



AHS VARSITY GIRLS JOANNE MILLER (CENTRE), Sue Lehn (right) and Sue Thomson move to keep the basketball in play during tournament action Saturday. Ancaster won the first girls' invitational tournament at the high school. The

host team clinched consolation honors. Eight school teams played in the double elimination bouts. The varsity team plans to compete in mid-November at the Stayner meet.

# Derbys dash hopes for Sabre win streak

Streetsville Derbys ended Sabres hopes of stringing two straight wins together Friday, and Sabres decided not to rekindle their hopes when they treated Brampton Chevys to a 7-5 special Hallowe'en.

The losses keep the newest club in the central league in the cellar. Sabres bus to Milton town for an 8 p.m. game tonight.

"They (Chevys) were willing to give us the game, and we wouldn't take it", Sabre coach Dave McKnight said Monday during a team practice.

Brampton, which trailed Sabres 3-2 going to the final 20-minutes of play, then scored five goals to take the first meeting between the two clubs. Chevys blanked Acton with one goal in the first period, then scored another while Sabres popped in three in the second.

### Accuse

With the exception of Don Richard, Ken Eckroth and Ed Lange, the Sabre coach accused the team of failing to skate much during the final period of the Brampton game.

The coach singled out Richard because of his two goals at Brampton, his first as a Junior B Sabre. Eckroth, the coach said, played a strong game with 38 shots in the nets, and Lange with one assist, is getting into form after a lengthy bout with pneumonia.

The Sabres seem to blow hot and cold, while adjusting to new players and lines, but even in the eyes of Derby coach Tim Barret Friday, the Acton team is showing better. "They've improved in their skating and they caused a helluva lot of havoc in our end."

### Error

Sabres took advantage of Derby errors in the first period to earn a 3-3 tie to take into the second. Streetsville, however, benched a line and blanked Acton 3-0 in the middle frame, then outscored the host club 2-1 in the last period.

Kent Moffat faced 38 Derby shots. Sabres concentrated a dozen shots at Bill Drewery in the second frame, and in total he handled 30 Acton attempts. Oakville Blades are the only remaining team in the league yet to meet Sabres. Blades journey here Friday.

### Drought

Coming out of the weekend action Sabre captain Dave Chapman has an unofficial six goals and 12 assists for 18 points. He scored once against Derbys, and also earned three assists against them and Brampton.

net. The utility player was on right wing in Brampton.

Don Richard, another former CSabre, also fired his first two goals as a Junior B against Chevys. They go with his three assists. Richard fired seven goals and 22 assists last year.

Chris Costello let loose three goals and an assist to bring his total to four of each in five games as a Sabre.

### Smart

Bill Gerrie, one of the injured Sabres going against Milton tonight, got his second goal of the season against Streetsville. Jeff Townsley also showed a strong game with a pair of assists. Defenceman Reid Campbell,

number 3, also assisted on Vickery's first goal.

Sabres are smarting going into tonight's action. Chapman and Lloyd Moore are nursing groin injuries. Gerrie's back still ails him and Kent Kentner's yet to hit his stride.

Bob Millican was cut by Acton. His record of suspensions caught up with him, so he's returned to Arthur.

To fill the gap, three hopefuls turned up for Monday's practice. Milton cut Peter Wickham, from Erin, left wing Keith McKenzie, a mid-gut from Dixie Beelives and defenceman Paul Curtis from Humber Valley were showing what they could do.

## Major peewees open season with winner

The major peewees got the '76-'77 Waterloo-Wellington season off to a winning start when they shaded Waterloo Cougars 4-3 in the home opener last night.

The Acton team did it the hard way with Waterloo taking a 2-1 lead into the second period. They were tied at three all at the start of the third.

### Hatrick

Gordie McArthur scored the winner, which also completed his first hatrick of the season. Bob Vermulan inked the other Acton goal.

Vermulan also earned one assist as did mates Mike McRae and Mark Duval.

Dwight Weber paced Waterloo with two goals, and Randy Bier fired one.

Waterloo is a new team in the six league. The entry replaces Elora which dropped out because it has no arena this year.

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# Sports Page

## Provincial champs sweep AHS's cager tournament

Ancaster varsity girls basketball team, last year's All-Ontario Champions, easily won Acton High School's first Red and White invitational tournament Saturday.

The Acton team clinched the consolation prize.

AHS dropped its first game 69-44 against the provincial champs, but defeated Highlands 83-25 and Stayner 83-29 in the consolation game.

