

Sabres carve up Penetang Hurons

by Hartley Colos

History relates that when explorer Etienne Brule got too friendly with the Huron Indians up in the Penetang hills they stuck him in a pot and ate him for dessert.

Today's Hurons are not nearly as fierce... and they've since been relegated to Junior "C" ranks from the Indian wars. Acton Sabres played Chinese checkers with them for three periods Friday night while cutting them up 7-1 in a rather dull, ho-hum contest which proved:

1. The Sabres need more firepower, if they hope to be a potent force in the playoffs, and
2. They've got to unwind earlier than the third period.

Sabres had a wide edge in territorial play most of the game watched by over 400 fans, but putting the puck past pint-sized Will Guthrie was a chore they found frustrating. Despite the wide margin they had only a slim 1-0 lead at the end of the first period. They added three more goals in the second and another three in the final stanza to wrap up the victory but the score could have been 15-2 to be indicative of play.

It would also have been handy to see Robin Inscue, who played well in goal for the Actons, have hung up his first shutout of the year, but the Sabres got too confident around the middle of the final

chapter. A loose Huron belted a rebound past Robin with his tomahawk to perish that thought.

Hurons don't play an aggressive style of hockey, but they can skate and tangle a team up pretty good if they have a mind to persist. In goal they had a cat-quick tender who looked like he might have been from the same mold as "Rugle" Vachon, the diminutive tot with the NHL, Los Angeles Kings. He seemed to be everywhere in the first period especially with the Hurons playing without their best players, who decided penalties didn't make the Sabres that much more

dangerous. But they hadn't reckoned with the Sabres when they played shorthanded. The Acton club broke the scoring ice while blueliner Gary Snel was in punance. Charlie McTae jamming the biscuit into the basket after a solo skate around the net and then a tuck into the nearest corner.

Huron bounced back when referee Ron Breen meted out a double sentence, favoring no one, but Inscue came through with two good saves that kept Sabres out in front. But from that point on the play stayed in the Hurons' end of the rink with Sabre captain Charlie McTae forechecking and setting up

his mates time and time again. But they missed open nets, yawning gulfs that seemed like invitations to a goal scoring ball. They hit goal posts, legs, sticks and sundry other pieces of equipment to no avail.

That one goal first period margin didn't look large when the Hurons broke into the clear in the first 30 seconds of the second stanza, but they couldn't hit that proverbial barn door, either. Sabres had a sparkling chance to score about midway through the period when Mark McCauley broke into daylight and streaked for the Huron cage. But Guthrie was there... waiting... and outguessed the hurtling Sabre.

Seconds later McCauley was sentenced for holding and while he was punished, John Swan was the opportunist who put Sabres in front 2-0. It happened when Guthrie juggled a point blank and the rebound eluded him. Swan gobbled up the puck, toured behind the net and shoved it into the short corner.

Swan rifled his second in at 17:15 from a play which started when Brian Beaumont backhanded a blast from the slot. Sabres made it 4-0 less than two minutes later when Kent Kentner went off for elbowing. While he was off, Dave Chapman broke loose down the right dasher and let

a slap shot fly that hit under the crossbar, completely fooling the Huron goalkeeper. The Sabres now really could have sat back and played a checking game but they came out with another of their third period bursts playing their best hockey of the game. McCauley and Brian Beaumont teamed up to supply the punch with Beaumont pulling the string twice, McCauley once. Ed Lange helped on the final goal.

McCauley's rising shot from inside the blue line fooled Guthrie completely at 3:15. Beaumont banged his first in from a scramble in front of the net and got his second with a slapshot from the slot. Murray Guthrie scored the lone Penetang goal. Nineteen penalties were dispensed by officials, Penetang serving 10 of them.

Junior "C" stats

Team	W	L	T	P
Stuyvesant	21	7	9	44
Blufford	15	11	4	34
Acton	15	11	4	34
Huntsville	14	10	4	32
Alliston	13	12	6	34
Bracebridge	13	14	9	36
Penetang	1	22	1	24
Schomberg	2	21	1	24

Future games
Thurs. Jan. 30 Sabres at Schomberg
Fri. Jan. 31 Schomberg at Sabres



SABRES Russ Van Fleet, Brian Beaumont (2) and Dave Chapman (23) celebrate an Acton goal during Friday night's 7-1 win over the seventh place Penetang Hurons. Sabres, who are battling Huntsville, Bracebridge and Alliston for third place take on the last place Schomberg Cougars here Friday night. The same two teams square off in Schomberg tomorrow (Thursday) night.

Sorry

Got our goalies mixed up!

This photo of the presentation of the championship trophy in the Acton Centennial Atom Tournament, which ran in the Free Press, Monday, December 30 incorrectly identified the Don Mills goalie accepting the trophy from Cope Smith as Ron Tofflemire. In fact, the goalie is David Rickard. A proud grandmother in Minden, Ontario wrote to point out the mistake. Don Mills North Stars defeated Acton A-B Supermarket major atoms for the tournament championship.

