RL Vikings scourge of cage loop

REBOUNDING in the recent Robert Little-M. Z. Bennett game are Jim Matthews (45) of the Vikings and Ford Alton (4) of the M. Z. Bennett team. Vikings defeated their arch-rivals, with the help of a strong performance by Matt Spehar.
(Photo by J. Jennings)

Robert Little Vikings edged Burlington Fairview 26-24 on Fairview's home court last week for the Acton school's eigth win without a loss in North Halton schools basketball play. Vikings won four pre-season games and are unbeaten in four conference games.

Centre Matt Spehar, who has scored over 33 per cent of the team's points in their last three games topped Robert Little scorers with 10 points against Fairview. Brian Larsen added eight points, Dan Webster netted six and Rick Van Fleet two.

Strong games

Spehar and Webster played particularly strong games in a 44-12 Robert Little romp over arch-rival M.Z. Bennett recently. Spehar scored 14 points and Webster contributed 12. Other RL points in that game went to Brian Larsen 7, Rick Van Fleet, Jim Matthews, Paul Bowen and Scott Oakley two each and Delphin Roach one.

Ford Alton led M.Z. Bennett sharpshooters with eight points. Walter Kwiatkowski and Warren Coultrup counted two apiece.

Bomb Brookville

Against Brookville, Robert Little scored a 42-10 win, with Spehar and Larsen hooping 14 points apiece. Brookville pays a return visit to the Viking gym tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon.

Coach John Kavanaugh feels his team is capable of making a good showing in the upcoming Halton County schools playoffs. Robert Little has already beaten Georgetown Centennial, a senior school in tournament play this season.

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

by Denis Gibbons

Possibility of a dead heat for first place in the South Central Junior "D" hockey league loomed large, as the league began its final week of regular season play Sunday.

The Fergus "Green Machine" and Bradford Vaseys assumed identical 19-3-5 records, after the "Machine" whipped Stayner Siskins 9-5 Sunday afternoon and Vaseys could manage only a 4-4 tie on Schomberg ice.

Both teams have two games to play. Bradford travelled to Stayner Monday night and will wind up its schedule at home tonight (Wednesday) against Alliston. Fergus visits the Acton community centre to take on the Sabres Friday night, then returns home to play Alliston Sunday afternoon.

Race for third

Equally interesting is the race for third place which has developed between Alliston and Stayner. With all Shelburne default points accounted for the two clubs began the week with 31 points apiece. Stayner hosted Bradford Monday night and will play in Schomberg Sunday afternoon, before closing out its schedule at home against the Sabres, Monday, February 19. Alliston, on the other hand has only two tough road games remaining against the clubs battling it out for first place. Hornets play in Bradford tonight (Wednesday) and in Fergus Sunday afternoon.

Unless league convener Bill Church reverses his decision about awarding Schomberg Cougars two points for a December 21 date Sabres failed to keep, because of adverse weather conditions, the Acton club's chances of beating Cougars out for fifth place seem slim. With those two points and all Shelburne default points included, Schomberg holds a three point lead over Acton with only one game to play on home ice against Stayner Sunday. To rise to fifth place Sabres would have to beat Fergus here Friday and Stayner next Monday and still hope for a Schomberg loss Sunday.

Meeting Sat.

Church has called a meeting in Orangeville Saturday afternoon to finalize playoff arrangements. At present it looks like either Bradford or Fergus against Alliston or Stayner in a best of seven semi-final, Bradford or Fergus against Schomberg in a best of five quarter-final and Alliston or Stayner against Acton in a best of five quarter-final. The league's seventh team, Shelburne disbanded last month.

With a pair of weekend games against the disbanded Bluebirds washed out, Sabres dropped a close 5-4 exhibition decision to the University of Guelph junior varsity team at the community centre Friday night. The team practised Sunday and had Monday, a regular practice night off.

Sabres will be at full strength for their final two league games except for winger Pete Morrison, who is still ill.

Friday night's game against Fergus promises to be a real "barnburner." Green Machine coach Paul Cook vows his club will settle for nothing less than first place.

Niagara here for twin bill tonight

A minor hockey doubleheader at the community centre tonight (Wednesday) will kick off second round OMHA playoffs for two Acton teams.

