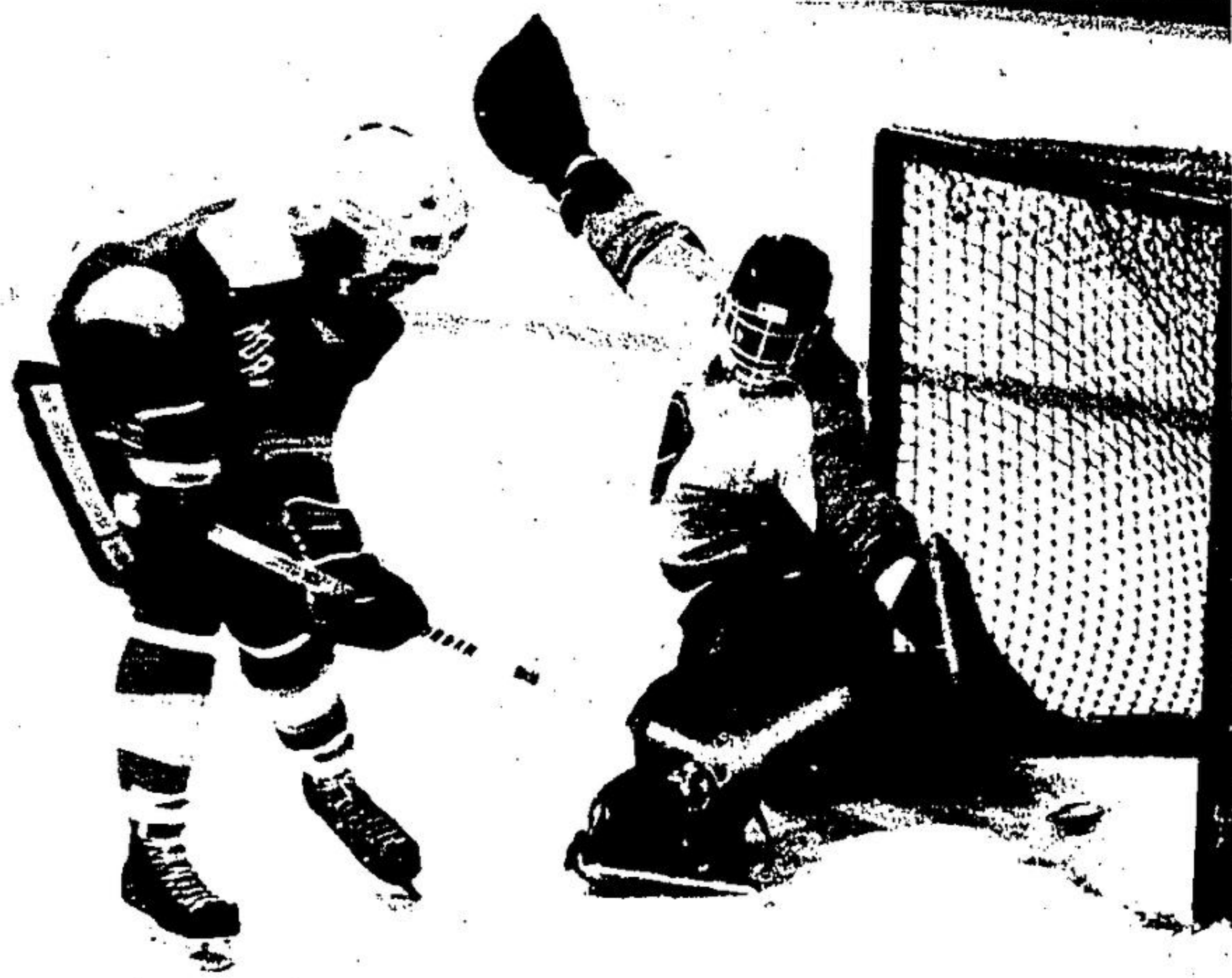


# Sabres need road wins to pull the Hornets' sting



SABRE GOALTENDER ROBIN INSCOE was unable to block this shot by an Alliston Hornet player during the second game of the best of seven Friday. Inscoe faced 72 shots in the first

game, and a similar number in the second. Sabres suffered their worst defeat of the season in the first game, 9-1. In the second match Alliston outgunned Sabres 8-5.

