



ACTON MINOR HOCKEY parents showed their support for the local novice, atom, peewee, bantam and midget teams by almost filling one section of the Ridgetown Arena for the second half of the annual challenge series in Ridgetown on the weekend. After nine games the two towns were tied at four wins and a tie each, but Ridgetown won on total goals by two.

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### Games even but

## Ridgetown wins series by two

Ridgetown Minor Hockey teams captured the Vercouter Trophy last Saturday, as they nipped Acton by two goals in the home-and-home series.

After nine exhibition hockey games between Acton and Ridgetown minor hockey teams, the Frank and Theresa Vercouter Trophy winners had to be decided on goals for record. Ridgetown squeezed out four extra goals over their opponents on the ice in the Ridgetown home series, as they outscored Acton 17 to 13. Acton was leading in the goals-for column by two after the four game series in Acton last November.

In the competition between the five teams from the two communities, the Novice blanked the Acton boys 6-0, the Atom salvaged a 2-2 tie, the Pee Wees went down to an 8-0 shellacking, the Bantams turned the tables on Acton and countered with a 7-0 win and the Midgets lost a cliff-hanger 3-2 in the final contest of the day.

A change in the previously scheduled games had to be made to permit the Shute Blazers atom team to compete in the Dresden Atom Tournament where they went all the way and won the "C" championship. A standby team from the atom house league was called in and was substituted for the atom allstars.

Two goals each by Terry King and Dean Mahey showed the way for Goldhawk Electricity novices in bombing the Acton net 6-0 in the opening game and hit again in the early minutes of the third period. Mahey scored both of his in last half of the final period.

Other goalgetters for Ridgetown were John Shaw and Mark Peszat, each with one. King and Shaw each picked up an assist as well as two by Scott Huff, one by John Devine and Shawn McVicar.

Acton peewees showed their power last Saturday, as they outplayed the Ridgetown Admirals in coasting to a 8-0 shut out. Teamwork throughout the action showed the Acton team moving the puck freely with strong passing combinations and fast skating exhibitions.

Acton moved into a fast four goal lead in the first period as Rick Widmont first two and Bruce McPhail and Wade Vickery getting the others. Only one goal resulted from play in the middle frame, that by Dave McGilloway.

McGilloway for Acton scored his second consecutive early in the final period as he moved Acton in front 6-0. Widmont assisted on both his goals.

Again in the third period it was Acton increasing their lead, as Randy VanFleet and Bert Post added two more to complete the scoring at eight counts.

Two of the eight Acton goals were scored on power play efforts, one in the first period and the other in the second.

Rick Patterson and David Hill combined on four of Ridgetown's seven goals, as they reigned the peewees loss in the game previous.



ACTON (W-W) Minor Hockey President Don Lindsay presented the Vercouter Trophy to Ron Makey, president of the Ridgetown Minor Hockey Association, following the midget game Saturday. The Acton CFAW crew won the game 3-2, but it was not enough to overcome the goals advantage Ridgetown had after nine games. Looking on are Acton midget captain Russ Van Fleet and Ridgetown captain Art Delanghe.

helping combination. On Ridgetown's fifth goal it was David Hill that pulled the trigger, this time Patterson and Mahey in on the play-making. The final goal of the game, Patterson shone as he went the route on a power play drive that completed his hat trick in the game.

Clare Malott also made it tough for the Actonians when he came through with two goals of his own. His first came at the 8:05 mark of the first period and his second at the 3:20 point in the final period. Malott also helped out on Pat Malott's goal early in the first frame. Other assists went to Gary Mack and David Brown, each with one.

The bantam win put Ridgetown ahead in the points to count for the Vercouter Trophy. In the goal totals Ridgetown was leading by three.

Ridgetown atoms in an allstar role lived up to their expectations and surprised the Acton atoms in a come-from-behind scoring surge in the third period and hung on to settle for a 2-2 tie.

Manager Ken Stevenson and coach Allan Verbrugge were called on to ice an allstar houseleague team to substitute for the Shute Blazers, who were representing Ridgetown in a "C" division tournament championship in Dresden.

