

Sportlite

with Denis Gibbons



Bradford Vasey fans demonstrated their respect for Sabres' leading scorer Gary Turkosz Sunday night by dumping Coke all over him. That is after he had changed the tide of the game by taking on Bradford bruiser Ted Vasey and was sitting in the penalty box with his back turned.

And what is more unfortunate, Sabres will have to play without one of the best and most courageous players in the league for the next two months, because he now has a broken thumb and a cast on his right arm up to the elbow.

All this needn't have happened, except that Vasey was using his stick for a shillelagh all night the same way he did in this league last year. "Turk" was speeding towards the Bradford net for what would have been the first Acton goal, when Vasey cut him down with a high stick.

"The action of some Bradford fans was deplorable," said Sabre coach Dave McKnight. "The referees intend to note it on the game sheet." Nor did a little thievery by some Bradford youngsters who swiped Doug Patten's stick go unnoticed.

It was a bitter pill for Vasey fans to swallow I suppose, only their second defeat on home ice in 29 games.

The line of Dale Fisher, Doug Patten and Bert Osborne, three husky forwards who can match anybody in the league in the rough going served lots of notice Sunday that Acton Sabres will not be pushed around this year.

Sabres themselves are being penalized less and enjoying it more this season, as they've now run their unbeaten streak to seven games. They have the lowest PIM total in the league so far.

Hitting and hockey are compatible, but hacking and hockey just don't mix well.

After Sunday night's big win, seats under the new heaters should be at a premium in the community centre Friday night when Sabres and Vaseys square off in a rematch.

"We will not make the mistake of putting the win in our column already," says coach McKnight. "Bradford has a fine club when they stick to hockey and I'm sure they'll play it and well Friday. We straightened them out on the hacking end of it Sunday."

Sabres stun champs - return match Fri.



RED-HOT goaltending by Ric Tomkinson helped Sabres upset Bradford 6-2 Sunday night. Rick Tomkinson in the opening game of the group quarter-finals last season.

Machine makes it close against surprised Sabres

The spunky Fergus "Green Machine", operating without many stars who graduated at the end of last season gave Acton Sabres a real battle before succumbing to a 10-7 defeat at the community centre Friday night.

Disturbed by the lack of protection his blue-line brigade was affording starting goalie Rick Tomkinson, coach Dave McKnight inserted midjet Ray Dunbar in the third period and Fergus had only

six shots, scoring just once. They fired 27 at Tomkinson in the first two periods.

Tomkinson himself got off to a very shaky start in the first period when Fergus scored three times. The machine added three more in the second frame and the scoreboard surprisingly showed a 6-8 tie heading into the final 20 minutes.

Bob Inglis potted his first two goals of the season and Brian Beaumont also scored twice. Steve Taylor, Sabres' 15 year old rookie defenceman from Osprings and husky Doug Patten were the other Acton marksmen.

Three year vet Dick Slater scored twice for Fergus. Gary Kurtz, Rob Mason, Doug Summerville, Rick Landoni and Mike Landoni all connected once.

Working particularly hard for Fergus were Rick Lane and Steve Harper, a pair of young skaters from Hillsburgh who were cut at Sabres' pre-season camp in September.

By Denis Gibbons

Acton Sabres scored a major victory for hockey over wood-chopping when they stunned the defending O.H.A. Junior "D" champion Bradford Vaseys 6-2 before 500 surprised Bradford rooters Sunday night.

The loss was the first of the Central O.H.A. Junior "C" season for Bradford and only their second loss on home ice in two years. Sabres had not beaten Bradford since January, 1972.

For the first time in six games Gary Turkosz failed to pick up a scoring point (he averaged four a game for the first five), but most observers felt it was "Turk" who turned the tide in Sunday's game when he straightened out Vasey's intimidating defenceman Ted Vasey.

The score was 2-0 for Bradford when Vasey decked "Turk" with a high stick. Turkosz was quick to retaliate but in a more sensible manner with his stick.

Vasey got only got all he could handle in the bout, but he watched from the sin bin as Doug Patten scored Sabres' first goal at 6:30 and got out just four seconds before Dale Fisher tied the score 2-2 at 15:14.