The Sabres are faced with the need to take four games from the Alliston Hornets, two of them on the road, if the Acton squad is to win the best of seven game OHA series.

The calculation assumes a home win tonight at the community centre.

In the first two games, Alliston outscored the Sabres, first 9-1 in Alliston a week ago and 8-5 here Friday.

The shots on goal by Alliston in the first game were 72, and both Craig Weldon and team manager Bill Campbell say that Sabre goalie Robin Inscoe faced about the same number in the second game.

Three goals Abright spot in the game here Friday was three goal performance, his first, by Terry "Moochie" Holmes.

Sabre captain Charlie McRae notched a goal for himself as did Joe Gardin, who joined the team from the minors.

Additional players drawn from the minors to fill the holes in the Sabres line-up were—Mark Morrison as the backup goalie to Inscoe, Brad Buchanan, Scott Withers and Jamie Vickery.

For Withers the Wednesday game was the last he is eligible to play for the Sabres.

The problems facing the team are twofold—injured players must be replaced, and a method of breaking into the Hornets' zone perfected.

The injured players include Ken Withers, who has played in two previous Sabre games, and Steve Taylor.

Withers dislocated his knee in a collision with the boards. The injury, which occurred in Withers' first shift, may require surgery, Mr. Campbell said.

Steve Taylor is lost for the balance of the season with a broken foot which he received when he stopped an Alliston shot, Mr. Campbell said.

## Sabre-Hornet playoff slate

The remaining games in the Sabre-Hornet playoff series, if the teams go the seven games, are: tonight, here at 8:30; Friday Feb. 20 in Alliston at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday Feb. 22 in Alliston at 2 p.m.; Monday Feb. 23 in Acton at 9 p.m. and the seventh game in Alliston on Wednesday Feb. 25 at 8 p.m.



Brad Roclouson is not expected to dress for the game. Replacements will come again from the minors' ranks, and Sabres returning to the team from injuries and exams.

George Trencs, recovering from a back ailment, is expected back, as is Andy Wiseman. Both George Arton and Charlie McRae are to play, but Kevin Marcoux will write exams until Friday.

"It all the players who say they will come out, do so, we'll be in good shape," Mr. Campbell said.

The Sabres practised Tuesday breaking into the Hornets' zone by coming up along the boards rather than through the middle. Coach Weldon said the tactic risks offside or icing but that the team can not carry the puck into the Alliston zone.

Mr. Weldon also wants the Sabres to hit the Hornets hard in the opening period to slow down the forwards and follow the system. "If we don't play a physical game, we won't win," Mr. Weldon said.

Mr. Weldon used the example of an early season exhibition game which Acton, with several Toronto players, who according to the coach, knew they could not play well; outmuscled the Hornets with a 4-2 win.

In the first playoff game in Alliston, only Dave Chapman was able to unlock the Hornet goalie for a goal.

Mr. Weldon pointed out that the Sabre team, in the Alliston playoff games, are mostly Acton players. "All but two players, came from Acton," he said.

The high concentration of Acton players is something coach Weldon would like to see next year. The fans like to see them, and Acton players want to play, there are no problems with them—a feature that out-of-town players, with the exception of Perry Caputo, don't have, said the coach.

## NHL oldsters replay ex-Sabres

The NHL Oldtimers hockey club will be in town Friday Feb. 27 for a rematch against the 1971-72 Sabres at the arena. The Oldtimers won the first game.

Hailing from former Leaf and Ranger teams may be Andy Bathgate, Danny Lewicki or Wally Stanowski. There are several players on the Oldtimers' roster, but not all will make the trip.

Others names on the list include: Cal Gardner, Toronto-Boston-New York, Bob Robertson, Detroit, and Harry Watson of Chicago and Toronto.

200 points The oldsters will have their ice-time cut out for them. The Sabres top scoring unit, with close to 200 points will take on the former NHLers. Bill Fields, George McPhail and Ray Evans are on the Sabres slate.

All but two of the players for Acton in that season, the first junior C team in about 15 years, graduated from the minor hockey system.

The Weldon brothers, Randy and Craig were on that Sabre team along with Dale Fisher, Gary Turkosz, Pete Morrison and many others.