Y's Men's peewees and CFAW midgets will host their counterparts from Niagara-on-the-Lake in the opening games of best of five series. Peewee game starts at 8 and the midget contest will follow immediately.

The Niagara teams came out on top of Beamsville and Merritton in the Niagara district league. Both Acton clubs swept their first round series against New Hamburg in straight games.

Following tonight's twin bill, the teams will return to Niagara Friday night for the second games in each set. A coin toss prior to tonight's opening games will decide the site of the third and fifth games. If Acton wins the toss, the series will return here Wednesday, February 21.

Survivor of each series advances to the OMHA quarter-finals against one of five teams, Aylmer, Port Dover, Delhi, St. Mary's or Exeter.

Peewees advance in OMHA play

Acton Y's Men's peewees advanced to the second round of the OMHA peewee "B" playoffs against Niagara-on-the-Lake by blanking New Hamburg 3-0 here Saturday afternoon. Y's Men swept the best of five series in straight games.

Y's Men scored once in each period and goalie Gary Medland backed up his teammates with a solid effort in the nets.

Scott Malcolm cashed in Dave McGilloway's pass for the first goal at 8.10 of the opening period.

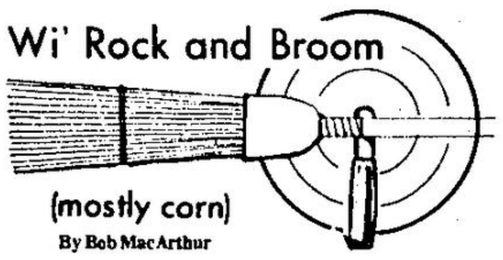
Jeff Shields netted his first goal with help from Malcolm and Wade Vickery to make it 2-0 early in the second stanza.

Shields lit the lamp once again late in the third period to ice the Acton victory. Malcolm and McGilloway drew assists on the play.

New Hamburg served nine of the game's 15 minor penalties.

ACTON: Gary Medland, Bill Manes, Bruce McPhail, Jeff Shields, Bert Post, Steve Van Der Eyken, Peter Muscitus, Randy McIntyre, Randy Van Fleet, Shane Withers, Wade Vickery, Charlie Kinal, Scott Malcolm, Dave McGilloway, George Brown, Steve Mitchell.

Wi' Rock and Broom



(mostly corn)

By Bob MacArthur

Ontario has a new Briar contender, the Scarboro rink skipped by Paul Savage. Paul and his rink went nine games without a defeat in the Ontario playdowns at Orillia last week. Eldon Coombe of Ottawa and Ken Buckan of London, former winners, fell by the wayside as Savage swept to the title.

Here is a note from the Canadian Curling Association that applied to the Ontario playdowns as well. Umpires are to be used at the Briar on the hog lines. This is to enforce the rule that no curler or any part of his equipment may cross the hog line or the shot will be disallowed. The same rule will prevail in the Consols next week at Montreal.

Colts playdown

Next Sunday the Colts playdown will be held at the local club. This is for the district. Should see some good curling at this playdown.

Sixteen beginning curlers started at the club last week. They are from the Limehouse Public School and are under the direction of the school principal.

Valentine spiel

Today, the ladies' division are holding a Valentine Invitational spiel. There are a full quota of rinks signed for this popular spiel.

Saturday will see the annual truckers' spiel at the local club. The Tyler Transport and Ridley Cartage firms are co-sponsors of this spiel. Good curling is the rule of the day when the Truckers is held.

The Sweetheart bonspiel was held at the club last Saturday. Ten teams took part in two 10 end games. Here are the winners.

First place went to the team of Mick Holmes, Ethel Holmes, Sheri New and Ina Mellon with 41¼ points.

Second best team was that of Ted Tyler Sr., Val Drinkwalter, Stan Luciw and Wes Beatty. They earned 38¾ points.

Third place team with 26½ points in one game was the team of Tony Stapleton, Mary Watson, Lil Stapleton and Brian Robertson.

After the curling a pot luck supper was served.