When Charlie McCrae slipped the disc past Bradford goalie John "Moose" Muizelaar for the winning goal two minutes later, Vasey was busy laying the lumber to Gary Fisher at centre ice and when Pete Morrison tagged the sixth Sabre goal in the third period, Vasey was watching again, as he sat out his fourth penalty of the night.

Teammates responded. Turkosz suffered a broken thumb in the fight which forced him to the sidelines for the rest of the night, but his teammates picked up the torch and "took it right to" their hosts the rest of the way.

"There's no question the fight turned the game right around," coach Dave McKnight agreed. "When 'Turk' stood up to Vasey, it pulled our club together."

Bert Osborne, Doug Patten and Dale Fisher in particular matched the rugged Vaseys check for check for the rest of the game and Ric Tomkinson played a superb game in goal.

Ric robbed frustrated Bradford shooters left and right for 53 minutes after giving up first period goals to Pete Stuart and Andy Purnalis.

Final Period

N-Stuart (Murray) 20
N-Purnalis (Hodgson) 8:36
Pannell (Collings) 11:07
Collings (Murray) 17:07

Second Period

A-Patten (Osborne) 8:30
A-Fisher 15:14
A-McCrae (Morrison) 17:08
Pannell (Beaumont) (trip) 2:01
Vasey (high-stick) 4:12
Collings (trip) 5:40
Vasey (high-stick) 5:40
Turkoz (5-light) 14:01
Collings (5-light) 14:18

Third Period

A-McCrae (2) (Morrison) (Hodgson) 2:22
A-Morrison (5) (Young) 12:27
Pannell (Osborne (cross-check) 1:07)
Patten (rough) 7:04
Osborne (slash) 7:42
Muizelaar (rough) 7:42
Kovacs (int.) 10:54
Vasey (int.) 12:07
Purnalis (5-light) 14:01
McEACHERN (5-light) 14:01
Collings (slash) 14:18

Goaltenders' Saves

Muizelaar	1	2	2	0
Tomkinson	4	13	9	28
	10	7	13	30

Bradford had given up only six goals in their first four games. Before Sabres made it 12 in five, Muizelaar had allowed only two of those in two starts.

Sabres' back-checking and defensive effort helped Tomkinson blank Tom Collings. Les Kovacs and Ron Thompson, all 20 goals or better scorers for the Vaseys last season.

Last loss
Bradford's last loss at home was 6-4 to Schomberg.

And 51 games later . . .

Central O.H.A. Junior "C" Standings (Nov. 28 / 73)

Team	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Acton Sabres	8	6	1	1	15	25	13
Slayner	7	5	0	2	50	21	12
Bradford	6	4	1	1	42	18	9
Alliston	10	4	6	0	36	58	8
Penetang	6	2	3	1	20	31	5
Schomberg	8	1	6	1	25	39	3
Fergus	7	0	5	2	23	51	2

Penalties in minutes: Acton 99-6 games, Slayner 159-6 games, Bradford 144-4 games, Alliston 137-9 games, Schomberg 243-7 games, Penetang 109-4 games, Fergus 190-6 games.

Curling news

Even though the weather was more conducive to golf, curling continued at Acton Curling Club last week.

Curling Standings to November 23

Monday 7 p.m.—F. Archibald 4, T. Bell 4, B. Drinkwater 4, B. Dumarsh 3, R. Reed 3, W. Beatty 2, T. Nicol 2, C. Swackhamer 2.

Monday 9 p.m.—C. Davidson 3, M. Jordan 3, H. Campbell 2, A. Robinson 2, T. Tyler Jr. 2, B. Armstrong 0, P. Brisley 0.

Tuesday, 7 p.m.—P. Brisley 4, T. Stapleton 4, C. Cook 3, R. Evelan 3, E.

Mulder 3, D. Timmings 3, D. Hickling 2, L. Smith 2.

Tuesday 9 p.m.—L. Lovell 5, C. Anderson 4, B. Toth 4, T. Tyler Sr. 4, M. Blow 2, B. McArthur 2, V. Patrick 2, B. Moore 1.

