



ETOBICOKE goalie George Oxtoly beat Rams' Bob Braiden on this excellent scoring chance in Monday night's Junior "C" lacrosse game. Rams absorbed a 19-6 shellacking at the hands of the PCO squad. Also in the picture is Ram forward Dave Manes (14). (Photo by D. Gibbons)

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PCO goal splurge spoils Ram debut

Acton Rams were marching towards a successful O.L.A. Junior "C" lacrosse debut here Monday night, when an avalanche of goals suddenly blocked their path and resulted in a convincing 19-6 shellacking at the hands of the PCO squad.

PCO's, a slick passing squad, loaded with youthful but experienced lacrosse players wiped out a 4-1 first period Acton lead with 11 unanswered second period counters, then proceeded to outscore the astonished Rams 7-2 in the final 20 minutes.

Seven of the 11 second period PCO goals came in a space of two minutes and 39 seconds, when Acton ran into a rash of penalties and goalie Gary Turkosz was left at the mercy of Etbicoke rushes by his inexperienced teammates.

Fine play

Turkocz's first play was nothing short of fantastic. Rams built up a 4-0 lead, before "Turk" was beaten with less than two minutes remaining in the period.

Etbicoke goalie George Oxtoly blanked the locals from the 18:31 mark of the opening period, until 3:39 of the third, when Mike Marcoux triggered his third goal of the game. Oxtoly also aided the PCO offensive attack with his heads-up fast break passes.

Bob McDonald and Merv McGinnis were the big guns in the Etbicoke offence. Each scored four times. Bob Burwood, John McNeil, Larry Stephens and Bob Hart potted two goals apiece. Singles went to Steve Bilok, Phil Sheehan and Lloyd McIlroy.

Captain Mike Marcoux, Ram's only returning 20 goal man bagged a hat trick. Marcoux counted 42 goals last season. Grant Haines, Bob Braiden and Dale Fisher were the other Ram marksmen. Fisher scored on a solo end to end rush at the 47 second mark of the first period.

Not dejected

Although shaken by the Rams' sudden reversal of form, coach Bruce Sears refused to criticize his players too harshly.

"Our boys were a little nervous nervous out there. We just got outplayed. The defence let their guys run over us in the second and third periods," he commented.

Sears feels many of the Etbicoke players are not far from Junior "A" calibre.

PCO coach Joe Tomchishen, who played pro lacrosse in Kitchener, conceded many of his players have been working out with the Etbicoke Junior "A" club.

"This is really the first night they've been together as a unit. All our players have at least three years of junior eligibility remaining," he said.

PCO's dropped a 14-10 pre-season decision to Bolton, but played without seven players they had suited up for Monday night's contest.

Hard hit by graduation from their provincial championship

team of last year, Rams dressed nine rookies, including some players with less than two years minor lacrosse experience.

Chris Sargent and Ken Wright of Etbicoke sat out fighting majors in the second period. Craig Weldon, George McPhail and Barry Court picked up 10 minute misconducts for arguing referees' calls.

First night attendance was 260. Rams travel to Midland tonight (Wednesday) to play Chick Chadwick's Hurons, a team that has yet to beat them in seven playoff games, dating back to 1970.

Rexdale provides the opposition for the next Acton home game, Monday, May 29. Bob Turkocz, captain of last year's championship team will be

honored before the game. Opening ceremonies begin at 8.

RAMS: Gary Turkocz, Craig Weldon, Grant Haines, Bruce Cooksley, Chris Sargent, Barry Court, Brad Timbers, Dale Fisher, George Williams, Gary Fisher, Dave Manes, Mike Marcoux, Randy Weldon, Jim Halloran, George McPhail, Bob Braiden, Doug Sibley.

Turk tallies

Bob Turkocz scored three of the nine Fergus Thistle goals in a 12-9 O.L.A. Senior opening game loss to Six Nations last Thursday night. Paul Cooper of Acton is also in the Fergus lineup.

Turkocz also scored twice in a return game won by Six Nations 8-7.

Rams declare Monday Bob Turkocz night

Players and fans will say thank you to Bob Turkocz next week for two brilliant seasons of junior lacrosse play that culminated in a O.L.A. Junior "C" championship for Acton.

Monday night's Ram home game against Rexdale has been declared "Bob Turkocz night." Bob will be honored with special presentations in opening ceremonies which will begin at 8. All members of the Ram championship squad will be introduced along with this year's squad. "Turk's" number 7 sweater will be officially retired.

