

Sweden-Acton game puts AMHA in black

Although the cost of underwriting a single hockey game is high, the Acton Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) ended up in the black following the Valentuna-Acton game on Jan. 4.

The AMHA had a profit of \$254.33. Expenses for the match came to \$2,022.67, while gate receipts, a grant from the town, plus advertising and minor revenues put the association on the plus side of the ledger. The approximately 1,100 fans who crowded into the community centre to see the game paid \$1,524 in gate receipts.

Purpose

"It cost a lot of money to put on one game, but it wasn't the purpose of the game to make or lose money", AMHA past-president Don Lindsay said.

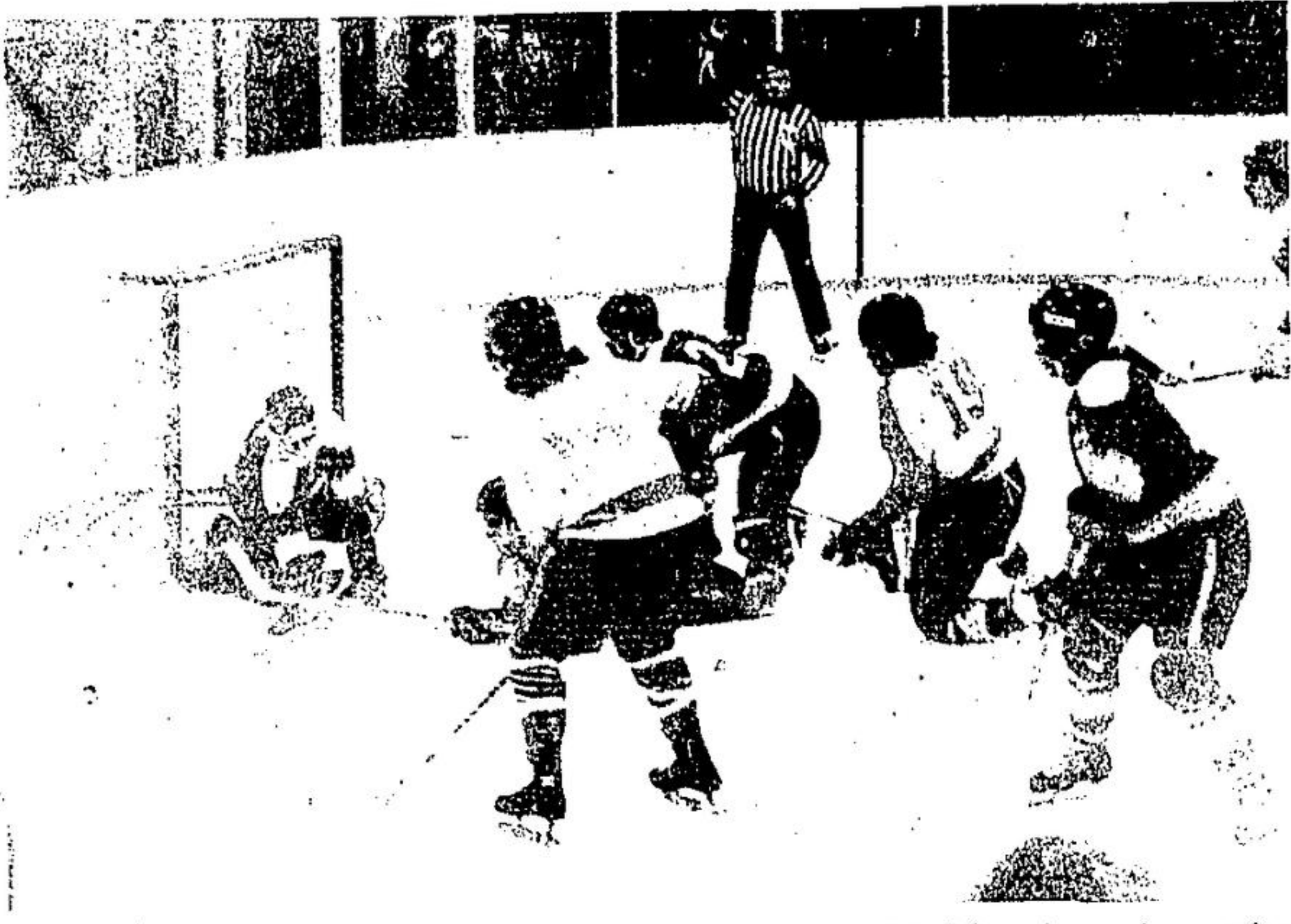
"The game is to promote sportsmanship and fellowship for the players and the fans", he said.

