

## Sabres lose game win coach's praise

In a battle for third place in the South Central Junior "D" league, Schomberg Cougars posted a 4-1 win over a game, but extremely shorthanded Acton Sabre team here Sunday before 350 fans.

Sabres played without the services of four regulars and lost ace Ray Evans in the third period, when the high-scoring centre twisted his back and had to leave the game. Centre Dale Fisher and defenceman Brian Davey were recovering from concussions they suffered in Friday night's game against Alliston. Randy Weldon was sitting out a game suspension and third line centre Graham Fraser inexplicably failed to show for the game.

The seven forwards and three defencemen who dressed hustled their butts off. Except for sparkling performances by Cougar goalie Torben Frederiksen and newly-acquired utility player Frank Foran, Acton may have come out of the game with a tie.

**Goalie hot**  
Frederiksen held Sabres at bay for 57 minutes, after giving up a goal to George McPhail early in the first period. McPhail cashed in Bill Field's pass. Ray Evans also assisted on the play, while Schomberg were shorthanded. Foran, a stocky lad with surprising speed, was easily the best player on the ice. He scored

the first two Schomberg goals, assisted on the fourth by Joachim Matysek and played a steady two-way game on the forward line or defence, wherever coach Len Taylor chose to use him. Cougars reportedly paid \$300 to Newmarket Junior "B"s for Foran's release.

Foran scored his first goal on a wicked backhand shot in the first period and his second on a powerful forehand wrist shot at 3:08 of the second.

**Fluke goal**  
John Deen fired a long shot right between Nelson Barber's legs for the third Cougar goal at 8:31 and Matysek made it 4-1 at 15:08. The third period was scoreless.

Referee Ron Breen of Georgetown gave Schomberg 12 of the game's 20 minor penalties.

Pete Morrison, George McPhail, Brad Timbers and Ted Harmer were four of the hardest-working Sabres.

Coach Bill Dawkins refused to be disheartened by the loss.

"They've got a real good club and yet we battled them almost on even terms, without four regulars. I think it's an indication of the extra effort our guys are going to be giving to make sure we make the playoffs," he said. Sabres maintain a five point lead over the idle Bradford Vasey's, whom they face tonight (Wednesday) in a very important game in Bradford.



SABRE DEFENCEMAN Rick Mitchell throws a heavy shoulder into Schomberg centre John Deen behind the Acton net during Sunday's junior game. Schomberg defeated the shorthanded Sabres 4-1.—(Staff Photo)

## Sabres tie Alliston

# Barber earns honor mark in first pressure test

Sabre fans, who'd been waiting to see newly-signed goalie Nelson Barber under fire, got their opportunity Friday night in Alliston.

Barber faced his first real test and passed it with flying colors, blanking the hometown Hornets until the 14:26 mark of the third period, as Sabres earned a 1-1 tie and their first point on Alliston ice this season. In the process Barber kicked out 43 shots, including 22 in the first period, when Sabres played two men

## Injured return

Dale Fisher and Randy Weldon will both be back in the Sabre lineup for the game tonight (Wednesday) in Bradford. Brian Davey is ready to play, but will not return until Friday night's game in Fergus, on account of shift work.

Whether captain Ray Evans would dress tonight was not known at press time. Evans was to have undergone treatment for his back ailment yesterday (Tuesday).

Coach Bill Dawkins told the Free Press he would definitely not dress Evans tonight unless he's sure he's perfectly sound.

Sabres have a big home and home weekend series with Fergus. They play in Fergus Friday night and back here Sunday.

## Novices win pennant

Acton A-B novices finished first in the Waterloo-Wellington league with a record of 17 wins, four losses and one tie, in spite of a 2-1 loss to the second place Fergus team here Saturday afternoon.

After a scoreless first period, Paul Gear put Fergus in front 1-0 early in the second. Steve Van Der Eyken tied the score on a pass from Bert Post at 10:40.

Ron Nodwell tallied the winning goal for Fergus in the third period.

