

Ref hands Sabres 93 penalty minutes

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ALL EYES ARE ON the shooter and the puck as Sabre defenceman Lloyd Moore (shielded from view) unleashes a shot from Bear's blueline during Friday's game. Captain Charlie McRae turns in front of the net while screening Bear defender Ian Carswell (5). Rick Butterworth, on

the right, is covering Bear's captain Ron Tindall (3). Sabre forward Paul Monahan parks himself in front of the net as goalie Doug Fullerton tries to keep him at a distance. Monahan and McRae both scored, but Sabres dropped the game 8-5.

In Sabres' latest snafus into the ranks of the Ontario Hockey Association's Junior "C" loop, they beat Schomberg 4-2, lost 8-5 to Bracebridge, but tallied 93 penalty minutes in Bradford.

The Blues took Sabres 5-3 in Bradford, scoring the fifth goal into an empty net. Sunday, Dec. 14, Acton manager Bill Campbell is protesting the refereeing to the OHA (see accompanying story). Mr. Campbell hopes to get the four game suspension against top Sabre scorer Don Richard reduced.

With 43 penalty minutes called against the Blues, Ac-

ton came away with a 50-minute margin. Sabres, previously highest penalty total for a game this season was against Schomberg, when they collected 85 minutes. Sabres average approximately 20 minutes per game in penalties.

Manager Bill Campbell said the game was charged with emotions for the Acton players because they were playing for Ray Dunbar, whose father died Thursday Dec. 11. Dunbar played in goal. "If they had got an even break on the refereeing, we would have won", Mr. Campbell said.

Sabres were leading 3-2 in the third period when penalties started to take their toll on the score sheet. The Blues scored three unanswered goals to take the game in the third period.

Paul Monahan opened the game's scoring at the 1:31 mark of the first period on assists from captain Charlie McRae and Terry Holmes. Perry Caputo scored the first of his two goals at the 6:57 of the second frame to give Sabres their second lead after Bradford scored earlier that period.

Blues again tied the game with a goal from Bill Collings,

his second of the night for Bradford.

Sabres took the lead for the final time of the game on Caputo's second marker from Lloyd Moore and George Trenes.

Bradford picked up two quick goals from Brett Malory and Don Bure. The empty net goal by Ken Brown came at 19:28 of the last period. The penalties to Sabres were numerous that on the score sheet, they filled the visiting team's penalty column, spilled over onto Bradford's section, and on into the scoring box.

Against Bracebridge Bears

here Friday, Dec. 12, Sabres were quick to score in each period.

Monahan, McRae, and Trenes popped in goals during the opening minutes of each period, but the Bears always came back with more than enough to halt the drive. For a time in the first period, Sabres had trouble getting out of their own end.

With Sabres down 7-3 in the final frame, Caputo connected for a goal at the 9-minute mark. Ten seconds later, Andre Wyseman closed the gap to make the score 7-5.

Acton's comeback was spoiled by a bouncing shot from Danny Moore of the Bears. The shot hit the ice and changed direction so that Sabre goaltender Robin Innes had little chance, even though he made a grab for the puck.

Other Bear marksmen were Scott Hinton and Glenn Jensen with two each. Singles came from Anthony Janssen, Ian Carswell and Brad Thompson.

All Sabre scoring against the Cougars, Thursday, Dec. 11, came in the second period, two of them on power plays.

Huss Van Fleet got the first power play marker from Andre Wyseman and Lloyd Moore. Sabre captain Charlie McRae got the second from Rick Butterworth and Don Hiehard. Trenes set up All Hiehrens for his goal, and Al Fritzel finished off the Sabre scoring for the night with an assist from Hiehard.

Schomberg got goals from captain Ron Smith in the first period and Monte Ponton in the second.

Sabre manager Campbell said that the third period consisted mostly of Acton tying the Cougars up in their end.

Acton has a one win, one loss record in its games with Schomberg this season.

Mr. Campbell said the play of Steve Taylor has been outstanding, especially after he resumed his defence duties when Paul Monahan filled the forward line.

Moore's play is improving. Mr. Campbell said, and Caputo is finding the mark with two goals against Bradford and one on Bracebridge.

"Steve Brunelle is also getting back into shape after his bout with the virus", Mr. Campbell said.

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Player suspended

Campbell protests ref's call takes letter to OHA office

For the first time in 30 years of hockey, Sabre manager Bill Campbell is protesting a referee's decision. Acton took 50 more minutes in penalties than Bradford in Sunday's game; played the final four minutes and 45 seconds of the third period short-handed, and lost top scorer Don Richard under a four game suspension.

