

Mike "Mucker" Field scored the only goal of the first period on a pass from Tom, Parkinson. Ken Lantz tied it up for the burgers in the second period and Mike Weiler, Tim Weiler and Brian Pearson scored in the third

to wrap up the victory. Thursday's game was strictly no contest. New Hamburg led 3-0 at the end of the first period and 8-0 at the end of the second.

Ted Hagan got off to a shaky start in goal and was replaced by Firefighters were extremely Bob Gray, midway through the first period. One of the New Hamburg goals came on an lcing attempt that Hagan accidentally tipped into his own net.

Ron Waites scored the only Acton goal, his first of the season, with Jeff Cooper assisting.

O.M.H.A. PLAYOFFS NOVICE

New Hamburg 5 Acton 3 New Hamburg 2 Acton 1 New Hamburg leads best of five series

Sal. Feb. 12 New Hamburg at Acton Sun. Feb. 13 Acton at New Hamburg 5 pm. (if necessary) Sat. Feb. 19 New Hamburg at Acton 1:15 (if necessary)

New Hamburg 4 Acton 9 New Hamburg leads best of three Sat. Feb 12 New Hamburg at Acton Sun. Feb. 13 Acton at New Hamburg 6

pm. (if necessary) BANTAM New Hamburg 3 Acton 2 New Hamburg leads best of three Thurs. Feb. 10 New Hamburg at Acton

Sun. Feb. 13 Acton at New Hamburg 7 p.m. (if necessary) MIDGET New Hamburg 6 Acton 1

New Hamburg leads best of three series 1-0 Thurs. Feb. 10 New Hamburg at Acton Sun. Feb. 13 Acton at New Hamburg 8 p.m. (if necessary)

JUVENILE New Hamburg 9 Acton 1 New Hamburg leads best of five series Thurs. Feb. 10 Acton at New Hamburg

Tues. Feb. 15 New Hamburg at Acton

Thurs. Feb. 17 Acton at New Hamburg

8 p.m. If necessary FRED A. HOFFMAN

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Wi' Rock and Broom Terry "Moochey" Holmes, Charlie McRae and Henry (mostly corn)

By Bob MacArthur

The following excerpt was lifted from the Star with Martha Guran the writer: "Curling may not have roaring fans the way that hockey has, nor boast any super stars. But its players are just as devoted to the game and say with unflinching pride: "It's much older."

In fact, curling has been a favorite sport in Scotland for more than three centuries.

If you ask players how they got started in the game, you'll invariably get the same answer: "It's all in the family."

Janice Elston got started this way. She's 16 and has been curling for three years. "I just love the game and find it's fun and a challenge," she sald.

Janice explained that there are four players on a team. The skip calls the shots and plans the strategy and I'm glad I play third or vice-skip because

less sweeping involved," If you've ever watched a game, you'll note that the old broom almost becomes a dancing partner as sweepers shuffle rhythmically across the ice to clear a path for the house-bound rocks. And this calls for complete

there's less responsibility and

leg, feet and arm co-ordination. To get the feeling of the game, you should go and watch one of the bonspiels.

Members of the Acton Curling Club would be happy to have anyone who wishes, to come out to the club any evening, or when bonspiels are in progress. The door is always unlocked for spectators who wish to watch the

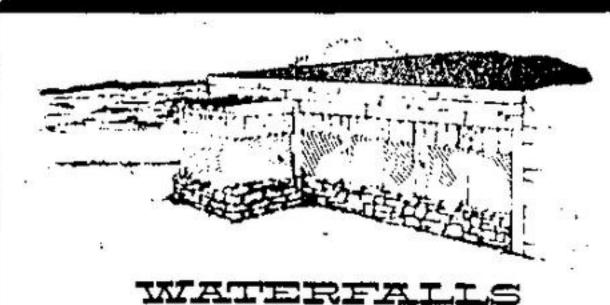
This week will see the third games in the last draw for the season. It is hoped that standings will be available after this week's play. If possible they will be published next week.

both east and west. Dr. Newfell of Guelph entered the rink. Some members of the rink came from Alberta, the son from Guelph and a daughter, who is in the Canadian Army, came from Germany, Miss Newfell had come to Camp Borden to play on an army team, and while here had entered the Acton spiel with the other members of her family. They did not win a prize, but reported that they enjoyed the If you wish to take part in the remaining bonspiels at the club

was a family rink that came from

A team of ladies visited Humber Highland Jan. 29. The rink was skipped by Willa Hewitt with May Dumarsh as vice, Ruth Leatherland in the second slot and Lois Mackenzie as lead. They earned fourth prize and were one point short of bringing home the shoes and rubbers. The officials trophy.

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Blow Press wins first place battle

Lloyd Smallwood and John Mason accounted for 10 of their team's 12 goals, as Lakeview Blow-Press-Heller's buttle and Centre trounced last place broke a 5-5 tie. Harv Hillier and Nielsen's Clothing in industrial Lorne Gordon also scored for the hockey league action Sunday

Schmidt potted two goals apiece to help Blow Press nip Heller's 6-5 in a first place battle in the second game.

