



RAM RICK VAN FLEET (20) towers over a goal mouth drama as he, teammate Steve Wilson (19) and a Mississauga Medic player watch as the ball passes by the partially obscured goaltender and into the Medics' net for one of Acton's 16 goals last Thursday. Rams won that game 16-14,

but the next night dropped a 16-7 game at Orillia. Four games remain in regular season play for the Junior "C" team to grab a playoff berth. Orillia trails Acton by two points in the standings.

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At Orillia

Rams' cheers fall on deaf ears

In the Rams' dressing room after last Thursday's impressive victory over Mississauga Medics, Acton team members cheered themselves three times, but their euphoria was short lived. The next evening at Orillia, Rams took their hardest defeat of the season from the Ontario Lacrosse Association's Junior "C" central division's cellar dweller, Orillia handed Rams a 16-7 loss.

Rams simply ran out of gas Friday following their neck-and-neck fight for a 16-14 win from Mississauga the previous night. Last week's action means that Orillia keeps pace with Rams in the standings. Acton is eighth with ten points in the nine team division. Orillia is right behind Rams with eight points. Rexdale and Orangeville are at least four points ahead of Rams.

Both clubs have four games

left in regular season play. One of those matches, July 22, pits Orillia here against Rams.

Rams host Huntsville Thursday, the first time the two clubs meet this season. The return match is Saturday.

The last game of the Rams' season is at Mississauga. In previous action against the Medics, Rams have taken two out of three encounters. Against Orillia, Jim Chisholm, who banged in a hat trick, gave the visitors a two to one lead in the first period. Orillia came back with a pair to end the first frame leading 3-2. The host club finished the second frame with a 6-4 lead, and in the final period poured on the power, to outscore Rams by seven goals.

Ram Wayne Young pulled the trigger on his third and fourth goals in two games against Orillia. He also picked up three assists.

Chisholm assisted on Kevin

Marcoux's goal against Orillia, his fifth in the back-to-back games. He also worked on a pair of other goals.

Bill Mathieson added a goal to bring his total for the pair of matches to two goals and two assists.

Ron Legate led Orillia's attack with three goals. Except for a flurry of infractions during the final 63 seconds of play, Acton and Orillia were equal in the penalty department with 18 minutes each. Rams ended the game with 58 minutes, including misconducts against Fred Allen and Marcoux.

Orillia got 29 penalty minutes.

Behind the bench at Orillia coaches were Doug Cressman, back from vacation, and assistant coach Mike Marcoux.

Manager Mr. Marcoux managed the team during its second win

against Mississauga. Rams only outscored Mississauga in the middle period in the closest match between the clubs so far this year. Each squad found the mark six times in the opening frame, and five times in the closing period.

The Medics tied Rams 13-13 with six minutes to play following a lapse on Acton's part. Steve Wilson, of Milton, took his time on his second breakaway after Medics pulled even with Rams. He planted the ball right behind the Mississauga netminder. The first break he had, he missed. Wilson did not make the game to Orillia.

Counter

After Wilson's tie-breaker, Rams added another with George Artem's second counter of the night. Marcoux put the game away for Acton with 41 seconds left.

Except for the first goal of the game, Rams led Mississauga throughout the game. Twice the host club held three goals leads.

Against Mississauga Wilson collected five goals and an assist. Artem helped out on six goals while putting a pair away himself. John Van Oort picked up one of each, while Jeff Menary fired a single goal.

Ram goaltender John DeCourcy, who made many key saves in Rams' victory, also assisted on three goals. Mississauga took 22 penalty minutes to Rams 20.

Flyers, Geminis welcome Sabres into central group

Officials of the Milton Flyers and Georgetown Geminis welcomed news that the Acton Sabres joined the central division of the Ontario Hockey Association's (OHA) Junior "B" league this week.

"A lot of people think we're mad at Georgetown and Acton for coming in. But we love it," Vern Gooding, owner-president of the Flyers, said Tuesday.

Georgetown Geminis entered the league last season and finished third in the standings. Milton Flyers finished last in the then seven team league.

