

Sabres lose to Cougars, return to tie Monarchs



Sabres played three games in five nights last week, and though the team reaped but one point from a possible six, it appears to be steadily improving.

Sabres lost 7 to 4 against the Hornets of Alliston Wednesday. Schomberg's Cougars took what looked like a win for the Bladesmen Friday with a 5 to 4 effort; but in Menford Sunday Sabres came from behind to tie the northerners three all.

Menford, the team Sabres must beat for a playoff spot, played what Acton manager Bill Campbell termed "a vast improved" game. The Monarchs are the only squad in the nine-team OHA Junior "C-D" circuit Acton has managed to defeat. But the Monarchs can now use imported players, a privilege denied them until last week's OHA meeting which granted the team "C" status.

The defence also seems less porous. Statistics show Acton goalies Ray Dunbar and Robin Inscow faced an average of 31 shots in the three games. Noting like the 55 pucks Inscow had to deal with against the Huskies a couple of weeks ago. Defencemen Perry Caputo and Lloyd Moore played much better, said Mr. Campbell.

Both Acton goaltenders played well in the weekend action, Mr. Campbell said. Scoring for Acton against Menford were defenceman Steve Brunelle, and forwards Terry "Moose" Holmes and Al Fritzel. Menford marksmen were Ronan Keating, Tim Green and Bill Vail. Sabres could have added a

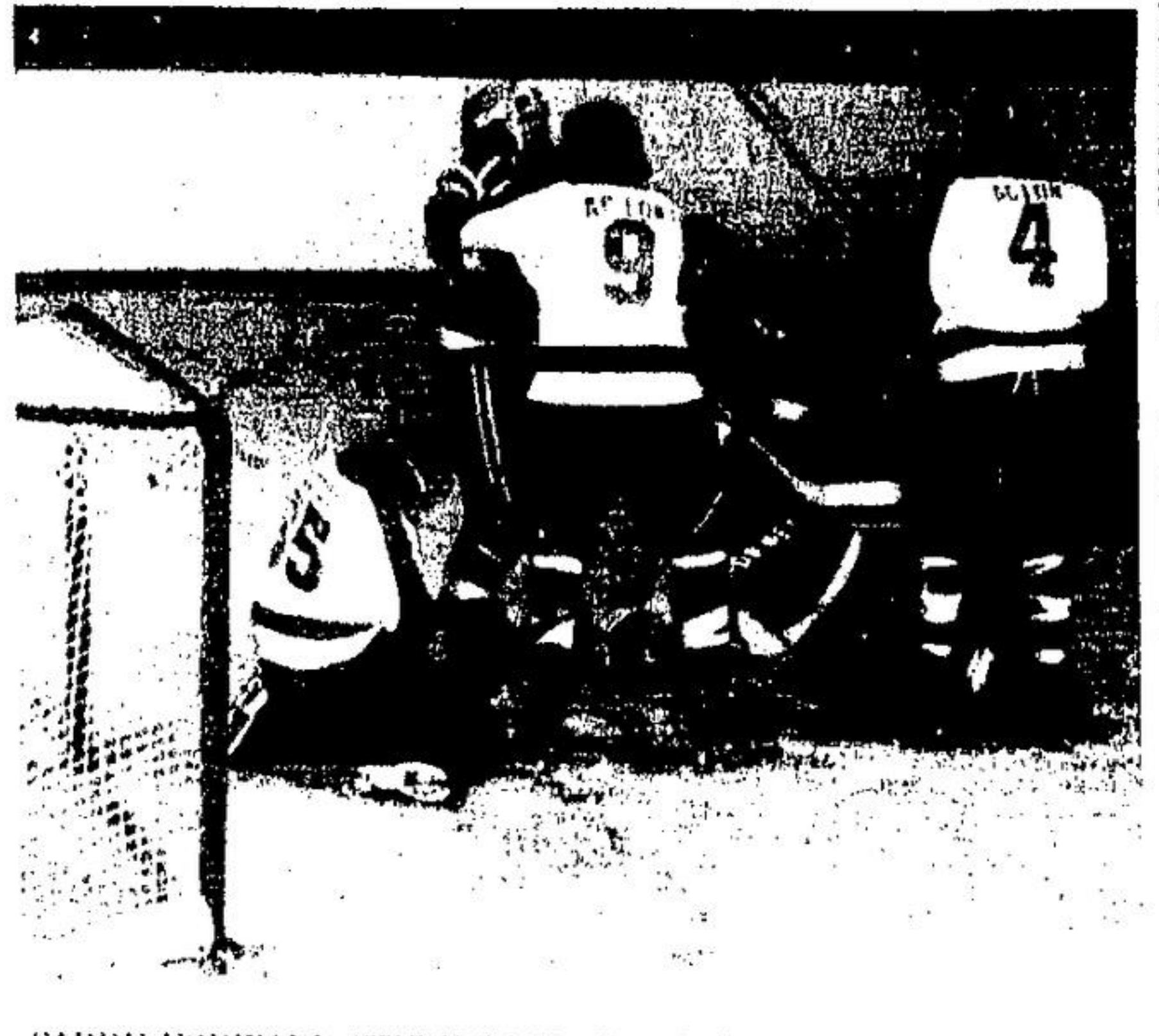
digit to their win column if they had remembered to play 60 minutes of hockey in the game against Cougars. At the 16:10 mark of the third period Alf Behrens scored the last goal for Acton, and the scoreboard showed 4 to 3 for the home team.

