

# Sportlite

with Denis Gibbons



The Central Junior League will operate this year with four Junior "C" teams, Acton, Alliston, Bradford and Penetang and three Junior "D" clubs, Fergus, Schomberg and Stayner. Here's a sneak preview of the teams as I see them.

**BRADFORD**—This is the year the Vaseys were supposed to bring Bradford its first Ontario junior championship. The '72-73 team spoiled those plans by winning the O.H.A. Junior "D" championship last season, a year early. It will be no consolation to Central league teams to know that 14 players return from that championship club. Among them Les Kovacs (30 goals), Tom Coffey (28) and Andy Purlmals (23) finished in the top 10 in league scoring. John Muizelaar, one of the league's best returns in goal and now Vaseys have a good backup man in Bernie Killoran from Sharon juveniles. Adrian Van Der Hulst is back after attending London Knights' Junior "A" camp and rookies Jeff Shaw and Mark Hodgson have looked impressive in pre-season play. Vaseys only major loss was defenceman Don Stevens who is overage. "If anything we should be stronger" says manager Bruce Collings. That statement is difficult to dispute and Bradford should finish **FIRST**.

**ACTON**—Sabres have placed second last two years in a row, but with most of the league jumping to Junior "C" the Sabre executive has finished a runaway first in off-season recruiting. Brian Beaumont (Brampton Jr. "B"), Gene Inglis (Milton Jr. "B"), Bob Inglis (Georgetown juveniles) and goalie Rick Tomkinson (Georgetown midgets) will be valuable additions to the roster along with at least a half dozen other promising newcomers. The line of Gary Turkosz (19 goals), Pete Morrison and Dale Fisher returns intact for their third year. Goalie Rick Bonnette and centre Bill McGilloway are back after good rookie seasons. Biggest losses will be leading scorer John Snow (32 pts.) and reliable defenceman Ted Harmer. For the first time Sabres are starting the season with a lineup of proven hockey players. If they continue to produce, Acton will be the most improved team in the league and should finish **SECOND**.

**STAYNER**—When goalie Murray Lowe, Don Parker (18 goals) and Terry Gowan (21) went overage Siskins probably lost their three best players, but many more good ones are returning. Barry Corby, who along with Lowe formed the most devastating netminding duo in the league is tough to beat even on off-nights. Greg Conn (24) should be one of the league's top sharpshooters and Jim Bell (11), Rick Coker (16) and Wayne Parker (10) will bear watching. Gowan's younger brother Rick, who led the OMHA Midget "E" finalists, Creemore in scoring is a Siskin newcomer as are Steve Busby and Brian Falls. Outside of Terry Gowan, the entire Siskin defence will be back. Stayner was one of the league's best teams after Christmas last year. This year the Siskins should get a good jump and finish **THIRD**.

**ALLISTON**—Notorious fast starters, Hornets have been hampered this year by ice making problems in their arena. Lost to overage from last year's club are Ken Cowan (20 goals), Jim Lusk (19), defenceman Bob Thompson, a vicious hitter and goalie Don Elliott. Dave Hird (19) has joined Barrie (Jr. "B") and according to Hornet officials, prospects from the excellent Base Borden minor hockey system have been gobbled up by higher category teams. Still, the Hornet nest is not empty. Returning defencemen Phil Stubbs and Mark DePlanche are bound to sting attackers and Eric St. Peters (11), Doug Pursianen (12), Rob Owens and Larry Halbert are accomplished players. Jamie Doane has the potential to be a topnotch goalie. Alliston is looking at grads of a fine Beeton midget team. Paul McKelvey, who will manage the club along with John Friesen also has a couple of aces up his sleeve. "We're awaiting releases for two players (unnamed) now" he says. When Paul speaks in those terms, you know he's not talking about house league yokels. Alliston should have enough to finish **FOURTH**.

