

Hockey no contest but

Bradford brawn sidelines Sabres

by Denis Gibbons

After a cakewalk semi-final win over the Penetang Hurons, Acton Sabres met an abrupt end to their Junior "C" hockey season, when they were whipped decisively in the Central Ontario group finals by the Bradford Vaseys in a series which lasted only a week.

Bradford won the series opener 12-1 and wrapped up the set with three more wins last week, 9-3 here last Wednesday night, 7-5 here Friday night and 10-2 in Bradford Sunday night. The Vaseys, who outscored Acton 38-11 in the series now meet either Dunnville or Simcoe in the OHA Junior "C" quarter-finals.

Sabres showed neither the ability nor the team tactics to have beaten the well-drilled Bradford club in any case, yet the saddest aspect of the series from the viewpoint of Acton fans was how their club was thoroughly intimidated by the bigger Bradford players, some of whom think cross-checking and boarding are all part of the game.

Sunday night's series clincher illustrated the point very well. What should have been a team's fight to the finish for survival in the series appeared to be a Sabre desire just to escape from the Bradford handbox in one piece.

Bradford received 14 of the 20 penalties in Friday night's game and served 16 of 24 sentences on their home ice Sunday night. Seven of their 16 penalties Sunday were for cross-checking.

In last Wednesday night's second game here, Steve Quisenberry, Sabres' late season sinner from Schomberg showed he had had enough of Bradford's tactics, when he rushed at Bradford captain Ted Vasey right from a faceoff, cross checked him, then scored a decisive victory over Vasey in a first fight.

To show their appreciation of that incident the Vaseys

sent their biggest player Rick Norton, who normally plays defence out for the next faceoff against Sabres' Peter Feindley. Norton pounced on Feindley as soon as the puck was dropped, but the Sabre centre evaded himself up in a shell on the ice and refused to fight. Norton was teased out of the game. According to Feindley, Norton later apologized for the attack, explaining he was only carrying out orders from his mentors.

Aside from the roughhouse tactics, which sometimes would have made Bill McMurry wonder why he ever wasted his time, the hockey in the series was strictly no contest. Bradford played excellent positional hockey, headmanned the puck at every opportunity and were solid on defence, showing that if their coaching staff knows nothing about telling their bachelorettes to cool it on the sex, when necessary, they certainly know their hockey.

Both Vasey goalies John Macneil and Bernie Killoran played well in the two games they started.

Bill Collins, Bradford's punt-sized winger, who always demonstrates his value to his team with smart well-executed plays, rather than blind-side charges into

the boards, probably caused the turning point in the set when he stole the puck from Mark McCauley right in front of the Sabre net and scored against an Acton power play in the first period of last Wednesday's game. Sabres had played well up until then, but the game soon turned into a Bradford run-away.

Sabres made another attempt to beat the "big blue machine" Friday, scoring twice in the first five minutes of the game, but the Vaseys gradually got things under control and turned the tide.

Scott Mallory led Bradford scorers with two goals. Andy Parmala, Ted Vasey, Ken Brown, John Williams and Bill Collins scored the other goals.

Russ Van Fleet potted a pair and Pete Feindley, Brian Beaumont and Mark McCauley one apiece for Acton.

In Bradford Sunday night Collings fired a hat trick, while Vasey, Brown, Parmala, Kevin Mattice, Jeff Lorenz, Rick Norton and Scott Murray all scored once.

John Swann and Steve Brunelle netted the final two Sabre goals of the season.

Sabre coach Dave McKnight used Ray Dunbar in goal on Wednesday and Friday and Robin Incoe Sunday.

Sunday's game was the last of junior eligibility for 10 Acton players, Brian Beaumont, Gary Smit, Mark McCauley, Warren Craig, Pete Feindley, Steve Quisenberry, Pete Morrison, John Swann, Doug Patten and Bob Ingles.

Legion
town league tallies



Wayne Thompson, Allen Snell and Ron Guest connected to give the Toros a 3-2 victory over the Oilers. George Brown, Herbby Salmo and Guest earned assists. Oiler marksmen were Greg Smith and Steve Van Der Eyken. Jeff Patten and Dave Williamson drew assists for the Oilers.

Final Standings Legion House League

Team	W	L	T	P
Noble	9	2	4	22
Brampton	6	3	1	19
Weston	4	9	2	10
Dane	1	10	1	9

Brampton Wins League Championship

Team	W	L	T	P
Atom	9	1	2	20
St. Kitts	7	5	3	17
London	6	7	1	14
Orillia	3	8	4	10

St. Kitts Wins League Championship

Team	W	L	T	P
Brantford	11	3	1	21
Richmond Hill	8	6	2	16
Baltimore	5	8	2	12
Cleveland	4	10	1	12
Springfield	4	10	1	7

Springfield Wins League Championship

Team	W	L	T	P
Brantford	12	1	1	25
Georgetown	8	6	0	16
London	6	7	1	14
Acacia	6	7	1	13
St. Catharines	3	9	2	8
Orillia	1	10	1	7

Georgetown Wins Championship

League Wins League Championship

Team	W	L	T	P
Mississauga	15	10	5	20
Leamington	15	8	6	17
Montreal	15	7	6	16
London	15	11	1	17
Toronto	15	11	1	17

Toronto Wins Championship

Free Press Sports Page



A-B MAJOR atoms, Robbie Vermeulen and Ricky Greenly storm the Elora net during Saturday afternoon's 7-1 Acton victory in Waterloo-Wellington league playoff action here. Third game of the series is scheduled for Acton Saturday afternoon.