Red and white tournament Saturday

Eight public school basketball teams will be seeking the championship of the first annual Acton High Red and White tournament, scheduled for the AHS and M. Z. Bennett school gyms this Saturday.

Trophies donated by the local Toronto-Dominion Bank and Bank of Nova will be awarded to the champions and consolation champs.

- A schedule of games follows:
- 9:00 a.m.—AHS gym—Robert Little vs. Oakville Montclair.
 - 9:30 a.m.—M. Z. gym—Stewarttown vs. Milton Martin St.
 - 10:30 a.m.—AHS gym—Brookville vs. Georgetown Centennial.
 - 11:00 a.m.—M. Z. gym—Fairview vs. M. Z. Bennett.

OMHA playoffs begin this week

Acton (OMHA) Minor Hockey Association President Noel Weir completed arrangements for first round OMHA playoffs for five of Acton's six teams at a meeting in Elora Monday night. Only the major atom playoff schedule has yet to be arranged.

- Listed below is a schedule of playoff games for the Acton teams.
- Minor Atom—Acton vs. Orangeville at Acton, Saturday, Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m.
 - at Orangeville, Monday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m.
 - at Acton, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7:05 p.m. (if necessary)
 - Pee-wee—Acton vs. Elmira at Elmira, Monday, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m.
 - at Acton, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 8:10 p.m.
 - Third game at Elmira to be arranged, if necessary.
 - Bantam—Acton vs. Fergus at Acton, Saturday, Feb. 1, 4:55 p.m.
 - at Fergus, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.
 - at Acton, Saturday, Feb. 8, 4:55 p.m. (if necessary)
 - Midget—Acton vs. Elmira at Elmira, Friday, Jan. 31, 8:30—St. Jacobs Arena
 - at Acton, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 8:15 p.m.
 - at Elmira, Friday, Feb. 7, 9 p.m. (if necessary)—St. Jacobs Arena.
 - Juvenile—Acton vs. Elmira at Elmira, Friday, Jan. 31, 9 p.m.
 - at Acton, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 9:40 p.m.
 - at Elmira, Friday, Feb. 7, 9 p.m. (if necessary)
- All series are best of three.

Peewees gain revenge

Acton Y's Men's pee-wees gained revenge for three previous exhibition losses to the Georgetown minor pee-wee squad, when they pummeled the same team 6-0 here Saturday.

Paul Campbell scored his first goal of the season for Acton. Bob Allison, Bob McClure, Todd McIntyre, Dave Brown and Murray McNabb netted the other goals. Allison and Gary Lumbers each earned two assists. Single helpers went to Mike Strong and Joe Carter. Dave Anderson and Andy Ellerby combined in the Acton nets to keep Georgetown off the scoresheet.

Shep is back

John Sheppard has begun working out again with the Sabres after recovering from a leg injury that kept him out of the lineup since November. Club officials first felt John might be out for the season, but the injury has responded to treatment and he'll be a valuable addition for the upcoming Junior "C" playoffs.

Houston in top form

Frank Houston of Acton High recorded his fastest time ever, 4:07, to place second in the 1500 metres event at Saturday's York University high school track and field meet in Toronto. Frank trains with the Etobicoke Striders Track Club.

Dave Hannah of Acton High recorded a time of 61.9 in the 400 metres event, but failed to place. Houston is the only member of the fine AHS 4x800 metre relay team still running for the school. Rodger McEachern and Glen McKenzie have graduated and Scott Sommerville has not competed this year.

AIHL doormats still alive

Kensmen and Helters, league doormats in the Acton Industrial hockey loop kept their playoff hopes alive with surprise ties Sunday night. Either team would still have to win its remaining four games, while fourth place Lakeview Centre lost its last four to even tie for the final playoff spot.

Last minute goals by team owner-player Ken "Buddha" McIsaac and Dan Kavanagh produced the 4-4 Kensmen tie with the league-leading Station Hotel crew. Kavanagh had three of the four Kensmen goals.

George Poulsen, Kevin Galway, Norm King and Steve Garrett scored for the helters.

Lloyd Smallwood sparked the 5-5 Helters tie against Lakeview Centre by scoring four goals. Dave Papillon notched the other leather-workers goal. Chick Milne added three assists.

Steve Townsley netted his second goal of the game with less than 30 seconds to play for Lakeview to tie the game. Eric Stone, Bill Severinski and Gary Masters were the other marksmen. Jim Kavanagh scored twice, while Jack Gudgeon and Gary Lewis connected once each, as Blow Press tied Van's Welding for second place with a 4-3 win.

Scoring for the welders were Ed Hillier, Fred Crawford and Skeeter Hill.

500 WINNERS

Lucky winners in last week's 500 club draw were 82-Dan Kociuk, 84-Jack Cunningham, 121-Barry Inscue, 262-Ian Johnson, 326-Keith Andrews and 348-Ted Hansen.

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Station Hotel	8	0	3	19
Van's Welding	7	3	1	15
Blow Press	7	3	1	15
Lakeview	5	5	1	11
Kensmen	1	9	1	3
Helters	1	9	1	3

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