



WATCH THAT CORNER! Sabres' netminder Pete Kolar dives for the puck as it threatens his crease. Steve Brunelle helps to clear the man in front. Sabres' goaltending was excellent but a little rusty. Ray Dunbar and Kolar are again on this year's roster.

CRUNCH! Shot just before impact on the boards, a Sabre and Hornet went crashing to the boards while chasing the puck in the Sabres' end.

Off in flying colors

Sabres win preseason opener over Alliston

Acton's 1975-76 Sabres put the boots to the Alliston Hornets by doubling them 4-2 Friday evening, making the dry land training pay dividends.

The Sabres had a battle on their hands until the midway point in the game when Alliston seemed to be tiring. Sabres continued to skate and hustle the puck until they tied the score and won the game in the third period.

Sabre coach Craig Weldon said he knew if the players skated and did what he told them, they would be okay. He said Alliston was to have a strong club this year because of the high return of players from last year but Weldon said "they sure didn't look it."

How would Weldon describe the Sabres? "They're a skating-hustling team and they show more desire than last year's." He added that if they don't "we're going to be killed this year." The team is younger than last year and it's hard to compare the two from one game.

Sabres were nailed for a two minute minor for stopping the puck in the air with the stick over the shoulders. The new ruling was applied three times during the Friday contest, Alliston getting hit with the decision twice. "It's a force of habit that's going to be hard to break," said Weldon.

Weldon said he was glad Sabres didn't do so well in the first period, down one goal, because it got the team flying. Sabres did, however, fail to make use of two man advantages over Alliston a number of times in the game, but the coach assured the Free Press sports department that they haven't done any work on power plays.

A total 286 people took in the first exhibition session. The players were responding to Weldon's training and worked their two men in the corner routine about 60-70 per cent of the play. If they didn't run the play, Weldon would let them know.

Russ Van Fleet, the Sabre who will sit out the next two games, was defending the younger players on the team, according to Weldon. When considering size and age of most of the players, Van Fleet was adding muscle to the team. "When one guy gets into difficulties, they all move in to help." "We're not encouraging fighting, but the team attitude is different from last year."

Weldon praised goaltender Ray Dunbar and his counterpart for playing a good game but said they were a bit rusty. Dunbar will have to work on his angles.

The game Alliston took a 1-0 lead from Doug Pursuinen who scored in the first period. In the second, Bill Cook and Ray Peacock each netted singles.

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CHA-CHA-CHA! Follow the leader: Sabre netminder looks like he's being followed around the ice by another Sabre and an Alliston Hornet.

IN THE SLOT, Sabres took advantage of scoring opportunities in the Friday night exhibition but failed to capitalize on their two-man advantages several times in the game.



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Men's recreational results

Sunday nights men's recreation hockey got underway at the Acton Community Centre with three games. Lakeview beat Blow Press 6-2. Hellers edged Ken's Men 6-4 and the Station Hotel doubled Van Welders 4-2.

In the Lakeview-Blow Press contest, Blow Press took a 1-0 lead after the first period of play with a goal from L. Williams. They jumped ahead 2-0 in the second with a tally by Denis Gibbons. Lakeview went on to tie the game in the second period as B. MacPherson and Steve Townsley netted one each.

The third period told the story for Lakeview as they nailed in another four goals for the win. Wayne DeForest, B. MacPherson, S. Townsley

and J. Haggitt tallied singles for Lakeview. In another contest, Hellers beat Ken's Men 6-4. S. Brenns gave Ken's Men a 1-0 lead after the first period of play. In the second period Hellers rebounded with four goals to take a 4-1 lead at the close of the second period. G. Lewis netted a pair and G. McPhail and B. Severenski tallied singles.

Ken's Men outscored Hellers in the third period but the comeback was two goals short for a tie. Severenski opened scoring for Ken's in the first period and his goal was answered by Ken's J. Cooney. Ken's Men rallied for another and were followed by two catch up attempt goals from Hellers. John Kavanagh and another Hellers player

tallied singles. Station Hotel doubled Van's Welders 4-2.