In the letter which he delivered to the Ontario Hockey Association offices in Toronto, Monday, Mr. Campbell stated: "I have never before seen an official 'take' the game away from the players until this game".

Mr. Campbell calls for a review of the suspension against Don Richard which was levied by referee Ed Tagwell. Richard was given a penalty for butt-ending Bradford goaltender Bernie Kiloran in the first period. Mr. Campbell maintains that from the play in front of the net, Richard would be "physically impossible" to butt-end the goalie. Richard had 4 goals and 13 assists.

Bradford won the game 5-3. Mr. Campbell said Tuesday, Dec. 16 that he hoped to get the suspension reduced.

The letter also comments on a penalty given to Sabre netminder Ray Dunbar at the 19:16 point of the third period. Dunbar left the ice "while there was an altercation at the opposite end of the rink", an infraction.

Mr. Campbell said in an interview yesterday: "As far as we were concerned, it (the altercation) was over. Players were separated."

Prior to the game, the letter states, Mr. Tagwell acknowledged the possibility that Dunbar would leave the ice

for an emotional reason. Howard Dunbar, the goaltender's father, died the previous Thursday, Dec. 11. Mr. Campbell maintains he explained the circumstances to the referee before the game started.

Referee Tagwell issued 43 minutes in penalties to Bradford, and 93 to Acton, states Mr. Campbell's letter to David Branch.

"The spread in penalty minutes between the two teams, in our opinion, speaks for itself. A review of our team sheets indicates we are not a dirty or even too aggressive team," states the letter.

No reply from the Ontario Hockey Association had been received by Mr. Campbell at press time.

Novices show no fear

Acton novices show no fear when they schedule exhibition games.

In their last two outings they faced the Triple-A clubs from Guelph and Oakville, and although they lost both games, they gained valuable experience.

Mike Hudson scored for Acton in a 5-1 loss to Guelph here last Tuesday night.

Hudson also scored both goals, as Oakville downed the novices 8-2 here last night (Tuesday). Eddie Wilson and David Jansen earned assists.

Acton goalie Kevin Christensen prevented Oakville from winning by a larger margin with some super goaltending.

Oakville led 3-0 at the end of the second period.

Public to choose names for award

Nominations for the Charles Thompson Award are being left up to the public.

The Acton and Esqueping Recreation Advisory Committee has decided to revive the award to someone in the community who has been outstanding in organizing or participating in sports or recreation in Wards One and Two.

Members had been asked at the last meeting to submit names of people deserving of the award which was devised several years ago in honor of Charles Thompson. He lived

in Erin township and would walk into Acton several nights a week for Acton sports.

Submission Recreation program coordinator John Cooper submitted three names and a sports group, while Pam Sheldon and Ed Wood each gave one name.

Peter Papillon said he thought more groups should be asked for submission of names.

Mrs. Sheldon suggested the public suggest the names and the committee pick the winner or winners.

Swords tie, please new coach

The new-look Swords rallied in the third period to tie the Maroons in Paisley Sunday Dec. 14. The bladesmen of the OHA Intermediate group were down 3-1 going into the final frame but finished strong, scoring their last goal with less than two minutes to play.

"This was probably the best team effort the Swords have turned in", Don Aubin, Acton's newly full-time coach said. Harold Townsley and Jim James, who have shared the coaching duties, will remain with the team as assistant coaches.

"The defencemen were clearing forwards from in-

front of the net and the wingers were back checking tenaciously, and Rick Bonnette turned in a stellar performance in goal", Mr. Aubin said.

The tie represented an improvement in play for Acton, because it was the Maroons who pasted the Swords here early this month to the tune of 13-6.

Assistant captain Fred Buchanan drew first blood with the first of his two goals at the 33 mark of the first period. Randy Weldon and Bill Rowsell assisted on the goal.

The Maroons came to life less than two minutes later

with a marker by Kellett, with Denomy and Thompson assisting. Parker added another for Paisley at the 13:10 mark from Templeman and McTeer.

Kellett scored his second marker of the game and the Maroons led 3-1 to set the stage for the Swords comeback drive in the third period.

Peter Morrison closed the gap at the 4:58 point of the final period, from Bill Fields and captain Brian Hurley. Thirty-five seconds later Buchanan connected for his second goal from Rowsell. The teams remained at a 3-3 draw until in the period when Paisley went one up on a goal by Denomy from Thompson

and Collins Back stormed the Swords. Weldon and S. Harshorn combined to set up Hurley who pulled the trigger at the 18:09 mark.

