

SABRE GOALIE Robin Incoe does the splits to block Burlington Cougar (16) Mike Carr's shot during Sabre's home opener Friday. Rob Millican breaks in front of the net to pick up a rebound. The visitors spoiled Sabre's first home game of the season by defeating Acton 7-1. Sabres lost three games in three nights last week. They host Georgetown Gems in a rematch Friday. Gems dropped Acton 10-4 Saturday.



Sabre determination to win may peak in Gem rematch

Sabres came out of last Thursday's game determined to win a hockey game, Junior B coach Dave McKnight said Friday before Burlington Cougars ruined Sabres' home opener with a 7-1 defeat.

Sabres dropped the previous night's game 9-0 to Dixie, and Saturday's efforts against Georgetown Gems were blunted 10-4.

"We gotta get back to basics, for at least a month," coach McKnight said before Cougar's game.

So Sabre fans will have to be patient until the team can handle the high stepping southern shooters. The wait, however, may not be too long.

Best

The Gems, which from one game, seem to bring out the best in the town's club, face Sabres here Friday in a rematch.

Sabres were able to keep pace with the Gems for the first half of the game in Gordon Alcott Arena before about 600 fans. Twice Sabres tied the game before the Gems skated away with it. Ken Eckroth playing for the

first time this season against his former team, was reportedly nervous prior to the game. He faced 46 Gem shots, in Acton's nets.

Gems' Larry Petterson and Charlie Knoepfli scored their first of three goals to give Georgetown a two to nil lead after 5:55 seconds of the first period.

Reid Campbell replied twice in a row to even the scoring up. His first goal of the year came at the 7:08 mark from Terry Kirkup. Seven minutes later Derek Cleary took a pass from Sabre captain Dave Chapman to set up Campbell's second marker.

42 seconds

Rob Hamilton put Georgetown ahead again, but Sabres' Kirkup worked with Jeff Townsley to help defenceman Bill McGilloway tally his second goal of the season with just 42 seconds left in the first frame.

Petterson made the score 4-3 for Gems at 8:40 of the next period after the teams had played even hockey. Eight seconds later Paul Ancinelli

notched his first goal as a Sabre to retie the score.

Goalending faults helped Gems with their two next goals, then the Sabres retired for the rest of the game. Georgetown added two more goals in the middle period and three in the third.

In Sabres' second game in three nights last Friday, about the happiest note of the evening was the opening ceremonies.

Sonny

Sonny Townsley, long time player and contributor to Acton's hockey scene was escorted to centre ice by Miss Acton Fall Fair Charmaine Bigelow. Mr. Townsley dropped the puck between Sabre Dave Chapman and Cougar Mark Lipwicky, the teams' captains.

Lipwicky netted the hat-trick for the visitors who led 6-0 before Derek Cleary spoiled Bob Coppertwaite's bid for a shutout. Don Richard and Ed Lange assisted on Cleary's third period goal.

Rick Lanz, Mike Carr, Kevin Charbonneau, and Ron Roxie were the other Cougar marksmen.

Cougars scored three times in the first and twice each in the following periods.

Citizen Banquet

About 150 people saw the game, which coincided with the Citizen of the Year Banquet, Friday night.

Robin Incoe, who started in Acton's nets, faced a dozen Burlington shots. Eckroth took on 22 Cougar tries while Sabres aimed 26 shots at Coppertwaite.

The first of the three game effort by the Sabres was last Thursday when they dropped a 9-0 decision to Dixie. Fred Buchanan, Sabre manager, reports that neither team got the OHA game report because the referees took the sheets after the game.

An analysis of the last three Sabre games shows that they managed four goals against 26.

"Soft goals"

Of the 26 goals, according to a club official, five were earned by the opposition. Ten came while Sabres were short handed, three came while the club had a man advantage and eight were rated as "soft" goals.

The club is trying some changes. For example, the brothers Buchanan, Steve and Brad switched positions on the team for the last two games. Steve's on defence while Brad's on right wing. The move may be better for Steve's left hand shot.

A doubtful starter for Sabres is a key to their defence corp—Bill McGilloway. It's reported that number 5 played all three of last week's games with a pulled groin, and he needs rest.

Still in the Sabre camp is Norm Roberts from Sudbury. Roberts played here when he showed that he was ready to take on anything. Roberts, a University of Guelph student, would not be counted as an import if he were signed.

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Second Section

Summer meet Mohawk?

Ontario Jockey Club publicity director Jim Lampman would neither confirm nor deny reports that Mohawk Raceway will be getting Garden City's summer racing meet next season, but he did admit that it wasn't hard "to put two and two together and get four."

Mohawk's facilities at Campbellville just underwent a \$5.5-million facelift to increase the track's spectator capacity by almost 2,000 seats. Meanwhile Garden City continues to do less than well financially for the OJC. Lampman revealed that Garden City at St. Catharines brings in approximately \$300,000 in betting on a good night, while Mohawk averages close to \$500,000, and Greenwood in Toronto, the OJC's third harness racing track cashes over \$1,000,000 on an average night.

