



YOUNG AUTOGRAPH seekers had a ball Friday night, when the popular NHL Oldtimers visited Acton for the first time since 1967. The ex-pros topped Acton Sabres 7-4, before a crowd of 950 fans. Former Toronto Maple Leaf star Cal

Gardner paused to chat with youngsters, after the game. Proceeds from the game go to the Acton Legion Minor Hockey Association. —(Staff Photo)

Sabre speed surprises Oldtimers

Former Toronto Maple Leaf defenceman Hugh Bolton and Harry Pithirny, an American Hockey League star with the Springfield Indians, scored two goals apiece, as the popular NHL Oldtimers topped Acton Sabres 7-4 in front of 950 fans, largest crowd the current hockey season here Friday night.

The Sabres, in a surprisingly close game, which was tied 2-2 at the end of the first period. The younger and faster Sabres won the praise of the ex-pros and special referee Pat Patterson of Norval for their hustle, but in the long run the Oldtimers savvy and experience prevailed.

Sabre coach Bill Dawkins used three goaltenders, including juvenile Steve Webster, whose been practicing with the team all season. Craig Weldon held the Oldtimers to two goals in the first period and Nelson Barber shut them out in the third, but Webster was beaten four times in five minutes in his second period stint.

Patterson, former referee-in-chief of the O.H.A. and world hockey official donned the blades for the first time in two years to referee the first period. Barry Incoe worked the final two frames. Stu McCulloch and Bob Andrews were linemen.

New power play combo clicks for A-B novices

Acton A-B novices knocked Orangeville out of the Waterloo-Wellington league playoffs with a 6-1 win here Thursday night, then dumped Elora by the same score in the opening game of a best of five semi-final series in Elora Monday night.

Second game is scheduled for Acton tomorrow (Thursday) night at 7. Bert Post, Randy Van Fleet, Scott Malcolm, Todd McIntyre, Dave McGilloway and Bruce McPhail were the Acton marksmen in Thursday's game against Orangeville. Acton swept the best of three series in straight games.

Coach Barry Incoe used a new power play combination for the first time this season Monday night and the move paid off in three power play goals. The new unit was made up of Dave McGilloway at centre, Randy Van Fleet and Bruce McPhail on the wings and Scott Malcolm and Steve Van Der Eyken on the points.

List Legion playoff schedule

Acton Legion house league playoffs get underway at the community centre this Saturday morning.

First round series in the atom, novice and peewee leagues will all be two games total goals affairs. If the total score is tied at the end of the second game, penalty shots will be taken to decide winners.

Bantam series will be a round robin and the midget playoff will be a best of five series.

Dates for the first games are listed below.

Saturday March 4
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PEEWEE—6:40 Rochester vs. Baltimore
7:35 Springfield vs. Cleveland
NOVICE—8:35 Hamilton vs. Peterborough
9:30 London vs. St. Catharines
10:25 Niagara Falls vs. Oshawa
ATOM—11:20 Weston vs. Guelph
12:15 Brampton vs. Dixie

Monday March 6
BANTAM—7:10 Buffalo vs. Pittsburgh
MIDGET—8:15 Montreal vs. Los Angeles

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FINAL SCORING STATS

ATOM	G	A	PTS
David Brown, D	20	3	23
Gary Lumbers, W	18	3	21
Gordie McArthur, W	17	3	20
Mike Strong, G	13	4	17
Garth Turner, B	14	1	15
Jeff Sargent, W	4	6	10
Mike Marshall, B	9	0	9
Steve Hopburn, W	3	5	8
Brent Vickery, D	3	2	5
Ted James, W	3	0	3
Bivilyn Kennedy, H	3	0	3
Ronnie Jackson, W	1	4	5
W. Weston, D-Dixie, B-Brampton, G-Guelph	1	4	5

NOVICE

Mike Nicholls, NF-SC	37	9	46
George Brown, H	18	5	23
Randy McIntyre, L	10	12	22
Steve Lumbers, NF	17	2	19
Steve Tremills, NF	11	7	18
Todd Cook, L	11	6	17
John Greese, H	13	4	17
Gord Scott, L	14	2	16
Nick Humenlok, H	11	1	12
John Woodman, L	10	2	12
Dean Bales, F	9	3	12
Bob Renshaw, NF	9	3	12

NF-Niagara Falls, SC-St. Catharines, H-Hamilton, L-London, P-Peterborough.

Midget series nip and tuck

Down two games to one with a game tied, Acton CFAW midgets must win in Orangeville tonight (Wednesday) to take the series lead. Waterloo-Wellington league quarter-final playoff series.

After absorbing a 7-1 shellacking in the first game, Acton bounced back to put the series in a deadlock by winning 2-0 here last Tuesday night and earning a 1-1 tie in Orangeville the next night.

However, Orangeville chalked up a 4-3 victory here last night (Tuesday) to take the series lead. Henry Toebes tallied both Acton goals in the 2-0 victory. Ken Withers earned a pair of assists and Jim McNabb picked up a single helper.