### Three

Sue Thomson led the Acton scorers with 73 points in three games. Lisa Near was the next highest marksman with 40 points.

Milton High School, with 13 junior players and just five varsity participants, was edged out of the running in two games. Woodlands shaded Milton 38-36 then Stayner clipped the undermanned squad 49-46.



In the first game Ancaster won over AHS 69-44. Highlands lost to Markham 39-27 in the second match. Woodlands over Milton 38-36 in game three. In game four, Fergus edged Stayner 43-41. In the second round, AHS beat Highlands 83-25. Ancaster dumped Markham 90-44. Stayner over Milton 49-46. Woodlands 83-47 over Fergus. Acton dropped Stayner 61-29 and Ancaster bounced Woodlands 111-34.

**VARSIY PLAYER** Sue Lehn puts on the breaks during tournament play Saturday.

### Toilet Bowl

Annual Toilet Bowl football action between high school teachers and students ended in a 7-7 tie Friday.



Tennis club champions

PRESENTATIONS WERE made to tennis club champions at the club's dance Friday in the music centre. Front row left to right Sue Bulloch, ladies' doubles champion; Carol Saxon, under 18 singles; Marcia Gregg, mixed doubles; centre row Lance Alton, under 14 singles; Paul Nolan, under 14 singles; Scott Hibbard, under 14 doubles; Kathleen Nolan, under 14 singles; back row Don Gregg, mixed doubles; Scott Malcolm, singles under 18, and doubles; Bernie Kovacs, men's singles; Chris Steen, ladies' singles. Missing was Robin Incoe, boys under 18 doubles.

## Kens ink first victory, Hellers, Vans on top

Kens scored twice in each period for the first taste of victory this season, while Hellers and Vans moved to the top of the industrial league with three wins in as many games.

Station's Bill Field scored his team's first and only goal of the game against Kens to spoil Dave Allen's bid for his first shutout of the year at the 10:08 mark of the final period. Kens had already scored six goals with Bill Fabian netting what proved to be the winner in the first period from Ron Schmidt. Fabian

### Atom bout in planning

Acton Centennial Atom Tournament committee held its first organizational meeting Thursday.

The hockey tournament, which goes December 27, 28 and 29, hopes to invite 16 teams. Last year, mail strike complications were blamed for 14 teams, instead of the normal number being in the tourney.

### Junior "B"

Games this week  
Oakville 5, Streetsville 3  
Oakville 4, Dixie 3  
Milton 8, Brampton 7  
Georgetown 10, Oakville 2

struck again in the third period from Jim Cooney. George McPhail finished off Kens scoring with Evvan Hayter assisting.

### Count

Doug Andrews counted for both Kens' second period markers. The first from Schmidt and the second from Fabian. Jack Gudgeon opened Kens scoring spree after 30 seconds of play from Cooney.

Heller's goaltender Rick Bonnette had a shutout going for the first period, but Steve Townsley set up Bob Jarrett at the 5:42 mark of the middle period to dash the attempt. Hellers had by then netted three goals, and added seven more for a 10-3 win.

Townsley also set up Wayne Deforest for Lakers' second goal in the final period. Lorne Gordon fired Lakers' final rubber from Deforest and John Ashley.

Cyril Rees paced Hellers with four goals, including the first two of the game. Steve Bennett and Harold Andrews combined to set up the first one, then Hugh Forbes assisted on the second.

Later on Cecil Stuckless and Gord Colton helped round out the Rees hatrick. Colton again was on the scene when Rees went over the hat size. Henry Toebes and Bennett each netted two goals for

Hellers. Toebes got help from Bennett on the first, then Rees assisted on the second. Toebes and Rees returned the favor to Bennett for his first goal. Andrews got the assist on the second Bennett marker.

### Deluge

Rees again figured in the scoring when Dan Hillier slipped the puck into the net, and when Stuckless ended Hellers' deluge.

Vans Welding waited until the third period to find the mark, then fired just enough goals to shade Blow Press 5-4. The Press gang took a two-zip lead into the third period after both teams went scoreless in the opener. Then Vans unleashed five straight goals.

Pete Morrison fired BP's fourth goal late in the third from John Mason. The same combo gave Press a three to zip lead in the third period after Ed Hillier scored twice from John Kavanaugh.

From Vans side, Dave Morris started the five goal landslide from Ernie Waller, in the final period. Jim Cole added the second unassisted. Bruce McPherson got the third five minutes later from Eric Stone. Stone also figured in assists on the last two Vans goals. He combined with Floyd Hillier to set up Ken Owen, then hit Jim Cole with a pass to Hillier.