Nipped in OMHA play atoms explode in Elora

Following their tough loss to Elora in the OMHA playoffs, in which they lost both games 3-2 in overtime, Acton A-B Supermarket major atoms have opened up a two game lead in their best of five Waterloo-Wellington league

playoff series with Elora. The major atoms trounced the Rocks 7-1 here Saturday afternoon and 3-0 in Elora Monday night. Third game is scheduled for Acton this Saturday afternoon.

Bobbie Vermeulen and Brad Manes scored two goals each for Acton in Saturday's game. Mike McRae, Gordie McArthur and Rick Greenly netted single goals and Jeff McNabb picked up three assists.

Bill Henderson scored the only Elora goal of the game. Tim Shields played shutout goal for the major atoms in Elora Monday night. Tim Ferguson, Mike Mellue and Gordie McArthur paced the Acton scoring attack with two goals apiece. Brad Manes, Barry McNabb and Jeff McNabb counted single goals. Mark Duval was the team's top playmaker in the win. He assisted on two goals.

The major atoms are entered in the Port Colborne tournament March 21, 22 and 23 and also the Wasaga Beach tournament later in the month.

Lewis lights lamp to end AIHL thriller

Gary Lewis' unassisted goal of the two minute mark of the fourth overtime period gave Blow Press a thrilling 3-2 victory over Lakeview Centre in the opening game of a best of three Acton Industrial Hockey League semi-final series Sunday night.

Van's Welding, the regular season pennant winners downed Station Hotel 4-1 in the opening game of the other semi-final set.

In one of the lowest scoring games of industrial league history Blow Press and Lakeview were tied 1-1 at the end of regulation time. Rob Townsend covered with help from John Roberts and Gary Lewis for Blow Press in the first period. Lloyd Hillier cashed in Bill Severinski's pass in the second period for Lakeview.

Steve Townsley gave Lakeview a 2-1 lead early in the first overtime session, but Jim Kavanagh came back to tie the score. The final three overtime sessions were sudden death. Exceptionally good goaltending by Dave Allan of Blow Press and Brian Hardman of Lakeview kept the score low.

League scoring champ Ed Hillier netted two of the four goals for Van's Welding. Ken Owen and Dan Hillier also scored, while Mike Miller assisted twice.

Norm King broke Jim Brown's shutout with a goal for the hoteliers late in the third period.

The semi-finals continue this Sunday night with Blow Press meeting Lakeview at 7 and Van's Welding and Station Hotel squaring off at 8:15.

Youth bowling

By Rick Roher

Sunday March 24 (Village Bowl) Port Credit was the time and place of our first Junior Tournament sponsored by Coca Cola. Master bowlers from all over this area competed with their Y.B.C. bowlers, who qualified the highest. Host for this tournament was Acton's Master bowler, Bill Anderson. After several welcomes and introductions, the tournament began. Each Master bowler bowled three games with the boy bowler and three games with the girl and the top totals were the winners. We had a last frame thriller with Village Bowl, Port Credit taking the victory from the Brampton Lanes by nine pins. Master bowler Wayne Heiman and juniors Rino Baldin and Claudia Lisa took top honors with a 3078 grand total. Brampton Master bowler Wayne Heiman and juniors Rino Baldin and Claudia Lisa took top honors with a 3078 grand total. Acton's team composed of Master bowler Bill Anderson and juniors Jim Huxley and Karen Van Der Eyken made an honorable showing placing 13th out of 31 competitors.

Presentations were made to the top bowlers and Ken Hulford, proprietor of Acton Lanes, thanked Bill Anderson on behalf of

everyone in the lanes. Bill received a big applause in appreciation of his fine job on this tournament.

So that concludes the Master Junior tournament for another year. March 16 in Scarborough is the next date for Y.B.C. tournaments. The Provincials will be an exciting event with top bowlers from all over Ontario in competition.

Basiums First Shift

The Hippos moved ahead of the Frogs again, as they demolished them in both games. Lynn Phillips led the way for her team with a 286 double. Lynn also bowled 29 pins over her average in the first game to win pop for her team. The Snowmen broke their slump, as they defeated the Humpty Dumplings in two games and totals. Danny Tremblay was tops for his team with a 249 double. The last place Birds upset the first place Detonats as they won the first game and totals from them. Bev Baker led his team in their victory with a 276 double. Bev also bowled 23 pins over his average in the first game to win pop for his team.

Second Shift

The Dragons poured on the pressure in the final frames to win the first game from the Pigs by five points. But the Pigs didn't give up. Instead they exploded the sins for strikes and a two point victory. John Adams was tops for his team with a 287 double. The Turtles who are in third place in the league standings, edged out the Snakes to win two points out of a possible three. Steven McDonald led his team to their victory with a 286 double. The Owls and the Mice battled out two games to determine who would be in first place in the league standings. The Mice came out the victors with a two point win. Scott Allmon of the Mice bowled 48 pins over his

average in the first game to win pop for his team.

Third Shift

The Dogs remained in first place in the league standings with their two and a half point victory over the Chipmunks. Gary Lumbers was tops for his team with a 252 double. Marlene Roher of the Dogs bowled 18 pins over

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6:00 Rochester vs. Cleveland	Bob McEve Al Galloway
6:30 Sprinthill vs. Baltimore	Bob McEve Al Galloway
7:00 London vs. St. Kitts	Al Zanatta Steve McKnight
7:30 Thornhill vs. Orillia	Al Zanatta Steve McKnight
8:00 Brampton vs. Weston	Bill Manes John Tooley
8:30 Westbank vs. Dixie	Bill Manes John Tooley
9:00 Orangeville vs. Aurora	Harry Lawson Layton Higgins
9:30 Toronto vs. Oshawa	Harry Lawson Liddy Linnay
10:00 Toronto vs. Toronto	Harry Lawson Liddy Linnay

Sunday March 7

6:00 Toronto vs. Montreal	Gerry Van Der Eyken Danny Allen
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