Charlie McRae netted the tying goal in Wednesday's game and bagged two more last night. Dave Lee scored once and Ken Hurren, Gary Fisher and Russ Coultrup picked up assists. If Acton wins tonight (Wednesday), a sixth game will be played here Tuesday night at 9:15.

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Sabre season ends sadly

Acton Sabres' first season in O.H.A. Junior "D" hockey competition officially ended Saturday night, but for all intents and purposes it was over Friday night, when word was received that Bradford Vasey's had defeated Alliston 5-4.

That win ensured Bradford of a playoff spot in the South Central league, leaving Sabres with only a remote chance of finishing in a fourth place tie with Schomberg and forcing a sudden death playoff game.

Just to make sure Sabres were really dead, the vastly improved Vasey's came to town Saturday night and demolished the locals 4-2 for their sixth consecutive victory. Meanwhile, Schomberg snapped a four game losing streak with a 6-4 win over Alliston, the verdict that drove the final nail in the Sabre coffin.

Even if Schomberg had lost Saturday night, Cougars still would have made the playoffs, since they clobbered the hapless Shelburne Bluebirds 17-1 in their final regular season game Sunday.

Battered back Vasey's had their backs against the wall, trailing Acton by five points with only six games left in the schedule, but they measured up to the task, winning all six games, knocking off the top four teams in the league in the process. Sabres, meanwhile won two of their final three games.

In a game against the powerful permanent-winning Fergus Green Machine in Bradford last Wednesday night, Vasey's scored four goals within nine minutes in the third period and overcame a 6-4 Fergus lead to win 8-6. Friday night in Alliston they scored the winning goal with only four minutes remaining in the game.

Bradford drew first blood in Saturday night's season finale on a goal by Adrian Van Der Hulst at 18:35 of the opening period. Norm Darrook made it 2-0 in the second frame.

Sabres got back into the game, when Ray Evans tallied his 34th goal of the season with help from Bill Field at the 35 second mark of the third period, but Tom Coffey nullified the goal with a Bradford marker, two minutes later.

Final goal Bill Field counted the final Acton goal, his 35th of the year, tops on the team. George McPhail assisted.

Van Der Hulst followed Field's goal with his second tally of the night, one Sabres disputed with referee Lloyd MacQueen. Manager Hob Marshall said after the game Craig Weldon stopped

Final Standings SOUTH CENTRAL O.H.A. JUNIOR "D"

P.	W.	L.	T.	GF.	GA.	PT.	
Fergus	30	21	6	3	215	107	45
Alliston	29	16	10	3	132	111	35
Schomberg	30	18	11	3	181	129	35
Bradford	30	16	12	2	168	144	34
ACTON	30	14	15	1	180	133	29
Shelburne	29	0	29	0	70	322	0

Gardiner big gun in peewee wins

Winger Joe Gardiner has been a one man wrecking crew for Acton Y's Men's peewees in their Waterloo-Wellington league quarter-final playoff series with Erin Lions.

A 15 goal scorer in 18 regular season games, Gardiner scored the first three Acton goals, as Y's Men struggled to a 4-3 win in the first game, here last Tuesday night.

Three more Thursday night in Erin he bagged his second hat trick in an easy 5-0 Acton victory. Third game of the best of five series is scheduled for Erin, tomorrow (Thursday) night. Fourth, if necessary, will be played here Saturday afternoon.

George Ware's Erin club played their best game of the season against Acton in the series opener. Erin led 2-1 halfway through the second period. Steve Bucklen scored a pair of goals and Mike Ware added a single for the Lions.

Jeff Shields scored the fourth Acton goal on a pass from Bill Manes.

Rocket doubles "Rocket" Rick Holmes, who placed fourth in the league scoring race with 15 goals and 13 assists in 18 games, also scored twice in Thursday's game. Jeff Shields and Jamie Vickery earned assists.

Y's Men have managed to keep Acton Firefighter bantams must win tonight (Wednesday) in order to stay alive in their Waterloo-Wellington quarter-final playoff series with Fergus. Firefighters won the opener of the series 4-3 here Thursday night, but lost 3-2 in Fergus Saturday and 2-1 here last night (Tuesday).

B. J. Legate, John Hansen, Jeff Townsley and Russ Van Fleet scored for Acton in Thursday's game. Hansen and Kent Kentner earned assists.

B. J. Legate and John McAdam were the Acton Marksmen in Saturday's 3-2 loss. Lone Acton goal in the third game was scored by Russ Van Fleet.

If Firefighters win tonight (Wednesday), deciding game of the set will be played here Saturday afternoon at 3:20.

Legion novices bow to burg Acton Legion 4-town novices bowed 5-4 to Hillsburgh in an exhibition game in the burg Friday night.

Mike Nicholls bagged a hat trick and Steve Tremills soloed for Acton.

Coach Fred Buchanan said two of the Hillsburgh goals were put into the net by Acton players.

Novices are preparing for the annual 4-town tournament in Streetsville March 18.

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