



RICK GIBSON GETS OFF the pass inspite of tight coverage by Bolton Wanderers' Randy Watts and Al Eaglesham. Acton Rams dropped game 1-11 after coming back from a 4-0

disadvantage in their first exhibition game of the year. They play again this Thursday in the arena, meeting an Oakville team.

Bolton beat Rams in exhibition opener

Acton Rams pulled back from a 4-0 deficit early in the first period but dropped their exhibition game with the Bolton Wanderers 1-11 Monday at the Acton arena.

Nearly 100 people came out to watch the Rams first exhibition game of the season. Acton allowed four Bolton goals in the first three minutes of the game before they finally got untracked and started to move. Kevin Marcoux opened the scoring for Acton on a power play goal with an assist from Goalle Don Bloxon, who was picked up from the Mississauga Merchants this year.

The goal seemed to pull the team together and they went on to hold the Wanderers scoreless until 16:40 of the period, when Kent Judge took a Rick Sampson pass in for a power play score. By then Acton had run the count to 6-4 in their favour and looked like they would have no trouble handling the Wanderers.

Four goals
Kevin Marcoux picked up the second of his eventual four goals with an assist from Ken Brown, for Acton's second marker. Ron Turkosz followed with his only goal of the game, from Brown, and Marcoux pocketed two more to give the home team the advantage 5-4. Rick Gibson got the assist on Marcoux's third point, coming on a power play.

Wanderers got back on the scoreboard on another power play. Bruce McPhail closed the period with a marker from Wilson to make it 7-5.

Penalties hurt
Penalties hurt the Rams in the game as they took 64 minutes to the Wanderers' 32. Six of the visitors' goals came when Acton was shorthanded, compared with only three for the Rams.

Turkosz was involved in his first misunderstanding of the year, trading blows with Wanderers' Randy Watts in the third period to go off for a five minute fighting penalty. Ken Brown followed him four minutes later after a fight with visiting Scott Patterson.

Delong scores
After Bob Wilson pulled the Wanderers within one, Gary Delong scored on a pass from Mike Rippon and George Artem to widen the gap again, to 8-6. The team went to sleep then, or to the penalty box, as they allowed three goals in a row to go unanswered, two of them power play markers.

Rick Gibson ended their streak with a short-handed goal from Bruce McPhail, but the period ended in a tie at nine all.

Bolton took over again in the third frame, scoring twice in the first few minutes of play, the second goal coming just one second before Marcoux came back on the floor after a two minute high sticking penalty.

goal of the night on a power play goal assisted by Bruce McPhail to keep Acton alive, but Wanderers came right back to make it 12-10 on an Eaglesham goal. Gary Delong closed Acton's scoring from Gibson and Bolton netted two more to end the game.

Lead scoring
Kevin Marcoux led all Acton scorers with four points, on four goals. He was followed by Bruce McPhail with two goals and an assist, Rick Gibson, Gary Delong,

Steve Wilson and Don Bloxon had two points each.

Seventeen players suited up for the game, including goalie Graham Harrison, who plays juvenile in Brampton. Coach Mike Marcoux gave all three of his goalies a period in nets, including Harrison.

Players were John Pink, assistant captain, Ron Turkosz, Ken Brown, Chris Tennant, Rick Gibson, Mike Rippon, Gary Delong, Bruce McPhail, Larry Kurtz, assistant and captain Kevin Marcoux,

captain George Artem, Pete Luty, Robin Incoe, Steve Wilson and Mike Luty.

The Bolton squad appeared the more polished team of the two, an advantage which should disappear as the season goes on and the Rams get to know each other and their playing styles.

Rams got their seven first period goals off goalie Mark Earl, while backup goalie Lyle Hall held them to two scores in each of the last two frames.

Acton may move to Tri-county

Nobody is sure yet if Acton will be moved to the Tri-county league next year or not, but Acton is sure it doesn't want to go. Representatives from the A.M.H.A. met with representatives of the O.M.H.A. April 25 to discuss their reasons for objecting to the move and are now waiting for the O.M.H.A.'s response.

