



SABRES REID CAMPBELL (LEFT) and Steve Buchanan whiz by Markham Royals' goaltender Ron Byrnick to signal Dave Chapman's goal which started Sabres on their way to their first win in pre-season exhibition play. Chapman put another goal behind Hyrnick and former

Firefighter Bant Dave McGilloway iced the game with a goal into the open net. Sabres won 3-1. In their second encounter with Port Colborne the Sabres lost 4-2, also in exhibition play. In the OHA Junior B opener Streetsville beat Sabres 8-2 Friday.

In season opener

Derbys take the edge off Sabres at Streetsville

Streetsville Derbys, last season's division champs, blunted the Sabres entry in the first game of the OHA Junior B season Friday at Streetsville. The 8-2 final score, says Sabre manager Fred Buchanan, fails to reflect the margin of play. "We were a heck of a lot better than the score indicated," Mr. Buchanan said. "The kids were nervous in the first period, but we were in the game." While the Sabres were sorting themselves out in the first 20 minutes, they were kept off the score board, Streetsville connected for two goals. Derby marksmen added four in the second and another two in the third. Sabres got goals from newcomer Terry Kirkup from assistant captain Reid Campbell in the second period. Former Guelph A defenceman Bill McGilloway added Acton's second marker early in the third from Steve Buchanan. Both were power play goals. Penalties and penalty killing are two points which Sabres must give attention, Mr. Buchanan said. Kent Kentner, a former Georgetown Gemini, had mounded a ref twice and is out with a game suspension. "You're not going to change the refs mind", said the manager.

Jeff Townsley is also out for a couple of games, but in the manager's opinion that came because Townsley collided with a ref after the player hit one of the Derbys. Bill Gerrie, an import from Orangeville also drew a misconduct for not going directly to the penalty box after a fight. Sabres had their chances against the Derbys, but missed, Mr. Buchanan said. Target practice will be added to the exercises aimed at sharpening up Acton's attack. Captain Dave Chapman twice missed on breaks, while Derek Cleary and Townsley also faltered on similar opportunities to score. Townsley just didn't unload the shot

fast enough, Mr. Buchanan said. Ken Eckroth went the distance between the pipes for the Sabres. He faced 37 Derby aimed pucks while at the other end of Streetsville's rink Bill Drewery handled 29 Acton shots. The high number of Streetsville shots reveals the inexperience of Acton's defence corp. Two of Sabres defence trio—Bud Buchanan, Reid Campbell and Rob Milligan—are 16 years of age and the other just turned 17. Bill McGilloway, with his Junior B and A experience will add weight to the rear guard, said Mr. Buchanan.

Kentner will also shore up the defence, when he's on the ice. Clearly stopped a slapshot on the ankle and missed the final 20 minutes of the Streetsville game. He's expected to take part in Sabre practices this week. Mark Davidson, who signed on as a Sabre goalie, left camp and returned to Listowel for reasons unstated. Robin Inscow, who goalied for the Junior C version last season, has signed with the B edition. Sabres tallied 80 minutes in the penalty box, including misconducts, while Derbys settled for 62.



Sports pulse

by Eric Elstons

I'd open a black market with up-to-date Ontario Hockey Association manuals, if I could get some. So far I haven't got one. The pocket sized books are cover-to-cover with intricate rules for the organization of games and playoffs, rules on player residential qualifications and coverage midgets, and more rules on discipline plus still some more rules. Everything a coach, manager or reporter should know about the OHA set up is in those books, but few of them are around. Dave Branch in the OHA office on Merton Street, Toronto, said that one or two manuals are issued to each team. I asked if I could buy one, but he said that they are not available. When I asked how he knew if teams in the OHA kept those rules, he replied that the association is a non-profit organization which could not afford to print books for everyone. The OHA's attitude with regard to their manuals is wrong. The OHA manual is revised every year at annual meetings. The Criminal Code is also revised from time to time, and it is published by another non-profit organization. But you can buy the Code and amendments. You can keep it so that you know where you stand with the law in your community. These manuals are apparently not for sale. I checked with Browns of Guelph, Specialists in Sport, and was told they don't carry them. The Sabres, our new Junior B hockey team, generously offered to lend me their copy of the OHA manual. And team officials have told me whatever I've wanted to know about the OHA to the best of their ability. For example, a B team is allowed seven import players rather than the five permitted to the C team. Or is it the other way around? I've forgotten. Unless you have an authoritative text to refer to, you can be easily crossed in the ins-and-outs of the hockey world. From a reporter's point of view this is more than an inconvenience, it's unacceptable working conditions. A team executive which finds itself in a bind, and in order to cut free, uses, for example, an ineligible player for a game, that executive is also going to be most reluctant to give a reporter that information or the means to discover it. OHA refs, knowledgeable though they are, probably won't be able to discern a questionable player in any given game because of the ref's heavy schedule and the fact that there are so many players. If a team fails to detect that its opponent is breaking a rule, and the refs miss it and the reporters aren't sure or just don't know, how does the OHA know if its teams are keeping its rules? Alex Campagnaro of Guelph's Holiday Platers said Monday when I phoned him that he hadn't received his manual from the OHA and added that he needed it to check a couple of things. He also revealed, in a statement, how closely reporters and home team officials operate some times. "Our reporter is at the arena all the time and if he wants to know something he just asks me", Mr. Campagnaro said. But what happens to that reporter when the question he's looking for doesn't suit the home team official? He can't refer to his own book for clarification, he hasn't got one. I did get my hands on a four-year-old manual, through the generosity of a source which will go unidentified. But Mr. Campagnaro's eagerness to get at the '78-79 book makes me all the more eager to get one, too. But how? I tried phoning OHA president Hugh McLean, who lives at London, to get a deeper insight than that of Mr. Branch's on the association's logic. Mr. McLean's phone number is not published, according to Bell. And additional efforts to spring the number failed. The OHA president no doubt wants to avoid calls from foolish reporters desiring clarification on rules, or wanting copies of the potential best seller on the black market.

