

Coach confident of Sabre victory

Coach Bill Dawkins expects to have a full lineup Sunday, when Acton Sabres meet Bradford Vasey's hero in the game that will likely decide who will get the fourth and final playoff spot in the South Central Junior "D" league.

Rick Mitchell, Brian Davey and Graham Fraser, all of whom missed last Sunday's game in Schomberg will return for the big game.

Dawkins is confident Sabres can do the job they have to do Sunday.

"Bradford is a team with few super stars, but a lot of effective hockey players. Any one of them can hurt you," Dawkins said. "We'll have to skate with them all the way, but our guys are ready for this one."

In five previous games between the teams, Sabres have won three, by scores of 6-2, 8-5 and 5-4. Bradford won the other two games on their home ice 11-2 and 5-3.

If Bradford won last night in Shelburne and win again tonight at home against Schomberg, Sabres will need at least a tie in Sunday's game to stay in contention.

Game time Sunday is 1.30 at the community centre.

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

	P	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Fergus	27	19	5	3	193	92	41
Alliston	26	16	7	3	123	94	35
Schomberg	25	13	9	3	149	110	29
ACTON	23	13	14	1	161	127	27
Bradford	23	11	12	2	134	130	24
Shelburne	25	0	25	0	65	288	0

Game Scores

Alliston 10—Shelburne 2
Bradford 10—Shelburne 4
Alliston 7—Schomberg 2
Fergus 14—Shelburne 4
Acton 5—Schomberg 2

Future Games

Tonight (Wed.) Schomberg at Bradford
Fri. Feb. 18 Fergus at Alliston
Sun. Feb. 20 Alliston at Schomberg
Bradford at Acton 1.30
Tues. Feb. 22 Acton at Shelburne

Top Scorers

	P	G	A	PTS	PIM
Ray Evans, Acton	27	31	44	75	51
Sandy Fleming, Fergus	26	31	25	56	35
Kim Burnes, Fergus	25	20	38	58	71
Bill Field, Acton	28	32	17	49	158
Tom Coffey, Bradford	24	21	28	49	11
Randy Fleming, Fergus	23	29	18	47	102
Andy Purmals, Bradford	25	25	19	44	92
Dale Fisher, Acton	27	15	29	44	47
George McPhail, Acton	27	11	32	43	39
Terry Bolger, Fergus	25	25	14	39	18
Gary Turkosz, Acton	28	18	21	39	

Remaining games

FERGUS 3 vs. Alliston, Schomberg, Bradford
ALLISTON 4 vs. Fergus, Schomberg, Bradford, Shelburne
SCHOMBERG 5 vs. Fergus, Alliston, Bradford, Shelburne 2
ACTON 2 vs. Bradford, Shelburne
BRADFORD 5 vs. Fergus, Alliston, Schomberg, Acton, Shelburne.

New Hamburg upsets pennant-winning novices

If there was one possibility, of many that could have arisen in the Acton-New Hamburg O.M.H.A. playoff series, that fans from both centres would have least expected, it was a clean sweep by either team in the novice set.

Saturday afternoon the impossible happened. New Hamburg edged the local A-B squad 3-2 in one of the most exciting minor games of the season and eliminated Acton in straight games. New Hamburg won the first two games of the series 5-3 and 2-1.

It was heartbreaking for Acton that the winning goal in

Saturday's game came on a mid-air stick deflection, that gave A-B goalie Chris Swetman no chance, but ironical in that the stick belonged to Greg Shantz, undoubtedly the outstanding player in the series.

Second winner

It was the second time the shifty little centre had scored the winning goal. His solo effort sewed up the second game for New Hamburg.

Unlike the first two games, A-B's got off to a fast start, when Bert Post, Todd McIntyre and Ricky Gibson clicked for a goal on a beautiful three way passing play. Post scored on a quick wrist shot.

Kevin Weeden tied it up for New Hamburg at 2.05 of the second frame and Joe Scherer made it 2-1, a minute and 20 seconds later, while the burgers were a man short. Scherer took Tim Christner's pass in stride at centre ice and broke in alone on Swetman.