Tri-county is not the same league it was when Acton left in 1971. The larger AAA centres have moved to the Central league, leaving teams from AA down to BB. Acton and Flamboro are the BB teams being considered for the league.

About the level of competition, Dave MacEachern, coach of the major atoms, said "It's difficult to say. Our best competition is in the Wellington-Waterloo league. We're better than some and

we're worse than some, but we're always competitive." Would appeal
Gil Malcolm, a member of the committee that met with the O.M.H.A., said that the A.M.H.A. "would probably appeal it (the decision)." He added, however, "from what I understand, their word is law. The appeal is a formality."

Al Moore, former convener of the O.M.H.A., said "Acton has come up quite well in calibre" since they last played in the Tri-county. He conjectured that the structural committee in charge of the changes thought "Acton is fairly central in Tri-county."

He insisted "Everybody is fairminded" and that the committee listens to letters coming in. Moore said "You

only improve by playing strong teams."

Big shuffle
The Acton move is just one part of a large effort by the O.M.H.A. to restructure the organization to make it more streamlined. According to Moore, some clubs have been asking to be moved. High travel costs is the reason cited for the changes.

President of the A.M.H.A. Frank Allsop was expecting an answer sometime before today (Wednesday) but so far nothing has happened. Allsop theorized that Fred Mantle, present convener of the O.M.H.A. has been unable to meet with Moore to come to a decision. He hopes to have word by next Monday's annual meeting.



Jock Tock

By John Bottomley

Slapshot worth seeing

When Slapshot was first released, it raised hackles as hockey brass protested the film was attacking that great Canadian institution, hockey; which, of course, it doesn't do.

It attacks violence, circus sideshow tactics, hockey fans, hockey owners, coaches, managers, sportswriters, groupies and players, but not hockey. These are not even N.H.L. violence, circus sideshow tactics, fans, owners, coaches, managers, sportswriters, groupies or players; these are bushleague violence etc. The film is a caricature, and not to be taken literally.

Paul Newman is the player coach of a Federal League team which is on the skids in a dying town, and he resorts to go on squad tactics to lift the team. The measures bring out the fans to overflow the stadium, and the Chiefs are set, sort of.

Best of all, it's a funny show. The movie is well enough made that it never lets any of its serious thoughts get too much in the way of having fun, which is the way it should be, I think. An awful lot of people in the audience spent an awful lot of time laughing during the show, probably the best recommendation for the show.

Team Canada heard!

It looks like Team Canada '77 read my column last week, and have taken the hint. The Canadians started playing hockey just before the article appeared and haven't stopped since, except for the Rumania game. And it's all because of me. Proof positive of the power of the press.

Rams an offensive bunch

The Rams showed a lot of offensive punch Monday, and I'm not just talking about Turkosz and Brown's fistfights. When they were moving and hitting they were in complete control of the game. It was only when they stopped that they got into any trouble.

The lack of practice as a team showed in more ways than one. I overheard one player ask coach Mike Marcoux what the first name of one of the players out on the floor was! A few team practices should get them working together the way a team should.

Once this problem is overcome, the Rams should be a force in the Ontario Jr. C action. Larry Porte keeps on predicting the team will take the Ontario championship again this year. Let's hope he's right.

Will bureaucracy spoil minor hockey?

The Acton Minor Hockey Association has been kept on tenterhooks for more than a week now as the OMHA decided on whether the team will be allowed to play competitive hockey next year in the W-W's or get stomped by the larger teams in the Tri-county league.

The cost efficiency analysis of the situation would show that Acton is better off in the Tri-County league, where travel costs will be lower and action will be more localized, but a cost-benefit doesn't quite measure up to the importance of giving young hockey players the chance to play competitive hockey. Sending Acton, a BB team, against a whole slew of AA teams will not do a whole lot to promote good hockey. All it can do is discourage a bunch of boys who want to play, and that counts more than any cost-benefit malarky ever will.

Track and Field

Chapman takes sprints as A.H.S. finishes third

Acton raced to a close third place finish in their first competition of the season in a tri-meet held Thursday at E.C. Drury school in Milton, taking 184 points to Milton District High School's 194 and E.C. Drury's 216.