Soccer champs decided in Saturday games

On Acton Minor Soccer's Final Day Saturday a large crowd watched the championship games. In the squirt finals, the Angels finally overcame the Tigers on penalty shots after playing a scoreless game and overtime. Tigers forced the play for most of the game with strong attacks by Gordon Mitchell, David McCuire and Michael Ormsby but couldn't break through the Angels solid defence of Roger and Paul Splinter with Tim Laing. In the penalty shots to decide the game, two good saves by Bobby Tremblay and a goal by Darryl Bartlett

gave the trophy to Angels. In the Atom final, the Centennials overwhelmed Rockwood 5-0. Goals by Emil Minaveric, two, Ian Sauden, Mark Splinter, and Ricky Dodd made it a fairly easy win despite strong games by Richard Kilpatrick and Jeff Masson for Rockwood. A closer game finished up the day between Acton Flyers and Rockwood. Rockwood took an early lead with a goal by Craig Yarmey but the Flyers came back with a goal by Kenny Kavanagh to equalize the score a few minutes from the end to force overtime. In the first half of overtime,

Flyers took the lead through Danny Tremblay and then on a breakaway Rockwood again equalized with a goal from Cedrick Shelke. In the final minutes of overtime a quick through pass to Simon Ager led to a well taken goal and a win for the Flyers. In league play this season the Squirt Trophy was taken by Acton Tigers, the Mosquito Trophy was won by the Flyers who also took the play-off trophy. In Atom league play the Centennials, who took the playoff trophy, played Rockwood Tuesday to decide the title. Rockwood edged Centennial 1-0 on Mike Hudson's

goal. Over the season, we have had good support for the younger players' games. Acton Minor Soccer president Bernie Fryers said, but we were disappointed in the parental support for pee-wee and bantam players. Several times only the coach and a parent arrived to take the boys to Fergus, Hillsburgh and Pineview for away games. Even for home games, the boys had very little support, Mr. Fryers said. Saturday, October 2, the Mosquitos and Bantam rep teams are playing in the Cup Finals of the rural division for Peel-Halton at Oakville.



A TEAM OF ANGELS won the Squirt Soccer tournament Saturday. Back row left to right: Coach Fred Blain, Tim Laing, Chris Cooney, Darryl Bartlett, Richard Vanderwal, Steven Campbell, Robert Splinter, Paul Splinter, Ricky Feenstra, Brian Creasey, Coach Barry Bartlett. Front row: Paul Campbell, John Vandam, Warren Blain (captain), Paul Kitpatrick, Bobby Tromley, Douglas Neeley.

AHS sweeps softball title in first invitation tournament

AHS ball players proved themselves supreme over three other high schools to clinch the championship and the round robin in the First Annual Acton High Softball Tournament yesterday. The 18-member co-ed team blanked Milton 10-0 in the seven inning championship game late in the afternoon on the high school diamond. Sue Thomson, who regularly hurls for Brookville Selects, pitched the entire championship game. She had a three hitter while setting aside six Milton batters. Heather McEachern, another Select, went three for three in hitting with two runs batted in (RBI). Charlie Payne went two for three. The two teams were

scoreless after four and a half innings. AHS, in the bottom of the fifth, exploded for ten runs on 11 hits. In the final game, every Acton player had one RBI, except McEachern. Carol Jordan, in right field, caught everything that came her way for a solid game. The balance of the winning line up is: Sue Lehn, another Select as catcher, Dave Piehl (short stop), Gary Pickles (first), and Jeff Harvey, (left field), and Mark Williamson (centre field). On the way to the championship, Milton and Acton faced each other in the round robin opener. Bill Manes and Sue Thomson shared pitching duties, though Thomson got credit for the 9-6 victory.