The Blazers went all the way to win the championship, playing three games on Saturday.

Despite the lateness of final word to ice their team, Stevenson and Verbrugge gave the Acton club the surprise of the day.

trigger on the two go-ahead goals. Ridgetown came on strong in the third period as Dan Craner struck twice. His first was almost directly from the faceoff as he scored at nine seconds mark. Brian Verbrugge assisted on the goal. Close checking followed through the final period but at 14:55 just over five minutes short of the final whistle in the 20 minute non-stop period, Craner banged the equalizer from teammate David Vaneed. The game finished with the scoreboard reading Acton 2, Ridgetown 2.

Despite a penalty filled first period of hockey between the Acton and Ridgetown midgets the score remained tied with each team netting one in the 20 minutes of play.

Ridgetown struck first with an opening goal at 18:10 when Jim McKinlay's shot found its target. Dave Brackett was in on the play for an assist.

Acton came flying back and within 45 seconds had banged in the equalizer as Randy Young went in alone to beat the Ridgetown netminder.

Only three penalties marred the middle frame of the game as two teams skated to a standoff. Great spacing plays for both teams failed to be effective as they stuck to fast hockey action.

At the 50 second mark of the third period, Acton went into the lead for the first time on Randy Young's second goal of the game. Helpers on the goal came from Steve Buchanan and John McAdam.

Just short of two minutes later, Ridgetown struck back and knotted the score at 2-2. McKinley and Brackett were the scoring combination with Brackett pulling the trigger for Ridgetown's second goal.

Again the two teams warded off power play attacks as nine minor assessments were levied between the two

## "Turk" tallies twice Sabres thump Fergus

In one of their best performances of the season Acton Sabres clobbered the last place Fergus Green Machine 10-1 at the community centre Friday night. Although they are the league doormats, the Fergus club had won twice since New Year's Day.

Gary Turkoz, who had scored 12 goals in five games before he was injured November 25 returned to the lineup for the first time and scored two more goals playing on a line with Charlie McRae and Pete Morrison. The line accounted for six of the 10 Acton goals.

Morrison led the way with three goals and two assists, McRae had a goal and two assists, defenceman Brian Beaumont two goals and four assists, Bill McGilloway a goal and two assists and Mark McCauley one goal.

Coach Dave McKnight, who was also back behind the bench, after serving the peculiar three game suspension he received following the December 28 Stayner game dropped McGilloway back to defence for the first time and young Bill looked tough to beat on the blueline.

"Bill has so much speed," explained the Sabre coach "that even if you get by him once, he's back on you before you take two more strides." Randy Gerrie was the only Fergus shooter to beat Sabre goalie Rick Bonnette, who

has been playing very steadily as a backup for Rick Tomkinson. Sabres were to have played in Penetang Sunday night, but bad weather forced cancellation of the game. It will likely be rescheduled.

## Hornets press Sabres

|           | GP | W  | L  | T | F   | A   | P  | PIM |
|-----------|----|----|----|---|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Bradford  | 24 | 19 | 2  | 3 | 169 | 76  | 41 | 883 |
| Stayner   | 23 | 15 | 6  | 2 | 145 | 90  | 32 | 630 |
| Acton     |    |    |    |   |     |     |    |     |
| Sabres    | 23 | 12 | 9  | 2 | 108 | 89  | 26 | 594 |
| Alliston  | 25 | 12 | 12 | 1 | 123 | 124 | 25 | 493 |
| Schomberg |    |    |    |   |     |     |    |     |
| Lee Young | 23 | 7  | 12 | 4 | 95  | 118 | 18 | 857 |
| penetang  | 23 | 7  | 12 | 4 | 88  | 121 | 18 | 628 |
| Fergus    | 25 | 2  | 21 | 2 | 83  | 193 | 6  | 625 |