## Varsity girls in, juniors sidelined

AHS varsity girls' basketball team virtually secured a Halton-East playoff berth by defeating Milton 47-39 Thursday. The junior squad, however, will hang up its sweaters early.

Sue Thompson paced varsity with 16 points. Co-captain Karen Chapman netted eight while mighty

mile Lisa Near got six. Marlene Shultz and Larric Lacklin replied with eight points each for Milton.

Acton led 25-14 at the half.

### Quarter

The win gets AHS at least fourth spot in the seven team league after six games. They'll start quarter-final action November 10.

The juniors kept within 20 points of Milton, but lost 43-23. Half time score was 17-11 for Milton.

Lynn Margetts topped Acton's scoring with ten points while Karen Glenn got eight.

Sue Pickett fired a dozen points for Milton and teammate Patti Gies 11.



## Sports pulse

by Eric Elstone

One item which may be discussed during Acton Minor Softball Association's annual meeting in the library next Tuesday is an invitation from Tri-County Minor Softball Association.

The Tri-County loop seems to be looking for teams because it invited Acton to the Tri-County's annual meeting at Rockwood to see if the town would be interested in entering some teams.

According to Ed Wood who with Pop Main attended last week's meeting, the Tri-County group even considered a constitutional amendment which would permit a town of Acton's size to enter.

If Acton has two teams entered into the Halton League, it's conceivable that one of them could play against Tri-County teams, and keep the diamonds at Prospect Park full throughout the summer.

From time to time since the coming of regional government, some local politicians have advocated this or that as a bond to cement the two built up areas and the countryside under the name Halton Hills.

Recently there's been a move from the south—in the name of town unity—for contributions to renovate Georgetown's first arena. Fat chance!

Another attempt to draw the three parts together stemmed from confusion of street names. Again the political types, holding the unity banner, wanted to rename some familiar roads so that there'd be one Queen Street, Mill Street or Main Street.

These feeble attempts met much less success in pulling people together in North Halton than the vocal and sometimes angry response those same politicians got to their proposed \$900,000 municipal complex for the seventh line. That really got folks together this summer.

### Butcher

What's next? Soon after the December election there may be some politicians who'll call, again in the name of town unity, for one, instead of two Junior B hockey teams in Halton Hills.

They'll note with satisfaction, that some

butchers, bakers and candlestick makers use Halton Hills with their names. Other merchants cling still to the old-fashioned and obviously obsolete titles of Acton this, Georgetown that or Esquering something else.

To back up the contention that the region is here to stay, the politicians will point out that there's Halton Regional Police instead of OPP or Georgetown police. To stress the new town, they'll add that it's now Halton Hills Fire Fighters, instead of Acton Fire Fighters. So they'll zing, let's have the Halton Hills Hotsies instead of Acton Sabres and Georgetown Geminis.

The rhetoric would follow. Together the Sabres and Gems would equal the solid Junior B Halton Hills Hotsies. The Triple-Hs will be the cream of the crop. The best of both junior clubs-fused into one mighty team which'd match the best from the larger southern centres such as Burlington, Dixie, Streetsville, Oakville, Brampton, and Milton.

So what if such combining of teams isn't what they did in Metro Toronto in the early '50s! Halton Hills Hotsies would be a first.

Excess players from the two former teams would fill in the midget and juvenile teams, and perhaps supply the Hotsies with reinforcements.

Hotsies would also have something from the

Ontario Hockey Association going for them. The OHA recommends population limits for certain teams. The Junior B category is the lowest for towns over 15,000. Acton barely qualifies at about 7,500. Georgetown has around 17,000.

Hotsies might also prove to be a money saver for Halton Hills. Instead of fixing up the older Georgetown arena, some of Georgetown's, pardon, southern Halton Hills ice sports could come north with the junior team.

Nothing like coercing the folks into a little sight seeing in their own town. The Hotsies would be based in northern or uptown Halton Hills, while the former Georgetown Raiders, an intermediate team, would remain downtown.

Imagine, if you can, the Hotsies, pride of the Town of Halton Hills, playing in the Ontario Winter Games, or fightin' it out in an All-Ontario finals.

Aren't the Hotsies likely to unite Halton Hills faster than anything else, the politicians will ask?

A stroke of utter genius might prompt them to request heraldry expert Dorothy Stone to permit Halton Hills elegant badge to be sewn onto the Hotsies' sweaters.

Go Hotsies go!