

Hustle pays dividends for improving Sabres

Acton Sabres continued their mastery of Bradford Vasey's, outscoring the visitors 8-5 here Friday night in one of the most action-packed games of the Junior "D" season. Since they absorbed an 11-2 shellacking at the hands of the Vasey's in early November, Sabres have bounced back to defeat them three straight.

The game was a key one for the two clubs, who are battling for a playoff spot in the South Central league and both played like the Stanley Cup was at stake.

Sabres carried a 4-3 lead into the third period, but suddenly found themselves in a tie game when Les Kovacs connected for Bradford in the first minute of the final frame.

Superior conditioning and two timely Bradford penalties helped Sabres strike for three quick goals and put the game out of reach. Sabres kept up the hustle they'd displayed right from the opening whistle, while Bradford wilted under the pressure.

The line of Gary Turkosz, Dale Fisher and Pete Morrison accounted for five of the Acton

goals. Turkosz fired a hat trick and earned one assist, Fisher scored one goal and set up four others and Morrison had a goal and an assist.

Randy Weldon, George McPhail and Bill Field were the other Sabre marksmen. Field's goal was his 20th of the season. Captain Ray Evans, who played his usual outstanding game, added his league leading point total by collecting three assists.

Andy Purmalis, Don Stevens and Tom Coffey, and Adrian Vanderhulst scored the other Bradford goals. Coffey, a tower of strength for the visitors also drew assists on four goals.

Defence sharp

In spite of the impressive offensive show, Sabres' got their best performance from rearguard Ted Harmer. Harmer belted oncoming Bradford forwards with authority and broke up dangerous rushes on several occasions. Together with Randy Weldon and Brad Timbers, Harmer played almost double his usual time, since three regular defencemen Brian Davey, Charlie Gidden and Rick Mitchell were absent. Weldon

was at his best smothering Bradford shots, George McPhail did a fine job filling out the shorthanded blue-line brigade, when called on.

Bradford took 11 of the 19 minor penalties called by referee Ron Breen. Gary Turkosz and Bradford's Ron James clashed in a first period bout that sent both to the sin bin for five minutes.

Juveniles edge Erin

With manager Carl Timbers behind the bench, subbing for coach Ken Hearn, Acton Lions juveniles came up with a super effort to upset Erin 3-2 here last night (Tuesday).

Defenceman Harry Lawson gave Lions a 2-0 lead with a pair of first period goals. Tom Parkinson scored what proved to be the winner at 1:10 of the second period. Gord Williams contributed two assists to the Lion scoring totals. Dan McGilloway drew one assist.

Hagan hot

Ted Hagan backed his teammates with a solid performance in goal. Second period shots by Brian Keddy and John Cunningham were the only ones to beat him. He speared a Cunningham drive that was headed for the corner of the net in the final seconds, to preserve the Acton victory.

Lions showed a lot of hustle and drive and forechecked the visitors to a standstill at times.

Tourney action

Competing in a tournament in Galt Saturday, Lions lost 7-0 to Stratford a Double "A" team and 7-1 to the triple "A" Guelph team. Last Wednesday night they lost 3-0 to Fergus in a league game. Lions play in Erin tomorrow (Thursday) night and host New Hamburg Tuesday January 18.

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Second Section



PERSISTENT FORECHECKING paid off in a big win for Acton Sabres in their game with Fergus here Sunday afternoon. Ray Evans steals the puck from Fergus rearguard Merv Griffin in this picture, as goalie Tom Broderick hugs the goalpost. —(Staff Photo)

Sabres stall "Green Machine"

First place teams beware! Acton Sabres are out to get you. And they'll probably succeed.

For the fourth time this season, Sabres knocked the league leaders in the South Central Junior "D" league off their pedestal, when they whipped the Fergus "Green Machine" 8-1 here Sunday afternoon in front of over 500 happy fans, the largest crowd since the official opening game. Bradford, Schomberg and Alliston had previously lost their leads here.

Sabres' fourth conquest of a league leader was by far the most rewarding. On the same afternoon, they beat Fergus for the first time, halted a nine game "Green Machine" unbeaten streak, prolonged an undefeated string of their own and vacated fifth place for the first time, since the first week of November.

In what turned out to be their best 60 minute effort yet, Sabres made a shambles of the "Green Machine" power play in a first period, in which they were victimized by completely inconsistent penalty calls by referee Jim King. In spite of having to play shorthanded for the entire period, Sabres came out with a 1-0 lead. Ray Evans got the goal, tipping in Randy Weldon's drive from the point.