Station Hotel held a two goal lead at the close of the first period of play with tallies from R. Mellon and J. Mason. Van's Welders garnered a single in the second period to put them back into the game and the Hottellers pulled away in the third again with an opening goal from Mellon.

B. Cookley netted the final goal for Van's with less than two minutes to play but was answered with a single from D. McGilloway in the last minute of play.

Sportorial

Craig Weldon firmly believes that desire is the most important element for players to have in any sport. The 23-year-old Media Arts student at Sheridan College, Oakville, is this year's coach for the Acton Sabres, and has initiated valuable training exercises and programs into the Sabres schedule.

Craig has been assistant coach of the Sabres under Dave McKnight for the past two Sabre seasons and has performed the conditioning and training tasks quite efficiently. However, in his first year as head coach, Weldon instituted dry land training to save valuable ice time and to better condition players.

The program so far has worked out quite well, according to coach Weldon. The evidence of success is in the Sabres' opening exhibition game as the young club handed the experienced Alliston Hornets a 4-2 defeat.

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Swords schedule

Acton Swords Home Dates

Date	Time	Opponent
Friday, Oct. 24	8:30 p.m.	Harriston
Saturday, Nov. 1	8:30 p.m.	Hanover
Saturday, Nov. 8	8:30 p.m.	Clinton
Saturday, Nov. 22	8:30 p.m.	Mitchell
Wednesday, Nov. 26	8:30 p.m.	Fergus
Sunday, Dec. 7	7:30 p.m.	Paisley
Sunday, Dec. 28	7:30 p.m.	Milverton
Saturday, Jan. 3	8:30 p.m.	Lacknow
Sunday, Jan. 11	7:30 p.m.	Milverton
Saturday, Jan. 17	8:30 p.m.	Fergus
Wednesday, Jan. 28	8:30 p.m.	Harriston
Saturday, Jan. 28	8:30 p.m.	Mitchell
Friday, Feb. 6	9:00 p.m.	Port Elgin
Saturday, Feb. 14	8:30 p.m.	Goderich

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Thursday, Oct. 23	8:30 p.m.	In Hanover
Wednesday, Nov. 5	8:00 p.m.	In Goderich
Friday, Nov. 7	8:30 p.m.	In Fergus
Friday, Nov. 14	8:00 p.m.	In Harriston
Sunday, Nov. 16	3:00 p.m.	In Port Elgin
Friday, Nov. 21	8:30 p.m.	In Mitchell
Sunday, Nov. 30	8:00 p.m.	In Lacknow
Thursday, Dec. 4	8:00 p.m.	In Clinton
Sunday, Dec. 14	2:00 p.m.	In Paisley
Sunday, Dec. 21	2:00 p.m.	In Milverton
Friday, Dec. 26	8:30 p.m.	In Mitchell
Friday, Jan. 2	8:00 p.m.	In Harriston
Friday, Jan. 23	8:30 p.m.	In Fergus
Sunday, Feb. 1	2:00 p.m.	In Milverton

500 club draw winners

In the Acton Minor Hockey Association 500 Club weekly draw, this week's six \$10 winners are Bud Kentner 145, Ted Jennings 158, Ivan Kilby 188, Tom Manes 166, Larry Porte 462 and Jan Marshall 254.

The winners from the week of October 4 are Del Cook 223, Fred Dawkins 269, Brad Timbers 334, Bill Cook 380, Craig Weldon 86 and Hank Ruppert 99.

Open meeting for tournament

An open, organizational meeting of the Acton Atom's will take place Thursday evening at 7:30 at the Acton arena.

December 26, 27 and 28. Frank Ailsop, chairman of the Atom's tournament committee, is hoping to have just as many teams from out-of-town show up as last year for the Christmas season tourney.

Under discussion will be the Atom tournament to be held



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