

Sabres fall short in weekend action

Oakville Blades and Georgetown Geminis pumped a total of a dozen pucks into Acton's nets over the weekend. Sabres replied with three goals.

Both games revealed inability on Sabres to concentrate on an hour's Junior B hockey. Up until the end of the second period against the Blades, Sabres were in a 2-1 game. Oakville dominated the final 20 minutes to earn two points on a 6-2 win.

In reverse fashion at Georgetown, Sabres permitted five goals in the first period, but buttoned up after the start of the second so that it was also a 2-1 affair. Geminis, some may say, needed not to sweat much after getting a 6-0 lead after 40 minutes of play, but the score ended at 6-1, and not 12-1.

Kent Moffat, during the first period Saturday at Georgetown, came up cold. Four Geminis shooters found the mark. In the second period two changes helped Sabres: Robin Inscow went between the pipes and Kent

Kentner showed up from the cottage country.

Cottage Kentner arrived late, but once on the ice Sabre coach Dave McKnight says, the game settled down. "He hit people with solid, clean checks", the coach said referring to Kentner. Geminis managed a goal in the second and third periods, while Sabres' Dave Chapman got his tenth of the season from Steve Buchanan.

Kentner, by the way, stayed out of the penalty box in Georgetown and Oakville.

Even considering the number of games Inscow has been out of action, he played well in the two frames by stopping 19 Geminis shots.

Chapman's goal, at the 3:38 point of the third, ruined Gem goalie Rick Tomkinson's dreams of a shutout.

Sabres outshot Georgetown 11-10 in the first period, matched Gems 9-9 in the second, but fell off with three shots to Gems dozen in the third.

Sabre coach McKnight went with two lines in the

third. Chapman centered Steve Buchanan and Richard on one set, Ancinelli was the pivot for Jamie Vickery on left and new Sabre Rod Sheridan. Sheridan was replaced by Costello after he got a game misconduct.

Off-game Benched were Lloyd Moore, Brad Buchanan, Joe Gardin and Costello, who was just having an off-game.

Georgetown played its first game minus high scorer Dave Robertson. The goal a game man defected to Dunnville Terriers, another Junior B club mainly because he was unhappy with the Gems.

Against Oakville the Sabres played a fairly tight game until the third period Friday. Blades had a 2-1 lead going into the final 20 minutes of play, but came on with four goals to earn two points from the 6-2 result.

Oakville just capitalized on their chances in the third period, Mr. McKnight said.

Paul Ancinelli and Don Richard each fired a goal and helped each other to one. Joe Gardin picked up an assist on

Ancinelli's goal in the second period.

Distance Oakville scored once in the first and second periods, then fired in four in the final.

Moffat went the distance by facing 16 Blade shots in the middle frame, and ten each in the other two for 36. Bob Sutton handled 25 Acton attempts.

Steve Buchanan picked up a five minute penalty for fighting to go with a minor for elbowing at Oakville. Sabres got eight other penalty minutes. Gary Richardson also earned five minutes for the same rule while the rest of the Oakville team totalled 12 minutes in the box.

The Sabre management is trying something new with the club. The team watched a video-tape replay of Saturday's game against the Gems, before taking to the Monday night practice ice.

We hope to point out little errors by the players, such as giving the puck away and not sticking with a check in our end, coach McKnight said.



SUCH SCENES OF CONGESTION AROUND ACTON'S nets in Georgetown were common Saturday as the Geminis beat Sabres 6-1. Goalie Robin Inscow searches for the loose puck while Sabres' Peter Wicklum, number 7, and Kent Kentner move in to stop a Gem from passing the disc out to one of his

waiting mates. Acton also lost the previous night to Oakville Blades by a 6-2 margin. Dixie Ventures, who beat Gems 11-2 Sunday, come to Acton Friday for a Junior B game against Sabres.

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Sports Page

Sports pulse

by Eric Elstone

Now that the baseball season is over the recreation department has gone ahead with some material improvements around town for next season.

New backstops and overhangs have recently been installed at Robert Little School and in the tiny Sir Donald Mann Park. Each park gets one.

In Prospect Park some wings or base line fencing have been attached to the backstop on the lighted diamond.

The Ontario Hockey Association meets Thursday night to discuss, amongst other items, Acton Sabres' request for special player assistance. The Junior B team is asking for permission to sign two extra imports or waivers instead of the usual seven.

The OHA's central division clubs have already given their blessing to the request.

The varsity girls' basketball team were shaded out by five points in two of their three games at Stayner over the weekend. However, they did a nice job on the rep team from one of my former high schools: Northview Heights Collegiate Institute.

I never much got along with that class room factory at the corner of Finch West and Bathurst Street in North York, so Acton's 37-22 victory draws no tears to my eyes for NHCI.

That tournament win, however, doesn't measure up to the varsity's playoff elimination of Georgetown Rebels. I was really able to lace it to the Gibber Tuesday night on how well Acton is doing on the basketball courts.

Now if only the Sabres would absorb some of that winning spirit. I wouldn't be roasted so often by the Gibber or Milton Champion's sports duo: Rod Jerred and Lee Fairbanks.

Muselius must play hockey for Acton

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association has ruled that Peter Muselius must play for Acton this year and cannot join the Milton Dufferin minor midget team.

Muselius lives in the so-called "gray area" between Acton and Milton, and under previous OMHA rules would have been able to transfer to Milton.

He played for the Acton all-star bantam team last season but felt his chances of seeing a regular shift in Acton this

year were slim because of office politics. He wanted to play for Milton.