Wednesday 7 p.m.—J. Minter 6, F. Archibald 5, B. Robertson 4, A. Robinson 4, A. Ellerby 3, B. Dumarsh 1, M. Holmes 1, V. Patrick 0.

Wednesday 9 p.m.—A. McKenzie 6, L. Lovell 4, T. Tyler Sr. 3, B. Drinkwater 2, B. Toth 2, M. Jordan 0.

Thursday 8 p.m.—R. Leatherland 6, N. Campbell 4, P. Patrick 4, V. Drinkwater 2, A. Fraser 2, K. Hansen 2, W. Hewitt 2, H. Orbenstein 2, M. Dumarsh 0.

Friday 7 p.m.—B. Robertson 6, D. Robertson 6, F. New 4, A. Ellerby 2, M. Holmes 2, L. Smith 2, T. Stapleton 2, C. Davidson 0.

Friday 9 p.m.—B. Drinkwater 4, B. Robertson 4, A. Robinson 4, F. Archibald 2, M. Jordan 2, P. Campbell 0, H. Hickling 0, G. Romanchuk 0.

Interest is still growing in the new mixed competitive league on Friday. Everyone is invited at 9 p.m. to see mixed curling at its best.

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Ray Evans first star

Winger Ray Evans, who picked up a goal and two assists, was named Georgetown Raiders' first star in Friday night's 6-1 win over Dunnville.

Goalie Bruce Jackson won second star honors and buzz saw centre Junior Tibbets was selected star number three.

The three star selection was initiated Friday by members of the Raider

booster club. It will continue each week with the winners being rewarded with gift certificates.

A native of Campbellville Ray Evans played his minor hockey in Milton and is now in his second year with the Raiders. Ray led the South Central O.H.A. Junior "D" league in scoring with 34 goals and 48 assists in 29 games when he played with the Acton Sabres in the '71-72 season.

No show at baseball meet

Only five persons showed up for the Acton Minor Baseball Association annual meeting and election of officers Thursday night. The meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 9 at 2:30.

CENTRAL ONTARIO JUNIOR B STANDINGS As of Sunday, Nov. 25

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Oakville	10	2	1	31
Burlington	14	3	0	28
Milton	9	6	2	20
Steeleville	7	7	2	16
Heapsville	7	10	1	15
Brampton	2	8	4	10
Dundas	3	10	3	9
Preston	2	14	1	5

O'Keefe aids young keglers

Young bowlers in Halton Hills will benefit this year from expert instruction, thanks to financial aid the Master Bowlers' Association of Ontario has received for this purpose from the O'Keefe Foundation.

Walter Heerney and Bill Anderson of Acton and George and June Archibald of Georgetown are on the MBOA's team of 160 teaching masters instruction clinics where masters themselves receive teaching tips have already been held in St. Catharines, Hamilton, Toronto, Sudbury, Ottawa, London and Oshawa.

Instructors and coaches will be able to use their knowledge to pass along tips to bowlers involved in local youth programs.

Winners of Ontario's 11 Y.B.C. zones competed in Hamilton Saturday and stayed over to watch the MBOA tournament the next day.

ACTON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION Annual Meeting AND Election of Officers
Sunday Dec. 9th 2:30 p.m.
Acton Public Library
Anyone interested asked to attend this important meeting

MEET THE SABRES O.H.A. JUNIOR "C" HOCKEY
Acton Sabres vs Bradford Vaseys (72/73 OHA JR. 'D' CHAMPS)
At the Acton Community Centre Friday Nov. 30 8:30 p.m.
Adults \$1.00 - Students 75c - Children 25c
Senior Citizens Admitted Free
The 'Penalty Box' will be open to Sabre Booster Club members

WARREN CRAIG
A clever puckhandler, Sabre newcomer Warren Craig was the most effective defenceman on last year's Chinguacousy juvenile team. Warren averaged a point a game in the first five games of the Junior "C" season. He is a self-employed carpenter.

GARY SAUL
Rugged Gary Saul performed double duty defensive chores last season for the ORHA Intermediate "D" champion Hillsburgh Potlato Kings and the 'Burg Juveniles. Gary has played minor hockey in both Hillsburgh and Erin. He works as a clerk in an Erin clothing store.

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