

Midget goalies sparkle in wins

Acton CFAW midgets boosted their Waterloo-Wellington league record to 5-1 with two victories last week. Midgets came from behind to edge Kitchener 2-1 Tuesday and whitewashed Elora 6-0, here Thursday night. Superb goalkeeping by David Allan and Rick Bonnette was a big factor in both victories.

Tuesday's game was scoreless until the third period. Kitchener scored early in the third, but Acton bounced back with the tying goal by Bill McGilloy and the winner by Henry Toebes.

Praises goalie
"Dave kept us in the game for the first two periods," coach Jim James commented. "Our guys came to life in the third."
Henry Toebes scored from Steve McIntyre at the 30 second mark of the first period of Thursday's game. Acton added two more goals in the second period and three more in the third.

Two each
Billy McGilloy and Charlie McRae potted two goals apiece and Wade Knight bagged one. Terry Holmes and Jim McNabb contributed two assists apiece to the Acton scoring attack. Toebes, Knight, Gary Fisher, Tim McIntyre and Russ Coultrup all

helped out on a goal each. Rick Bonnette posted the shutout. Acton takes on Brantford minor midgets for the first time here tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8.15.

Free choice

Trustees at the Halton County Board of Education will face the problem of free attendance areas once again. The scheme was defeated several months ago but a committee on priorities and expenditures has recommended the board give further consideration to it.

If the plan is adopted students would be allowed to go to the school of their choosing regardless of boundaries after they had attended the school they would normally go to.

No Transportation
When it was brought up before, it was noted the students opting into a new school would have to provide their own transportation.

If adopted, the system could help point out poor schools in a system. If a large number of students opted out of one school it would be up to the principal to find out why.

Transfers would only be granted after application to the board and if there was an opening in the school the applicant wished to attend.



Is this hockey?

REFEREE Charlie Lennox watches, as linesman Kent Gary Turkosz. Both received game misconducts along with Robinson tries to separate the combatants in Sunday's second Bluebird goalie Ken Hume on a breakaway. —(Staff Photo)

Holiday treat for Sabre fans

Acton Sabre fans have a treat in store for them during the upcoming Christmas holidays. First place Alliston Hornets will play here Monday night, December 27 at 8.30.

The game was originally scheduled for Sunday, February 27, the final day of the regular season, but Alliston officials cooperated with the Sabres in agreeing to the earlier date. The Acton Legion Peeewe House league tournament will be occupying the community centre Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27.

It is hoped the holiday night contest will attract an extra large crowd.

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Second Section

Shop again after holiday

Thrift Shop closed up yesterday for a Christmas holiday. It opens again January 11, and will resume its normal schedule — every second and fourth Tuesday afternoon, after that.

Sabres trounce Shelburne

Acton Sabres climbed to within two points of the fourth place Bradford Vasey's by whipping Shelburne Bluebirds 7-1 here Sunday afternoon in one of the most lacklustre exhibitions of hockey seen here in recent years.

Sabres would have been in a fourth place tie, if they'd been able to knock off the league leading Alliston Hornets in Alliston Friday night. Hornets outscored Sabres 4-2 in that one, although neither team deserved a win on their play.

Sunday's game, played before a crowd of 250, was marred by a wild second period brawl, which resulted in fighting majors to five players and game misconducts to Sabres' Gary Turkosz and Ted Harmer and Don Doan of Shelburne. Play had been chippy right from the opening whistle and both teams demonstrated a much greater fondness for roughing it up than they did for playing hockey.

Score early
Pete Morrison scored his first goal, since returning to the Sabre lineup, after only 33 seconds of the opening period and Acton walked their way to a 4-0 lead, before the 17 minute mark. Morrison, Les Wilson and Gary Turkosz scored the other first period goals. Wilson's goal, a slap shot from outside the blue line, was his first of the season. Dave Taggart tallied an unassisted goal for Shelburne.

After sitting out a fighting major, Sabre centre Dale Fisher came back to score the only goal of the second period.

Fisher, one of the few players skating in high gear, deked out the Acton scoring. George McPhail earned three assists.

Fisher and Charlie Gidden tallied third period goals to round out the Acton scoring. George McPhail earned three assists.