Knot count

Acton hopes soared, when Dave McGilloway knotted the count at 4.40 of the third period with help from Steve Van Der Eyken and Todd McIntyre, but they sagged

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SCHOMBERG GOALIE Torben Frederiksen slid out to stop Sabre winger Pete Morrison from scoring on this play in Sunday's game. Frederiksen wasn't so fortunate on five other occasions, as Sabres upset the Cougars 5-2 to

Sabres set stage for Bradford battle

Acton Sabres' playoff hopes received a big boost Sunday afternoon, when a determined contingent of 12 players went into Schomberg and knocked off the third place Cougars 5-2.

The win increased Sabres' lead over the fifth place Bradford Vasey's to three points and set the stage for this Sunday's head-on clash between the two teams here at the community centre.

Vasey's could come to Acton Sunday with a one point lead over the Sabres, if they're able to win games against Shelburne last

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.

night (Tuesday) and Schomberg in Bradford tonight (Wednesday).

Sabres hustled and checked them to a standstill, in spite of the fact their roster was depleted by the absence of defencemen Rick Mitchell and Brian Davey and centre Graham Fraser.

Acton's second line, made up of three coverage midgets Dale Fisher, Pete Morrison and Gary Turkosz accounted for three of the five goals.

Turkosz scored on a pass from Fisher at 9.46 of the opening period and Morrison set up Ted Harmer for the second tally, while Acton was shorthanded.

Paul Bedard beat Nelson Barber with a 30 foot drive late in the first period to narrow the Acton lead to 2-1.

Cougars came out hitting in the second frame, but their attempts to wear Sabres down backfired, as the referee filled the penalty box with red sweaters. Schomberg played most of the period at least one man short.

Randy scores Sabres finally took advantage of the situation at 18.50, when Randy Weldon rattled a slap shot in off a Schomberg defenceman for what proved to be the winning goal.

Ray Evans upped the Sabres lead to 4-1 with his 31st goal of the season early in the third period. Bill Field and Ted Harmer assisted on the play.

With Field sitting out a cross-checking penalty, Larry Bullock

scored a disputed goal for Schomberg at 6.31. Sabres argued to no avail that the puck went in off a high stick.

Picture goal Gary Turkosz snuffed out Schomberg victory hopes for good with a picture goal late in the game. The hard-working winger faked Cougar goalie Torben Frederiksen to the right and fired the puck into the open part of the net. Dale Fisher and John Sheppard drew assists on the play.

Nelson Barber made several key stops in the dying moments.

Randy Weldon, Ted Harmer and Brad Timbers gave 100 per cent efforts behind the Acton blue line. George McPhail did his usual capable job, when coach Bill Dawkins moved him back to help out the shorthanded defence corps.

After Sunday's game with Bradford, Sabres play their regular season game in Shelburne against the winless Bluebirds, Tuesday, February 22.

Scoring Summary

First Period
A. Turkosz (Fisher) 9.46
A. Harmer (Morrison) 18.10
S. Bedard (W. Matyszek) 18.28

Second Period
A. Weldon 18.50

Third Period
A. Evans (Field) (Harmer) 2.35
A. Bullock 6.31
A. Turkosz (Fisher) (Sheppard) 14.23

Sabres—Goal—Nelson Barber, Defence—Brad Timbers, Randy Weldon, Centre—Ray Evans, Right Wing—Bill Field, Left Wing—George McPhail, Alternates—Ted Harmer, Dale Fisher, Gary Turkosz, Pete Morrison, Les Wilson, John Sheppard.

Bantams win series in overtime game

Russ Van Fleet fired a blistering 60 foot slap shot at 4:00 of a 10 minute overtime period for the winning goal Sunday night, as Acton Firefighter bantams eliminated New Hamburg from the O.M.H.A. playoffs in the third and deciding game of a best of three series.

John McAdam scored into an empty New Hamburg net in the final minute of the overtime session to make the final score 4-2.

After dropping the opening game of the series 3-2, Harold Townsley's Firefighters bounced back to tie the series with a 5-1 win here Thursday night, in a very one-sided contest. New Hamburg, the underdogs in the

series, put up a tremendous battle before bowing in Sunday's game.