Bagssix

Smallwood bagged six goals and Mason fired four, as Lakeview led 6-1 after two periods and rattled in six more goals in the final frame. Bill Cook and Jeff Gov were the other Lakeview marksmen. Mason, Goy and Dave Cooksley earned four assists each.

For Nielsen's Steve Goy scored two goals and John Kavanaugh and Bill Coon netted one each.

Acton Lanes' Bantam and Junior

bowlers competing in the Zone F

"Four Steps to Stardom" rolloffs.

Brampton Mall Crystal Lanes.

the Bantam boys teams, the

Bantam girls and boys singles

championships were bowled off

with teams and singles

champions from bowling houses

in Brampton, Georgetown,

Milton, Clarkson, Bolton,

Streetsville, Port Credit, Gueipii,

Oakville and Acton competing.

which was won by Georgetown

Bowl with a three game pinfall of

2545, it was the Acton team of

David Dunn, Terry Bateman,

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In the Bantam team event

On Saturday, Feb. 5 at the

Bantams, Juniors

in Stardom rolloff

It was two exciting days for Blanchard and Allan Ed-

Schmidt's second goal came with only 33 seconds left in the pressmen. Jim McDonald scored a pair

Cunningham and Ron for Heller's, Gary Tailleler, Ron Heller and Ron Mellon added

•	singles.						
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	Heller's	7	5	ı	104	87	15
	Lakeview	6	7	0	103	91	12
	Nielsen's	3	9	ı	84	105	7

John Cunningham, B Harv Hillier, B John Mason, L. Hun Mellon, H Stu McDonald, N Gary Ritchie, H Jim McDonald, H Cecil Stuckless, H Dave Ryder, B

Top Scorers G A PTS 26 28 52 21 25 46 25 18 43 15 20 35 13 22 35 15 18 33 21 11 32 9 22 31 10 17 27 10 16 26

Sue Thomson wins zone championship on the approach in her last frame

their heads.

(Tuesday).

slow getting their shots away, a

fault coach Townsley hoped to

correct at a practice last night

Still confident of a series vic-

tory, Townsley took an optimistle

"Sunday was just one game. I

still think we can bounce back

Midgets lose

First game of the midget series

was a nip and tuck tussle until the

last few seconds of the second

period, when New Hamburg

After that, the local CFAW club

fell apart, yielding three more

goals in the final frame, as they

Dan Hilborn and Tim Weiler

potted two goals aplece for New

Hamburg, Dave Facey and Ron

and fell over the foul line for a

House champs

Bramalea, Port Credit, Street-

sville, Clarkson, Bolton, Oakville,

Brampton, Georgetown, Guelph

It was a hourse and jubilant

crowd of Acton spectators in

attendance who whopped it up

long and lustily when "Sue

Thomson from Acton Lanes" was

announced the winner.

and Milton were competing.

"House Champions" from

foul and the loss of 15 pins.

and beat them," he said.

scored to take a 3-1 lead.

went down to a 6-3 defeat.

Haffner shot singles.

In the Zone F, Youth Bowling Council, Junior Divisions's second champinship step of the "Four Steps to Stardom", bowled at the Georgebwn Bowl, it was Acton Lanes' 12-year-old Sue Thomson who captured the championship honors and won the right to bowl for the Provincial Championship in Kitchener, March 5, and 6.

Sue bowled three steady games, 231-192-192 for a 621 total, 24 pins bette than her closest rival, Tracy Deacon of Port Credit. She atually bowled a 207 in her third and last game but had the misforture to hit a sticky spot

Plan stag

fund-raising stag for the Acton Legion, Fiday, February 18. Tickets at 11 can be purchased from platers or executive members.

Seventh place In the singles event, for the boys, Bert Post's 476 triple gave him seventh place out of the 13 competitors. Joseph Russolo from Port Credit with 557 was the winner.

mondson, bowling on the last

shift who took the crowds fancy

with a determined fighting never

give up finish. Although their

punfall of 2463 fell short of

winning, they had nothing to be

ashamed of in their bid for

championship honors.

Peggy Huxley who was carrying the Acton Lanes' hopes in the Bantam girls' singles also was a seventh place finisher with a roll of 448 which was won by Claudina Lister from Port Credit with a 690 triple which was started off by a 300 first game.

Sunday events On Sunday, Feb. 6 at the Georgetown Bowl, the Jumior Girls' team and singles along with the Junior boys' singles vied for the right to advance to the Provincial rolloffs. Out of twelve teams bowling, the Acton junior team of Karen Tremills, Jennifer Krapek, Maria Pataky and Valeric Bateman finished fifth with a roll of 2404. The winners

were Port Credit with a pinfall of In the boys' singles' which was won by Sonny Hoare from Oakville who finished off with a fantastic 363 for a 795 triple, saw Acton's Ronnie Turkosz finish fifth with a roll of 569.

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