Bill Field collected a pair and Randy Weldon, Jim Stevenson, Ted Harmer and Brian Davey picked up one apiece. Craig Weldon played a heads up game in the Acton nets.

Besides playing without Turkosz and Harmer for half the game, Sabres missed league scoring leader Ray Evans and defenceman Jack Durante. Both arrived late for the game, after experiencing car trouble.

Box filled
At one stage in the second period, coach Bill Dawkins had only two players plus sub-goalie Mike Clark left on the bench. Sabres had five men in the penalty box and three on the ice.

Chippiness and unnecessary roughness were also undesirable features of Friday night's game in Alliston, which produced a total of 84 minutes in penalties, including six fighting majors and a misconduct.

Hornets had a 4-2 lead with eight minutes to go, but almost blew it, when referee Mike Bowden literally filled the box in an effort to get the teams to play hockey. Alliston goalie Jamie Doane looked bad on both Acton goals and Craig Weldon let a soft one go by him in the second period.

Bright light
One promising part of Sabres' play was a fine second period penalty killing effort by Ray Evans, Ted Harmer and Charlie Gidden. Defencemen Randy Weldon and Jack Durante both missed the game and Brad Timbers left with an injury early in the second period. George McPhail did an adequate job behind the blue line in the emergency.

Eric St. Peters, Blair Prentice, Pat O'Leary and Brent Pendleton scored for Alliston.

Bill Field and Ted Harmer replied for the Sabres. Dale Fisher assisted on both goals. Gary Turkosz and Pete Morrison also earned single assists.

Alliston outshot Acton 38-25. Sabres host Schomberg Cougars Friday night at 8.30 and travel to Fergus for a game with the fast improving "Green Machine" Sunday at 2. Sabres have yet to win a game against either club.

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons



Acton Sabres' 7-1 win over Shelburne Sunday came as no surprise to anyone who's been following the South Central O.H.A. Junior "D" Hockey League. After all, Shelburne hadn't won a league game going into Sunday's contest and they'd previously been trounced 19-4 and 10-4 by the Sabres.

Most surprising thing about Sunday's game was that most of the 250 fans were still around to watch the third period. They couldn't have been there to watch a hockey game, because there wasn't any hockey being played.

For all intents and purposes, the game ended at the 18.35 mark of the first period. That's when Gary Turkosz scored to give Acton a 4-0 lead. By that time it was obvious the visiting Bluebirds were on their way to another humiliating defeat. Both teams realized it and both unfortunately decided to spend the rest of the afternoon trying to prove which had the best fighters. It had already been proven which had the best team, although first period play could at best be described as "mill pond shinny".

First the charging, cross-checking and high-sticking started and when referee Charlie Lennox turned his back on some obvious offences, three separate fights broke out in the second period. The combatants had no sooner been whisked off to the sin bin (three also went to their dressing rooms with game misconducts), when another scrap started. A fifth battle was halted in the early stages by alert linesmen, who by that time had plenty of practice breaking up fights.

What followed was a dull, uninteresting period in which three players on each side tried very hard to keep the puck away from the other side and not very hard to score. Meanwhile, the officials and fans scratched their heads trying to figure out which one, two or three of the seven, eight or was it nine players in the penalty box would return to the ice next.

Sunday's exhibition of roughhouse tactics was the latest in a series that has been occurring all too frequently in the new league. Sabres' previous two games with Alliston had their share of fights, unnecessary roughness, temper tantrums and door slamming. Sabres certainly haven't been the only team guilty of over-zealous play. All six teams have contributed to the undesirable situation at one time or another. But "because the other guy's doing it" is never a valid reason to continue anything as nonsensical as fist fights in a hockey game.

Professional hockey's absolute refusal to have officials clamp down on fighting has had a pretty obvious effect on amateur players who think it's the fashionable thing to get involved in a scrap or two every game. As recently as last week "The Hockey News" carried a story in which it was reported Cincinnati Swords of the American Hockey League have hired a former U.S. Olympic boxing coach to brush up some of their players on the basics of fisticuffs. Coach Joe Crozier complained that some of his larger opponents were taking advantage of the smaller Cincinnati players!