### SABRE STATISTICS (Jan. 12/74)

|                 | GP | G  | A  | P  | PIM |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Pete Morrison   | 20 | 13 | 13 | 26 | 28  |
| Brian Beaumont  | 20 | 8  | 16 | 24 | 12  |
| Charlie McRae   | 15 | 9  | 14 | 23 | 10  |
| Gene Inglis     | 16 | 8  | 12 | 20 | 48  |
| Gary Turkoz     | 7  | 12 | 8  | 20 | 7   |
| Bill McGilloway | 21 | 9  | 9  | 18 | 78  |
| Bob Inglis      | 19 | 4  | 9  | 13 | 28  |
| Warren Craig    | 21 | 4  | 8  | 12 | 19  |
| Dale Fisher     | 12 | 3  | 7  | 10 | 18  |
| Doug Patten     | 19 | 6  | 2  | 8  | 44  |
| Lee Young       | 18 | 4  | 4  | 8  | 15  |
| John Sheppard   | 13 | 3  | 4  | 7  | 28  |
| Bert Osborne    | 13 | 5  | 1  | 6  | 77  |
| Kevin Zardo     | 4  | 3  | 3  | 6  | 9   |
| Gary Saul       | 18 | 0  | 6  | 6  | 22  |
| Steve Taylor    | 19 | 2  | 2  | 4  | 18  |
| Gary Fisher     | 17 | 0  | 4  | 4  | 27  |
| Mark McCauley   | 3  | 2  | 1  | 3  | 10  |
| George McPhail  | 6  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 2   |
| Rob McEachern   | 20 | 0  | 2  | 2  | 47  |
| +Ken Young      | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 4   |
| +Wayne Allan    | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   |

## Sabres meet Hornets in important series

Acton Sabres take on the Alliston Hornets in a very important weekend series that will probably determine which team must go against the powerful Bradford Vaseys in the first round of the Junior "C" playoffs.

Sabres are in third place, but only a single point ahead of Alliston. The team that finishes fourth will have to play Bradford, since the second place Stayner Siskins are a Junior "D" team and will be involved in a Junior "D" round robin series with Fergus and Schomberg, when the regular season ends.

Acton and Alliston have each won twice in the first four meetings between the teams. Sabres have won 5-2 and 2-1 on Acton ice, while the Hornets have claimed 5-3 and 7-2 decisions on their own bailliwick.

"If we play up to our potential, we should take both games (Friday night in Acton and Sunday afternoon in Alliston)," coach Dave McKnight said this week. "Our shooting and passing has been better in recent games and getting Turkoz back has helped our power play tremendously."

Goalie Rick Tomkinson, who had a slight muscle pull will be ready to start in Friday night's game. Only defenceman Warren Craig, who has a shoulder injury will be missing from the lineup.

## Withers gets Lions a tie

Ken Withers scored on a pass from Treth Armstrong with only four seconds remaining in the game to give Acton Lions a 3-3 tie with New Hamburg in Waterloo-Wellington league play here last night (Tuesday). The same two teams will meet in the first round of the OMHA playoffs.

Withers also assisted on the first two Acton goals by Rolf Hoyer and Wayne Allan. Allan and Pete Pavli collected assists as well. Ron Moore was in the Acton nets.

Zehr, Hilborn and Musselman were the New Hamburg marksmen.

## In Seattle

## Ex-Giant hurler surprises Soviets

Lanky Don Westbrook, who spent the summers of 1966 and 1967 firing fastballs as a righthanded pitcher for the Halton County senior baseball league Georgetown Giants played a major role in an international hockey upset recently.