**Fires five**  
Dave McGilloway fired five goals to spark Acton to an easy 15-2 win over the cellar-dwelling Orangeville squad in Orangeville Sunday afternoon.

Gordie Brown's small but tricky Fergus team proved to be real spoilers in the battle for first place between Acton and New Hamburg. In the final four days of the regular season they knocked off New Hamburg twice and Acton once and snuck past the burgers into second place.

Barry Incoe's A-B squad open their best of five zone playoff with New Hamburg here Saturday at 1:15. Managers of the team are Gus Holmes and Don Van Fleet.

short for almost four minutes.

A lot of unnecessary charging and boarding by the belligerent Hornets spoiled what was otherwise a tremendously exciting game. Referee House called 14 penalties against each team, but overlooked several more offenses.

House threw Rick Mitchell and Randy Weldon out of the game in the third period for showing their disgust with some of his calls. With Dale Fisher and Brian Davey already on their way to the hospital, Sabres played the last five minutes of the game with

only nine players.

Fisher suffered a slight concussion and a deep cut on the nose, when he was charged in the second period. Davey struck his head on the ice, when three of his own players, who were attempting to restrain him, accidentally knocked him over during a third period fight with Alliston's John Barber.

Bill Field tallied a power play goal, his 32nd of the year in the first period, with Rick Mitchell and George McPhail assisting.

John Barber got credit for the

Hornet goal, when his slap shot from the point went through a maze of legs into the net.

**Miss chances**

Sabres still could have won the game, if George McPhail had been able to connect on either one of two super scoring opportunities. In the final 30 seconds he just missed scoring the winner, when a shot from the point took a funny bounce off the boards and came right out to him. Earlier, Ray Evans sent him in alone with a perfect pass, but Hornet goalie Paul Guelardi blocked his shot.

Evans, the league's top scorer, was the chief target for Alliston charging attacks. Twice he appeared to be seriously injured, but returned to action.

## Juvenile Lions bow to Erin

Acton Lions juveniles closed out their regular season Waterloo-Wellington league schedule with a pair of two goal defeats last week.

Erin dumped the Lions 5-3 here last Tuesday night and first place

Orangeville edged them 3-1 in Orangeville, Wednesday.

**Two for Tom**  
Tom Parkinson scored two goals and Dan McGilloway netted one in the Erin game. Harry Lawson, Gord Murray and Ron Waites earned assists.

Erin marksmen were Bob Vidovitsch, Andy Cherry and Paul Walker.

Bob Braiden, a forward with Acton Rams during the lacrosse season, bagged two of the Erin goals. Singles went to Bob Vidovitsch, Andy Cherry, Paul Walker. Erin led 1-0 at the end of the first period and 2-1 at the end of the second.

**High scorer**  
Parkinson placed 11th in the league scoring race with 12 goals and four assists for 16 points.

Coach Ken Hearnis and manager Carl Timbers feel their club is ready to upset New Hamburg in the first round of the O.M.H.A. playoffs, which begin in New Hamburg tomorrow (Thursday) night.

## Peewees finish fifth

In the final two games of their regular schedule, Acton Y's Men's peewees were edged 4-3 by Kitchener Kaisers and trounced 8-3 by the pennant winning Fergus team.

Five of the seven goals scored in Thursday night's game with Kitchener came in the last five minutes of the game. There was no score after two periods of play.

**Two for Rick**  
Ricky Holmes tallied two goals for Acton and Marvin McNabb netted one. Joe Gardin, Jeff Shields and Jamie Vickery.

Fergus held a 5-2 lead at the end of the second period of Friday night's game, then rattled in three more goals in the final frame.

**Two for Joe**  
Joe Gardin bagged two goals and Ricky Holmes netted one for Acton. Assists went to Holmes, Marvin McNabb, Bill Manes and Steve McKnight.

Peewees, under the guidance of Del Cook, Charlie Harrison and Paul Brown, finished fifth with a record of 7-10-2. They'll start a best of three O.M.H.A. playoff series in New Hamburg Sunday.