A check of the Sword roster would tell any five-year-old the Cincinnati management would be spending their money much more wisely if they purchased some hockey players.

And so it goes, right on down the line. The juniors see the pros doing it, the midgets see the juniors doing it and the bantams see the midgets doing it. Saturday's Acton-Elmira bantam game ended with three fights and six game suspensions.

The O.H.A.'s playoff discard list is always filled with teams, who head-hunted their way to group championships, but were soundly trounced when they got into the provincial playoffs where the hockey was being played. This year will be no exception.

With four games coming up against the teams that are ahead of them in the standings, Sabres could be looking at the part of the schedule that will make or break them. Two, three or four wins would likely allow them to vacate fifth place for the first time. Four losses could finish them for the season.

If they settle down and start playing some hockey, they might be able to trade their league leading penalty total for the league lead in points. Then there might be 850 fans hanging around for the third period instead of 250!

Peewees post second win Morrison stars in goal

A brilliant display of goalkeeping by Mark Morrison helped Acton Y's Men's peewees shutout Elmira 2-0 for their second win of the season, here Saturday afternoon.

Young Morrison was particularly effective in the third period, when Acton led only 1-0 and the visitors had the puck buzzing all around the Acton net. Jeff Shields saved the day, when he scored an insurance goal on a beautiful three way passing play with Ricky Holmes and Randy Upton. Holmes cashed in Upton's pass for the first Acton goal, midway through the second period.

Monday night, Y's Men suffered a 4-0 shutout defeat at the hands of the unbeaten Elora team. Elora were O.M.H.A. peeewe "D" finalists last year.

"We just plain got beat," coach Del Cook commented. "The Elora kids forechecked and played their positions well all night."

Peewees play in Orangeville tonight (Wednesday) and play a return game against Elora, here Saturday afternoon at 2:15. Acton has a record of two wins, four losses and one tie.

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ACTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

STANDINGS (Not including last night's game Schomberg at Shelburne)

	P	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Alliston	11	8	2	1	16	53	38
Fergus	12	7	3	2	16	70	40
Schomberg	11	5	3	3	13	61	49
Bradford	11	5	4	2	12	63	54
ACTON	12	5	7	0	10	69	60
Shelburne	11	0	11	0	0	38	111

Game Scores

Alliston 6 Bradford 1	Fergus 5 Bradford 2
Bradford 3 Fergus 3	Acton 7 Shelburne 1
Alliston 4 Acton 2	Fergus 7 Schomberg 4

Top Scorers (Dec. 8, 71)

	GP	G	A	PTS
Ray Evans, Acton	10	11	18	29
Bill Field, Acton	10	12	10	22
Tom Coffey, Bradford	8	10	11	21
Mike McKay, Alliston	10	14	6	20
Terry Bolger, Fergus	8	12	5	17
Jim Masin, Bradford	9	9	8	17
Paul Robinson, Alliston	9	8	9	17
Bruce O'Brien, Schomberg	8	4	13	17
Sandy Fleming, Fergus	9	7	9	16
Dale Fisher, Acton	10	6	10	16

* O.H.A. JUNIOR "D" HOCKEY *
ACTON SABRES
 vs
SCHOMBERG COUGARS
 at the
ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
 FRIDAY, DEC. 17
 at 8.30 P.M.
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Officials at Glen Eden Ski Club at the Kelso Conservation are predicting the best skiing ever for visitors to Glen Eden this winter. Manager Alec Duncan said a

great deal of work and additional equipment has been introduced to the slopes in preparation for the coming season. He hopes to have the slopes open for this Saturday,

A T-Bar has been installed to take the place of a rope tow that was removed. The new hill has a vertical drop of 251 feet and is situated beyond the chalet near the new parking lot in the park

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Heated washroom facilities are being completed near the new hill and parking lot. The area now offers two rope tows and two T-Bars on the slopes.
 New snowmaking facilities will be able to cover the entire area and all hills will be lit for night skiing. A new machine known as a skidozer has been acquired and will make for better skiing. The machine is used to break icy patches, eliminate drifting and in general conditions the snow for good skiing.