

# Sportlite

with Denis Gibbons



The perfect answer came to me about Mono Mills. But Mono Mills was too late for a biting comment delivered in Bradford an hour before. "It's goin' to take some head scratchin'," was the best I could do, when two attractive young ladies assailed me in the lobby of the Bradford Arena Sunday night.

They wanted to know "Well what are you going to put in the paper about that one," after their favorites, the Bradford Vaseys had whipped the Sabres 8-3. And they weren't smiling.

The Free Press has apparently found its way (Bruce Collings you little devil) into the 'ford where the "big blue" are the toast of the town.

Yes in Mono Mills it came to me. "I'll send you a copy," I would have said very politely, expecting an "I wouldn't take that rag for all the money in the world," reply.

Then I would have spurted it out. "But can you afford not to get it?"

But yes Mono Mills was too late and I know when I've been had. Nice work girls.

## Junior "C" stats

Team	Central Ontario Junior "C" Standings						
	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Stayner	15	12	1	2	106	48	26
Bradford	15	11	1	3	110	48	25
Acton Sabres	16	10	5	1	78	61	21
Alliston	18	10	7	1	89	73	21
Penetang	15	3	9	3	52	83	9
Schomberg	6	2	10	4	55	86	8
Fergus	17	0	15	2	53	144	2

Penalties in minutes (Dec. 16/73)—Acton 282 in 14 games, Alliston 294 in 16 games, Stayner 325 in 12 games, Fergus 422 in 15 games, Penetang 423 in 14 games, Bradford 485 in 14 games, Schomberg 599 in 14 games.

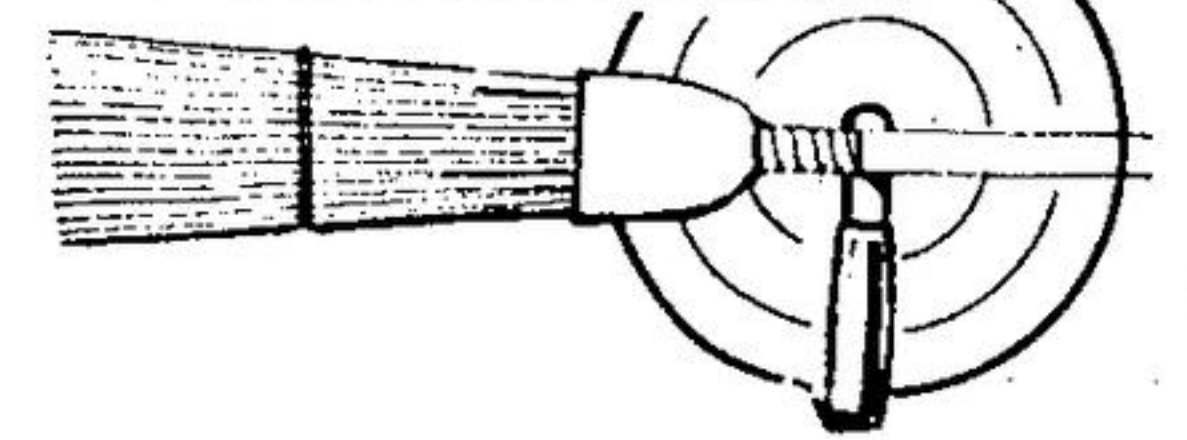
**Future Games**  
Tonight (Thurs.)  
Sabres at Schomberg  
Tomorrow (Fri.)  
Stayner at Sabres 8.30

### SCORING RACE

Player	Gp	G	A	Ps	Pim
Andy Purnals, Bradford	13	16	21	37	59
Tom Coffey, Bradford	12	17	17	35	29
Bill Collings, Bradford	14	17	18	35	49
Grey Conn, Stayner	11	21	11	32	25
Rick Gowan, Stayner	12	14	15	29	14
Les Kovacs, Bradford	12	11	15	26	6
Terry Piker, Penetang	13	19	5	24	50
Pete Stuart, Bradford	13	10	12	22	31
Ted Vasey, Bradford	13	8	14	22	80
Doug Anderson, Alliston	14	15	6	21	10
Gary Turkosz, Acton	7	12	8	20	7