Tickets on a \$50 bond to be drawn at this year's Legion house league pee wee tournament February 26-27 are now available from Legion minor hockey executive members.

## Junior "D" stats

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

	P	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Fergus	23	15	5	3	151	80	33
Alliston	24	14	7	3	106	90	31
Schomberg	22	12	7	3	140	94	27
ACTON	24	12	11	1	146	108	25
Bradford	22	9	11	2	115	118	20
Shelburne	21	0	21	0	58	226	0

### Game Scores

Alliston 7—Bradford 3  
Acton 1—Alliston 1  
Fergus 11—Bradford 2

Schomberg 4—Acton 1  
Fergus 3—Alliston 3  
Schomberg at Shelburne—postponed

### Future Games

Tonight (Wed.) Acton at Bradford  
Fri. Feb. 4 Acton at Fergus 8:30  
Shelburne at Alliston  
Sun. Feb. 6 Bradford at Schomberg  
Fergus at Acton 1:30

## Bantams post enviable record

Outstanding goalkeeping by Robin Incoe and Mike Luty enabled Acton Firefighter bantams to shutout Kitchener North Stars 1-0 in a Waterloo-Wellington league game here last night (Tuesday). It was the second time in two weeks Acton has blanked the Kitchener club.

Russ Van Fleet scored the only goal of the game on a pass from Kent Kentner at 11:23 of the opening period.

**Played well**  
"With the exception of a two minute stretch in the second period, we forechecked them right into the ice," coach Harold Townsley said after the game. "If we keep playing like that, we should do well in the playoffs." Incoe and Luty allowed a total of only 35 goals in 18 regular season games for a remarkable 1.94 goals against the average.

**Top team**  
Although they still had three games to play, it's a pretty safe bet Acton finished somewhere in the top three with a record of 9-5. Exact standings have not been

released by the convenor since last month.

Firefighters open their O.M.H.A. playoff series in New Hamburg, Sunday night at 7.

## Plan stag

Acton Sabres are planning a fund-raising stag for the Acton Legion, Friday, February 18. Tickets at \$1 can be purchased from players or executive members.

## Goalies shine

Excellent goaltending by Acton's Charlie Bennett and Mike Peace of Georgetown highlighted Saturday's 4-town exhibition game here, a 1-1 tie.

John Ashley scored for Acton from Gord Toth and Ed Ensing at 8:10 of the first period.

Dave Richardson tied the score on passes from Don Gibson and Robbie Bacon two minutes and 10 seconds later.

Both goalies barred the door the rest of the way.

## R. L. cagers off to fast start

Robert Little School cagers have won two of their first three games in the North Halton Public School basketball league.

Sparked by Matt Spehar, their leading scorer, John Kavanaugh's squad knocked off Stewarttown 23-15, lost to Georgetown Centennial 20-12, then bounced back to defeat arch-rival M. Z. Bennett 21-14. Spehar has scored 19 of the team's 56 points.

Also in double figures in scoring statistics is John McCutcheon with 14 points. Jim Hurley has nine, Kent Kentner eight, David Williams four and Tom Milne two.

Rounding out the Robert Little roster are, Delphin Roach,

Marvin McNabb, Mike Degen, Gary Pickles, Rick Van Fleet, Brian Larsen, Jim Matthews, Scott Withers and Danny Webster.

The Robert Little team plays in the eastern division of the North Halton league, along with M. Z. Bennett, Stewarttown and Georgetown Centennial. Burlington Fairview, Milton Martin Street and Brookville make up the western division.

At the end of the regular schedule the first and second place teams in each division enter the playoffs. Champion of the league represents North Halton in the Halton County championships.

## Milton edges Roadrunners

Acton Roadrunners dropped a close 28-27 decision to the highly rated Milton OSD basketball team in an exhibition game Monday night.

Bernie Taylor was the game's high scorer with 10 points. David Galbraith, an outstanding performer had six, Guy Payne five and Terry Holmes, Steve 'Beano' Bennett and Rick Baginski two each.