The burgers led 2-1 with less than five minutes remaining in regulation time, when Wayne Allan banged in Danny Turner's rebound for the tying goal. Steve Papillon also assisted on the goal.

Allan also scored the first Acton goal on a neat two way passing play with Byron Timbers.

Hick Whittaker and Honnie Halfer were the New Hamburg scorers.

Mike Luty played the first two periods in goal for Acton. Robin Incoe took over in the third and shut New Hamburg out for the third and overtime periods.

John McAdam and Kent Kentner starred in Thursday night's 5-1 victory. Each scored two goals and played outstanding two way games. Russ Van Fleet scored the other Firefighter goal on a breakaway. Van Fleet, Allan and John Hansen earned assists.

Honnie Halfer scored for New Hamburg with Dave Facey and Martin Schwende assisting.

Hobin Incoe played a solid game in the Acton nets. Steve Brunelle was Acton's best defenceman.

Until Sunday night, Acton hadn't won an O.M.H.A. bantam playoff series since the 67-68 season.

Acton: Mike Luty, Robin Incoe, Byron Timbers, Steve Papillon, Steve Buchanan, John Hansen, Kent Kentner, Joe Kentner, Danny Turner, Russ Van Fleet, B.J. Legate, John McAdam, Wayne Allan, Jeff Townsley, Steve Brunelle.

GERTRUDE BY TROGDON



"I MAY NOT BE ANYTHING TO CROW ABOUT BUT AT LEAST I CAN'T BE PERMANENTLY AN ALWAYS CROCK."

Bants drop opener

Ancaster Lions downed Acton Firefighter bantams 4-1 in the first game of a best of three second round O.M.H.A. playoff series in Ancaster last night (Tuesday). A rash of questionable penalties hurt the Acton cause.

Firefighters grabbed a 1-0 lead on a sensational solo effort by John Hansen early in the first period. Ancaster tied the score two minutes later and then the penalty parade began.

The referees from Grimsby called a major penalty against John McAdam for allegedly butt-ending an Ancaster player after the goal was scored. Subsequent minors left Acton shorthanded for almost the entire period, as Ancaster scored two more goals to take a 3-1 lead. The fourth Ancaster goal came in the third period, with Acton again shorthanded.

Second game of the series will be played here at the community centre, tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8.15. Third, if necessary, goes here Saturday afternoon at 3.30.

Winner of the series advances to the O.M.H.A. Bantam "B" quarter-finals against one of six teams, Caledonia, Port Dover, Aylmer, Delhi, Exeter or St. Mary's.

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Sunday, Feb. 20th at 1.30 P.M.

This is a battle for the fourth and final playoff spot in the South-Central League.

NHL Oldtimers to meet Sabres

The popular NHL Oldtimers will make their first appearance in Acton since 1967, when they face the Acton Junior Sabres at the community centre, Friday night, February 25.

Acton Legion Minor Hockey Association arranged to have the Oldtimers play here to help kickoff their third annual peewee house league tournament, which begins at 7.30 the next morning Saturday, February 26 and runs through Sunday afternoon February 27.

Fan favorites like Georgetown's Bob Goldham, a member of five Stanley Cup championship teams during his 17 year NHL career, Cal Gardner, Sid Smith, Harry Watson and Jackie Hamilton, all ex-Toronto Maple Leafs, Danny Lewicki and Pete Conacher will be in the Oldtimers' lineup. The ex-pros attracted 2500 fans in an exhibition game in Guelph Sunday.

Two games between teams from the Legion's atom (6-8 yrs.) house league will precede the Oldtimers-Sabres game.

Tourney big hit

The peewee tournament, a big hit with minor hockey fans last year and the year before, promises to be just as exciting this year.

Kitchener Centreville peewees, who have won the championship both years head a list of 18 teams, which will be competing for honors.

A complete tournament schedule will appear in next week's Free Press.

Tickets on a lucky draw for a \$50 bond are now available from Legion Minor Hockey executive members, coaches, managers and players.

There will be no pre-sale of tickets for the Oldtimers-Sabres game. Tickets will be available at the door only.