Mayor Les Duby will officiate at the opening ceremonies and both Halton M.P. Rud Whiting and Halton West M.P.P. Hon. George Kerr have been invited to attend.

In two years of junior play with the Rams, Turkocz scored an amazing total of 153 regular season goals. He scored 88 of them last year along with an additional 32 in 10 playoff games. Although Rams finished eighth in the nine team Junior "B" league, Turkocz was third in the league in total points, second in goals scored and fifth in assists.

Bob was named Ram MVP in both seasons. Playing senior lacrosse with Fergus Thistles this year, he has already scored five goals in the first two league games.

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Midgets blow lead drop home opener

Acton midgets blew a three goal lead and dropped their Central Minor Lacrosse League home opener to Port Credit 12-7 Thursday night. Midgets absorbed a 14-3 shellacking at the hands of the more experienced Orangeville club the previous night.

"Orangeville has a very good team, but we gave away that Port Credit game. We stopped running in the third period," coach John Goy Jr. commented.

Acton grabbed a 4-1 first period lead and still led 6-5 heading into the third. Port Credit struck for seven unanswered goals in the

final frame, before Wayne Allan netted the seventh Acton goal.

Big gun

Big gun in the Port Credit attack was Sergio Dykeman with six goals and four assists. Ron Turkocz tallied two goals and Mike Luty, George Artem, Russ Van Fleet, Bill McGilloway and Wayne Allan netted singles for Acton. Kevin Marcoux earned a pair of assists.

Mike Luty bagged a pair and Bill McGilloway shot a single in the loss to Orangeville. Bernie Taylor made some big saves in goal. Shane Sanderson and John

Boehmer both fired hat tricks for Orangeville.

Shorthanded

Midgets make their next start against Clarkson at the community centre tomorrow (Thursday) night without the services of Steve Brunelle and Steve Papillon. Brunelle is out for the season with a broken bone in his foot, suffered in a track meet and Papillon broke a bone in his hand in Thursday's game.

Two of the Acton players, Ron Turkocz and John McCutcheon are still bantam age.

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Van Fleet qualifies for OFSSAA meet C'ville opens season

Steve Van Fleet of Acton High set a Halton County record of 159 feet in winning the junior boys' javelin at last week's Halton County secondary schools track and field meet at McMaster University.

Yesterday (Tuesday), Van Fleet became the only Acton athlete to qualify for next month's all-Ontario high school meet, when he recorded a loss of 166 feet to take first place at the Halton-Peel meet.

Maureen Gerth and Glen McKenzie of Acton also scored points at yesterday's meet. Maureen was third in the midget girls' shot putt and Glen placed fifth in the open steeplechase.

Acton athletes earning points in the Halton County meet included, Steve Van Fleet 1st - junior boys' javelin and 5th - triple jump, Roger McEachern 2nd - junior boys' long jump and 6th in both the 100 and 200 metres, Ron Mailoux - 2nd senior boys' javelin, Maureen Gerth, 2nd midget girls' discus and 3rd in the shot putt, Glen McKenzie 3rd - steeplechase, Ruff Hoyer 2nd - midget boys' javelin, Dave Tomlinson - 6th junior boys' 400 metres and Bob Smith - 6th senior boys' javelin.



STEVE VAN FLEET

Campbellville's opening game scheduled for May 22 was called off when Dundas was unable to field a team. Apparently Dundas ran into a lot of organizational problems and was forced to call off their first two games.

Campbellville's first game will now be in Leaside tomorrow (Thurs.) night at 7.45 p.m. and then they open at home on Sunday, May 28 at 2.30 p.m. with Oakville supplying the opposition. Leaside is one and one and Oakville leads the league with two wins.

Minor baseball season opens

Acton midgets open their Halton County minor baseball "B" division schedule in Bramalea Monday night, May 29 at 8.30.

Midgets host Georgetown the next night at 6.30 in their home opener.

Acton, Brampton, Bramalea, Georgetown and Campbellville

are entered in the "B" section of the midget league.

Acton also has peewee and bantam teams entered in the league. Harold "Pop" Maln is convener for the three Acton teams.

Acton will also have a tyke team and T-ball for beginners.