Coach Aubin played intermediate hockey in Acton approximately 10 years ago. He has had behind the bench experience, by coaching Blythe to the Intermediate championships.

Assistant captain Buchanan said the addition of the full time coach made quite a difference to the team.

Coach Aubin was not the only bright point in the Swords' appearance in Paisley. The team wore their new sweaters for the first time this season.

At Thunder Bay

Kevin Parker wins bound for national final



KEVIN PARKER

Figure skater Kevin Parker is on his way to the Canadian Championships slated for London beginning Jan. 4, after taking top honors at the Central Canadian Championships in Thunder Bay over the weekend.

Kevin made up for a poor showing in the preliminaries three weeks earlier in Preston when he ranked second. In Thunder Bay Kevin took top place in the Figures competition with a mark of 36.7 and first place in the Freestyle competition with a total of 83.21. He was competing with the best skaters from Manitoba, Northern Ontario and Western Ontario.

Paul Mills of Preston, who defeated Kevin at the Preston divisionals, finished the Freestyle event with an 80.25.

Kevin will compete for the Novice Mens championship with winners from the Eastern and Western Canadian sectionals in the 13 day championships. There will be nine competitors skating for the Novice crown.

Kevin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Parker live on the Guelph Line north of Brookville. Fourteen-year-old Kevin trains and attends school in London, Ont.

Punchless peewees are tough on defence

Acton peewees picked up three points in three Waterloo-Wellington league hockey games last week.

Goals by Mike Strong, Ronnie Jackson and Mike Monahan gave the peewees a 3-1 win over Elora here last Tuesday night. Monahan also picked up an assist.

In Elmira against the league leaders, the peewees' inability to shoot from good positions helped the home team win 3-0.

Sunday night Derek Hodgson and Richard Poot scored Acton goals, as the peewees tied New Hamburg 2-2. Mike Monahan, Gary Lumbers and Brent Vickery picked up as-

Coaches Barry Incoe and Pete Morrison report they're a little disappointed in the team's goal production this season, but are very satisfied with the goalkeeping of Andy Ellerby and Dave Anderson, the defensive work and back-checking.

"We've been getting our share of scoring opportunities, but have failed to capitalize on them," says coach Incoe. "Most of the players have had a few mental lapses, but they'll get rid of these with experience."

The team has excellent spirit, say the coaches, and are enjoying participation in the game, which is what it's all about.

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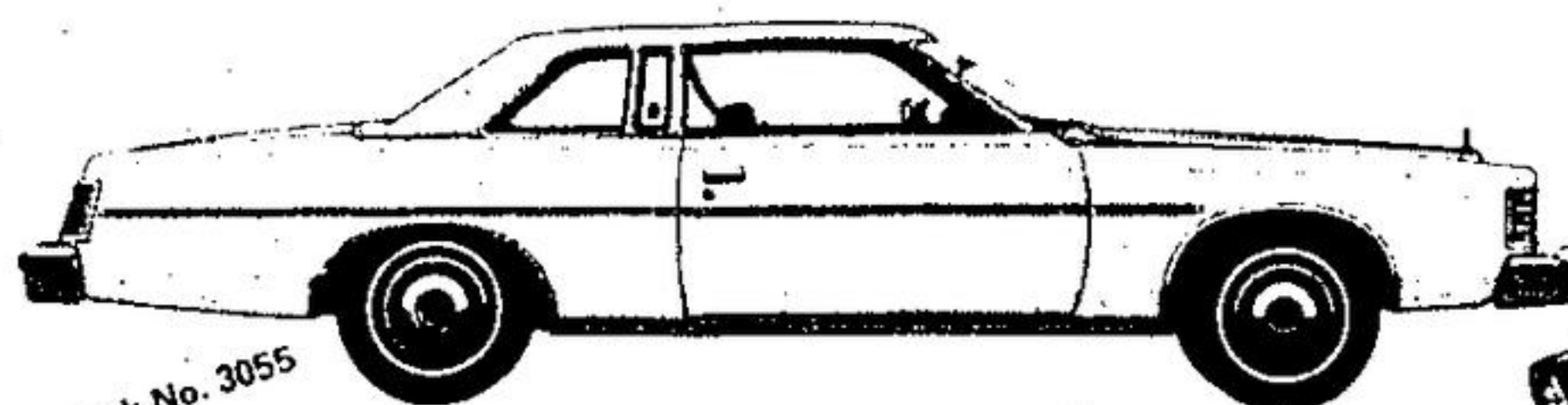
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