Girls were the strongest

performers for the team, led by Karen Chapman with two firsts. She swept the Jr. Girls 100 metre and 200 metre sprints, with times of 13.2 and 29.6 seconds.

Sue Thomson was strong in the field events, taking

second in both the Sr. Girls shot put and discus.

Acton girls took two of the three girls relay events in the meet, winning the Jr. Girls and the Mid Girls 4x100 metres races. Acton also won the mid Boys 4x100 metres. Rick Widmont took first in

the Mid Boys shot put with a heave of 10.36 metres, but his javelin toss of 32.48 was beaten by M.D.H.S.'s Ivo Zullian's effort to place him second in the event.

Results:
Track 100 M

Sr. Boys Jerry Fretz E.C.D., 11.3 sec. D. Cooper, E.C.D., 11.5 sec. M. Brancier, M.D.H.S., 11.7 sec.

Jr. Boys J. Norland, M.D.H.S., 11.8 sec. H. Foynt, M.D.H.S., 12.0 sec. H. Dickson, E.C.D., 12.25 sec.

Mid Boys W. Thomas, M.D.H.S., 12.5 sec. R. Lenziak, Acton, 12.55 sec. M. Tonna, M.D.H.S., 13.0 sec.

Sr. Girls H. Gibson, E.C.D., 13.2 sec. K. Middleton, M.D.H.S., 13.8 sec. E. Harkin, M.D.H.S., 13.8 sec.

Jr. Girls K. Chapman, Acton, 13.2 sec. S. McGregor, Acton, 13.3 sec. M. Heaney, E.C.D., 13.4 sec.

Mid Girls C. Desroches, E.C.D., 14.2 sec. K. Buchanan, Acton, 14.4 sec. Y. Baumliberger, E.C.D., 14.7 sec.

200 M

Sr. Boys D. Cooper, E.C.D., 24.8 sec. J. Fretz, E.C.D., 25.5 sec. D. Tracey, M.D.H.S., 25.7 sec.

Jr. Boys J. Norland, M.D.H.S., 26 sec. B. Foynt, M.D.H.S., 27.1 sec. G. Gardiner, E.C.D., 27.8 sec.

Mid Boys T. Ivanovic, E.C.D., 27.3 sec. W. Thomas, M.D.H.S., 28.2 sec. M. Tonna, M.D.H.S., 28.4 sec.

Sr. Girls H. Gibson, E.C.D., 29.8 sec. Kim Middleton, M.D.H.S., 30.5 sec. E. Harkin, M.D.H.S., 31.4 sec.

Jr. Girls K. Chapman, Acton, 29.6 sec. Kim Middleton, M.D.H.S., 32.7 sec.

Mid Girls C. Desroches, E.C.D., 31.9 sec. Y. Baumliberger, E.C.D., 32.2 sec.

400 M

Sr. Boys D. Tracey, M.D.H.S., 56.8 sec. M. Brancier, M.D.H.S., 58.5 sec. D. Walker, E.C.D., 59.2 sec.

Jr. Boys D. Johnston, Acton, 60.2 sec. G. Gardiner, E.C.D., 63.7 sec. T. Webster, M.D.H.S., 67.8 sec.

Mid Boys R. Poloni, M.D.H.S., 59.5 sec. T. Nardoni, Acton, 67.5 sec.

Jr. Girls Mary Ann Dowling, E.C.D., 1.18 sec. Susan Pickett, M.D.H.S., 1.19.5 sec.

800 M

Sr. Boys R. Chase, E.C.D., 2.19.2, J. Graham, E.C.D., 2.26.5, D. Walker, E.C.D., 2.32.4

1500 M

Sr. Boys W. Charbonneau, E.C.D., 4.44, R. Chase, E.C.D., 4.51.8

Jr. Boys J. Phelps, M.D.H.S., 4.43.1, S. Watkins, M.D.H.S., 5.19.7, C. Carter, M.D.H.S., 5.21.4

Mid Boys G. Amphlett, Acton, 5.12.8

Mid Girls R. Asp, M.D.H.S., 6.4.9, T. Chambers, M.D.H.S., 6.19.5, P. Kelly, Acton, 6.24.45

4 x 100 M

Sr. Boys E.C.D., 49.2 sec.