Mr. Lindsay said the Swedish spokesman, Karl Forsberg congratulated the association on how the post-game dinner at the Legion was handled. In other towns, the Swedes were put off into one section by themselves, Mr. Lindsay said.

The seating arrangement here had Swedes and Canadians sitting side-by-side.

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association which helped in the games' arrangements, received 15 per cent of the gate, Mr. Lindsay said.

Each of the five towns where the visitors played contributed one-fifth of the \$2,000 bus bill rolled up by the Swedes during the 13-day tour. The Swedes played in Port Colborne, Acton, Grimsby, Simcoe, and Thorold.



NEW SABRE GEORGE Artem moves towards the puck and Stayner's goal for a rebound as Siskin goaltender Barry Corby attempts to sweep the puck to safety. Steve Taylor, 19, is getting up from a check in front of the goal. Stayner

won the game 6-2. Sabres have nine regular season games remaining. Acton has a one point lead on the cellar dwelling Meaford Monarchs. Sabres host Bradford Friday.

Sabres stand still, Monarchs advancing

Sabres failed to gain any ground over the weekend in the OHA Central Ontario Junior "C" standings while Meaford Monarchs, the league's long time cellar dwellers, are threatening to overtake Acton.

The Monarchs squeezed out a last second win Thursday over sixth place Schomberg. Sabres dropped a 6-2 decision in the community Centre Friday to first place Stayner. Sunday they travelled to Alliston, which shares third place with Bradford, and lost a close game by a 7-5 margin. Alliston's last goal went into an empty net as the Sabres tried for a tie.

With nine games remaining in regular season play, Sabres must stay ahead of the Monarchs if they are to advance into playoff action in late February. Sabres' final game of the season is in Meaford.

As of Jan. 10 both Meaford and Acton had played 22 games, with Sabres keeping a one point lead by virtue of

four tie games. Meaford has won an additional game, four to Sabres' three during regular season play.

Strength in goal
OHA statistics demonstrate that the Sabres' strength is in goal with Robin Incoe and Ray Dunbar. Sabres allowed 107 goals, the fourth lowest in the nine team league, while Meaford took 136 pucks in the net. At the same time, Sabres mustered 69 goals, the fewest by any team in the league, against the Meaford's 87.

The need for a continuation of strong goaltending by Dunbar and Incoe makes the aggravated groin injury to Incoe in the game against Stayner all the more significant to the team. The re-occurrence of the injury near the end of the first period when the Siskins were leading 2-1, will keep Incoe from the starting line-up. Sabre manager Bill Campbell said Incoe could play back up.

Juvenile goalie Ron Moore filled in between the pipes. Regular goalie Dunbar had to

work Friday. Mr. Campbell said Moore played well under the circumstances.

Dunbar, playing his first game in two weeks, made 47 saves in the game Sunday against Alliston.

Don Ritchard scored two goals, his fourth and fifth of the year, to tie the game up at three goals apiece in the second period.

Early in the third frame Sabres took a two goal lead on markers by Perry Caputo, his seventh and Brad Roelofson got his third.

After taking the 5-3 lead, the team just quit, Mr. Campbell said. "Our rookie defence, with the exception of Caputo, collapsed in the last 15 minutes of play," Mr. Campbell said.

Three goals
One Sabre line, centred by captain Charlie McRae, accounted for three of the goals. McRae opened the Sabres' offensive with an unassisted goal at the 5:32 mark of the first period for his 16th goal of the season. Richard

and Roelofson play right and left wing of the captain. McRae also picked up three assists to give him a total of 27 points.

Sabre Steve Taylor picked up a pair of assists while Alf Betrens got one.

