

## Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

by Denis Gibbons



The junior basketball team from Burlington's Lord Elgin High School came within a point of setting a school record in the Acton High gym Friday night, but for coach Ian McGillivray's AHS Redmen the game marked the agonizing beginning of a return to inter-school athletics.

The more experienced Lord Elgin team ran up a 39-10 first half lead, before coach Chris Campbell inserted his second stringers. Redmen were able to hold their own against the second unit, but still wound up on the short end of an 85-31 score.

Because of an obvious lack of rivalry with schools in the northern CWOSSA region, the high expenses of operating teams and in an effort to create more interest within the student body Acton High decided to abandon inter-school play last year and promote an intramural athletic program.

"We were trying to create more interest, but we didn't create the participation we had hoped to," principal Dave Katz says, explaining the reason for the return to inter-school competition this year. "We also had several persons express the opinion we should have inter-school teams."

Now entered in the stronger Halton Secondary Schools Association, Acton High teams are finding the competition tough but athletic department head Bruce Andrews says Redmen teams will continue inter-school play sink or swim.

"We're starting out with junior boys' basketball, girls' volleyball, girls' basketball, cross-country, track, golf, soccer and badminton. Our areas of concentration may change depending on our experience, but we definitely won't be out of sports one year and in the next," Andrews says.

Acton High's student population of 500 makes it the smallest school in the county. Each school receives funds for athletic supplies in proportion to its enrolment, but money for referees fees, travelling expenses and league entry fees must come from a source within the school.

The athletic department at Georgetown District High, where enrolment is 1500 graciously accepted a \$5000 contribution from the school's student council this year. Many schools in the county are receiving similar financial support from within the student body.

With considerably less people power, the Acton High student council managed to raise \$120 for the school's athletic teams this year.

First year results in some sports have been encouraging. Entered in five meets, the Red and White cross-country team won twice against Milton and performed well against a very strong Georgetown team. The AHS golf team was able to finish ahead of three county schools in a 12 team field at the Halton tournament and the girls' basketball team coached by Jennifer Mills won twice against an Oakville school during their fall schedule.

Andrews speaks highly of the efforts of Roger McEachern, Frank Houston, Scott Somerville, Rick Near, Cliff Creasey and Dan Thomson who have been training hard daily in preparation for the spring track season.

McEachern, Somerville, Near and Creasey will represent the school in the 4 x 800 relay in the high school division of the Maple Leaf indoor games in Toronto next month. Houston, a 16 year old who Andrews feels is capable of running close to the 4.30 mark in the near future is entered in the open mile and Thomson will try the 50 yard dash.

Other sports like boys' basketball and volleyball may take time to develop, but principal Katz promises the staff's support of the athletic program.

"We're willing to do anything in which the students will work with us and co-operate with us," he says.

**SPORTS SHORTS.** Information we get from the office of O.H.A. technical director Ron Smith indicates that Acton area hockey coaches will be more than welcome at a coaching clinic scheduled for the Hillsburg arena Sunday, January 21 at 10.30 a.m. Registration fee is \$1. Smith, a Galt Hornet defenceman, who has had considerable hockey experience at the college and international levels is conducting clinics throughout the province this season. Legion 4-town house league teams have begun practicing for the annual tournament, which it is hoped will be held this year in Orangeville's brand new ice arena. Guiding the Acton entries this year are, Novice — Bill Fisher and Clarence Hill, Pee-wee — Bruce Sears and Jim Mitchell, Bantam — Milt Ball, Harry Ensing and Bill Campbell and Midget — Gary McEachern and Wayne Deforest. A crackdown on the use of ineligible and unsigned players by Waterloo-Wellington league convener Al Moore has provided some of Acton's minor teams with some extra points they didn't expect. A-B novices, Y's Men's pee-wees and Firefighter bantams are going with rosters made up almost entirely of first year players. Chairman Alan Hall and his committee are busy making plans for the annual Legion pee-wee house league tournament set for the community centre February 24 and 25.



RICK Baginski presses in an effort to get the ball. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

## Lord Elgin cagers romp over Redmen

Burlington Lord Elgin High School juniors trounced Acton High Redmen 85-31 in a Halton Secondary Schools basketball game here Friday night.

Terry Davidson scored 12 points in a losing cause for the Redmen. David Galbraith hooped eight points, Bob Vinski seven and Bill McCabe four.

Kopiak led all Lord Elgin scorers with 14 points. McPherson, Duncan and Pollack had 10 each.

## Pee-wees post win over improved Erin Lions

Acton Y's Men's pee-wees chalked up a 4-2 victory over a much improved Erin Lions squad at the community centre Saturday afternoon.

After falling behind 2-0 in the first period, Erin bounced back to cut the Acton lead to a single goal at the end of the second period.

The score remained 3-2 until Scott Malcolm slid the puck into an empty Erin cage, just before the final buzzer sounded.

**Two goals**  
Jeff Shields scored twice and Bruce McPhail counted once for Y's Men. Bert Post picked up a pair of assists and Steve Van Der Eyken and Randy McIntyre each helped out on one goal.

Steve Wicklum and Chris O'Connor netted the Erin goals.

Acton coach Barry Incoe was ejected from the game in the third period for protesting a referee's call.

**Close game**  
In Orangeville last Wednesday night Y's Men had a 1-0 lead over the W-W league leaders, before the host town rallied for three quick goals in the third period and a 4-3 victory.

Wade Vickery, Scott Malcolm and Shane Withers scored for

The more experienced Lord Elgin team built up a 39-10 half-time lead and used second stringers for most of the second half.

