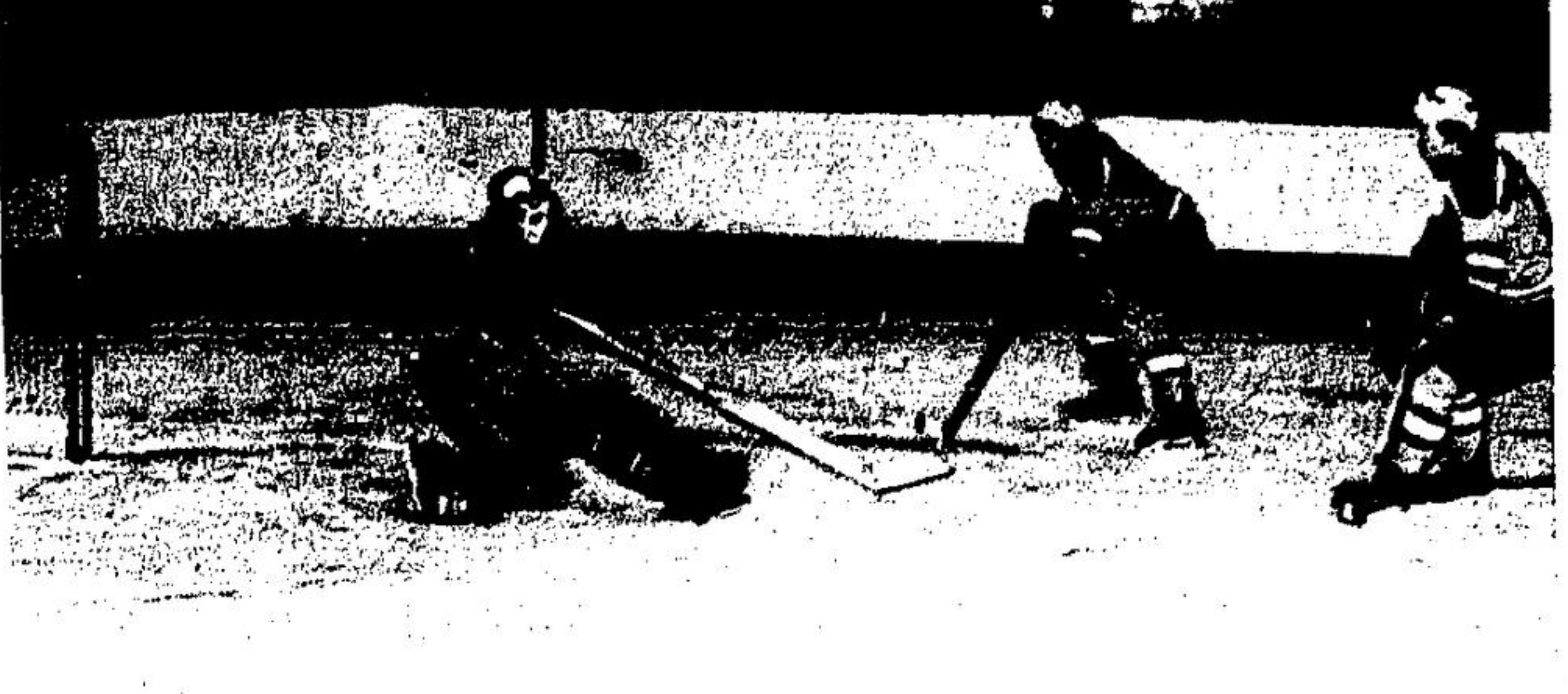




HAT TRICK HERO Terry "Moochey" Holmes bagged his second goal in Saturday's midget playoff game from questionably close range. The referees disagreed with some who

thought "Mooch" was in the crease at the time. Acton players in good position for a rebound are George Artem (7) and Charlie McRae. (D. Gibbons photo)



LEFT UNPROTECTED by his defence, CFAW midget goalie Dave Allan took matters into his own hands and slid out to check two New Hamburg attackers during Saturday af-

ternoon's OMHA playoff game at the community centre. Acton blew a 2-2 lead, then bounced back to win on Russ Van Fleet's goal in the third period. (D. Gibbons photo)

Midgets make haste along OMHA trail

Acton CFAW midgets have taken only four days to dispose of New Hamburg in the first round of the OMHA midget "B" playoffs.

Midgets scored 7-6 and 4-3 wins over the burgers on the weekend and wrapped up the best of five series with a 4-1 win here last night (Tuesday).