Commenting on word that Acton is joining the central division, Gemini president Pete Pomeroy said: "I look forward to the Acton team playing in the league."

Both officials said that the addition of a third club in North Halton would probably put more fans into their arenas.

They also said that they saw no problem with some of their players joining the Acton team. "We've had a few boys playing up there previously. No reason why it can't continue," Mr. Gooding said. Mr. Pomeroy said: "We aren't worried about it. If a player wants to play for other than Georgetown, he'll have our blessing."

Word of the OHA's decision to permit Acton into the central division reached Sabre officials last Wednesday night following an association meeting at Toronto.

Central division officials met at Milton last night to discuss scheduling for the 1976-77 season.

"Officially we were in Group Four up until 8 p.m. (Wednesday July 7)," Bill

Campbell, secretary of the Sabres, said the next day. Mr. Campbell attributed the switch in OHA thinking to several phone calls.

The OHA's decision to put the Sabres in Group Four would have meant they would play teams in the Wellington-Waterloo group which includes Guelph, Kitchener, Elmira, Preston, Hespeler and Stratford.

Early on in the negotiations to have Sabres attain "B" status instead of staying "C", team officials let it be known that they would prefer playing in the central division with the other two North Halton teams and Dixie, Brampton, Streetsville, Oakville and Burlington.

The OHA's decision to group Acton with Milton and Georgetown marks the first time in about 25 years that the three towns have been in the same hockey league. Intermediate "B" teams such as the Acton Tanners, Milton Merchants and Georgetown Raiders played keen hockey with Fergus and Elora.

Manager Fred Buchanan, R. R. 1, was named the Sabres' new manager last month. He has been associated with Acton's Intermediate "C" team.

Sabre team officials can now concentrate on finding a coach for their Junior "B" team. They have interviewed one man already.

Some players whom the Sabres may look at for the Junior "B" team are Kent Kentner and Steve Buchanan, who played last season for Geminis. Dave Chapman, who played for Georgetown, Milton and Acton last season, may also be on the Sabres' list.

Perry Caputo, who played defence last season for the Junior "C" Sabres, will play for North-Eastern University next year. The Milton native received a scholarship from the university.

The Sabres' season long efforts to arrange the switch from "C" to "B" and enter the central division intensified last April during the OHA's annual meeting at Toronto.

The Junior "C" Sabres finished last in the nine team Central OHA league last season.

Atom boys divide wins

Nellis Construction atom boys split two games in last week's rural ball action.

Atoms, with Bruce Raine pitching, dropped Omagh 13-5 Thursday, following a 6-3 loss Wednesday to Glen Williams.

Against Omagh, Raine connected for two home runs while teammate Heath Lockhurst got one.

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Selects collect pair for ten-six record

Brookville Selects of the Ladies' Junior League blanked Hamilton and clipped Glenfield for back-to-back victories in baseball action last week.

Sue Thomson pitched a no hit, no run game at Hamilton last Wednesday while the defence sealed the Steel City team from any other points. The game was marked by Select Pielt's catch of a Ham-

ilton hit, even though she slipped and fell in the attempt.

Wilson led the Brookville hitters with a pair while McTrach, McLeod and Pielt connected for one each.

The Hamilton win followed the Selects 6-4 victory over Glenfield the night before at Brookville. Thomson hurled the first five and last inning. Deb Wilson took to the mound

for the sixth, seventh and eighth frames.

Two The Selects used two age-16 and under players, Donna Dennis and Laurie Kennedy for four innings in the Glenfield game. Both players seemed to be in place with the Selects.

Kennedy, who was 1-2, brought Thomson in for the Selects' first run of the game. Dennis was 2-2.

Pielt, Inglis, Greenwood, McCallum and Thomson scored other Brookville runs.

Selects' record for the season stands at ten wins and six losses for the season.

Gerth named to all-stars

Maureen Gerth, of Acton, was selected to the third All-Star team as pitcher, in the Halton Ladies' Softball

League. She also hurled Georgetown Georgetownes to a 16-2 victory over Hornby early this week.

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