**PENETANG**—The toughest thing in the world for a cub reporter to predict is the finish of a new league entry. Hurons have played in Junior "C" company for some time now, yet they finished dead last in the Bowmanville-Port Hope-Lindsay league last year and were shellacked 15-2 by Stayner in a pre-season game this year. Penetang has five players returning for their third year, including top scorers "Duke" Duquette and Roger Dusome. Wayne Dupuis is a solid goaltender and overage midget prospects have held their own in practice. It is a very real possibility that the Stayner shellacking was a "one shot deal" and that the Bowmanville-Port Hope-Lindsay group is a very good one. The proximity of Midland (2 miles away) also makes Junior "B" cuts handy to corral. If these three guesses are correct, Penetang could be a pennant contender. However, on the basis of what we've found out so far, we can rank them no higher than **FIFTH**.

**SCHOMBERG**—Prospects have a habit of escaping this tiny hockey hotbed, which often leaves Cougar fans saying "If we hadn't lost . . . and . . . we would have whopped ya." Defenceman Tom Weedon has gone to Aurora (Jr. "A") and Paul Bedard will play with Brock University. Other Schomberg minor hockey grads can be found scattered among Junior "A" and "B" teams across the province. Eight Cougars also are overage, including Roger Greene, John Deen and Alex Kaminsky who combined to score 23 goals. Number one defenceman Boris Kaminsky is still wearing an arm cast from last season and Dennis Brown, who averaged a point a game has not attended workouts. With Doug Woods (30 pts.) and Jack Taylor (26 pts.) returning, a couple of big players from Bolton juveniles and Schomberg midget grads, Cougars should have enough to escape the cellar and finish **SIXTH**.

**FERGUS**—The "Green Machine" has steamrolled to two consecutive league pennants, but its engineers have forgotten to stoke up for run number three. The flying Fleming twins Sandy (44 goals) and Randy (32) and Terry Bolger (29) have

# Junior "C" Sabres have new look

Watch for W-W news

Acton Sabres will open their O.H.A. Junior "C" hockey season Friday night in Alliston with at least eight new faces in the lineup. Team benefactors Joe Gardin of Mobile Materials Handling, Don Casselman of

Casselman Fuels and Ken Payne of the Bovis Corporation will take part in the opening facoff ceremonies, when Sabres make their home debut here Sunday afternoon at 1.30 against the same Alliston Hornets.

Sabre coach Dave McKnight, a former Toronto Marlboro junior will have holdover Rick Bonnette and Rick Tomkinson of Georgetown ready to play goal. He'll choose his defence

brigade from Gary Saul and Rob McEachern of Hillsburg, holdover Gary Fisher, Steve Taylor of Erin, Warren Craig of Chinguacousy and Brian Beaumont of Georgetown. Forwards ready to go include returnees Gary

Turkosz, Peter Morrison, Dale Fisher, Bill McGilloway, Bert Osborne, John Sheppard and Lee Young, Gene and Bob Inglis from Georgetown, Doug Patter and Brian Laidlaw of

Chinguacousy and Kevin Zardo of Streetsville. Leading scorer John Snow, captain Ted Harmer, Randy Weldon, Gary Louth, Brad Timbers, Gord Murray and Graham Fraser are overage. George McPhail, Brian Davey, Ted Hagan and Bob Krul have decided not to play.

Acton's Waterloo-Wellington minor hockey league teams have been busy training for the past week. The league schedule begins Saturday, November 10. Schedules for all teams and a league preview will appear in next week's Free Press.



GEORGETOWN minor hockey grads sure to sharpen up the edge on the Acton Sabres Junior "C" hockey club are l. to r., Gene Inglis, Bob Inglis, Rick Tomkinson and Brian Beaumont.

Sabres open a 30 game schedule in Acton Sunday afternoon against Alliston. Other teams in the league are, Fergus, Schomberg, Bradford, Penetang and Stayner.

## Cliff hangers

Acton High junior girls faded in the second half of two league basketball games last week and wound up on the short end of the score in both cases.