Forecheck well

Sabres' forechecking was so tenacious that goalie Nelson Barber, the most recent addition to the club, scarcely had a shot to handle in the first period.

"Our game plan was to forecheck them in their own end. That's exactly what we did and the result was that they became confused," coach Bill Dawkins said after the game.

Fergus goalie Tom Broderick, who beat the locals almost singlehandedly in the opening game, was not as fortunate this time around. Sabres fired four second period goals to up their lead to 5-0, before Bruce Boyd beat Barber with a backhand shot at 14:43 for the only Fergus goal.

Pretty goal

Ted Harmer and John Sheppard, two standout Sabre performers, teamed up on the

first one, hailed by trainer "Sonny" Townsley as the prettiest play he's seen this year. Harmer carried the puck from behind his own net, fed a pass to Sheppard just outside the Fergus blue-line, then drove straight for the "Green Machine" net, where he tipped Sheppard's perfect relay between Broderick's legs. Bill Field, Ray Evans and Dale Fisher netted the other second period Acton goals.

When the visitors staged a brief rally early in the third, Barber sent them to the bench shaking their heads with some heads-up saves.

Play well

Perhaps the most encouraging part of the victory was the fine play of the third line, made up of newcomer Graham Fraser, John Sheppard and Les Wilson. The trio hemmed Fergus in their own end most of the time they were on the ice and came up with a goal in the final minutes. Wilson fired the shot past sub-goalie Don Giles. Fraser and Sheppard assisted on the play.

Giles replaced Broderick in the Fergus cage, after Bill Field scored his second goal of the game on a Ray Evans pass at

10:10 of the third period. Pete Morrison deked Giles for the other Sabre goal.

Sabres' defence corps, Ted Harmer, Randy Weldon, Brad Timbers and Brian Davey gave Barber excellent protection.

Miss three

Fergus played without three of their big guns, Brian Walker, Randy Fleming and Wayne Beirnes. A fourth Kim Beirnes was injured in the first period and did not return.

"I think we would have beaten them badly with or without those players," Dawkins commented.

John (Goy) has our guys so well conditioned now, we're not running out of steam anymore."

Sabres played without two defencemen Rick Mitchell and Charlie Gidden.

After the first period, when Sabres took seven of the nine penalties, King called only one penalty against Acton, while sending Fergus players to the sin bin on six occasions.

The loss dropped Fergus out of first place, which means Sabres will still be playing the first place club, when Alliston Hornets come to town for a 1:30 game Sunday afternoon.



FERGUS SUB-GOALIE Don Giles slides out to block a shot by Sabre winger Pete Morrison. —(Staff Photo)

Junior "D" stats

	P	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Alliston	18	12	5	1	25	86	70
Fergus	17	11	4	2	24	117	80
Schomberg	17	9	5	3	21	96	74
ACTON	20	10	10	0	20	106	97
Bradford	17	8	7	2	18	97	80
Shelburne	19	0	19	0	0	53	164

Game Scores

Alliston 7 — Shelburne 3
Bradford 8 — Shelburne 0
Alliston 3 — Schomberg 2
Acton 8 — Bradford 5
Fergus 15 — Shelburne 1
Schomberg 11 — Alliston 3
Acton 8 — Fergus 1

Bantams take league lead

Backed by the solid shutout goaltending of Mike Luty, Acton Firefighter bantams blanked Kitchener North Stars 2-0 here last night (Tuesday) to take over sole possession of first place in the Waterloo-Wellington league. Firefighters have eight wins and four ties in 15 games.

Third period goals by John Hansen and Jeff Townsley were enough to give Firefighters their fourth win in five games. B. J. Legate and Steve Brunelle drew one assist apiece. Firefighters played sound positional hockey, forcing the visitors to make the mistakes.

Key game

In a key game Saturday afternoon, Acton downed New Hamburg 5-1, as Russ Van Fleet scored two goals and John

Hansen, Kent Kentner and Jeff Townsley added singles. Sharp playmaking by Steve Buchanan earned the sturdy winger three assists. Hansen and Joe Kentner each helped out on one goal.

Robin Incoe held the burgers to a single tally over the first two periods and Luty shut them out in the final frame.

Beat Erin

Thursday night Firefighters put down a determined effort by the rapidly improving Erin team and came home with a 3-1 victory. John Hansen netted all three Acton goals and Mike Luty was superb in goal.

In the last five games Luty and Incoe have given up a total of only eight goals.

Bantams are idle until Saturday, January 22, when they play host to Elmira.

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