## Boston Pot, Marzo's last

Pete Marzo played in his last Bean Pot Tournament. Pete who has scored more than 100 points in his three years as a player for Boston University, scored twice and added an assist during the annual tournament in Boston last week.

Boston College won the tournament, and Boston University finished second. The other teams in the week-long hockey event were Harvard and North-Eastern. The games are held to determine the best team in the city's area.

Pete, a product of the minor hockey system, played both junior B and junior A with Guelph, and the Kitchener Rangers for a year before studying in the U.S.

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### AIHL playoffs

## Total goals race—tight

The first round of the Acton Industrial Hockey League (AIHL) playoffs, a two-game total points series, is a tight affair. Sunday Lakeview edged Blow Press 4-3; Station tied Ken's 4-4.

The two top teams to finish the regular season, Van's and Hellers, are waiting to play the highest scoring teams after next weekend's action. Overtime will be the rule if the squads are tied after 60 minutes of play.

Bruce McPherson fired the winning goal for Lakeview from Kim Kavanagh and Steve Townsley at the 4:07 mark of the third period. Kavanagh also got an unassisted goal.

Wayne DeForest tied that game at two-all with his two

goals for Lakeview, both from Jim Haggett, after Blow Press grabbed an early two goal lead.

Blow Butch Rees, for Blow Press, scored the first of his two goal effort with an unassisted marker in the first period. Denis Gibbons put Blow two up on a play from Dave Papillon and Brent Irwin.

Ken Owens set up Rees' second goal, but Blow were unable to get the tying

marker. The Ken's and Station Hotel game went down to the wire, with first one team leading, then trailing, then leading. All scoring was confined to the first 40 minutes with each squad finding the mark twice in each frame.

Figured Jack Gudgeon blasted two goals, one unassisted and one from Blake Ingles who also figured with Eric Stone on the first goal of the game, by Syd Barons.

Stone also scored for Ken's on a play from Skeeter Hill. John Mason, Carl Reed, and Ron Schmidt each scored a goal and an assist for Station. Henry Toebes got the other Station marker. Ron Mellon and Jake Mackenzie also got assists.

In the penalty department the teams were only slightly different. Blow Press collected four minutes, while Lakeview stayed out of the penalty box. Station bogged six penalties to Ken's five.

### AIHL top ten

The Acton Industrial Hockey League (AIHL) this week released a list of the top ten scorers and goaltender. John Mason amassed the highest total of goals and assists—49—in regular season play for 1975-76.

Rick Bonnette had the lowest goals against average per game with 3.80.

	G	A	P
John Mason	31	18	49
Pete Morrison	25	20	45
Ed Hillier	19	23	42
Ken Owens	21	15	36
Cyril Rees	19	17	36
Floyd Hillier	21	14	35
Ron Mellon	23	11	34
Jack Gudgeon	20	12	32
Gary Lewis	16	15	31
George McPhail	18	11	29



REDMEN BRIAN LARSEN (22) and a Wildcat from White Oak deflect the ball during a regular season basketball game here Thursday. Paul Bowen (10) rushes into the circle as Matt Spehar (21) waits for the ball. The juniors beat visitors 72-51.

## Fans stay away

While hockey fans in Georgetown continue to be generous in their support of the Junior "B" Geminis and Intermediate "A" Raiders, junior and intermediate teams in Milton and Acton are scraping to make ends meet.

Although they have a respectable 17-12 record and hold down third place in their division of the Southern Counties Intermediate "B" league, Milton Tritons have averaged less than 100 fans a game.



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## Cagers take sweet win

The AHS Redmen Junior basketball team handed the White Oaks Wildcats a 72-51 defeat—a 21 point spread—in regular season play Thursday.

The undermanned midjet squad, however, took it on the chin from the visitors: 51-37.

It was sweet revenge for the juniors who last year dropped one game to White Oaks by a staggering 60 points.

Brian Larsen netted 25 points, while the leading scorer for the season, Don Coates picked up 18.

Top defence player for the juniors was Matt Spehar.

Martin Osso led an outgunned midjet squad with a 15 point game, but the team could not contain the White Oak attack.

Ted Nadjazi collected nine points for the Cagers while top defenceman Nick Humenik got seven.

The Acton squads, who are ahead of both Georgetown and Milton in the standings, host Georgetown Friday.

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