

# Sharpened Sabres surprise Bradford



SABRES' Bill Field (15) takes a tumble during Friday night's 6-2 Acton win over Bradford. Sabre player in background is Ray Evans. —(Staff Photo)

The in-and-out Acton Junior Sabres knocked off the front running Bradford Vaseys 6-2 in front of an enthusiastic hockey crowd here Friday night.

Displaying lots of hustle and packing the punch that they've shown in first appearances this season, Sabres were full value for the victory, dominating play through most of the contest and outscoring the visitors in both the second and third periods. Both clubs got a goal in the final stanza.

The Sabres led 2-1 at the end of the first period, lengthened the lead to 5-1 at the end of the second. Bradford helped the Sabre cause by serving 19 of the 31 penalties referee George Ashley doled out.

Two fights Ashley, who just retired from the NHL's linesman brigade kept a sharp eye on the play, missing few infractions. Four of the 31 penalties were five minute sentences for fighting. First bout between Gary Turkosz of the Sabres and Ed Jacques of the visitors ensued following a high sticking duel and was tacked onto a minor.

Final flurry of fisticuffs occurred in the game's last few seconds of play when Bill Field of the Sabres and Ted Vasey of Bradford threw punches and wrestled to the ice. Both stepped out of the penalty box only two minutes earlier.

The game also featured a rare penalty shot in which Bradford goalkeeper Ken Wyatt saved on the Sabres' sharpest lamplighter Ray Evans. Evans had Wyatt at his mercy when the goalkeeper threw his stick and knocked the puck away.

It looked like Evans would score on the penalty shot but the goalkeeper's quick reflexes, which kept the visitors in the game in a torrid second period, were sharp enough to thwart the scoring attempt.

Evans pots first It was captain Ray Evans who jolted the Sabres into the lead in the first period, converting a pass from George McPhail. Bill Field made it 2-0 on a power play at 9:51, with help from Evans, but the Bradford club got one back at the 13 minute mark while Ted

Harmer served a high sticking sentence. Andy Purmals, one of the league-leading scorers, pulled the trigger.

Sabres came out strong in the second period, lengthening their lead to 3-1 when a booming shot by Brad Timbers fooled goalkeeper Wyatt from its elbow-high bounce. It bounced off Wyatt's arm into the corner of the net.

Two goals by George McPhail finished off the Sabres' second period scoring. Wyatt's acrobatics saved the visitors from a worse shellacking. Fisher

and Evans helped McPhail on his first marker and Evans was helpmate on the other.

Bradford narrowed the margin to 5-2 midway through the final stanza with Tom Coffey drilling the puck behind Craig Weldon, while Harmer was off for elbowing.

Sabre defenseman Jack Durante got that one back at 12:27 when he banged a pass into the corner on a play with Evans and McPhail.

The Acton club played well throughout the contest with the

line of Evans, McPhail and Field the best combination on the ice, accounting for five of the six goals. Wyatt was Bradford's outstanding player between the pipes. Weldon also played well in the Acton nets.

Acton—Craig Weldon goal, Randy Weldon, Brad Timbers, Ray Evans, George McPhail, Bill Field, Ted Harmer, Brian Davey, Jack Durante, Dale Fisher, Gary Turkosz, Charlie Gidden, Gord Murray, John Shepherd, Les Wilson.

## Blow Press leads industrial league

Blow Press took over sole possession of first place with an 8-5 win over Heller's and Nielsen's Clothing surprised Lakeview Centre 8-7 for their first win of the year in Acton Industrial Hockey League play Sunday night.

League scoring leader Harv Hillier rifled home four goals for Blow Press. John Cunningham bagged a brace and Ron Schmidt and Gary Kelley netted singles.

Ron Mellon and Gary Ritchie potted a pair of goals apiece for Heller's. Ron Heller scored once.

Dave Papillon tallied three goals and two assists to lead Nielsen's to victory in the second game. Steve Goy scored twice and Gord Mason, Stu McDonald and Bill Coon added a goal apiece.

John Mason was a two goal man for Lakeview. Solo shooters were Gary Masales, Gerry Van Der Eyken, Jeff Goy, Lloyd Smallwood and Dave Cocksley.