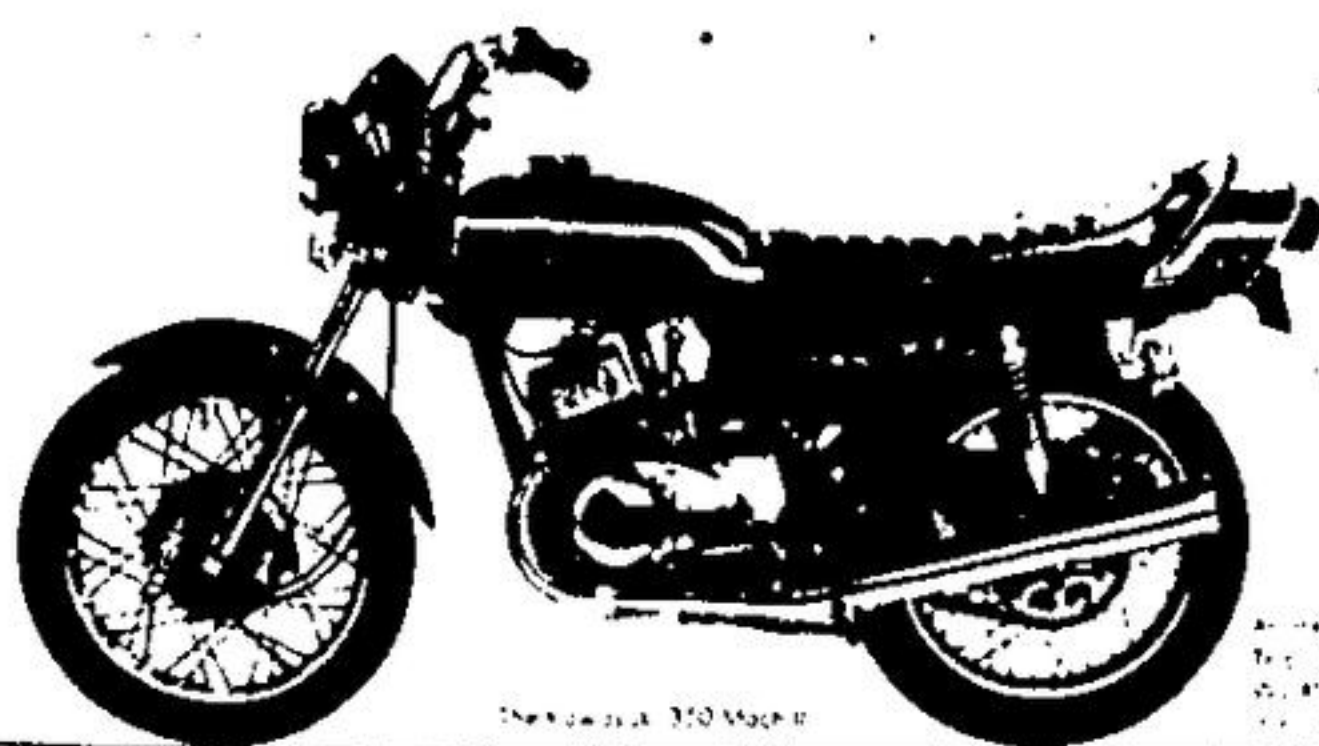
Barbers open against Bellwood

Pete's Barber Shop open their Intercountry Fastball schedule in Belwood Tuesday, May 30.

Home opener for the Acton team is Thursday, June 1 against Hillsburgh.

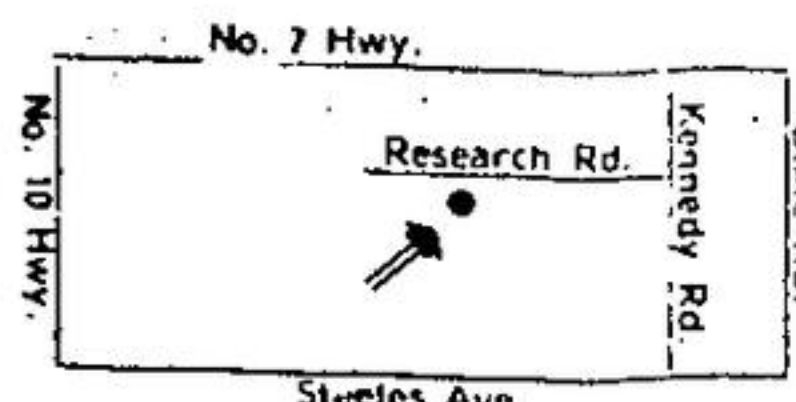


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