But the Catmen still had lots of spring left, and they unwound two goals to go home with a victory.

Captain Charlie McRae hit the mark twice for Acton; he now has nine goals and four assists to lead the team in the scoring department. Rich Butterworth also scored in the losing cause.

Cougar captain Ron Smith did the hat trick, including the winning goal with 47 seconds on the clock. Other marksmen for Schomberg were Don Smith and Monte Ponton.

Hornets The Hornets had pretty much of the play in their game here Wednesday (Nov. 19). Doug Anderson scored early in the first period for the visitors with an unassisted goal. Hornets got two goal performances from Doug Borsmann and Rick Plourdes. Single goals were made by Paul O'Leary and Rick Owens.



SABRE FORWARD STEVE TAYLOR and defencemen Perry Caputo come to the aid of goaltender Ray Dunbar who has just made a save off of a Hornet. Sabre manager Bill Campbell said the team played better defensive hockey. Sabres were unable to contain the Hornet attack and lost the match 7-4. Sabres play an away game against Orangeville tonight, Nov. 26.

SABRE GOALIE RAY DUNBAR lost his stick, but grabbed the puck before it crossed the line during the first period of the game against the Alliston Hornets Wednesday, Nov. 19. Sabre defenceman Tony Saliba locks sticks with a Hornet forward, while Alf Behrens charges for the net.

Dunbar's efforts were to little avail as seconds later Hornets tipped in a shot for their second goal. Sabres lost the game 7-4, but in later games almost beat Schomberg in a 5-4 decision, and tied Menford 3-3 Sunday.

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Swords tie Mitchell in Milton host Fergus Flyers tonight

Saturday night in Milton, Acton Swords proved that if they want to play hockey, they can be as good as any club in the OHA Intermediate "C" league.

After losing Friday night 5-3 to the Mitchell Red Devils in Mitchell, with the final Mitchell goal scored into an empty net, Swords came from behind a 7-2 deficit to earn a 9-9 tie.

Swords took a quick two goal lead in the first four minutes of the game, when Brian Hurley counted two goals. Mitchell then scored five goals in a row to lead 5-2 at the end of the first period.

The first four minutes of the second period were a replica of the middle 10 minutes of the first with Mitchell scoring two more goals.

From then on Swords started skating. With three minutes remaining in the second period, Dan Arbie blasted home a wicked shot from the slot to make the score 7-3. Mitchell outshot the Swords 16-11 in the second period.

Given some pointers on hockey fundamentals by coach Jim James between periods, Swords came out flying in the third. Brian Hurley completed his hat trick and the Swords were on their way.

Three minutes and 30 seconds later Dale Fisher notched his first goal from Pete Morrison. At the 10 minute

Minors split results of weekend action

Acton Minors split the results of their weekend action, first being blanked three to zip by Orangeville, then skating all-over Elora Sunday.

Acton put in an appearance only in the penalty column in Saturday's homegame when they took four penalties while Orangeville failed to collect any. Marksmen for the winners were captain Bill Gillespie with a pair and Bill Bradford with a single.