Redman, who are returning to inter-school competition in the tough Halton league after a year's layoff host Burlington Central at the AHS gym Friday night at 7.

Other members of the junior Redman squad are, Eric Dubic, Glen Lee, Gary Copeland, Jeff Ribble and Jan Stachyra.

## 400 club winners

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were J. McKnight, P. McCristall, W. Duval, R. Dalton and D. Frizzell.

## Liquor charges

Two liquor seizures were recorded by Acton O.P.P. this week. On Jan. 6 a Milton man was charged with having liquor in other than his residence. On Jan. 7 at Acton resident faced the same charge.

## FIGURE IT OUT

When a girl starts to count on a man, does this mean his number is up?

The follies a man regrets most are the ones he didn't commit when he could.

## Sabres threaten to steal win with third period comeback

What started out to be just another cakewalk victory for the Forquus "Green Machine" Friday night turned into a battle right down to the wire, when Acton Sabres popped in three quick goals in the third period and almost registered their first win on Forquus ice in two years.

Sabres, who had only 11 players dressed for the game fell behind 4-0, before John Snow scored on a pass from Ted Harmer late in the second period. Forquus fired a total of 34 shots at Sabro goals. Rick Bonnette in the first two periods.

### Harts fire

Gord Murray ignited the third period Sabro fire, when he scored with help from Gary Turkoz and Randy Weldon at the 2:23 mark of the third period. Within two minutes Bill McGilloway and Weldon netted goals and Sabres were right back in the game with the score 6-4.

Gary Kurtz upped the Forquus lead to 7-4, but Sabres refused to fold, cutting the "Green Machine" lead to two goals again on John Sheppard's second marker of the year. Turkoz and Harmer assisted on the play.

### Fight hard

Sabres fought hard to try to bring the game into their win column, as they outshot their hosts 17-10 in the final frame. However, Forquus hung on until league scoring leader Sandy Fleming led the 8-5 win with his second goal in the final minute of play.

Fleming and Kurtz bagged two goals apiece for Forquus. John Cunningham, Jim Kurtz, Jim Woods, and Dick Slater tallied singles.

John Snow, Gord Murray, Bill McGilloway, Randy Weldon and John Sheppard replied for Acton. Ted Harmer earned three assists, Gary Turkoz two and Randy Weldon, Randy Coker and George McPhail one apiece.

### Play well

It was only the second start of the season for Murray and the third in goal for Bonnette. Both played exceptionally well. Bonnette beat the Fleming twins on four breakaways.

In the absence of co-coaches Bill Dawkins and John Goy, Craig Weldon and trainer Gary DeBruyn changed the lines from behind the bench. The pair praised the efforts of their short-handed team in making a third period comeback.

**Game ban**  
Bob Krul and Dave Weber of Forquus were given game infractions following a first period fight. Weber had already picked up three penalties in the opening period. In his two most recent games against Acton he's served a total of 28 minutes in penalties. Outside of the fight Sabres took only three minor penalties in the game, all in the first period.

Absent from the Acton lineup for various reasons were Dale Fisher, Pete Morrison, Graham Fraser, Brian Davey, Brad Timbers and Ray Peacock.

**ACTON:** Rick Bonnette, Randy Coker, Randy Weldon, John Snow, Bill McGilloway, George McPhail, Gord Murray, John Sheppard, Gary Turkoz, Ted Harmer, Bob Krul, Bob Woodcock.

## Schomberg may get late Christmas gift

Schomberg Cougars may be the beneficiary of two gift points in the South Central Junior "D" standings, because of the failure of Acton Sabres to travel to Schomberg for a regularly scheduled game December 21.

League convener Bill Church told the Free Press this week that as far as he is concerned the game was never cancelled. The Schomberg team and game officials were on the ice ready to start playing at game time.

Sabre officials claim they notified the Schomberg team they did not feel it was safe to make the trip, because of the intense fog that existed that night. They also point out the transportation company, which buses the team to and from out of town games refused to allow its buses on the road.

So far the gift points haven't shown up in league statistics issued weekly by Don McLean of Alliston. Sabres are in fifth place with 10 points, one ahead of Schomberg.

Schomberg may also file a claim with the O.H.A. office against the Acton club for expenses incurred by the game that wasn't played.

The game was originally scheduled for December 3, but postponed by mutual agreement until December 21, because of the telecast of the Grey Cup, game.

## Bants lose but improve

B. J. Legate scored the only Acton goal, as Firefighter bantams went down to a 4-1 defeat at the hands of the Waterloo-Wellington league leaders Elmira here Saturday afternoon.

"We lost but I felt we played far better than we did against Orangeville," coach Harold Townsley commented. Orangeville blanked the locals 4-0 in the Dufferin County town last Wednesday night.

Robin Incoe played an exceptionally good game in the Acton nets against the hard-shooting Elmira team.

## Racing on Sunday OK

Sunday racing will be allowed in Nassagaweya this year. Members of the township council made it official Monday when they passed three readings of a by-law allowing horse racing at Mohawk Raceway on Sundays after 1.30 p.m.

The by-law follows a successful plebiscite in December, when township residents voted 689 to 388 in favor of allowing Sunday racing at the Campbellville track.

Council decided to send a letter to the Ontario Jockey Club, operators of the raceway, reminding them they promised to station a traffic patrol at the main intersection in Campbellville during peak raceway traffic hours. The promise was made by Jockey Club officials at a public meeting prior to the Dec. 4 plebiscite.

## Lions lose

With only nine players dressed, Acton Lions dropped a 4-1 decision to Guelph Jr. A's in Guelph Friday night.

Jeff Cooper, Dan McGilloway and Harry Lawson were the Lion lamplighters.

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