Acton now advances to the second round against either Beamsville, Merrittton or Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Saturday afternoon at the community centre Acton built up a 2-2 lead, before they ran into a string of foolish penalties and found themselves in a 6-6 tie game with eight minutes to play.

Russ Van Fleet then beat the New Hamburg goalie on a long screen shot for the winning goal at 16:19.

Martin Schwende of New Hamburg opened the scoring in the game, beating Acton goalie Dave Allan on a soft shot along the ice after only 25 seconds of play.

Bounce back

Acton then bounced back to score four times, as George Artem, Terry "Moochey" Holmes, Charlie McRae and Ken Withers connected.

The teams traded a pair of goals in the second frame,

Holmes completing his hat trick with a pair of disputed goals for Acton and Tom Musselman and Keith Yantze replying from New Hamburg.

It appeared two Acton players were standing in the crease on Holmes' first goal and his second hit the goalpost, although referees ruled the puck had crossed the goal line.

Dave Facey counted twice and Dave Filsinger once for New Hamburg in the third period, before Van Fleet notched the game winner on a pass from John Hansen.

Charlie McRae also earned three assists for Acton, while Holmes and Byron "Bing" Timbers picked up single helpers. Best players on the ice

for Acton were Holmes, McRae and Van Fleet.

Fives winner

Van Fleet notched the winning goal in a 4-3 Acton victory Sunday night. Acton fans said it was one of the best midget games they'd seen this year.

John Hansen and goalie Dave Allan shared the spotlight in last

night's series clincher. Hansen scored two goals and earned assists on the others by Van Fleet and Ken Withers. For the third game in a row Van Fleet's marker was the winner. Allan held New Hamburg to a single first period goal.

Although hoarse from hollering instructions at his players during the game, coach Ken Marshall

Jr. had enough vocal chords left to praise his team's effort.

"These guys were determined to wrap this thing up in three games when we started Saturday. They sure did a good job of it," he said.

Father Ken Sr., who manages the team echoed his son's sentiments "Every player gave it 100 per cent and it paid off for us."

Peewees enjoy success as Y week begins

Lots of hustle and effective checking paid dividends for Acton Y's Men on the weekend,

as the local peewee pucksters started Y week off with a bang by winning the first two games of their best of five OMHA peewee "B" playoff series against New Hamburg. Score in both games was 5-3.

Y's Men grabbed a 3-0 lead on a pair of goals by Scott Malcolm and one by Jeff Shields in Saturday's game here, before New Hamburg ace Greg Shantz found the mark.

Shields, who played an outstanding game both ways and Wade Vickery added the other Acton goals, with Shantz and

Shawn Brennan rounding out the New Hamburg totals.

Acton assists went to Malcolm, Shields, Vickery, Peter Musellus, Bruce McPhail and Dave McGilloyay.

Big goals

Shorthanded goals by Shields and Billy Manes took the starch out of the New Hamburg crew on

their home ice Sunday night. It was the third Acton win on 'burg ice this year.

Jeff Shields with two goals and Bill Manes, Scott Malcolm and Wade Vickery with one apiece were the Acton marksmen.

Coach Barry Insoe said all his lines were effective in checking New Hamburg attackers. Gary

Medland played goal Sunday night, while Steve Mitchell was in the nets for the Saturday game.

"We've got a lot of momentum going for us now and for some reason or other New Hamburg never plays well on their home ice," coach Insoe commented in reference to Sunday's win.

Peewees have now gone seven

games without a loss. They finished their league schedule with three wins and a tie, whipped Ridgetown in an exhibition game in between, then won both weekend playoff games.

Y's Men will try to wrap things up, when the teams play game three here Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

Bluebirds hibernate for good Bantams bow to burgers

Shelburne Bluebirds have finally succumbed to a player shortage problem which has plagued the team throughout a season and a half of play in the South Central Junior "D" league in which they won only one game and lost 45.

Bluebirds officially folded following last Tuesday night's

game, which they lost 7-4 to Alliston. The team had been struggling along with a reduced lineup, since the O.H.A. ruled some of its players were ineligible.

The league's remaining six teams will be awarded two points for each of the games they have

remaining against Shelburne, but points will be awarded only according to the original league schedule.

Shelburne is the second team to throw in the towel in the league this season. Grand Valley disbanded, after being bombed in its first two league games.