Not off Greenwood's

While he wouldn't assure The Canadian Champion that Mohawk will get the entire summer meet from Garden City, he did say Mohawk's season would definitely be longer next year, and that none of the racing dates would come off the Greenwood schedule.

Mohawk's 1976 season had 38 racing days in the Spring, and will have 45 in the fall meeting which starts Friday. Garden City had 33 and 28 for a total of 61, while Greenwood has 125 racing days.

Rumors at the tracks suggest the Garden City track may be closed completely, or just remain with a token meeting. Lampman admitted the track has not done well this year financially, but said no final decision has been made on exact dates for next season.

Within six weeks

Lampman said the OJC's directors have not submitted a list of suggested days to the company's board of trustees, and until they do, the board cannot apply to the Ontario Racing Commission, a government body, for approval. He said he expects these details to be arranged within six weeks, and the general public may know by then.

The OJC is a non-profit operation, said Lampman, a fact which further supports the thesis that Mohawk will get a summer meeting. The club borrowed the money to enlarge Mohawk's facilities, and would need an enlarged income from the track to justify the expenditure.

Flyers drop two straight

The Milton Flyers lost two games this weekend dropping them to seventh place in the standings with a record of one win and three losses.

They were beaten by the Dixie Ventures 6-4 on Friday

night and lost to Brampton 8-2 on Sunday.

In both games the Flyers goaltending was weak and the team is trying to bring up Jan Roberts from the Midget team to cure the problem.

Colonials set record straight

Rockwood Colonials, which missed the Inter-County championship won 23 games over the season while dropping 27.

regular season.

Club officials appreciated the support of their fans plus the Erasmos Bell Association and the Colonial Inn keepers: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Law. The club's appreciation extends to head grounds keeper Chuck Davis and head announcer Frank Allsop.

Near, Jones first

AHS country runners aim at county honors

Boys and girls high school cross-country teams took several steps towards next week's Halton County championships when they both defeated Milton last Thursday.

Les Jones and Heather Near both crossed the finish line first in their respective races at Milton. They previously finished in the same position last month when Milton visited Acton for a meet.

Lowest

In cross-country events, the team with the lowest score wins.

The girls defeated Milton 10-30 in the mile-and-a-half run. Angela Baschkowski finished second behind Miss Near. Pat Kelly took third spot and Sharon Cook fourth. Lillian Graham came in sixth and Julie Zions three places back.

The boys, in the three mile



SUE LEHN REACHES for a shot in high school varsity basketball action. The team thumped Perdue 53-32 here last Thursday in the season opener, while the juniors dropped a 62-17 decision also to Perdue. AHS girls play the second of their six game season Thursday when they host White Oaks.

Sabres host

Sabres host Georgetown Gems in Junior B action, Friday.

Minor hockey starts soon Legion, rep officials say

Minor hockey action, both rep and Legion, will soon be under way, according to officials.

The Legion minor hockey league starts Saturday, October 23, John Toebes says. A starting date for rep hockey won't be known until after the Waterloo-Wellington meeting on October 16. Acton Minor Hockey President Frank Allsop said Monday.

A probable date for rep hockey is either in the last week of October or the first of next month, Mr. Allsop said.

Facial

The AMHA president said that the Acton group won't wait another year until facial protection becomes a must for Ontario Minor Hockey Association players. All-Star teams must, this year wear wire face masks, the AMHA

head said. He also said that the hockey association cannot supply head gear because of the lack of money.

Enrolment in AMHA is down slightly from last season, Mr. Allsop said. Last year some 432 boys inked up to play. This year the number is about 400 or 410, he said.

Spaces for players exist on the jubes, novice, minor atom, minor peewee and minor and major bants, Mr. Allsop said.

The following is a list of managers and coaches in the AMHA for the 1976-77 season. Where no category for manager, coach or assistant coach is printed, no one has so far come forth to fill the position.

Novice: Bruce Sears, coach and Simon Christlanson assistant coach.

Minor atom: Bob Fazeruck coach and Fred Buchanan assistant coach.

Major atom: Gerry Kohlsmith manager, Dave MacEachern coach and Jim Warren assistant coach.

Minor peewee: Bill Weston coach and acting as manager plus assistant coach is Dennis Frehs.

Major peewee: Will Duval manager, Barry Incoe coach and Steve Marshall assistant coach.

Minor bants: Cope Smith as coach, Bill Manes assistant coach and helper Brad Buchanan.

Major bants: Harold Townsley coach and John Goy Jr. assistant coach.

Midgets: coach Jim James. Juveniles: Dave Allen, manager.

Junior and varsity girls divide basketball openers

The junior and varsity high school girls split their basketball season opener when they hosted Perdue last Thursday.

Varsity dumped Perdue 53-32 while the visitors handed AHS a whopping 62-17 decision.

