



BRADFORD GOALIE Ken Wyatt moved too late to stop Ray Evans' shot in the third period of last Wednesday's 5-4 Sabre victory. Wyatt had just kicked out a hard wrist shot by Bill

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Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

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After playing probably their best hockey of the season in upsetting Bradford last Wednesday night, Acton Sabres laid an egg before a Boxing Day home audience Monday night. The four key games we mentioned in this corner two weeks ago have now passed and Sabres are only two points better than they were then.

Goalkeeping has hurt Sabres in more ways than one. Tom Broderick of Fergus, Torben Frederiksen of Schomberg and more recently Alliston sub-goalie Paul Guchardi have come up with superb efforts against Acton. Meanwhile, Sabres' combination of Craig Weldon and Mike Clarke have been having more than their share of off nights. Coach Bill Dawkins has dressed midget grad Steve Webster as backup man for the last two games.

So far Dawkins has used a total of 20 different players, but hasn't been able to find a consistent winning combination yet. Could be the team is still a couple of solid players short of making the playoffs.

Speaking of solid players, there hasn't been a better one in the whole league in the first half of the schedule than Sabre captain Ray Evans. In spite of the fact opposing defencemen are keying on him, the shifty centre seems to be getting even better. Evans leads in the league in scoring with 17 goals and 21 assists in 15 games.

Best defenceman we've seen so far has been Alliston's huge Pat O'Leary. O'Leary has been getting his share of scoring points, while helping to keep the Hornets' goals against total the second lowest in the league.

Visiting fans have been passing complimentary remarks on the attractive Sabres' hockey program. Original design ideas came from the talented John McNabb. Bill Dawkins headed the advertising sales committee.

With prizes waiting for holders of the lucky numbers programs, sales have been very good at recent games. Scor-o is a popular between periods feature of all home games. Sports writers, who couldn't hit the broad side of a barn door, have been helping to keep the Scor-o jackpot intact lately!

Junior "D" stats

(Not including last night's game Bradford at Shelburne)

	P	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Fergus	15	10	3	2	22	101	51
Alliston	15	10	4	1	21	73	54
Schomberg	14	8	3	3	19	79	63
Bradford	14	6	6	2	14	78	70
ACTON	16	6	10	0	12	85	87
Shelburne	14	0	14	0	0	47	128

Games Scores

Fergus 6—Alliston 2 Fergus 14—Shelburne 3
Acton 5—Bradford 4 Alliston 6—Acton 2

FUTURE GAMES

Sunday, Jan. 2 Acton at Schomberg 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 4 Alliston at Shelburne.

Evans leads Sabre scorers

Acton Sabre captain Ray Evans continues to lead the South Central O.H.A. Junior "D" league in scoring at the halfway point in the schedule. In 15 games Evans has scored 17 goals and assisted on 24 others. Evans also leads his team in assists. Right winger Bill Field is Sabres' top goal scorer. Field has 16 goals in 16 games, for a goal a game average.

Sabres' scoring statistics for the first half of the schedule are listed below:

	G	A	Pts
Ray Evans	17	24	41
Bill Field	16	15	31
Dale Fisher	9	13	24
George McPhail	7	11	14
Pete Morrison	11	5	16
Gary Turkoz	8	7	15
Randy Weldon	1	13	14
Ted Harmer	6	1	13
Charlie Gidden	2	3	5
Brian Davey	2	3	5
Brad Timbers	1	3	4
Gord Murray	1	2	3
Rick Mitchell	1	2	3
Jim Stevenson	0	3	3
Les Wilson	1	0	2
Jack Durante	1	0	1
John Sheppard	0	1	1

Sabres will try to beat Schomberg Cougars for the first time, when they play in Schomberg Sunday afternoon at 2. Their next game is Friday January 7 against Bradford.

Field. Sabres played their best hockey of the season in upsetting the Vasey's on their home ice.—(Staff Photo)

Sabres gift wrap win over Bradford

For the first time this season Acton Sabres didn't retaliate when they got rapped. The result was that referee Bob Firth rapped Bradford Vasey's with 18 minor penalties. Sabres scored power play goals and presented coach Bill Dawkins with an early Christmas present, a gift-wrapped 5-4 victory last Wednesday night.

Sabres were a vastly improved team from the one that lost 11-6 to Fergus three days earlier. They came out hustling in the first period and didn't stop until the final buzzer cut short a last minute Bradford bid to tie the score.

Craig Weldon was as sharp as a razor in the Sabre nets. After giving up the third Bradford goal at the 56 second mark of the second period, Weldon was unbeatable until the final minute of the game. The Sabre defensive duo, Rick Mitchell and Ted

Harmer and Charlie Gidden and Brad Timbers gave him excellent protection and carried the puck out of the Acton end well.

Harmer and Gary Turkoz both came back to play, after making trips to a Bradford doctor for stitches in the first period.

Score early
Pete Morrison connected on a pass from Dale Fisher shortly after the one minute mark of the first period and Sabres took a 2-0 lead at 3:17, when George McPhail scored a power play goal from Ray Evans.