Player	Gp	Ga	Av
Bernie Killoran, Bradford	6:17	19	3:08
Barry Corby, Stayner	11	34	3:09
John Muizelaar, Bradford	7:83	26	3:32
Ric Tompkinson, Acton	10:66	37	3:47
Jamie Doane, Alliston	6:33	25	3:95

## Wi' Rock and Broom



Acton curling club curling results to Dec 21.  
Monday, 7 p.m., B. Drinkwater 12, F. Archibald 8, T. Bell 8, W. Beatty 7, B. Bird 6, C. Swarkhammer 6, B. Dumarsh 5, T. Nichol 4.  
9 p.m., H. Campbell 8, M. Jordan 7, B. Armstrong 6, A. Robinson 6, C. Davidson 5, P. Bristley 2, T. Tyler Jr. 2.  
Tuesday, 7 p.m., P. Bristley 10, E. Muter 9, T. Stapleton 6, R. Evison 7, D. Timmings 6, D. Hickling 6, L. Smith 6, C. Cook 3, 9 p.m., L. Lovell 10, C. Anderson 8, B. McArthur 8, B. Toth 8, M. Blow 6, T. Tyler Sr. 6, B. Moore 5, V. Patrick 5.  
Wednesday, 7 p.m., B. Robertson 10, J. Minter 9, M. Holmes 9, F. Archibald 7, V. Robinson 8, A. Ellerby 7, V. Patrick 4, B. Dumarsh 1.  
9 p.m., L. Lovell 10, B. Drinkwater 9, A. MacKenzie 8, B. Toth 8, T. Tyler Sr. 6, M. Jordan 1.  
Thursday, V. Drinkwater 10, W. Hewitt 8, P. Patrick 8, N. Campbell 6, M. Dumarsh 6, R. Leatherland 6, H. Otterbein 6, K. Hansen 4, A. Fraser 2.  
Friday 7 p.m., B. Robertson 12, F. New 8, D. Robertson 8, L. Smith 8, C. Davidson 6, T. Stapleton 6, A. Ellerby 4, M. Holmes 4.  
9 p.m., B. Drinkwater 10, B. Robertson 8, F. Archibald 6, A. Robinson 6, G. Romanchuk 6, P. Campbell 4, D. Hocking 4, M. Jordan 4.  
Curling takes a short break this week for Christmas but the annual Boxing Day bonspiel is being held again this year.  
To all readers of this column whether they are curlers or not, we wish all a Happy New Year.

## Better late

"The poorest effort I've ever seen a Georgetown hockey club produce."  
That's how one veteran Raider fan described the play of the Georgetown intermediate club Friday night, when the first place Port Colborne Sailors came to town with only seven players and held their hosts to a 5-5 overtime tie.  
Raider fans now won only once in their last five starts and coach Jerry Ingalls admits something drastic must be done with the club in the new year, in spite of the Georgetown tradition of slow starts.

Unexpected meetings with pretty girls are just one of the fringe benefits connected with a visit to the Bradford arena. For a one dollar bill you can also strain your eyes watching the game through the smoke and get peppered with rolled-up potato chip bags between periods.

"The south end of that building is like romper room school at recess," said one surprised Sabre fan.

If you don't believe him, ask a neutral observer. Georgetown Raider coach Jerry Ingalls had what he thought was the best vantage point in the building from which to look for prospects, until he found he was in the middle of playpen corner.

Don't give up on the Sabres this year, however. When I see the men behind the Bradford

bench pacing back and forth instead of strolling. I know this is not the '72-73 season. And when I check the league penalties in minutes total, I'm even more convinced.

Sabres have the lowest total in the league, which tells even the fans that have stayed away so far that they're playing hockey. They've just finished a tough 10 game stretch in the schedule, which put them up against the top two teams, Bradford and Stayner a total of four times and the Alliston Hornets, who have now tied them for third place, twice. They came out of it 6-4 and are now 10-5-1. Not bad for a club that was 3-9-4 after the first 16 games last year. In addition, Gary Turkosz, who scored 12 times in the first five games has not played since November 25.