Alliston scorers were Ric Plourdes, Ros Owens, Dennis Whiteside, Dave Pearsare, Murray White, Doug Anderson and Dave Field.

In the game Friday here against the Siskins, the Sabres did not protect the replacement goalie as they could have, Mr. Campbell said.

Russ Van Fleet notched his sixth goal of the season, from Perry Caputo in the first period. Charlie McRae scored in the second period on a play by Wayne Allan and Lloyd Moore.

Jim Halliday and Rick Gowan each scored twice for Stayner while Brian Dickey and Blair Gordon each got singles.

Sabres host third place Bradford Friday.

Majors drop G'town 5-0

The peewee majors blanked the Georgetown 4-town team 5-0 in a weekend exhibition game.

Andy Ellerby and David Anderson split the goaltending duties to collect the shut-out.

Paul Campbell led the Acton marksmen with a goal and an assist. Rick Foot, Mike Monahan, Derek Hodgson and Mike Marshall also counted goals. Mike Strong picked up a pair of assists while Gary Lumbers got a single.

Dixie goalie

David Hargrave, who played goal for Dixie of the House league, is now scoring goals for his team, while Randy McIntyre has taken up duties between the pipes.

Legion town league tallies



NOVICE—Dixie clipped Guelph 2-1 in close weekend action. Les Berry got a goal and an assist for Dixie while David Hargrave got a goal. Ken McKee also picked up an assist.

Michael Ormsby got an unassisted reply for Guelph. Brampton got two goals from Heath Norton in the first period and added one in the third from Todd Page to defeat Weston 3-2.

Pierre Bollert helped both Todd Andrews and Timmy Garton hit for two goals in the losing cause.

PEEWEE—Rochester zapped Springfield 10-1 with Dave Taras and Mark Staley leading the way with a pair of goals and an assist each. Dave Mitchell also banged in a pair of markers while Jamie McMillan and Marty Colleton each got a goal and an assist. Mike Cleary and Ken Day also got a goal each. Rochester assists also came off the sticks of John Semenech and Ron Whiterley. Ken Death scored the only goal for Springfield on a first period effort from Dean Hughes.

Richmond doubled the score on Tidewater by a 6-3 margin.

Dave Brown handled the bulk of Richmond's scoring with five goals and one assist on the goal by Murray Dalton. Fred Kappert collected a pair of assists while Steve Davies had one as did Murray Dalton.

Swedes lose

The Swedish bantam team from Valentuna lost the final game of its six game tour of Ontario. Port Colborne, the host team, defeated the Swedes 6-3 to send the visitors home with a 1-5 record. Valentuna defeated Acton 4-2 on Jan. 4.

AIHL

W	L	T	P
8	2	1	17
7	2	2	15
7	3	1	15
4	5	2	10
3	8	0	8
1	10	0	2

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4-Wheelers triple score as Swords lose duel

The Swords lost the latest of their scoring duels with Milverton 4-Wheelers to a tune of 12-4 Sunday at the community centre.

In previous games the Swords smothered the 4-Wheelers 9-4, and in still an earlier match between the two teams, Milverton outgunned Acton 9-2. Sword marksmen were Ben Doell from Pete Findley and Brian Hurley. Pete Morrison scored from Bill Fisher, and later Steve Buchanan hit the mark from Russ Coultrup and Ben Doell. Bill Fields rounded out the Sabre scoring from Fisher and Morrison. Fred Buchanan, team spokesman, said the Swords missed three players. Randy Weldon is out with cracked ribs. Ted Harmer has torn knee ligaments, and is expected to return to action this weekend. Mr. Buchanan said Stan Harshorn, who has not seen much action this season, was not able to finish the game, Mr. Buchanan said.

Junior C Standings

Central Ontario Jr. C. O.H.A.	G	W	L	T	P	A	P
Stayner	24	19	3	2	130	68	40
Huntsville	26	14	7	5	152	111	33
Alliston	23	15	8	0	129	82	30
Bradford	23	13	6	4	115	92	30
Bracebridge	24	9	10	5	108	112	23
Orangeville	24	7	9	8	119	112	22
Schomberg	24	6	15	3	92	172	15
Acton	22	3	15	4	69	107	10
Meaford	22	4	17	1	87	136	9

Cagers lose 4

Acton high school boys junior and midjet basketball teams dropped their first league and exhibition games.