New Hamburg bantams scored all their goals in the first period, as they whitewashed Acton

Firefighters 3-0 in the opening game of a best of five OMHA Bantam "B" playoff series in the 'burg Sunday night.

Except for Marvin McNabb, one of the smallest players on the team, Firefighters showed little hustle and repeatedly allowed New Hamburg attackers to walk around them, coach Harold Townsley reported.

Firefighters will still be looking for their first win of the season, when the series resumes at the community centre Saturday afternoon at 4:35. Third game is set for New Hamburg Sunday night at 7.

Three AIHL playoff spots assured

Hat tricks by Jim Kavanaugh and John Goy sparked Blow Press to a decisive 8-4 win over the Unknowns Sunday night, setting up another battle for first place in the Acton industrial hockey league at the community centre this week.

In spite of the loss, Unknowns backed into a playoff spot, when league-leading Nielsen's Clothing trounced Lakeview Centre 8-3 and Ken's Auto scored in the final minute of play to tie the Heller's 5-5.

Jim McDonald and Cyril Rees complemented their teammates' hat tricks with single markers for Blow Press.

Cecil Stuckless and Jeff Goy divided the Unknowns' goals evenly between them and Denis Gibbons drew assists on all four

markers.

Fred "Basher" Buchanan, broke out of a scoring slump in a big way, netting three goals and assisting on three others to carry Nielsen's to victory.

John Roberts and Ken Owen netted two goals apiece for the clothiers and Ernie Waller dented the twine once.

Bob Waller, Mike Miller and Dave Garrett handled the Lakeview scoring.

The loss officially wiped out the defending league champs playoff hopes.

A fluke goal from behind the net by Bob Andrews with just 34 seconds left to play enabled Ken's Auto to gain their fifth tie in 13 league games.

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

by Denis Gibbons



Although a year passed between two of the games, Acton CFAW midget star Russ Van Fleet has stolen a page from the Paul Henderson storybook by gunning down New Hamburg teams with three consecutive winning goals in playoff action. On February 13, 1972 Russ drilled home a 60 foot slap shot in overtime to put New Hamburg bantams out of the playoffs in the deciding game of a series. Last weekend he fired the winning goals to break a 6-6 tie Saturday and a 3-3 deadlock Sunday, as Acton midgets grabbed a two game lead in their first round series. Incidentally, Russ finished fifth in the Waterloo-Wellington midget league scoring race. He was the only Acton player in any age group to make the top 10.

Orangeville's spanking new community centre, complete with ice arena and swimming pool is enough to knock your eye out, according to Ted Pope who attended a 4-town tournament meeting in the recently-opened complex Sunday. Orangeville will host this year's event Saturday, April 7, a good day for members of Acton's council, parks board and Centennial Commission to inspect the facilities and support Acton teams at the same time.

The decision of South Central Junior "D" league convener Bill Church to award Schomberg Cougars two points for the December 21 date Sabres failed to keep because of unbearable travelling conditions could be the difference between fifth and sixth place to the Sabres. By the time all the gift points from defaulted Shelburne games are awarded, Schomberg will lead Acton by two points, the very two awarded following the controversial incident. The Sabre executive has formally appealed the decision, as well as a subsequent O.H.A. executive order that Acton must bear costs involved in the game that was never played.

Georgetown Raiders have retained Alan Eagleson to contest a recent O.H.A. decision that the Niagara District Intermediate "A" club may not use four players, who became free agents when the Senior "A" Oakville Oaks disbanded. In spite of the fact an O.H.A. rule states that members of a disbanded team automatically become free agents, the executive has suspended the four, Craig Brush of Milton, Tim McNeil, Ivan Fournier and Jeff Nicholson, claiming their addition to the Raider roster will make the team too strong for the Intermediate league. Raider officials are saying they have an even stronger claim to the four players, since the Oakville and Georgetown clubs have an affiliation, which is also allowed in the O.H.A. rule book. Raiders are defending O.H.A. Intermediate "A" champs.

Rumors are rife intermediate hockey will return to Acton next winter. Several ex-Tanners are keeping in shape by playing in the Acton industrial league and five junior Sabre players John Snow, Ted Harmer, Randy Weldon, Brad Timbers and Gord Murray will be overage at the end of this season. Ex-Sabre Craig Weldon could provide a future Intermediate team with solid goaltending, one basic need a new team would have. Craig currently has a respectable 3.83 goals against average in the industrial league, where allowing anything under five goals a game is akin to shutting out the opposition in most leagues.

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