SPORTS Scoreboard

SOUTH CENTRAL JUNIOR "D" STANDINGS

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Fergus	27	19	3	5	200	124	45
Brdfrd.	27	19	3	5	186	91	45
Alliston	27	12	10	5	128	103	31
Stayner	24	10	9	5	112	86	31
Schomberg	26	6	14	6	108	140	24
Acton	23	4	14	5	75	140	21
Shelburne	18	1	16	1	52	155	3

Game Scores

Bradford 7—Alliston 4
Alliston 5—Stayner 3
Schomberg 4—Bradford 4
Fergus 9—Stayner 5
Bradford 10—Haliburton 3 (exbt.)
U. of G. JV's 5—Acton 4 (exbt.)
Bradford at Stayner (no report)

Remaining Games

Tonight (Wednesday)
Alliston at Bradford
Friday, Feb. 16
Fergus at Acton 8.30
Sunday, Feb. 18
Stayner at Schomberg
Alliston at Fergus
Monday, Feb. 19
Acton at Stayner

Points awarded by default

vs. Shelburne — Fergus 2, Bradford 2, Alliston 2, Stayner 4, Schomberg 4, Acton 8.
vs. Acton — Schomberg 2.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Nielsen's	7	3	4	78	53	18
Blow Press	7	4	3	97	80	17
Unknowns	7	5	2	88	58	16
Ken's Auto	4	4	6	75	91	14
Heller's	4	7	3	74	89	11
Lakeview	4	10	0	66	107	8

Remaining Games

Sunday, Feb. 18
Lakeview vs. Unknowns 7 p.m.
Nielsen's vs. Ken's Auto 8.15
Blow Press vs. Heller's 9.30

SCORING RACE

	G	A	P
D. Kavanaugh, K	24	18	42
J. Goy, B.	23	17	40
R. Mellon, N.	18	17	35
E. Hillier, H.	18	17	35
D. Gibbons, U	10	24	34
D. Papillon, B	16	17	33
B. Andrews, K	13	20	33
C. Stuckless, U	15	17	32
J. McDonald, B	13	19	32
D. Sproston, U	12	17	29

TOP GOALIES

	GP	GA	AVG
C. Weldon, N	14	53	3.79
Derek Bell, U	12	46	3.83

Reschedule burg clinic

An O.H.A. hockey coaching clinic originally scheduled for the Hillsburgh arena, Sunday January 21 has been rescheduled for the 'burg, Sunday February 18 at 11.30 a.m.

A mixup in arrangements forced cancellation of the January 21 clinic.

400 club

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were, F. Bloch, T. Perkins, S. Oehlrich, R. Goodwin and E. Parker.

Novices reverse playoff tide

After dropping the first two games of their OMHA NOVICE "B" zone 2 playoff series, Acton A-B's bounced right back into the thick of the best of seven affair by edging New Hamburg 2-1 here Saturday afternoon.

New Hamburg still leads the series two games to one. Fourth game is scheduled for the 'burg tomorrow (Thursday) with the fifth back in Acton Saturday afternoon at 2.25.

Even with three regulars out of the lineup, A-B's came up with a super effort just when they were being pushed to the brink of elimination.

Following a first period goal by Peter Moir of New Hamburg, Acton rebounded to scored twice in the second frame.

Todd McIntyre netted the first goal on a pass from Dave Brown and Brown scored the winner with help from Lee-John Bonnell.

Both goalies Andy Ellerby of Acton and David Martin of New Hamburg played exceptionally well.

New Hamburg won the second game of the series 3-0 on their home ice Thursday night.

Super winners

Gary McFadden won the first prize in the Acton Sabres super puck draw. Second prize went to Nelson Barber and third to Gary McEachern.

New Hamburg bantams sideline Firefighters

Acton Firefighter bantams bowed out of OMHA playoff action, losing 1-0 and 8-1 to New Hamburg on the weekend. New Hamburg won the opening game of the best of five series 3-0.

Guy Soehner one of the smallest, but most effective New Hamburg forwards scored with five minutes left to play here Saturday afternoon, to break up an exciting goaltenders duel between Acton's Robin Inscoe and Tom Boehler of New Hamburg. Inscoe blocked close to 20 New Hamburg shots in the first period.

Earlier Gord Toth, B.J. Legate and John McCutcheon had all failed to connect on excellent scoring opportunities.

Sunday night in New Hamburg Gord Toth managed to score the only Acton goal of the entire series, as Firefighters went down to their 23rd defeat of the season.

Primarily a minor bantam club, Firefighters lose only six of their 16 players to overage this year. They'll now return to Waterloo-Wellington league playoff action.