Monday the midjets and juniors lost by identical 43-34 scores to Perdue.

The top defenceman and high scorer for the midjets was Larry Kurtz with 18 baskets. Martin Osso had 10.

Junior scorers were Don Coats with 10 baskets, Matt Spehar, 9, Brad Buchanan 6 and Paul Bowen, who was the top defenceman, with 4. Dave Haverly got a single while Brian Larsen, John

Hogenbirk and Mike McGregor each had a pair.

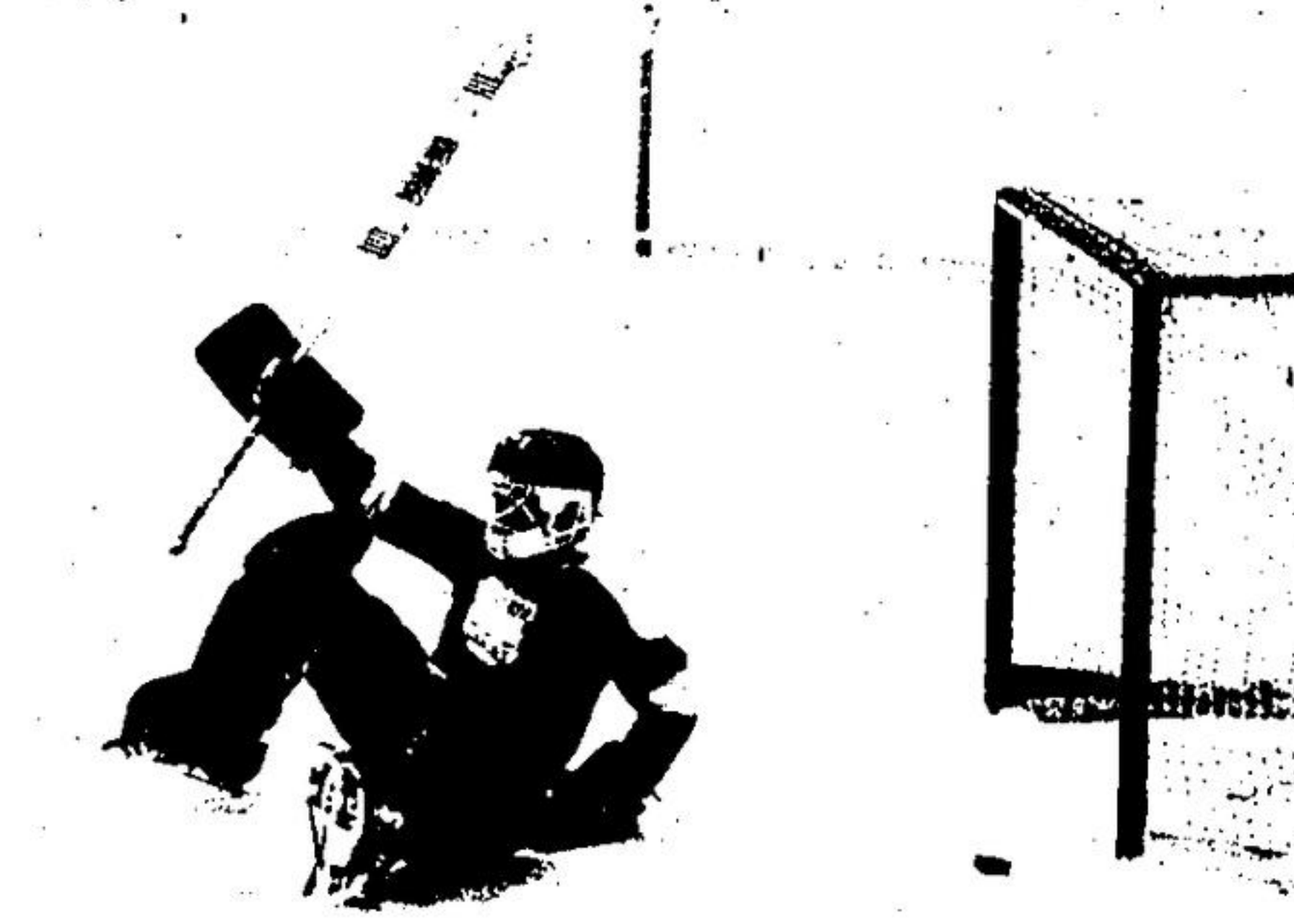
Thursday both teams lost squeakers against Oakville-Trafalgar. The juniors were edged 45-44. Don Coats was the high scorer with 22 points. Brad Buchanan collected eight. Mike McGregor was the top defenceman.