Mid Boys Acton, 55.7 sec., E.C.D. 56.4 sec.

Sr. Girls E.C.D., 58.6 sec.

Jr. Girls Acton, 58.2 sec., M.D.H.S., 61.5 sec.

Mid Girls Acton, 61.2 sec., M.D.H.S. 62.6 sec., E.C.D., 63.8 sec.

Long Jump

Sr. Boys D. Cooper, E.C.D., 5.95 M, Brancier, M.D.H.S., 5.37 M, J. Fretz, E.C.D., 4.99 M.

Jr. Boys J. Phelps, Acton, 4.51 M, Gardiner, E.C.D., 4.51 M.

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Stratford captures Jr. B title

The Stratford Cullitons blitzed the Streetsville Derbys out of the OHA Jr. B final last week with two straight wins by scores of 7-2 and 8-5 to capture the championship series 4-2.

The Derbys, the Central Junior B League champions, won the first two games of the series, but were handicapped for the rest of the set after high-scoring forward Jim Gibson was knocked out of the second game with a broken jaw and was lost for the season.

In addition to the loss of Gibson the Streetsville squad was minus both Danny Sutton and Jim Boyington for Wednesday night's 7-2 loss against the Cullitons.

Both played on Friday night in Stratford but their contributions weren't enough as the home squad won 8-5 to win the series.



UP AND OVER! Janet Ager of the Acton High School team had little trouble with her vaulting during the Halton Novice Girls Gymnastic meet on Thursday in Milton.

Acton in novice meet

The Halton Novice Gymnastics Meet was held at M.D.H.S. last Tuesday. Fifteen schools competed with a total of at least 48 competitors in each of the four events.

The results of the meet are as follows: On bars, first place was Jennifer Gresham from Oakville Trafalgar with 8.30 points. Second place was Patty Fischer from Pearson with 8.25.

Third place was Janet Roach from Acton with 7.90, fourth place Sue Dadds from T. A. Blakelock, Denise Damhuis from Pearson, Kim Dempsey from Oakville Trafalgar and Julie Burns from

Georgetown. These girls tied for fourth place with a total of 7.75 points. Fifth place went to Jenny Walsh from Blakelock.

On the beam, the first place winner was Julie Burns from Georgetown with 8.15 points, second Sue Dadds from T. A. Blakelock with 8.00.

Third place Betty Manneke from Aldershot, fourth from Aldershot was Pippa Brain and Mary-Jean Robinson from Milton whose score was 7.85. Fifth place was Andrea Schneider from Pearson with 7.60 points.

In the floor competition, Julie Burns from Georgetown

and Carin Bauder from O.T. tied for first with a score of 8.00.

Mary Jean Robinson from Milton came second with 7.65, Bonnie Francis from White Oaks third 7.55, Patty Barber from Georgetown fourth 7.50 and Leslie Campbell fifth 7.45 from Blakelock.

For the vaults, Sue Dadds, Blakelock won with a score of 7.70, second place was Maureen Gunn from Pearson with a score of 7.55.

Sarah Poullos came third from Georgetown with 7.00 points. Heather Hurl from Central came fourth and Patty Barber from Georgetown came fifth.



WINNER OF THE Industrial-Commercial bowling league are the Reliable Snack Bar team. Back row left to right Bob Woodcock and Don Archibald; front row left to right Larry Nolan, Don Grein, captain Pete Schipper and Hank Earle. Harry Moon is missing from the picture. The banquet and dance were Saturday at the Legion.

AAARG! Acton's Mike Payne displays the form which earned him second place Senior Boys' shot put at the Acton-Milton-E.C. Drury school tri-meet last week with a throw of 11.23 metres. Drury's Armando Dibona won the event with a throw of 12.60 metres.