The Milton lads neutralized a slight Acton advantage in height at the centre position by holding Guy Payne to just five points.

Legion town league tallies

**ATOMS**—David Brown fired all five Dixie goals in a 5-3 victory over Guelph. Mike Strong netted two goals and Tim Jamieson tallied a single for Guelph.

Gary Lumbers' second goal of the game at 13:45 of the final period gave Weston a 3-2 win over Brampton. Gordie McArthur was the other Weston marksman. Mark Duval and David Mitchell earned assists.

Mike Marshall and Gareth Turner replied for Brampton.

**NOVICES**—Hamilton and London battled to a 2-2 tie. John Griese scored the first Hamilton goal on a pass from Randy McIntyre and McIntyre scored the second unassisted.

Peter Luty and Jim Upton scored for London. Assists went to Upton, John Woodman and Bob Hudson.

Adam Sweetman staked Oshawa to a 1-0 first period lead, but Peterborough bounced back to grab a 3-1 win on third period markers by Laurie Smith, Don Brouillard and Rob McDowell. Brouillard also picked up an assist.

The scoreboard could well have read Mike Nicholls 7-Niagara Falls 0. Nicholls scored all seven goals, as St. Catharines blanked the Flyers. Bob Allslop earned one assist and Doug Johnson posted the shutout.

**PEEWEEES**—Goals by Ron Guest, Brian Moore and Ron Kulken helped Springfield defeat Baltimore 3-2. Moore and Greg Johnston also picked up assists for the winners.

The Jollymore brothers Mike and Jeff handled the Baltimore scoring. Ken Harris and Bill Romanovich drew assists.

First period goals by Mike Morris, Alan Swanston and Frank Andrews were enough for Rochester to edge Cleveland 3-2. Ford Alton earned two assists and Andrews, Mark Hamilton and Norm Thornhill collected one bracket each for the winners.

Robert Allen and Paul Bliton scored for Cleveland. George

Binden and Jim Matthews earned assists.

**BANTAMS**—Sparked by John McCutcheon's hat trick, Buffalo whitewashed Hershey 8-0. Carl Gidden bagged two goals for the victors and Lance Court, Dave Moore and Rick Kelly added singles. McCutcheon, Gidden, Moore, John Dyer, Len Forrest, Paul Shultis and Peter Kroes picked up assists. Charlie Bennett earned the shutout in the Buffalo nets.

**MIDGETS**—Montreal nipped Los Angeles 5-4, as Carl Reed scored twice and Kevin Marcoux, Larry Hepburn and Sid Barenis tallied once each. Chris Tennant and Marcoux assisted on two goals each. Moore earned one assist.

Peter Hargrave, Mike Ferguson, Ron Loustet and Roland McCulloch replied for the Kings. Bob Krul drew a pair of assists, and Ferguson, Howard Coultrup, and Terry Webster picked up one each.

**SCORING LEADERS**

Bantam	G	A	Pts
John McCutcheon	11	8	19
John Dyer	10	1	13
Rick Baginski	6	3	9
Gordie Toth	6	3	9
John Ashley	4	6	12
Ed Ensing	3	3	6
Jim Hurley	3	4	7

  

Midget	G	A	Pts
Chris Tennant	15	9	24
Carl Reed	9	10	19
Paul Daley	6	8	14
Bob Krul	6	7	13
Gary Masters	6	3	12
Rony Schuts	3	6	9
Chris Schuts	3	3	6
Bernie Taylor	3	3	6

**Future Games**  
Sat. Feb. 3

Peewees—6:10	Cleveland vs Springfield, 7:35	Rochester vs Baltimore.
Novice—8:35	St. Catharines vs Peterborough, 9:30	Oshawa vs London, 10:25
Hamilton vs Hamilton.	Atom—11:20	Brampton vs Dixie, 12:15
Weston vs Guelph.	Mon Feb. 7	Bantam—7:10
Pittsburgh vs Hershey	Midget—8:10	Los Angeles vs Montreal.

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