

Sportlite

with Denis Gibbons

Acton Sabres have requested an OHA Junior "C" conveners' meeting to explore the possibility of realigning groups to reduce unnecessary travelling next season.

Sabres are interested in bringing New Hamburg and neighboring clubs into a group along with Acton, Alliston, Schomberg, Stayner and Bradford of the present Central group. A new Junior "C" entry from Orangeville, which now has not only an excellent hockey building, but also the players to go with it, is a good bet. Orangeville juveniles copped the OMHA Juvenile "A" championship this year.

Penetang, Bracebridge and Huntsville are apparently ready to return to a revised edition of the old Muskoka-Georgian Bay loop, with a new entry from Parry Sound, which now has a new arena.

Sabre attendance was down a total of 1000 for the regular season this year, but the cost of bus trips to the three northern towns was the major blow to the team treasury. This was in spite of the fact the Huntsville and Bracebridge clubs showed Acton fans some most exciting hockey on their single visits here.

Average attendance for 20 Sabre home games, including exhibitions, regular season and playoff games was 292.

Gary Vasey has his club in Bradford up for sale, with a price tag of \$1500 hanging on it. Although the talent-laden Vaseys have failed twice to win the OHA Junior "C" championship, fan support in Bradford has been super. The club averaged 450 for the regular season and more than 1200 for the three home games of their OHA Junior "C" quarter-final series against Dunnville.

Bradford loses only six players to overage, compared to 10 for Acton and a similar number for Alliston, making a Bradford-Stayner pennant race likely again next season. The OHA Junior "D" finalist Siskins expect to have all but two players back in uniform.

Aggravating the Sabre talent loss is this week's announcement from Georgetown that a four man group has applied to the OHA to operate a Junior "B" hockey club there next season. Over the past four seasons Georgetown has been a prime source of Sabre import recruiting.

Sabre defenceman Kent Kentner has received an official invitation from coach Roger Nielson to attend the training camp of the Major Junior "A" Peterborough Petes in the fall.

Bill McGilloway and Steve Buchanan, who suited up with the Junior "B" Guelph Biltmores this season will be shooting for positions on the Mad Hatters' Tier 2 Junior "A" club next season.



ACTON INDUSTRIAL hockey league individual award winners received their silverware at the league's annual windup dance at the Acton Music Centre Saturday night. Ed Hillier (centre) captain of the championship Van's Welding team won both the scoring and most valuable player trophies, while Jim Brown, goalie for the league champs won the award for the best goals against average. League president Bill Coon made the presentations. The league made a special presentation to Ron McKnight for his service on the executive and as timekeeper. Members of the Van's Welding squad received individual trophies for both their playoff championship and regular season pennant wins. Players, wives and girl friends danced to Harry Arbie's recorded music.

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Rams scuttle Clippers in preseason battle

Halton Hills Rams opened their 1975 Junior "C" lacrosse pre-season series successfully with an upset 13-9 win over the Junior "B" Oakville Clippers at Milton Memorial Arena last Wednesday night. The same two teams clash in a rematch at Georgetown Memorial Arena tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8.

Rams won the game on the strength of a surprise third period rally, when they out-

scored their Junior "B" opponents 9-1. Oakville led 4-3 at the end of the first period and 8-4 after two periods.

Bruce Cooksey, Rams' leading scorer for the past two seasons picked up where he left off last summer with a four goal effort. Steve Wilson bagged a hat trick, Jim Chisholm and newcomer Bill Fox fired two goals each and Glen Sherman and Kevin Marcoux one apiece for Halton Hills.

Class of the Clippers were Brent Hoey with four goals, Barry Smith connected twice and Brad Hunt, Butch Medland and Bob McDougall once each.

Clippers are using two complete teams in training camp. The previous night the other half of the Oakville hopefuls outscored the Hamilton Bengals 22-18.

Ram coach Rob Pool realizes his club will be in for a tougher test in the rematch in Georgetown tomorrow (Thursday) night. His club however, will also be in better condition after an extra week of workouts.

Jim Chisholm and Bruce Green, a pair of East York natives are the 10th and 11th players to sign OLA cards with the club. In his first year with the Rams last summer Chisholm scored 16 goals in 10 regular season games and netted 19 more in 13 playoff contests. Green connected only three times in nine regular season games, but averaged better than a point a game in the playoffs.

