

OHA's reaction "favorable" on Sabre bid for "B" rating

Barring any change in direction for the next five weeks, the Ontario Hockey Association's winds seem to be blowing "B" level junior hockey Acton's way.

Members of the Junior "C" Sabres, which have applied to the OHA to get "B" level rating, attended two day OHA meetings at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto on the weekend.

The response from talks with officials in the Central Ontario Junior "B" teams and OHA executives was favorable to the Acton proposal Sabre officials said.

A final decision by OHA officials on the Sabres bid will come after June 1.

The reception from them (the "B" group teams) was generally favorable and only the Burlington and George-

town representatives were absent", Bill Campbell said. Mr. Campbell managed the Junior "C" Sabres this season.

Bob Marshall, former OHA convener, talked with a fair majority of that body and says he thinks their attitude also seemed favorable to the Acton bid.

Sabre club president Milt Ball, Barry Inscoc and Joe Gardin also made the trip to Toronto.

This is the first attempt by a Sabre club to up its rating to "B" from "C".

The main purpose for the Sabre brass to attend the OHA meetings was to get acquainted with officials from the other Junior "B" clubs, Mr. Campbell said.

The clubs in the OHA Central Ontario "B" loop are—Burlington, Oakville, Streetsville, Dixie, Brampton, Milton and Georgetown.

The main reasons for attempting to get "B" level rating are to up the calibre of hockey the club can offer Acton and to cut the high cost of travel to the other "C" clubs.

The towns Acton played this season were Meaford, Bradford, Huntsville, Alliston, Schomberg, Stayner, Frazerbridge and Orangeville.



SABRE CAPTAIN Charlie McCrae was named the team's MVP at the Sabre annual banquet Saturday. Mr. McCrae, who finished ninth overall in Junior "C" scoring, also received the team trophy, the Charles Gordon Trophy.

Acton ladies tops in cager games

Acton ladies are the undisputed basketball champions of Halton Hills for the second year in a row.

The Acton team, an all-star squad from the Skins and Shirts, defeated Georgetown 40-12 on the first Wednesday of the month in Georgetown.

The two teams squared-off in the first of two championship games in January at M.Z. Bennett school when Acton handed Georgetown a 38-16 drubbing.

Top scorers for Acton were Janice Gagne and Ella Kilpatrick with 14 points each. Maureen Gerth collected four points and other members had two each.

Six Georgetown's Jill Haskayne led her squad with six points.

Members of the championship team are Sandi Lewis, Ella Kilpatrick, Betty Hamilton, Kathy Hall, Brenda Hillier, Janice Gagne, Maggie Hall, Karen Smith, Maureen Gerth and Melodie Spear.



SABRE EXECUTIVE and team members pose for a picture at the team's annual banquet in the Music Centre Saturday. Team members with their trophies are from left to right in the front row Steve Taylor, Perry Caputo, Don Richard.

Alf Behrens, team captain Charlie McCrae, and Terry Holmes. In the second row is coach Craig Weldon, manager Bill Campbell, Joe Gardin and club president Milt Ball.

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Stingers tie Rams in first exhibition game

Acton Rams and Orangeville Stingers tied 7-7 in the first of a two-game pre-season exhibition series Tuesday at Orangeville.

The second game with the Rams against Stingers is here Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

Orangeville placed third in last season's Junior "C" central division standings. Acton placed sixth.

The Rams led 4-2 going into the third period, but a late period drive by the Stingers earned them a tie with Acton. The Rams took a 1-0 lead into the second frame.

Kevin Marcoux and Rick Van Fleet paced the Rams with two goals each. Al McNin, George Artem and Glen Sherman fired singles.

Doug Taylor, who returns

to the Rams from last year's team, and John DeCoursey shared goaltending duties.

The Rams open regular OHA season play against Dundas May 5. It is an away game.

The first regular season home game for the Rams is slated for May 13 when Rexdale Warriors play at the community centre.



JOHN DECOURCEY limbers up during practice Monday with the Acton Rams lacrosse team. Mr. DeCoursey, 18, from Brampton is trying out for the team's goaltending duties.

Minor lacrosse signing set for this Saturday

The minor lacrosse group will be holding registration Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon in the arena.