Cliff Britton and Sue Lehn each had a pair of hits for Acton. The round robin games went five innings or an hour and a quarter. Manes and Thomson again shared the mound against Arthur, with Manes getting the win. AHS trounced Arthur 7-2. Third baseman Jamie Vickery connected twice on his three times to bat. Lehn, who played second and catcher in the series, had two hits. General Wolfe high school proved no match for AHS by taking a 14-1 defeat. Manes and McEachern were AHS pitchers, with Manes again getting the win. Dave Piehl connected for the only home run against the General's team. Milton came second in the tournament by beating Arthur and General Wolfe. Arthur also beat the General. General Wolfe finished in fourth and last place. That final game allowed no

substitutions but the following players helped AHS in the round robin: Deb Tuffin, Cathy McGrath, Frank van Opstal, Cliff Britton, Bill Manes, Lisa Near, Kim McCristall and James Vickery. Sheila Cook and John Thompson presented the trophy to the winners for the athletic society. AHS teachers Boris Shean and Rick Boychuk coached the team with the assistance of student Mark Ferguson. Rules for the competition insisted that at least four girls be included in each line up with a girl pitching at least two innings during the round robin. In the championship game, a girl had to hurl a minimum of three frames. Bruce Andrews and Rick McArthur thought up the tournament as a way of including more grade 11-13 students in the sports program. Mr. McArthur said that if interest grew in baseball in high schools, a league may be set up next spring.



LEAGUE CHAMPS the Squirt League were the Acton Tigers. Back row, right to left: Larry Hitchcock, Mike Ormsby, Andrew Worthington, Billy Wragg, Martin Blyth, David McGuire, Geoff Maltby. Front row: Kevin Fabian, Jerry VanderEyken, Gordon Mitchell, Trevor DeBruyn, Cyril Nibbs, Charles Hitchcock, Adrian Greenwood. Tigers' coach Bernie Fryers listed the team's names as the picture was taken.



FORMER SABRE GEORGE Trencs unwinds a pitch for Milton high school during the first annual Acton High Softball Tournament yesterday. Milton placed second in the four team standings, behind Acton. AHS won the championship by blanking Milton 10-0.

Tennis finals

Play was rained out Sunday but proceeded later in the week. There are adult, junior and under-14 championships at stake in men's and women's singles and doubles. Only the seniors are competing in mixed doubles. The first preliminary round of the tennis club championships ended Tuesday night, and play continues another two weekends before the champions are declared. There are 52 taking part, with matches being arranged privately by the players at most suitable times.

AHS courts wins in inter-school tennis

For the first time in the high school's brief term in inter-school tennis competition, members of AHS's squad qualified for Peel-Halton level matches. In fact most of the team, nine of its 16 members, will play tomorrow when the seniors take to the courts at Appleby and the juniors at Central Tennis Club for the two-county competition. Players qualified by reaching the semi-finals Friday in the seven school Halton '76 meet at Burlington. The junior mixed doubles team of Lynn Margetts and Gord Bruce stopped beyond the minimum requirement and won their division by beating Queen Elizabeth 9-2. "It really gave them team members a boost," tennis instructor Anne Lepik said Monday. The high school entered a team last year, but this season is the first time that it's gone to the Peel-Halton. Karen Bollert will compete in the senior girls, while Gary Pickles and Dave Mills will play in the senior men's doubles. Carol Saxton and Mike Morris qualified in the senior mixed doubles. In the junior men's doubles, Dave McGilloway and Scott Malcolm set the mark. Competitors from Milton, Aldershot, Q-E Park, White Oaks, Burlington Central and Nelson met at Halton '76.



LEAGUE CHAMPS AND TOURNAMENT WINNERS, the Flyers are all smiles after Saturday's Mosquito League soccer game. Back row, left to right: David Elsley, Ralph Lamberink, Ken Thompson, Stephen Sojka, Mark Duess, Mike McGuire, Greg Near, Coach John Kavanagh. Front row: Mike Yalowica, Simon Ager, Ken Kavanagh, Danny Gibson, Pierre Himeshaz, Danny Tremblay.

Burch inmates repeat baseball win on All-Stars

Burch Correctional Institute inmates edged the Men's Softball Association All-Stars 4-2 in a pitcher's contest here last Wednesday. Daley's seven covered the pitching duties for Acton. In a previous game the Burchers blanked the All-Stars by six runs at Brantford a couple of weeks ago. The inmates took a one to nothing lead in the third inning on C. Renaud's home run. All-Stars bounced into a 2-1 lead in the next frame with Gord Stanbridge and Jim James scoring. Renaud, however, again scored a run which was followed by S. Lowes home run in the fifth. Second baseman M. Feere rounded out the Burcher's scoring at the end of that inning. T. Melanson, with 21 strike outs, went the nine-inning distance for the Burchers from Brantford. Art Art Lee, with five strike outs and Frank