

# Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

by Denis Gibbons

Postponement of Sunday's junior hockey "Game of the year" between the Sabres and Bradford Vasey's may yet turn out to be a blessing in disguise for the Acton club.

Sabre officials were looking forward to their best crowd of the season for the playoff berth battle, so they could hardly be blamed for being disappointed, when heavy drifting in the Bradford area prevented Vasey's from making the trip.

When the game was re-scheduled for Saturday night, however, Sabre execs. saw new hope for their squad. Bradford must play the pennant-winning Fergus "Green Machine" at home tonight (Wednesday) and the second place Alliston Hornets in Alliston Friday, before coming here for Saturday's big game.

League convenor Bill Church insisted the game be replayed before this Sunday, February 27, the closing day of the regular schedule. Since the Legion peewee house league tournament takes over the community centre all day Saturday and Sunday, the game had to be set for Saturday night.

Sabres, meanwhile will get a last-minute workout for Saturday's game, when they play the NHL Oldtimers here Friday night. After their win in Shelburne last night (Tuesday), Sabres hold a one point lead in the race for the final playoff spot.

Bradford could exactly reverse the situation by beating Fergus tonight (Wednesday) and could in fact strip the "Game of the year" billing from Saturday's contest by knocking off Alliston Friday night and clinching fourth spot.

But most observers feel that situation is unlikely, even though it appears Fergus and Alliston really have nothing at stake.

Fergus would be tempting fate to lay down and die in tonight's game in Bradford, the only rink they have failed to win in this year. Fergus coach Paul Cook wants to make sure his chattels have no misgivings about playing in Bradford, in case the teams should meet in the playoffs.

Playing in Alliston on a Friday night has proved a good deal less than profitable for the last three teams that have had to do it. Sabres and Schomberg Cougars both had two key players sent to the hospital, as a result of visits to the Alliston ice palace and the Fergus club weren't treated very royally there Friday night, when they clinched first place with a 6-1 win.

At best, Bradford could be given a good shot at winning one of the two games and coming here Saturday night with a one point lead. If they win both, Saturday's game will become a mere exhibition. A win and a tie would give Bradford a two point lead coming in here Saturday and would force a sudden death playoff for fourth spot, if Sabres beat them.

Fergus will tackle the survivor in one semi-final series, while Alliston and Schomberg clash in the other best of five set. Group final series will be a best of seven affair.

## Junior statistics

	P	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Fergus	28	20	5	3	199	93	43
Alliston	27	16	8	3	124	100	35
Schomberg	26	13	10	3	152	114	29
ACTON	29	14	14	1	161	127	29
Bradford	27	13	12	2	150	133	28
Shelburne	26	0	26	0	65	278	0

Fergus clinched first place with win over Alliston.

### GAME SCORES

Bradford 12 Shelburne 0  
Bradford 4 Schomberg 3  
Fergus 6 Alliston 1  
Alliston at Schomberg—postponed  
Bradford at Acton—postponed

## Legion town league tallies



### ATOMS

Teal James posted the shutout and Gary Lumbers bagged a pair of goals, as Weston finished the regular season in first place with a 4-0 win over second place Brampton. Gordie McArthur and Tim Ferguson also scored for Weston. Steve Heppburn earned two assists.

Mike Strong's second goal of the game enabled Guelph to upset Dixie 3-2 and climb out of the league cellar on the final day of the regular schedule. Strong also assisted on the first Guelph goal by Donald Weaver.

Brent Vickery set up David Brown for the first Dixie goal and scored the second unassisted.

### NOVICES

London sewed up first place with a 5-3 victory over St. Catharines. Jim Upton, John Woodman, Todd Cook, Jim Ferguson and Gord Scott scored for London. Woodman, Cook and Chris Hudson drew assists.

Hamilton nailed down second spot in the league by dumping last place Oshawa 6-2, as John Griese and Nick Humeniuk each scored twice. David McAdam and Jeff Hamilton added single goals. Randy McIntyre had two assists and Brian Hogan one for the Red Wings.

Adam Swetman and Lance Alton replied for the Generals. After Dean Boles scored in the second period for Peterborough, Niagara Falls bounced back with four third period markers by Mike Dawson, Rob Renshaw, Steve Tremills and Steve Lumbers to win 4-1. Murray

McNabb and Ray Carter earned single assists.

### PEEWEE'S

Ford Alton bagged three goals in Rochester's 6-1 win over Cleveland. Mark Hamilton, Alan Swanson and Norm Thornhill tallied singles. Swanson, Thornhill, Mike Morris and Colin Mallett earned assists.

Paul Bilton scored for Cleveland on a pass from Ray Marshall.

Tom Ryan, Marc McKerracher, Bill Romanovich and Dave Haverly were the Baltimore marksmen in a 4-3 win against Springfield.

Brian Moore scored twice and Ron Kuiken once for the losers. Cliff Britton drew one assist.

### FUTURE GAMES

Monday, February 28  
BANTAM—7:10 Pittsburgh vs. Hershey  
MIDGET—8:10 Los Angeles vs. Montreal

### FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	L	T	PTS
Weston	15	11	2	2	24
Brampton	15	6	6	3	15
Guelph	15	4	8	3	11
Dixie	15	3	8	4	10

  

	P	W	L	T	PTS
Rochester	15	12	3	0	24
Springfield	15	10	5	0	20
Baltimore	15	5	8	2	12
Cleveland	15	1	12	2	4

Playoffs will begin Saturday, March 4. A complete schedule will appear in next week's Free Press.

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Second Section

## Bantams bow out of O.M.H.A. playoffs

Acton's last hope for an O.M.H.A. championship vanished last Thursday night, when Ancaster Lions whitewashed Acton Firefighter bantams 5-0 and swept their best of three second round playoff series in straight games. First game score was 4-1.