Cathy McLeod scored 23 points to lead Milton to a 47-36 win over the AHS girls last Wednesday, after Acton had led 21-12 at halftime and 31-27 after three quarters.

Maria Pataky was high scorer for Acton with 12 points. Nancy Shorthill eight points, Susan Thomson and Maureen Gerth had six each, Susan Mills three and Heather Reed one. Heather also pulled down some important rebounds.

Monday afternoon in Georgetown Acton held the junior Rebellettes to an 11-11 halftime tie, but lost 25-21.

Rebellettes held Maria Pataky to just four points. Susan Thomson led Acton scorers with six, Maureen Gerth had five, Susan Mills three, Nancy Shorthill two and Heather Reed one.

## In AIHL

Gary Lewis' second goal of the game in the third period gave defending champion Blow Press a 6-5 win over Helliers in the first game of the Acton industrial hockey league season Sunday night. In other games Van's Welding clobbered Lakeview Centre 11-0 and Station Hotel topped Ken's Auto Service 3-1.

Nov. 4  
7:30 Ken's Auto vs. Van's Welding  
8:35 Helliers vs. Lakeview Centre  
9:45 Blow Press vs. Station Hotel

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graduated and that's a lot of steam to replace no matter how you look at it. Merv Griffin, class of the league's defencemen is now where he should have been long ago, in Junior "B" company with the Guelph Biltmores. Goalie Tom Broderick, defenceman John Cunningham and centre Jim Kurtz will also take some nifty replacing. Fergus' only hopes appear to rest with second year winger Garry Kurtz (33) who finished second to Sandy in the scoring race and Dick Slater, a fine two way player who totalled 38 points. Tom Anderson and Ron Povey, who played only occasionally last year are the goalies. This year Fergus should learn how the other half lives when they finish **SEVENTH**.

## Whiskey Sours better than shots

Whiskey Sours and Globetrotters were opening night victors in the Acton Parks and recreation ladies' basketball league last Wednesday.

Sharon Ellerby scored seven points, Pat Henderson three and Donna Draycott one for Whiskey Sours in an 11-10 win over Hot Shots. Marie Musselle and Bev Spicer tossed in four points apiece for Hot Shots. Bonnie Bottomley scored two.

ners earned scoring honors for the evening with 14 points in the second game, but her team lost by a single point to Globetrotters 21-20. Jan Marshall also had six points

for Roadrunners. Pat Wood scored 13 of the 21 Globetrotter points. Sue South added four, Sharon Howard three and Sandy Lewis one.

## Gibber's Gamble

1. Bradford
2. Acton
3. Stayner
4. Alliston
5. Penetang
6. Schomberg
7. Fergus

## 72-73 Prediction

1. Bradford
2. Stayner
3. Fergus
4. Acton
5. Shelburne
6. Schomberg
7. Alliston
8. Grand Valley

## 72-73 Finish

1. Fergus
2. Bradford
3. Stayner
4. Alliston
5. Schomberg
6. Acton
7. Shelburne
8. Grand Valley folded

## 400 club

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were: E. Morton (349), P. Jordan (353), L. Kingsmill (87), R. Weldon (85) and J. Coles (272).

## Kent Kentner finds Oaks napping

Acton's Kent Kentner gets up just a wee bit too early in the morning for some of his opponents in the Halton secondary schools' junior football league. A power-running halfback for the Georgetown District High junior Rebels, Kent took over as quarterback and passed 60 yards to Steve Pearce in the final quarter last week, as Georgetown upset Oakville Perdue 6-0 to tie for first place in the final standings.

The touchdown came on the famous sleeper play, with Pearce leaving the huddle early and getting a jump on his defenders. Kent's pass hit the mark perfectly. The junior Rebels have an excellent chance of ending up in the Halton final in Hamilton's Ivor Wynne stadium, Friday, November 18. Kent is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kentner Jr.

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