AHL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	P	GF	GA
Blow Press	3	1	0	35	24
Heller's	2	2	4	28	30
Lakeview	2	2	4	28	28
Nielsen's	1	3	2	22	31

Top Scorers

Name	G	A	P
Harv Hillier, B.	10	4	14
John Cunningham, B.	8	8	14
Gary Ritchie, H.	10	2	12
Ed Hillier, H.	3	9	12
Dave Papillon, N.	7	2	9
Stu McDonald, N.	7	2	9
Steve Goy, H.	5	6	9
John Mason, L.	5	3	8
Ron Schmidt, B.	5	3	8
Gary Kelley, B.	5	3	8

## Plan sports dinner here

Plans are now being made for a sports celebrities dinner in Acton to raise funds for Acton's Centennial in 1973.

Jack Carpenter, who covers all Toronto Argonaut and Hamilton Tiger-Cat home games for CKCO-TV Kitchener, is making arrangements to have representatives of the two teams attend. Tentative date for the dinner is January 17.

A special highlight of the night will be a draw for two footballs, autographed by players of both teams. Lottery tickets will soon be circulating around town.

## Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

by Denis Gibbons

For the second week in a row the first place team in the South Central O.H.A. Junior "D" league will provide the opposition for the local Sabres Sunday afternoon at 1.30. Alliston Hornets swept a pair of weekend games from Fergus to move into first. Bradford Vaseys were first, before they lost here Friday night. Only four points separate the top four teams.

Coach Bill Dawkins has been criticized for using only two lines so far this year. With 22 league games still to be played, he'll have to find a third unit or the first two are bound to wilt.

Sabres are reportedly interested in Gary Hunt, who quit Milton Merchants Junior "B" team last week. A towering defenceman, Hunt is still midget age and would require a release to play here, even though he meets the O.H.A.'s residential qualifications.

It's hard to understand why Milton coach Carl Hymers cut Ray Evans. Evans' fancy stickhandling and passing has made a real impression on Sabre fans. In eight games he has eight goals and 15 assists for 23 points, tops in the league. Hymers is apparently building his team around over-age midgets. Evans is in his final year of eligibility.

Pete Morrison will likely be sidelined at least another month with a pulled groin and badly bruised hip. George McPhail suffered pulled leg ligaments in Friday's game and may not play against Alliston Sunday. The pair have accounted for 25 per cent of the team's goals so far. Morrison has six and McPhail five.

Former NHL linesman George Ashley did an excellent job of refereeing Friday's game. Nice to see the O.H.A. let their top men handle Junior "D" games once in a while.

Erin Flyers' intermediates have two former Tanners, Fred Buchanan and Phil Marzo in their lineup. Phil's young brother Pete (pardon the absence of protocol) is having a fine year with Guelph CMC's of the O.H.A. Junior "A" league. Pete has 11 goals and 18 assists for the second place Guelph squad.

Georgetown's Don Jarvie was a worthy recipient of this year's Tri-County Honor Award. Don received the Jim Brockie Memorial Trophy at the league's annual President's Dinner in Milton Friday night.

Acton Ram president Howard Dwyer reports the Canadian Lacrosse Association may introduce a national championship in the Junior "C" series, similar to the Castrol Cup Series, which now decides the best Junior "B" team in the country. Picture the Rams playing in the foothills of Alberta or in beautiful B.C.!

Although they've been offered a chance to play in the classy Inter-City Fastball League, Rockwood Seniors will likely be back in the Intercounty League again next summer. They'd like to make it three straight league titles.

Acton Minor Hockey head coach Jim James was disappointed to say the least at the turnout at Saturday afternoon's showing of the Hockey Canada instructional films at M. Z. Bennett School. Only 10 boys and a handful of parents showed up.

Acton Legion Minor Hockey officials have lined up the NHL Oldtimers for an exhibition game against the Junior Sabres, Friday, February 25, the night before their annual pee wee house league tournament. The ex-pros, who haven't appeared here in four or five years, have a lot of new faces.



A-B NOVICE defenceman Ricky Gibson takes a Fergus player out of the play. Acton defeated Fergus 6-3 here Saturday. —(Staff Photo)

## Peewees blank Erin tie Fergus 2-2

Acton Y's Men's pee wees blanked Erin 6-0 here last night (Tuesday) for their first win of the Waterloo-Wellington league season.

Y's Men gained their first point of the season, when they came from behind to tie Fergus 2-2, here Saturday afternoon. Sunday night in New Hamburg they blew a 3-2 lead in the last five minutes of the game and went down to a 4-3 defeat.

Sharpshooters

Joe Gardin and Fred Allen potted a pair of goals apiece for Acton last night. Singles went to Jeff Shields and Marvin McNabb. In the assist column, McNabb earned three, Norm Thornhill two and Ricky Holmes, Randy Upton, Barry McKerracher, Steve McKnight, Bill Manes, Jamie Vickery and Jeff Shields one each.