Lions fall behind in series

New Hamburg juveniles have grabbed a two game lead in their best of seven OMHA juvenile "B" playoff series with Acton Lions.

New Hamburg edged Acton 4-3 here last night (Tuesday), after winning the series opener 3-1 on home ice Thursday night. Lions must now win twice on New Hamburg ice to take the series.

Lions held a 2-1 lead heading into the third period of last night's game and still led 3-2 with six minutes to play. A pair of foolish penalties to Dave Lee and Bruce Cooksley led to Lions' downfall.

Terry Romyshyna of New Hamburg scored the game winner, while Lee was off and Lions were forced to play short-handed for the final two minutes of the game, after Cooksley was nailed for hooking. John Jocic, Bob Pearson and Tim Facey were the other New Hamburg marksmen.

Lion scorers

Cooksley, Henry Toebes and Jim McNabb scored for Acton. Gary Fisher earned a pair of assists. Single helpers went to Cooksley, Lee and Dan McGilloway.

Ken Hurren was the lone Acton goalgetter in Thursday's series opener.

Third game is scheduled for New Hamburg tomorrow (Thursday) night with the fourth back in Acton, Tuesday, February 20 at 9.20. Coach Ken Hearns and manager Carl Timbers remain confident of victory in spite of the early setbacks.

Rip Redmen

Acton High junior Redmen were swamped 104-29 by Burlington M. M. Robinson in an HCAC basketball game here last week.

Redmen fell behind 50-16 at halftime and were never in the game after that.

Dave Galbraith led Redmen scorers with 16 points, Terry Davidson three, Jeff Ribble and Rick Baginski two each and Glen Lee and Rick Stachyra one apiece.

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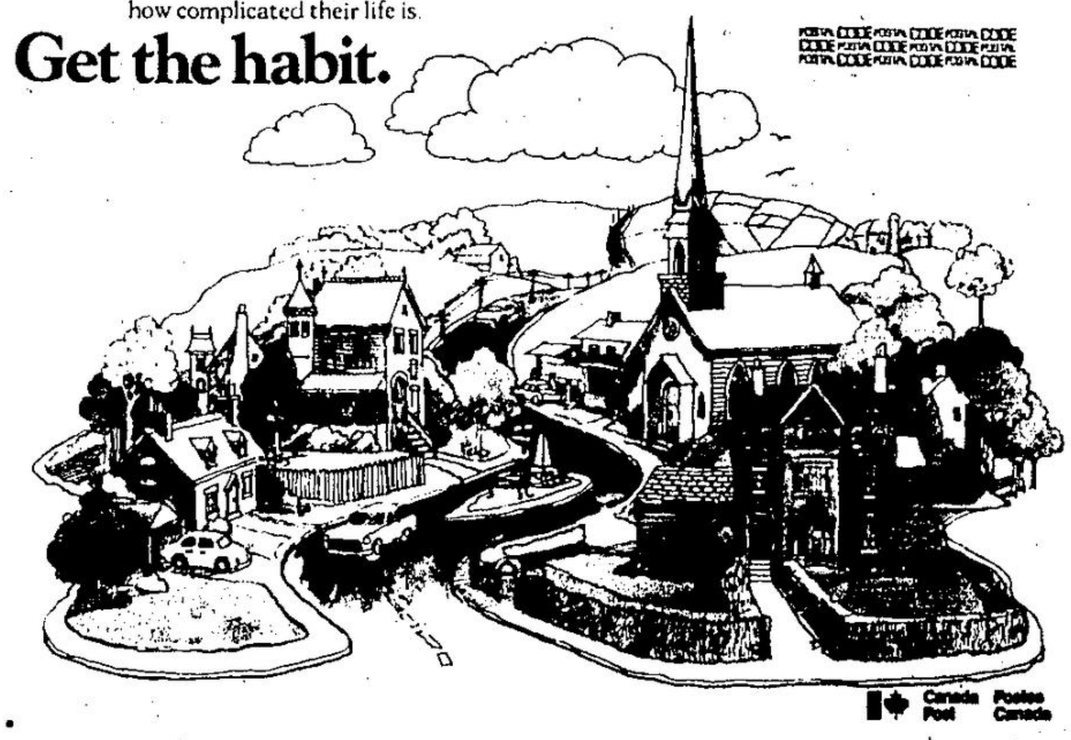

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