



GOOD GOALTENDING BY STEVE KRUKS against a persistent Fergus attack gave Acton a 4-0 shutout win last night at the arena in the first game of the juveniles' OMHA playoffs.

Tie leaves minor bants tied, final game may not be played

Acton minor bantams had to come from behind to tie a strong Elmira squad 2-2 last Tuesday as they played what could be their last regular season game of the year.

They are scheduled to play Orangeville but the game might not be played because OMHA playoffs are starting. Orangeville and Acton are tied for top spot, and unless the game is played the tie will not be broken.

Tim Shields in nets misjudged the first goal, which came on a long shot, but tightened up to play a good game from then on.

Elmira moved out to a 2-0 lead in the second period and held it until midway through the third period before Acton got untracked.

Tony Sheppard got them on the scoreboard with an unassisted marker and Jeff Gill, playing his first scheduled game with the bants, fed Mark Duval in front of the net for the tying goal. Several good chances in the dying minutes failed to pull out a win for Acton, according to team manager Will Duval.

He added the referees made comments about how clean and fast the game was played.

No "BB"

Because there are no "BB" OMHA playoffs in the province for minor teams, it was decided the minor bants will go as a second bantam team. By entering this category the team is allowed to use 14 year old boys as well as their own age group, and will compete "A", "AA", and "AAA" second minor teams.

Bantams have had a good season this year, winning 17 games, losing two and tying one in 20 league contests. They have scored 67 goals and allowed 24 for a goals-against average of 1.2. Manager Duval feels the team has played a very good schedule with the emphasis

on checking and good goal-tending accounting for the low goals-against average.

In exhibition contests they have won four and lost three, two of these against major teams. In tournament play they have won three games, tied one and lost one, a respectable showing.

One of the exhibition wins came against Milton last Wednesday as they shut out the Tri-County "A" team 1-0.

Acton showed they are capable of playing in a higher calibre by outplaying and outscoring both Oakville, who play "AA" and Milton.

The game, played in the arena, was close until the second period when Bobby Vermuelen got a pass to Tim Evans who rifled it home for

the only score of the game. Milton pulled their goalie with a minute to play but the strategy almost backfired on them as Acton sent a shot sliding down the ice which went into the net just after the buzzer sounded.

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Acton harness driver gets win at Greenwood

"In the stretch it kinda looked hopeless to me," said Acton driver Larry Walker of his chances in the late stages of the January 14 Free-For-All Handicap at Greenwood Raceway.

"But then Armbrong Song drifted out a bit—just enough for me to get through."

And when the opening occurred Walker was right there with Cashmere Bay N., at 13-to-1 the longest priced horse in the field of six pacers, to grab the lead with less than 200 feet left in the mile event.

The eight-year-old New Zealand-bred roared past

Merrywood Rick, who had been on the lead since before the half with Tom Strauss on the sulky, to win the \$4,500 portion of the purse by three-quarters of a length in the time of 2:06.2.

Cashmere Bay N. was making his third start of the season but it was his first against the Free-For-All types and both Walker and the horse's trainer and co-owner, John Burns of Milton, had not expected to win it.

Walker, who was the fourth leading money winning driver on the Ontario Jockey Club Circuit last season with \$481,075 in purses, came right

back to the winner's enclosure with trotter Southside Elly after the fourth race.

The seven-year-old mare, owned by Cecil Schlueter of Waterloo, came from well off the pace to win by a half length over Toryanno in her second try of the season.

The 30-year-old Walker won 109 races on O.J.C. tracks last year and is off to a good start in the new season. In his six drives on Saturday he also had one second place finish and two thirds, good for \$7,236 in purses. That brought his earnings so far this meet to \$21,832, third highest behind leading Ron Waples and Tom Strauss.

Barnes bags 100th

Milton Flyers buried the Gemini 10-3 in an OHA Central Junior "B" game at the old Memorial Arena, last Wednesday night.