What other reasons can be cited for their

improvement? Well for one thing Bill Shannon refused to swallow it hook, line and sinker when some executive members told him last year: "The O.H.A. is unfair to Acton. We are surrounded by hockey towns and there is no more talent available."

The rest is history, how the Sabres jumped to Junior "C" and Bill brought in Brian Beaumont to take over from Merv Griffin of Fergus as the league's number 1 defenceman and young Ric Tompkinson made himself the loop's third best goalie, how Doug Patten has given Sabres the muscle they needed and Warren Craig, Bob and Gene Ingalls, Steve Taylor, Gary Saul and Rob McEachern have made their contributions.

Drop down to the arena and take a look Friday night. The first place Stayner Siskins are in town and besides the Sabres, that means watching the number 1 goalie, Barry Corby and the league's top goal scorer Greg Conn in action.

## Big game Friday

Attendance at Friday night's Sabre game against the league-leading Stayner Siskins is expected to surpass the 500 mark which was established when Bradford Vaseys played here last month.  
Siskins have lost only one game and earned a 3-3 tie and 5-1 win in their first two games with the Sabres. Game time is 8.30.

## Peewees tie McPhail okay

Orangeville peewees battled back from a 2-0 deficit to earn a 2-2 tie with Acton Y's Men in Waterloo-Wellington league action here Saturday afternoon.

The pair of goals by Don Robinson followed Acton markers by Scott Malcolm and Shane Withers. Rick Widmont earned an assist. Bruce McPhail of Acton was injured late in the game and taken to hospital for observation. However, fans will be glad to know that Bruce is now home and practicing with his team again.

Peewees play next in Erin Thursday, January 3. Acton still leads the W-W league with 11 wins and two ties.

## Atoms upset Orangeville

Acton A-B atoms wound up 1973 on a successful note, edging a tough Orangeville club 3-2 here Saturday afternoon. Acton has now beaten all three "A" classification teams they must go up against in the OMHA playoffs.

Gareth Turner's third period goal on a pass from Mike Strong turned out to be the winner. Gary Lumbers scored from Ronnie Jackson and Jackson connected from Lumbers for Acton in the first period.

Dean Lyons and John Mimbouquette scored for Orangeville.  
Assistant coach Dave McEachern said his lads played especially well, with two regular players not dressed.

# Free Press Sports Page



SABRES' Warren Craig moves in on Bradford Morrison of Acton move in. Bradford won Sunday's game 8-3.

# Sabres stop Penetang bow to Bradford

Bradford Vaseys fought back from a 3-2 deficit to whip Acton Sabres 8-3 in Bradford Sunday night in a rugged Central Ontario Junior "C" contest which saw three players from each team suspended.

Friday night Sabres downed Penetang Hurons 7-4 at the community centre. Scott Murray, Pete Stuart and Geoff Shaw of Bradford and John Sheppard, Lee Young and Gary Fisher of the Sabres will have to sit out two

games each for joining in a fight between Doug Patten and Bradford's Ted Vasey in the third period.

Ron Thompson potted a pair of Bradford goals. Singles went to Tom Coffey, Les Kovacs, Jeff Lefort,

Geoff Shaw, Scott Murray and Bill Collings.

Pete Morrison, Gene Ingalls and Charlie McRae were the Sabre sharpshooters.

Bradford collected 74 minutes in penalties including a major and five minors to Vasey. Until the fight started Sabres had served only five minutes.

Against Penetang, Warren Craig, Dale Fisher, Bill McGilloway, Gene Ingalls, Brian Beaumont, Pete Morrison and Lee Young scored for Acton.

Penetang marksmen were Claude Archer, Larry Cowen, Terry Spiker and Mark Duquette.

Rick Bonnette played goal against Penetang and Ric Tompkinson was in the nets for the Bradford game.

## Coaches play Sabres

A special treat is in store for hockey fans Wednesday, January 2.

That's when the Acton Sabres take on the Waterloo-Wellington minor hockey

coaches in an exhibition game at the community centre at 7.

Fran McKnight will coach the Sabres, while husband Dave lines up with the coaches team. Secretary Judy Shannon will handle the W-W team.