Firefighters were simply outclassed by a better team. Ancaster scored once in the first

period, three times in the second and once more in the third. Only sharp reminding by Mike Luby and Robin Inscow prevented Ancaster from adding to their total.

### Pass well

The visiting Lions, who won the O.M.H.A. championship as peewees two years ago, passed the puck like pros, leaving Firefighters out of position time

and time again.

Neil Marshall bagged three of the Ancaster goals. Singles went to John Pitts and John Peller. B. J. Legate and John McAdam worked hard in a losing cause for Acton.

### Played poorly

Coach Harold Townsley felt his team played far below their potential in the series. He predicts greater success in the

Waterloo-Wellington league playoffs and the upcoming Georgetown bantam tournament.

Firefighters will have their hands full in the league playoffs, as they meet Fergus in the first round, beginning here tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8. In two regular season meetings, the teams tied 1-1 and 0-0.

Ancaster advances to the O.M.H.A. quarter-finals.

## Free Press Sports Page



NHL EXPERIENCE of the eight Oldtimers pictured above totals 50 years. Pictured with manager Art Smith are l. to r. Jackie Hamilton, Ivan Walmsley, Bob Goldham, Harry Pidhirny, Murray Henderson, Pete Conacher and Sid Smith.

Acton Sabres should be able to pick up lots of tips when they play the popular Oldtimers here Friday night. Proceeds from the game go to the Acton Legion Minor Hockey Association. Admission is \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children.

## 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 16 teams, which will be competing for honors.

## Novices snap out of slump

Acton A-B novices broke out of their slump in a big way on the weekend, whitewashing Orangeville 8-0 in the first game of a Waterloo-Wellington league playoff series Saturday night and upsetting the highly-rated Streetsville Thunderbirds of the Tri-County league 3-2 in an exhibition game Sunday.

"The light seems to have finally come on," coach Barry Inscow commented. "Some of our guys have found out they can pass the puck and score goals, instead of carrying it in themselves and taking a pounding."

Chief fault Failure to pass the puck was one of the chief faults A-B's had, and New Hamburg ousted them from the O.M.H.A. playoffs in straight games.

Dave McGilloway and Shane Withers potted two goals apiece in Saturday night's game. Scott Malcolm, Todd McIntyre, Bruce McPhail and Bert Post added singles.

### Scores winner

Randy Van Fleet scored the winner in Sunday's game with only 35 seconds left to play. Dave McGilloway and Bert Post had scored earlier for Acton.

The victory over Streetsville avenged a previous 4-0 Acton

## Peewee pucksters invade Acton

The stage is set for the third annual Acton Legion peewee house league hockey tournament, which opens Saturday morning at 7.30 with a game between the host Acton club and Lorne Park, one of four new entries.

Defending champion Kitchener Centreville peewees play the first "A" series game against Streetsville at 8.30.

In all, there will be 12 first round and semi-final games played Saturday, "A" and "B" series championship games and the Grand Championship game are scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Special guests of the Legion Minor Hockey Association again this year are the peewee players from the Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton. The OSD lads, coached by Barry Elliott, a former Tri-County juvenile all-star with Acton Lions, meet Beeton in their first game at 11.30.

A full schedule of games is listed below:

Game	Saturday, February 26	Series
1	7.30—Acton vs. Lorne Park	B
2	8.30—Kitchener vs. Streetsville	A
3	9.30—Eringate vs. Elmira	B
4	10.30—Preston vs. Georgetown	A
5	11.30—Beeton vs. Milton O.S.D.	B
6	12.30—Hespeler vs. Orangeville	A
7	1.30—Listowel vs. Hillsburgh	B
8	2.30—Ancaster vs. Erindale	A
9	3.30—Winners of Games 1 & 3	B
10	4.30—Winners of Games 2 & 4	A
11	5.30—Winners of Games 5 & 7	B
12	6.30—Winners of Games 6 & 8	A

### Sunday February 27

13	1 p.m.—"B" Championship game
14	2 p.m.—"A" Championship game
15	3 p.m.—Grand Championship game "B" Champ. vs. "A" Champ.

## Midgets lose two

Orangeville whipped Acton CFAW midgets 7-1 in the opening game of a best of five Waterloo-Wellington league playoff series in Orangeville last Wednesday night.

Midgets' winless string is now five games. They haven't won, since January 20.

Terry "Moochey" Holmes scored the only Acton goal.

Sunday in Streetsville, midgets lost 4-0 in an exhibition game.

Second game of the Orangeville series was played here last night (Tuesday).

## Burg bants blank Acton

Ron Tilcox potted a pair of goals to lead Hillsburgh bantams to a 4-0 shutout win over Acton Legion 4-towners on the weekend.

Rick Lane and Guy Gardhouse also scored for Hillsburgh. Tilcox and John Burt earned assists. Warren Kennedy recorded the shutout in goal for the burgers.

## Last Junior Scheduled Game

Before Playoffs

**BRADFORD VASEYS**  
vs  
**ACTON SABRES**

At the  
**ACTON ARENA**  
**Sat. Night**

**Feb. 26th**  
**8.15 P.M.**

Winner will get  
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Acton Legion Minor

Hockey Association

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at the Acton  
**COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25th**

at 8.30 P.M.

Admission: Adults \$1.25—Children 75c

John MacCormick  
N.H.L. Oldtimer

This game will be preceded by two minor games between Legion Atoms (6-8 yr. olds) Games beginning at 7.30 p.m.

Bob Goldham  
N.H.L. Oldtimer

## PEEWEE TOURNAMENT SATURDAY & SUNDAY

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