The midjet team had possession of the ball for the last 10 seconds of the game but missed on two shots and lost 44-43. Wade Vickery and Martin Osso each shot 11 points. Bruce McPhail was named the top defenceman.

Sabre injured

Sabre George Trenes severely sprained an ankle in the final period of the OHA game played against Stayner here Friday. He will probably miss a couple of weeks' action.

Trenes was carried off the ice on a stretcher after he went crashing into the boards mid-way through the third period.



STAYNER SISKIN goaltender Barry Corby seems to be flagging down the puck, but too late. It's been in the net and bounced out for Sabres' second goal, scored by Charlie McRae mid-way through the second frame of Friday's game. Corby regained his composure and the Siskins went on to defeat the Sabres 6-2.

Wi' Rock and Broom

By Peter Vidler

Well, we are in our second half of curling and curling is at its best. Many of our members are not only involved in regular draw curling but in many bonsples around the province. The Wednesday afternoon ladies' draw was won by the rink of Carol Ann Sprout, Pat Near, Shirley Rosenberysky and Iva Knechtel who decidedly won over Ruth Leatherland's rink of Renee Watson, Joan King and Mary Smith. The afternoon curling for the ladies has proven successful and we hope it continues.

Keeping with the ladies, the Thursday night draw was won by Shirley Hunter, Fiona Fleback, Lily Higgins and Nettie Brown who beat out Alice Frazer, Dolly Moulden, Colleen Jordan, and Carla Wood.

Last Saturday two ladies' rinks went to Kitchener for a bonspiel. Even though both rinks won only one game, they still curled well and had a lot of fun. And who says curling isn't physically punishing? Ask May Dumars how she got the goose

egg on her forehead. Do you know, Karen? The two rinks that went to Kitchener were Nicole Campbell, Carol Ann Sprout, Marilyn McArthur, Nancy Vidler and Willa Hewitt, May Dumars, Sue Patrick, Karen Shortill.

Bonspiel
Right now some of the men are involved in the Halton-Peel Bonspiel. At the time of this writing, here's how they were doing. The rink of Del Hickling, Brian Robertson, Jerry Sprout and Pete Vidler were in the main event but lost in just a great game Monday night to Bill Marrott of Oakville.

The game had to go to an extra end. Entered in the third event are John Mintern, Bruce McArthur, Doug Appleyard, Bob Bradley and Sherry Few, Tony Verbik, Udo Fleback and Jim Coughlin. Curling in the fourth event are Ab Robinson, Paul Brisley, Brian Robinson, Graham Peel and Fred Archibald, Barry Buchanan, Bill Cripps and Don Ross. Let's hope these teams can stay in and make it to the finals.

Good luck, guys!

Firefighters slip to 2nd

The Firefighters bantams clipped New Hamburg 4-1 Saturday, but slipped into second spot in league standings because first place Orangeville played an extra game and won. Orangeville, with 17 points, has played 11 games. Acton, with 16 points, has a game in hand.

Bruce McPhail lead the scoring for Acton on a first period goal and assisted on the winning marker by Dave McGilloway. Wade Vickery also picked up an assist.

Steve VanDerEyken, from Ralph Bowen, and Shane Withers from Pete Musellus added third period goals to put the game away. George Brown collected an assist on

McPhail's goal. Dale Geringich spoiled Firefighters' goaltender Steve Mitchell's bid for a shutout with a goal at the :40 mark of the second period.

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