Ex-Tanners Harold and Steve Townsley, Fred Buchanan, Jim James, John Kavanagh, Ken Hearn, Don Lindsay, Bill Dawkins and Barry Inscow will line up with the coaches, as well as last year's Sabres Ted Harmer and Randy Weldon.

Special referees for the game will be Bill "Super-scout" Shannon and Denis "The Menace" Gibbons.

## Novices stay undefeated

Acton novices remained unbeaten in league play this year when they whipped Hillsburgh 7-1 here last Wednesday night and nipped Grand Valley 6-5 in Grand Valley Sunday.

Jim Richard netted two goals and Ken Kavanagh, Barry Diggins, Bruce Shannon, Brian Dermone and Mike Yalowica added singles for Acton against the "burg. Scott Kennedy tallied an

unassisted goal for the "potato buds."

Brian Canary earned two Acton assists, while Richard Kavanagh, Diggins, Dermone, Greg Marks, Ricky Dadds and Kevin McRae notched one apiece.

Jim Richard and Ken Kavanagh netted three goals apiece against Grand Valley. Mike Scott and Mike Yalowica earned assists. Acton has now won six

**POLLOCK AND CAMPBELL**  
Manufacturers of  
High Grade Memorials  
Memorial Engraving  
Telephone  
621-7580  
GALT  
62 Water St. North

**PETE'S BARBER SHOP**  
to say "thanks" to all our wonderful customers.  
TIME AGAIN

**ACTON MINOR SOCCER CLUB**  
**Pre-Season Training (NO CHARGE)**  
All Interested Boys and Parents are Welcome  
- SESSIONS -  
AGES 6 - 10  
\*Wednesday Jan. 2nd 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
\*At M. Z. Bennett Gymnasium  
\*And every following Wednesday  
AGES 11 and up  
\*Thursday Jan. 3rd 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
\*At Robert Little Gymnasium  
\*And every following Thursday  
All last year's coaches and anyone interested in coaching, please attend at appropriate gymnasium and time.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
Our wishes for you on this New Year are simple: may each day bring you an extra measure of happiness. Many thanks for your loyalty.  
**Caroline Nurseries Garden Centre and Flower Shop**  
PEARL, JACK, GRACE

**BOWL for the fun of it... BOWL for Pleasure BOWL for Health**  
THE ENTIRE FAMILY CAN BOWL TOGETHER  
It's the "IN" Thing to do.  
GO BOWLING  
**ACTON BOWLING LANES**  
10 Main St. N. Member B.P.A.C. 853-0170

for Quality & Low Price  
**CARPET BARN**  
In the old Lido Tire Building  
Or Phone  
Lido at 411  
**877-9896**  
GEORGETOWN  
**BARGAINS BY THE YARD**

**MEET THE SABRES**  
O.H.A.  
JUNIOR "C" HOCKEY  
**Acton Sabres vs Stayner Siskins**  
At the Acton Community Centre  
**FRIDAY DEC. 28 . 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



**RICK BONNETTE**  
Acton minor hockey grad Rick Bonnette has been a first rate backup goalie for Rick Tompkinson this year, after sharing netminding chores with Ted Hagan in his rookie season of Junior play last year. Rick has already held the league-leading Stayner Siskins to a 3-3 tie and helped beat Penetang twice. He is a Grade 13 student at Acton High.



**PETE MORRISON**  
A dangerous man around the opposition net, Pete Morrison scored 22 goals in 29 games as a Sabre rookie two years ago and is second in team scoring this year. Together with Gary Turkosz and Dale Fisher, Pete has helped form a formidable combination in banter, midget and junior play. He is employed by the Nordberg heavy machinery company in Guelph.

**LOOK FOR OUR JANUARY CLEARANCE**  
COMING SOON  
**PRICES SLASHED ON ALL HOME FURNISHINGS**  
**SAVING GALORE! !**  
**GEORGETOWN MARKET CENTRE**  
PHONE: 877-8777  
**Flomestead FURNITURE - INTERIORS**  
FREE DELIVERY LOTS OF FREE PARKING  
FREE DECORATING SERVICE FREE LAYAWAY  
IMMEDIATE DELIVERY ON ALL STOCK ITEMS