The varsity co-captains led the teams marksmen. Sue Thomson netted 28 points while Karen Chapman shot eight. Sue Lehn got seven points. Lisa Near, the team's shortest player, made her presence known throughout the game.

Fire

On the junior team, Lynn Margetts, who is co-captain with Deb Ruppert, fired six points for AHS. Karen Glen came through with five points.

In previous tournament action at Blakelock, the varsity girls reached the consolation game only to be edged out by the host club.

AHS was playing minus its centre players. Varsity was also defeated by Burlington, but managed a solid win over Georgetown.

Tournament

AHS is again attempting to set up a 14 team varsity level basketball invitational tourney. So far Stayner has

accepted. Last year a tournament was tried, but several schools declined to come because of the small size of the high school's court. Perdue, Georgetown, Milton, Ancaster, Saltfleet, Waterdown, Highlands, Markham, Ferguson, Erin, GCVI and Pearson have been invited. The tourney is set for Oct. 30.

Georgetown in thick of race

Georgetown Geminis are right in the thick of the Central OHA Junior "B" pennant race after they tied the Oakville Blades 5-5 Friday night and trounced Acton Sabres 10-4 at home Saturday night.

Gemis would have come out of Oakville with a win too, if

Shane Payette had not scored a last minute power play goal for the Blades. Charlie Knoepfli, Mike Richmond, Kevin Reeks, Doug Barnes and Rob Hamilton scored the Georgetown goals.

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AHS GIRLS cross-country team sprinted to two wins in a row over Milton runners Thursday in Milton. Heather Near, (left in white) clinched first spot. Julie Zions, Lillian Graham, Janet Roach and Patsy Kelly follow closely along. Les

Joanes led the Acton boys team to a win with a first. His was a repeat performance after he crossed the finish line first here when Milton visited in September. In that first meet, Heather Near also ran away with first place.



by Eric Elstone

The recent wavy V-shaped formations of southerly aimed fowl prompts that unthinkable question to be asked again: are the Fairy Lake ducks residents or transients? So far the ducks are keeping the answer to themselves. Flights of other feather beasts are, however, flying over the town for warmer climates.

The duck controversy received quite a bit of attention last year as in previous years. The town, however, then sheltered and fed the ducks in the poultry shed beside the lake.

Sign

During the summer the town raised signs around Fairy Lake telling folk not to feed the ducks. The idea apparently was that the lake should be able to support some ducks during the summer. The rest could find nourishment elsewhere, and in the fall they all could reunite down south.

The success of the signs is debatable. Letters appeared in the press from tourists pleading with Actionians to change the town's mind so that the ducks could be fed. Some tourists and town's folk ignored the signs, and fed the ducks regardless.

As far as I've heard, the town took no action to back up its stand.

The ducks and other birds took to the free food willingly. Some people during the summer fed the ducks while telling skeptics how hungry the fowl are. No duck ever turned down a hand out, apparently.

Silent

On the other hand I imagine other people condemning the duck-feeders, silently or otherwise, because they feel that the ducks will either become too heavy for the annual flight south, or that they will loose the will to go.

Now its autumn. The tourists are few, and we are in the middle of the duck and geese hunting season (September 25 to December 15).

Will the ducks stay? Go? Or have they gone?

Halton Hills supervisor of recreation facilities Pat Sheehan said Tuesday that he'd been here to look over the situation. "I was there last week and I didn't see as many (ducks) as last year", he said.

I also checked by driving near the Poultry Shed and then along Mill Street West to where the swamp rests and there appeared to be fewer than the normal number of fowl around.

Mr. Sheehan suggested that I contact community centre manager Harold Townsley, because Mr. Sheehan said, he's closer to the situation.

Notice

"I was wondering if you'd noticed if there are more or fewer ducks on Fairy Lake than last year", I asked the arena manger on the phone.

Mr. Townsley, who helped tend the duck flock last year said: "I'm not taking any notice".

Esther Taylor, who has fed the ducks in the past, said: "I think they're about the same, I'm afraid to say. And I don't think they'll move".

Miss Taylor, who works in the library, maintains that the ducks, which number about 200, are no longer wild. The town may again have to look at the duck issue. If council fails to tackle it soon, there may be far fewer if any ducks on the lake next spring.

Councillors will soon be looking after their own futures in the December elections. A new council in January may very well act too late if at all.

Acton Figure Skating Club

By Mrs. L. Mitchell

There will be a get-acquainted skating party for members of the Acton Figure Skating Club on Thursday, November 11 at 7 p.m., for all skaters and their families, so bring your skates and come out for coffee and a chance to meet other members. If you don't wish to skate, please come for coffee.

to start a special fund to help defray expenses of skaters who wish to participate in competitions. In the past, all expenses such as travel, food, and lodging were the sole responsibility of the individual skater's parents. If the sale on December 9 is to be a success, we need your support, so get your thinking cap on, and knit, crochet, sew, bake or whatever your talents, please use them.