Minor lacrosse includes age levels from six to 14. Co-ordinator Alan Hall said he hopes enough players enroll to fill the four team levels. Tyke, novice, pee-wee and bantams play in the Golden

Triangle Lacrosse Association.

Teams from Elora, Fergus, Arthur, Guelph, Orangeville, Ancaster, Acton and Kitchener are in the Golden Triangle group.

Minor lacrosse in town is sponsored by the Rotary Club. In addition to players, Mr.

Hall said coach and manager positions on each team are still available. Openings for league officials also need to be filled.

Acton teams should be practising as soon as next week, Mr. Hall said. The league's play starts at the end of May.

Sabre annual banquet names double winners

Charlie McCrae and Alf Behrens were double trophy winners at the Acton Junior Sabres' annual banquet Saturday.

Mr. McCrae, who finished ninth in the OHA Junior "C" scoring race, received the Molson's Cup as the team's Most Valuable Player. The Sabre captain this season also took home the Charles Gordon Trophy, the Team Trophy for '75-76.

Full Alf Behrens also left the

banquet with his arms full of hardware. Mr. Behrens is the Rookie of the Year and the winner of the Fisher Memorial Trophy for Attitude, Ability and Sportsmanship. Steve Taylor was awarded the Lady Gerth Trophy as the Most Gentlemanly Player of the year.

President The best defence award, The President's Trophy, went to Perry Caputo. The Basil Mellon Trophy for the best Acton graduate was taken by Terry "Mooch" Holmes.

Don Richard was named the Most Improved Player, from the start to the finish of the season.

Team officials Milt Ball, president, Bill Campbell, Barry Inscoc and Joe Gardin rushed back to Acton from the OHA meetings in Toronto for the banquet. Early response by league officials to the team's bid to change its level from Junior "C" to "B" seemed encouraging to Sabre officials.

Several Sabres, club officials, wives and girl friends danced in the Music Centre.

Soccer signs 140 three coaches needed

Approximately 140 youngsters enrolled to play soccer in the Acton Minor Soccer Association's '76 season, association president Bernie Fryers says.

The last day to sign up was Saturday. The numbers are down a bit from last year, Mr. Fryers said.

The MSA has a house league and small towns league. Players from ages eight to 16 play in the latter formation against teams from Fergus, Rockwood and other towns.

Three Coaches, Mr. Fryers said, are needed for three boys teams. The eight year old squirts, pee-wees, ages 13-14 and bantams from 14-16 need people to guide them. Interested parties can call Mr.

Fryers at 853-2872. Inquiries about a girls soccer team have been received, Mr. Fryers said. There is a possibility that a girls team could be fielded if a coach is found, he said. The girls team would play mainly exhibition games.

Soccer dance

The Minor Soccer Association is co-sponsoring a dance with the Acton Legion on Saturday, June 5 at the Legion. Proceeds from the door will go to the MSA teams. The dance is slated from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with the Wheels music group supplying the entertainment.

The MSA is expected to start season play by the end of May, Mr. Fryers said.

Places open in softball

About half the bases in the proposed six team Acton Men's Softball Association's league are filled and baseball enthusiasts have one more chance to sign up for the '76 season.

Thirty players have so far registered and as many men are needed to fill out the squads. There were four teams last year.

A final registration will be held this Sunday at Prospect Park between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Minor, major peewees Wasaga champs



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THE MINOR PEEWEES who won the consolation championship at the Wasaga Tournament are pictured with team officials, Cope Smith, coach, Brad Buchanan assistant coach, Billy Manes, assistant coach and team manager Wilf Duval. Team members are Tim Shields, Tim

Baker, Mark Duval, Rusty Elliott, Robbie Vermuelen, Barry McNabb, Gord McArthur, Rick Greenly, Todd Smith, Mike McCrae, Brad Manes, Rick Smith, Don Thornhill, Tim Ferguson, Tim Evans, Jeff McNabb.



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THE MAJOR PEEWEES who won the consolation prize at the Wasaga Tournament are pictured with team officials, Robin Inscoc, assistant coach, left, manager Peter Morrison, centre and coach Barry Inscoc right. Team members are

Andy Ellerby, Dave Anderson, Randy Smith, Scott Timbers, Mike Marshall, Paul Campbell, Ronnie Jackson, Gary Lumbers, Rick Poot, Mike Monahan, Brent Vickery and Derek Hodgson.