With Harmer and Turkoz absent, Bradford bounced back to tie the score with a pair of quick goals by Les Kovacs and Adrian Vanderkult. Rick Mitchell was in the penalty box for the first goal and Jim Stevenson was sitting out a hooking sentence, when the second was scored.

Andy Purmals gave Bradford the lead for the only time in the

Sub-goalie shines

Shorthanded Hornets catch Sabres napping

For 58 minutes play in Monday night's Acton Sabre-Alliston Hornet game was very even. But it took the Hornets only a minute and 37 seconds in the second period to put the game out of reach.

Hornets stung the locals for four goals in that stretch as Sabre goalie Craig Weldon and his defence took an early nap. Alliston went on to hand the Acton crew their 10th loss in 16 starts 6-2.

Husky Pat O'Leary who played practically the whole game for the shorthanded Hornets, bagged the first two goals from his point position. Terry Gowan and Phil Doane also scored to increase the

Alliston lead to 6-1. Weldon let two of the goals go between his legs. On the other two he was left unprotected and was at the mercy of the fired-up Hornet sharpshooters.

Miss chance
Sabres missed a golden opportunity to vacate fifth place in the league by losing. Hornets were missing four first stringers, including goalie John Doane, who broke his leg in an auto accident

Two changes in Sabre schedule

A hassle about scheduling in the South Central O.H.A. Junior "D" league has resulted in two changes in the Acton Sabre schedule in January.

The controversy centred around a game Sabres were scheduled to play in Schomberg last Sunday, December 26. Sabre officials claim they made it clear before the schedule was drawn up they would not play December 26, the day after Christmas. In spite of this, Sabres were listed on the schedule to play in Schomberg that day.

Subsequent correspondence and phone calls to league convenor Bill Church failed to result in a schedule change. At one stage there was even a suggestion Acton might lose their \$100 bond, if they failed to show for the Schomberg game.

The hassle was finally resolved last Wednesday. When Acton agreed to postpone a game with Fergus, originally scheduled for Acton this Sunday, January 2 until the following Sunday, January 9. This Sunday, January 2, Sabres will play in Schomberg to make up for the December 26 game. Schomberg played an exhibition game Sunday.

recently. In addition the Alliston team bus arrived a half hour late for the game, because of hazardous driving conditions and Hornets had to hustle to get dressed.

When the game started the visitors continued to do most of the hustling and sub-goalie Paul Guchardi played a superb game replacing Doane. Sabres hit the goal post on two occasions, but most of the time their inability to score could be attributed to Guchardi's heroics.

Bagstwo
Only shots to beat the Hornet backup man were a tip-in by Ray Evans off Rick Mitchell's drive from the point in the first period and another Evans shot along the ice with one second left in the game. Pete Morrison and Bill Field drew assists on Evans' goals along with Mitchell.

Phil Doane and Paul Robinson scored first period goals for Alliston. Doane cashed in O'Leary's pass, while Jim Stevenson was serving a holding penalty and Robinson teamed up with Blair Prentice on a two on one break. Sabre defenceman

Brad Timbers was caught up ice on the play.

More fights
The Boxing Day crowd of 250 were subjected to the usual display of fistcuffs. Rick Mitchell took a pretty good licking from Hornet tough guy John Barber. Stevenson tangled with Ron DePlanche and Les Wilson took an Alliston's Eric St. Peters. Referee Ron Breen of Georgetown assessed fighting majors against all combatants.

Timbers landed out the best check of night, nailing Barber with his head down and sending him flying through the air late in the third period.

John Sheppard, who has been used sparingly this year, worked hard for the Sabres when called upon. O'Leary and Robinson were standouts both ways for Alliston.

The disappointing Acton showing prompted a hastily called executive meeting immediately after the game. Sabres are obviously a few players short of becoming a contender in the league.

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Midgets shaded by Orangeville

Acton CFAW midgets missed a chance to take over first place in the Waterloo-Wellington league, when they dropped a heart-breaking 1-0 decision to the league-leading Orangeville team here Thursday night.

Coach Jim James described the game as one of the best exhibitions of hockey in the Acton ice palace in any age group this season. Rick Bonnette played a fine game in goal for Acton.

His post
Ken Hurren hit the goal post with a shot, which would have tied the game in the dying minutes. Wade Knight played a solid game on defence, handing out several stiff clean checks. A penalty to Russ Coultrup led to the only Orangeville goal.

Goalies hot
The Acton netminding combination of Rick Bonnette and Dave Allan allowed an average of only two goals per game in the first half of the schedule.

Midgets play in Elora tomorrow (Thursday) night and face New Hamburg in an

Fergus may fold

Fergus juveniles are reported to be on the verge of folding. Fergus failed to show for a regularly scheduled Waterloo-Wellington league game against Acton Lions here last night (Tuesday) and Lions had to settle for a practice.

The Fergus team have already had a win and a tie against Acton taken away from them for using unsigned players.

Fergus juveniles were O.M.H.A. juvenile "A" semi-finalists last year, but many of their players are playing with the new Fergus junior team this year.

Lions lost their only game last week 6-0 to the first place Orangeville team. They host the same Orangeville team Tuesday, January 4 at 8:15.

important game in New Hamburg Sunday night. Acton will likely meet New Hamburg in the O.M.H.A. playoffs.

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