Making their first appearance at Ram workouts this week were goalie Gary Tur-

kosz, a five year junior lacrosse veteran, brother Ron Turkosz, a 36 goal shooter as a rookie last season, returnee Ian Duff, who resides in the Ballinfad area and Steve Papiilon, a promising Acton midget grad.

Best of the city prospects appears to be Bill Fox, who scored twice in last Wednesday night's win. Fox did not play lacrosse last summer, but had Junior "A" experience with the Lakeshore Maple Leafs.

While coach Pool puts prospects through the paces, Ram general manager Howard Dwyer has been busy negotiating clearances for the Metro Toronto players. There are no residential restrictions in the OLA Junior "C" category. Players may be recruited from anywhere in the province, as long as they have been released by the club in their hometown and waived by very team, which is closer to their hometown. Last year the Ram squad was made up of approximately 60 percent Acton minor lacrosse products and 40 percent combination of recruits from the Mississauga-Metro Toronto area.

Elsewhere in Junior "C" exhibition play, Orillia upset the Junior "B" Brampton Excelsiors 18-11 on the weekend. Rams were to play Brampton in a home and home exhibition series next week, but coach Pool has decided that practices will benefit the team more this early in the season.

Craig Weldon is Sabre coach

Acton Sabre president Mil Ball announced this week that Craig Weldon has been selected to succeed Dave McKnight as coach of the Junior "C" hockey club.

A radio and TV arts student at Sheridan College, Weldon served as an assistant to McKnight during his two year term as Sabre coach. McKnight was unable to continue as the Acton coach, since he and his family have moved to a new home near Fergus. He will remain a member of the club's executive.


Weldon came up through the Acton minor hockey club, developing into a capable goaltender during his midget and juvenile years. He was goaltender for the Sabres in 1971-72, the first year the club operated.

Craig has also been active in lacrosse locally, starting out in midget and juvenile and playing four successful seasons with the Junior "C" team.

During the past two seasons as McKnight's assistant, Craig has gained valuable experience in organizing most of the team's practices.



PHYSICAL CONDITIONING necessary to carry Halton Hills Rams through a tough OLA Junior "C" lacrosse season is causing prospects a lot of grief now, but should pay off in victories later in the season. Coach Rob Pool, a stickler for stamina-building makes sure there are no slackers by circulating around the practice area floor. Rams play an exhibition game against the Junior "B" Oakville Clippers at Georgetown Memorial Arena tomorrow (Thursday) night and open their regular season Monday May 12 in Orillia.



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BEST LOOKING addition to the Halton Hills Rams junior lacrosse club has been Lou-Anne Taylor, a native of Blenheim, who has taken over as team trainer. A first year student in Sheridan College's special course for trainers, Lou-Anne is gaining valuable experience necessary for successful completion of the course. Rookie prospects like Pete Vasilopoulos and all the Rams are understandably ecstatic about course requirements at Sheridan!

Minor lacrosse goes with three entries

Based on interest shown on two registration dates, the Acton Rotary minor lacrosse committee has decided to enter three representative teams, novice, pee-wee and bantam in the Golden Triangle Minor Lacrosse League.

Committee chairman Allan Hall told the Free Press this week that with player help from Georgetown, a midget team could still be formed. He said just four boys registered for juvenile and that prospective team has been scrapped.

More boys are needed to fill out the novice team roster, since only seven have regis-

tered so far. Coaches and managers are still needed for the teams as well. Volunteers may call Alan at 853-3504.

Besides Acton, there will be teams from Kitchener, Guelph, Ancaster, Fergus, Elora, Arthur and Orangeville entered in the league. Acton teams will enter OMLA championship tournaments when they are held later in the season.

The Golden Triangle League schedule will open on the road for Acton teams, May 20. Acton teams will play out of town games for approximately the first month, until work is completed on installation of a new roof on the Acton arena.

Acton's new recreation coordinator John Cooper has received an application from the Ontario Lacrosse Association to hold a clinic for players and coaches. The clinic will likely be held here later in the summer.

Campbellville

Baseball '75 is well underway in Campbellville.

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No champion

The Central Junior "C" hockey league will not have an OHA champion this year. Stayner Siskins, who nosed out Bradford Vaseys for first place in the regular season standings, even though they are a Junior "D" club finally were eliminated last week by Belmont (near London) in the OHA Junior "D" finals, four games to one. The Siskins. (Continued on Page 5)

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