



Rams nose out Orillia face Hawks in playoffs

The Rams and Orillia Lions tied in points for the Central Division's last playoff berth, but Acton nosed into post-regular season action because of its better goals for and against average.

"We beat them by quite a bit," said Ram club president Howard Dwyer. Exact figures will be released by the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

Acton takes on Huntsville Hawks, which finished fourth, in a best of five game series. Ram's first home game is tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

Rams went to the wire in efforts to gain play off stand-

ing. Going into the last game of the '76 season, Sunday against Mississauga Medics, Rams trailed Orillia by two points.

The Acton squad beat Mississauga 13-11 to take a three-one record against Medics this season.

Maul

Rams twice lost to Orillia, Lions mauled Acton for a 16-7 win on July 9, and edged Rams here 12-10 last Thursday.

Medics and Rams were fairly even in scoring in the first and last period. Rams, however, flexed a two-way muscle in the middle frame

which proved to be the margin of victory.

Acton players pumped five goals into Mississauga's nets while holding the Medics to two replies.

Both teams counted four goals in the first period. Rams took a 9-6 lead in the second but were outscored by Medics 5-4 in the final twenty-minutes of play.

The game, which featured 22 penalty minutes for Acton to their host's 26, took just less than two-hours to play.

100 points

George Artem led Rams with four goals to bring his

season total to 49. His two assists gave him 57 for a total of 106 points for the season. It's the first season he's broken the 100 point mark.

The Orillia-Acton game last Thursday was much more heavy with infractions. It featured at least two outbreaks of fist fights.

On the whole penalty minutes costs each team five goals.

Rams held the lead three times, but could not contain Lion's third period drive which produced five goals to Ram's pair.

Orillia edged the host club 3-2 in the opening 20-minutes, but slipped behind Acton 8-7 in the second frame.

Wayne Young and Steve Wilson each counted two to lead the team in goals, but Artem assisted on five and earned one for his one hundredth point.

Scoring

In the two games scoring Bill Mathieson picked up

three goals while helping on five for eight points. Jim Chisholm fired a pair and assisted on four.

Wayne Young netted four goals and earned one assist while Steve Wilson got three and one. Rick Van Fleet showed a late season scoring surge of two goals while Ron Turkosz slipped to one and one and Ian McCausland assisted on two.

Ian Campbell registered one assist while Kevin Marcoux got a single goal.

Fights in all three periods flamed the flow of play. Acton's Wade Knight received a match penalty for a second period confrontation.

The last 15 seconds of the game had a fight between Jim Chisholm and Terry Shilling, who scored four goals, in front of Acton's bench. Shilling left the arena nursing a towel on the left side of his face.

Rams took 76 penalty minutes to the visitor's 44.

Rams clip Hawks to take opener

The Rams pulled together to beat Huntsville Hawks 13-11 in the opening game of a best of five series in the Hawks nest last night.

The series resumes with the first Acton home game tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

A total team effort produced the all-important first win of the series, team manager Dave McMillan said.

Led

Huntsville led 5-4 after the

first period, but Rams rallied in the second to take a permanent hold on the lead. Acton led 10-9 after the second period.

"They had to fight for it, but they never lost the lead after the first period," Mr. McMillan said.

Rams held a three goal lead through the final frame, until Huntsville netted its 11th goal.

Jim Chisholm and Steve Wilson led Rams marksmen

with three goals and two assists each. Ken Brown fired a couple, while George Artem hit for one and helped on three others.

Additional points came off the sticks of Kevin Marcoux with one goal and two assists, Ron Turkosz and Rick Van Fleet with one goal and an assist each and Wayne Young with one goal.

Shots

Assistant coach Mike Marcoux called the shots from Rams' bench. Coach Doug Crossman also took position on the bench.

Rams' key to taking the game was to keep Hawks' top scorers Reg Hollishead and Jim Meredith penned up so that they could do a minimum of damage.

Doug Taylor went all the way in Acton's nets and he also picked up three assists.

The 13 Acton players returned home by bus, one win up on Huntsville, at 3:35 a.m.

Atom boys whip parents on diamond

A beefed up Atom boys team whipped their parents 26-18 last week.

Kevin Christenson was the winning pitcher; Simon Christenson was the losing hurler.

Grown-ups Gord Standbridge, who blasted a home run, and Jim James filled out the Atom boy's squad.

Keep

The youngsters scored runs in all five innings while keeping their parents scoreless in two frames.

The Nellis Construction was made up of: John Silcock, Kevin Christenson, Brent Connor, Heath Lockhurst, Jeff White, Ed Wilson, David Hargrave, Bruce Haine, Sean McVeigh, Greg James and James Standbridge.

Kids

Against the kids were parents: Simon Christenson, Norma and Alex Silcock, George Hargrave, Norm and Norma Lockhurst, Marg and Ron White, Bob Raine, John and Marilyn Connors and Dils Standbridge.

The Atom-parents is the second adult-kids baseball contest which the grown-ups lost. Last week Squirt girls defeated their mothers 9-5.