First year player Russell Lee went all the way in goal to post the shutout.

Pots two Joe Gardin scored both Acton goals in Saturday's game. Barry McKerracher, Ricky Holmes and Scott Withers picked up assists.

## Novices defeat burg

Acton A-B novices were edged 3-2 by Kitchener Komets here Thursday night, but bounced back to double the score on Fergus 6-3 Saturday and hand first place New Hamburg their first defeat of the season 4-3 in New Hamburg Sunday. A-B's are now in second place in the seven team league with a record of four wins and two losses.

Scott Malcolm from Steve Van Der Eyken and Bruce McPhail unassisted were the Acton scoring plays in Thursday's game. Kitchener led 2-0 going into the third period.

Grab lead Sunday afternoon, A-B's grabbed a 4-1 first period lead and wrapped the win up with a pair of second period markers against a small but fast Fergus team. Acton goal scorers were Scott Malcolm and David McGilgoway, with two goals apiece and Shane Withers and Bruce McPhail with one each. Steve Van Der Eyken, Bert Post, Hanny Van Fleet, Ricky Gibson and Lee-John Bonnell earned assists.

Play well

Gaithes Derrick Neeley and Chris Sweetman both played well in Sunday's nip and tuck battle. Wade Vickery, Ricky Gibson, Scott Malcolm and Bert Post scored for Acton. Bruce McPhail and David McGilgoway each earned two assists. Single helpers went to Bert Post and Steve Van Der Eyken.

Novices make their next start in Fergus tomorrow (Thursday) night. Their next home game is against Orangeville, Thursday, December 9.

Gardin, Holmes and McNabb scored in Sunday's game. Pee wees travel to Fergus for a game Saturday at 6 p.m. Their next home game is against Elkhira, Saturday, December 11.

## Orangeville whips Lions

Acton Lions juveniles lost their fourth game in five starts 4-0 to Orangeville here last night (Tuesday). Lions play their next game in Fergus tonight (Wednesday).

## Cougars score while Sabres warm sin bin

Schomberg Cougars scored six unanswered first period goals and went on to hand Acton Sabres their third consecutive disastrous defeat on the road 10-3 in Schomberg Sunday afternoon.

Already minus two of their top goal scorers, Pete Morrison and George McPhail, Sabres played the final 13 minutes of the game without defencemen Randy Weldon and Jack Durante, who

received game misconducts. Weldon had already served six minors. Durante's sentence was automatic. He'd previously received two fighting majors.

In all, Sabres spent a total of 71 minutes in the sin bin and coach Bill Dawkins was forced to use every possible line combination in an effort to stop the goal-happy Cougars.

Mike Clarke, who started in the

Acton nets, gave up only one goal in the second period, after playing a shaky first period. Craig Weldon took over in the third, when Clark suffered dizzy spells, after being hit.

Hat trick Bob Hogan bagged a hat trick for the Cougars. Bob Roots scored twice and Jerry MacBain, Brent Webb, Bruce O'Brien, Werner Matysek and Ken Taylor scored a goal apiece.

Ted Harmer, Dale Fisher and Gord Murray replied for Acton. Ray Evans contributed a pair of assists to the Sabre scoring totals. Gary Turkosz, Bill Field and Brian Davey earned an assist apiece.

Sabres host the first place Alliston Hornets, who have lost only one game in seven, Sunday at 1.30.

## Midgets run out of steam

After going unbeaten in their first three league games, Acton C.F.A.W. midgets have suffered three straight one goal defeats.

Defending Waterloo-Wellington champion Elmira midgets defeated the locals twice by the same 3-2 score in back to back games last Thursday and Friday. Sunday night in New Hamburg, midgets bowed 2-1 to the host club.

Bill McGilgoway and David Lee scored for Acton in the Thursday game against Elmira. Charlie McKee assisted on Lee's third period goal. Henry Toebes was the lone Acton marksman in the New Hamburg game.

The Acton lads ran out of steam in the third period of both road

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Wed. Dec. 8 5 p.m.—Bantam practice

Thurs. Dec. 9 7.00—Juveniles vs Orangeville 8.15—Midgets vs Elkhira 9.30—Juvenile practice

Fri. Dec. 11 7.00—Novices vs Elkhira 8.15—Peewees vs Elkhira 9.30—Bantams vs Elkhira

**NOTICE!!**

Due to the lack of Registration, the Saturday Advanced Hockey School will be discontinued.

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