The Minors chose to show their scoring power in an away game Sunday when they walloped Elora 17 to 3. Kevin McRae and Jim Richard both scored within the first minute of play, and the team never looked back.

Richard scored three additional markers to lead the team in rolling up points. Acton's number 12, David McKnight hit for a hat trick and pairs of goals were scored by Bill Morrison, Brad Youmans, Kevin McRae, and Bruce Canary. Singles went to captain Paul Cargill, and Steve Ruine.

Never in game Elora was never in the game. Acton led 5 to zero before Elora's Tom Watkins got his team on the score sheet in the first period. Watkins found the mark again in the first, then Elora captain Terry West added one in the second. The third period belonged to Acton with the team firing six unanswered goals.

Fight to finish for the Midgets

Acton Midgets boasted a 6-5 win over Elora Tuesday night, Nov. 18.

At the end of the first period Acton was leading with a score of 2-1 and they were still ahead in the second period when the score changed to 4-2. In the third period Elora shot in three goals but Acton fought hard to win the game with two more goals.

Honors to Rick Van Fleet who played an excellent game with two goals and two assists. Jeff Shields netted two goals while Ford Alton and Bill Manes scored a goal each. Assists went to Joe Gardin, Rick Van Fleet, Marvin McNabb and Kevin Weir.

Goalenders Charlie Payne and Mark Morrison played well throughout the game. Marksmen for Elora were George Rogers, Jim Assmusen and Steve Johnston. Coaches Jim James and Joe Gardin feel that if the Midgets play this well in every game, they should do well in the finals.

Midgets nip Orangeville

The Acton midgets nipped Orangeville 3-1 in a hockey game played here last night (Tuesday).

Midgets went ahead 3-0 in the first period on goals by Jeff Shields, Ford Alton, and Kevin Weir. Orangeville also found the mark in the first period with a goal by Jamie Ryan.

Peter Niedermaier closed the gap for Orangeville with a second period marker, but neither team was able to penetrate the other's defences for the rest of the game.

Goal a game good average

Ray Peacock averaged a goal per game in his first three games with the first place Georgetown Raiders of the Intermediate "A" Ontario Hockey Association.

McArthur shoots 6 Minor peewees win

Acton Pee Wees whipped Fergus and Elora in Ontario Minor Hockey Association play last week.

Acton served up a 9-1 reception for Elora in a game here Wednesday, and the next night handed Fergus a 5-2 loss in Fergus.

McArthur showed no mercy to opposition goalies by pulling the trigger six times. He hit for four goals against Elora, and paced himself with two in Fergus.

Other Acton marksmen were Mike McRae and Rick Greenly with two each, and singles from Robert Vermuelen, Brad Manes, Dan Thornhill, and Tim Ferguson.

Elora managed a single goal from Colin Sahorovich. Neil Key and Craig Ryan were the only two Fergus players to score.

Major atoms whitewash Fergus

Acton major atoms blanked Fergus 7 to zip in an away game Thursday. Acton got two goal efforts by Brian Canary and Brian Demone.

Single goals were netched by Bruce Shannon, Mike Yalowitz, and Ken Kavanagh. Paul Morrison was outstanding in goal and registered his second shutout of the season.

The outstanding defenceman of the game was George Gidman. Previously Acton dropped a 1-0 game against New Hamburg, but beat Elmira 5-2.

Kevin Parker wins silver

Kevin Parker had an "off day" at the western sectional championships in Preston last week. The meet was Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20, 21 and 22.

Kevin, 13, placed a disappointing fourth in the novice men's category. However, Saturday he skated his program and managed to come up to a second and win the silver medal.

Winner was Paul Mills, 17, who is in his third year of novice men's competition. This is Kevin's first year. There were 11 in the class. Apparently in his skating solo he missed a couple of jumps and just didn't perform up to his potential.

Cindy places sixth

Cindy McGilloway placed an overall sixth in the novice ladies' category in the Central Ontario Sectional Figure Skating Championships held in Georgetown last week, competing against 11 other skaters.

It was Cindy's first go at sectional competition and she made it through her program with an almost perfect performance. She also skated in free style competitions using Hungarian dance music in the background.

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