The only highlight of the evening, from a Georgetown point of view, was a goal by Doug Barnes in the final minute of the game. It was Barnes' 100th goal in three seasons of junior play with the Gems.

Milton jumped in front 2-0 in the first period and were ahead 6-1 after 40 minutes.

Curling Club results

Over the past two weeks there have been many spili keeping our more competitive curlers active.

The Seagrams' finals held Friday and Saturday at Chinguacousy Curling Club was a double knock-out event meaning to get out of the club and during the finals each team had to lose two games to be disqualified. In other words, all teams were given a second chance. The club had mixed teams entered by Del Hickling and Fred Archibald. Fred Archibald's rink of Anne Pickering, Glen Gray and Joyce Iglesias made it to Chinguacousy but because of events related to the Halton-Peel Spiel, Del Hickling skipped Fred's team. Friday, they played a Brampton team and Saturday morning they played a rink from Milton.

Although Acton lost both games it was good close competitive curling. Thanks folks for the valiant effort.

The Halton-Peel is a men's competitive spiel that involves a lot of clubs in these two counties. Many people worked hard to make this spiel the success it is including our own John Mintern who has been involved with this event for some fifteen years in a managerial capacity. Sherry Fews' rink of Bruce McArthur, Peter Vidler and Glen Gray and Del Hickling's rink of Pat Chamberlain, Bill Porter and Rick Bruce made it to the first event. Fred Archibald's rink of Bill Cripps, Carl Rosenquist and Ken Cripps lost in the finals of the fourth event. With good rinks like that, next year must be Acton's year for a trophy. Fred's only complaint was that all the terrific prizes were gone by the time it was his turn. But that's par for the course isn't it Fred. Next

year, right!

Well, we've had a mixed team and men's rinks in these competitive spili and now lets find out how the women did. Marilyn McArthur's team of Karen Shorthill, Donna Cripps and Dorthea Few came home winners. Not only did they win their draw, but they were overall winners as well at the Guelph Country Club last Wednesday afternoon. Congratulations, and good curling girls!

Well, that about covers all the competitive events played outside the club. All rinks deserve a special thank-you for such good efforts made on Acton's behalf.

This Saturday the President's Bospital will be going on at the club and spectators are welcome.

Upcoming events include two mixed spili in February. One, the Sweetheart's spiel affords the women a chance to show the men how capable they really are on the ice. Sign up now and bring some friends.

The Wednesday afternoon ladies had their playoffs with the team of Linda Ross, Finni Verbiik, Karen Knickle and Jean Ager winning the Don Bexton Trophy.

New draws have begun this week on several nights. Next week we'll have a look at who is playing with whom and what trophies they're aiming for. Till then, keep curling.

Thursday night ladies curling by Nan Hurst

The final draw of the season, a nine-week one, has begun, and the first game was played Thursday, January 19. Teams are as follows: Shirley Hunter, skip with Pat Near, Lily Higgins and Betty Francis; Phyllis Patrick, skip, with Ann Cook, Grace Lucas and Pat O'Meara; Gwen Tyler, skip, with Rene

Watson, Mary Smith and Heather Ferguson, Helen Otterbein, skip, with Joyce Iglesias, Brenda McMurray and Ann Carmichael; Dolly Moulden, skip, with Trev Loutett, Marg Mackenzie and Peggy Duff; Karen Shorthill skip, with Susan Beemer, Judy Hacke, and Janet Hayter; Nan Hurst skip, with Ina Mellon, Nancy Vidler and Jean Ager; Susan Patrick skip, with Bev Appleyard, Ann Ridley and Lynn Franklin.

The winners of this draw will receive the Paul Nielsen Trophy. Scores after one night's curling are as follows: Shirley Hunter, Nan Hurst and Susan Patrick, all with two points each; Phyllis Patrick and Helen Otterbein (playing to a tie) one point each; Dolly Moulden, Karen Shorthill and Gwen Tyler with no points yet. (Don't despair, girls! Remember my first game this time last year, and the final result of the draw?)

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