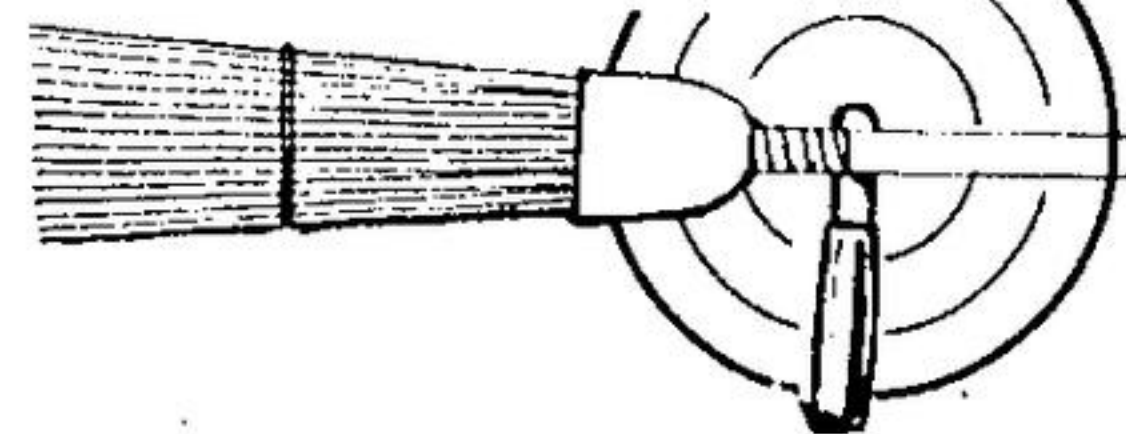
Totems of the Western Professional Hockey League to a surprising 8-4 win over the national team of the Soviet union which was touring the U.S. It was the first loss the Russian team has suffered since that memorable September 28 1972 when Team Canada won the eighth game of their historic series 6-5.

Westbrooke scored three goals to lead the Seattle

## Rebs win

Georgetown District High senior Rebels are undefeated in conference play, after making the rounds once in the East division of the Halton Secondary Schools basketball league. Rebels are the defending East division champs.

## Wi Rock and Broom



Acton Curling Club's final standings for the first draw. Monday 7 p.m., B. Drinkwater 12, T. Bell 10, W. Beatty 9, F. Archibald 8, R. Reed 7, B. Dummarsh 6, T. Nichol 6, C. Swackhamer 6. 9 p.m., M. Jordan 9, H. Campbell 8, A. Robinson 7, B. Armstrong 6, C. Davidson 6, T. Tyler Jr. 4, P. Brisley 2, Tuesday 7 p.m., E. Mulder

11, P. Brisley 10, T. Stapleton 10, D. Hicking 8, L. Smith 8, R. Evelan 7, D. Timmings 7, C. Cook 3. 9 p.m., B. MacArthur 10, C. Anderson 10, L. Lovell 10, M. Blow 8, B. Toth 8, V. Patrick 7, T. Tyler Sr. 6, B. Moore 5. Wednesday 7 p.m., B. Robertson 12, M. Holmes 11, J. Minter 10, F. Archibald 9, A. Robinson 9, A. Ellerby 8.

V. Patrick 4, B. Dummarsh 1. 9 p.m., B. Drinkwater 11, L. Lovell 10, A. McKenzie 10, B. Toth 8, T. Tyler Sr. 6, M. Jordan 1. Thursday, P. Patrick 12, V. Drinkwater 12, H. Otterbein 10, W. Hewitt 9, R. Leatherland 8, N. Campbell 6, K. Hansen 6, M. Dummarsh 4, A. Fraser 4. Friday 7 p.m., B. Robertson 14, F. New 10, C. Davidson 8, L. Smith 8, T. Stapleton 7, M. Holmes 6, D. Robertson 6, A. Ellerby 5. 9 p.m., B. Drinkwater 12, F. Archibald 10, P. Campbell 8, B. Robertson 8, A. Robinson 8, G. Romanuchuk 8, M. Jordan 6, D. Hicking 4.

### SERIES RECAP

In Acton, November 17 Ridgetown novices 1 Acton 0 Acton atoms 2 Ridgetown 1 Acton peewees 8 Ridgetown 0 Ridgetown bantams 7 Acton 1

In Ridgetown January 19 Ridgetown novices 6 Acton 0 Acton atoms 2 Ridgetown 2 Acton peewees 8 Ridgetown 0 Ridgetown bantams 7 Acton 0 Acton midgets 3 Ridgetown 2

TOTAL GOALS Ridgetown 26 - Acton 24

Lunch was provided for the Acton guests in the arena auditorium upon their arrival and during the afternoon between games. Mrs. Janet McLaren convened the hockey mothers. The Ridgetown Minor Hockey Association arranged for the competition with special Saturday ice time in co-operation with the house league convenors. The Kinsmen club extended an invitation to the Acton fans to join them at their social evening. Complimentary passes were given to the Acton guests.

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