Erin man is scorer at events in Olympics

An Erin man was one of four people keeping score at the equestrian event at the Olympic Games in Montreal last week.

Scott Carnegie of 192 Main St., Erin, with his family, has shown horses for 15 years and has worked his way up from scoring in local events to international contests.

His duty at the Olympic event held in Bromont was to transcribe the positive marks given by the judges, into negative figures. The competitor with the least number of points against him or her is the winners.

This is the event Princess Anne and her husband Mark Phillips participated in Early in the event, the Princess fell from her horse and sustained a concussion, but managed to ride in the

The three day event features dressage on day one, roads, trails and cross-country with approximately 30 jumps over a two and a half mile course on the second day and stadium jumping on the final day.

Houston cuts 1,500m time

Distance runner Frank Houston cut 5.7 seconds from his previous time for the 1,500 metres by winning an all-comers race at North York last Wednesday.

The race is the first that the Acton runner has broken the 4-minute mark for the nearly 9/10th of a mile distance. Mr. Houston's time was 3:58.8. His previous lowest mark was 4:04.5.

"I've been trying to get under four minutes for the last two years," Mr. Houston said.

The race, at Northview Heights Collegiate, was the third over that distance for Mr. Houston this year.

Georgetown's Mike Dixon, who usually places in the 3:58 range, finished in 4:20 flat.

DANCING AROUND A BOUNCING lacrosse ball are Ram Fred Allen (16) and Orillia Lion goalie Ralph Gordon during last Thursday's game in the arena. Rams lost the game, but advanced into the playoffs. Orillia won the game 12-



Sabre search ends two coaches picked

The Sabre executive last night named two coaches for the team's first Junior "B" season in the Central Division.

Dave McKnight, who coached the Junior "C" Sabres to the playoffs in 1973, '74 and '75, was announced as head coach and Dave DeLapa assistant coach by Sabre president Milt Ball following an executive meeting at the library.

Mr. McKnight, 31, lives on R.R. 5, Fergus and owns Furnace Insulations Co. of Mississauga. He played Junior "A" with Toronto Marlies and midget hockey with Shopsy's, also of Toronto.

Milton Assistant coach DellPapa, 30, coached the London Bs for three years, and was assistant coach to Bob Guidolin with London Knights Major "A" with the Marlies and Knights.

Mr. DellPapa is Ontario Sales Manager for Price-Wilson at Preston.

Tuesday's announcement ends six weeks of searching for a coaching staff. Some nine candidates were interviewed by Sabre directors: Joe Gardin, Milt Ball, Lou Bonnette, Bill Campbell, Don Perry along with team manager Fred Buchanan.

The names of the candidates were approved by a

nearly full executive at the library.

Training

Now that the coaches are selected, manager Buchanan says the club can concentrate on the training camp which opens August at Milton. The league starts play on September 24.

Soon letters inviting some 60 player prospects to the team will be mailed, Mr. Buchanan said.

The manager said that the advantage of a two coach system pays off with more ice time utilization and more control.

Mr. Buchanan went so far as to make a prediction on the '76-'77 season. "We won't

wind up in first or in last place," he said.

First reports of the Sabres approaching the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) for a change from "C" rating to "B" were made soon after the new year.

Negotiations peaked at the OHA's annual conference at Toronto when Bob Marshall, among others, spoke in favor of the move. Mr. Marshall of Acton is a member of the club executive.

The OHA responded by giving the club a higher rating in the league, but at first placed Sabres in Waterloo-Welling-ton group. Sabres had also let it be known they preferred the Central Division.

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West

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Olympics Saunders, Day, Llewellyn

by Denis Gibbons at the Olympic site

MONTREAL—Canada's hope for a medal in the women's 800 metres in track and field went up in smoke Friday when Yvonne Saunders of Toronto, Joan Wenzel of Waterloo and Abby Hoffman of Toronto all failed to qualify in their heats.

Miss Saunders whose family lives in Milton, placed fourth in her heat, won by the eventual gold medalist Tatiana Kazankina of the Soviet Union.

Yvonne's time of 2:03.54 was more than three seconds off her personal best of 2:00.1. Kazankina set a world and Olympic record of 1:54.94 in Monday's final.

Canada's Jim Day, who helped Canada win its last Summer Games gold medal, in team equestrian jumping in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, withdrew from

jumping competition in the three-day event, apparently to rest for the Grand Prix jumping event which began at Bromont yesterday (Tuesday).

Day is the first Olympian in 50 years to compete in both the three-day and Grand Prix events.

Riding Sam-Son Farms Viceroy, Day placed fourth in the dressage section of the three-day event with only 60 penalty points, but he slipped to 26th following Saturday's cross-country endurance test.

In a friendly warmup jumping competition earlier last week, Day riding Sympatica turned in the best Canadian performance. He was the only Canadian to turn in a clean ride.

Carl Schultz of West Germany won the individual gold medal, with the United (Continued on page 17)

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Ram-Hawk

Rams' best of five game playoff series against Huntsville Hawks is tentatively set up. The second game is set for Acton tomorrow; a third at Huntsville Saturday July 31. If required a fourth game would be here on August 4, and a fifth

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