Muselius tried out for the Milton team and according to Dufferin coach Bob Lee was good enough to earn a spot.

He received his release from the Acton association but the OMHA, under rules passed at its annual meeting in 1974 declared Muselius Acton property. He must finish his minor hockey career in Acton unless he wishes to appeal the decision to an executive board.

Major peewees bow with two defeats

Waterloo edged the major peewees 2-1 after the Acton team dropped a 5-3 decision to Orangeville in Waterloo-Wellington play.

The Acton team didn't seem to be up for the Waterloo game last Thursday. Waterloo scored once in each of the first two periods before Gord McArthur beat goalie Brad Patchett on a pass from Bob Vermeulen.

Scott Van Camp and Steve

Paul found the mark for Waterloo.

Orangeville's Neil Cameron scored the winning goal in the third period, his second of a three goal effort.

Orangeville had built up a three to nothing lead in the first and second periods before Rick Greenly scored from Brad Manes in the third. Bob Vermeulen closed the gap to 3-2 on a pass from McArthur.

Orangeville came back with two goals before Mark Duval rifled one in with 20 seconds to play from Jeff McNabb.

Brookville team on top

Brookville's girls field hockey team finished on top of the three public school standings with a 2-2 tie against Stewarttown.

Brookville nosed out M. Z. Bennett from the top spot. Brookville has 10 points, M. Z. Bennett 9 and Stewarttown 5.

League leading scorer Kathy Krusch, of Brookville fired six goals and assisted on one.

There are no playoffs in the league, which was organized by Brookville teacher Kathy Howden.

Kens shifted Blow Press from third place to fourth with an 8-6 win while Hellers and Vans Welding edged up the standings with two points each.

Early in the third period Station Hotel took a 2-1 lead in their game against Hellers, but the cellar dwellers failed to hang on as Hellers tied them pulled away on Henry Toebes' winning goal from Steve Bennel and Dan Hillier. The 6-0 was Toebes' second of the game.

Bennel got the tying goal for Hellers from Toebes and Hugh Forbes later in the third.

Station's Bruce Cooksley fired the 2-1 go ahead goal in the second from Bill Siverinski. John McDougan inked Hotel's first goal, from Jim Haggatt.



CLIFF THORBURN took his time in setting up several shots during his visit Sunday to Acton Family Billiards. Mr. Thorburn, from Toronto, took on some challengers then performed several trick shots.

AHS, O-T rep East in E-W playoffs

AHS varsity girls and Oakville-Trafalgar today represent Halton East in basketball action against the best from Halton West in sudden death games which lead to the Halton Championships.

Acton players face the top team in the west, Lord Elgin while O-T takes on Burlington Central. The winners of today's matches meet in the Halton title match at General Wolfe Friday at 8:30 p.m.

Berth AHS earned a berth in today's game by virtue of its 25-14 victory over Georgetown

Rebels last Wednesday.

Acton, Georgetown and Blakelock teams tied for second spot behind O-T after regular season play. Second, third and fourth places were decided by pulling names out of a hat. Rebels got second place, Acton third and Blakelock fourth.

O-T edged Blakelock 49-47 last Wednesday.

In the Acton-Rebel game the first quarter ended in a 2-2 tie, and Acton led 7-4 at the half. After three-quarters the Rebels led 8-7.

Pass

In the second half and last quarter the Acton team began to pass more and open up the game.

Lisa Near was varsity's top marksman with a seven points. She netted ten points in the last quarter. Pat Nesset and Sue Thomson each got four points. Karen Chapman pulled three and Sheila Cook two.

Nesset was instrumental in the third quarter in opening up the game.

Charlene Milton and Sue Alexander each popped in four points each for Georgetown.

Monahan's six helps min. bants over Fergus

Minor bants felled Fergus twice in a row, partly on the six goals scored by Mike Monahan in weekly W-W hockey action.

Monahan fired a goal a period Saturday at Fergus as the Acton team doubled the score 6-3. Minor bants also beat Fergus here 5-2 last Wednesday on another Monahan three goals.

In Saturday's encounter Randy Smith got the winning goal in the second period from Dennis Kirton, who later scored himself. Ronnie Jackson picked up a goal from Gary Lumbers.

Kirton also assisted on one of Monahan's markers as did Derek Hodgson.

Dave Anderson went the distance in the Acton nets.

Paul MacDonald scored

twice for Fergus, once short-handed, and teammate Bill Redmond counted a single.

Acton had two penalties, and Fergus five.

Martin Collerton unloaded the winning goal for Acton Wednesday from Randy Smith.

Dennis Kirton put the game out of reach with Gary Lumbers getting the assist.

Monahan scored twice in the first period and once in the third. Kirton, Hodgson and Brent Vickery set up Monahan's goals.

Anderson and Andy Ellerby shared Acton's goalkeeping chores.

Tim West and Mike Clay replied once each for Fergus.

Fergus, however, got six penalties to Acton's three.

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Kens climbs into third Hotel winless

Lorn Gordon managed Lakers' first goal from Ron Mellon.

The next three markers came from Floyd Hillier, McPherson again, and Stone. Owen, Stone, Ernie Waller and Hillier also earned assists in the scoring outburst.

Blow Press started early to

build up a 4-0 lead over Kens Auto, but failed to contain a Ken's rally that swept the game 8-6 from BP.

Clinch George McPhail clinched the game for Kens on an unassisted goal, then put the game on ice with a pass from Lyndon Thompson.

Evan Hayter and Doug

Andrews also scored two goals each for Kens. Mike Miller and Ron Schmidt also hit the red light once for the come from behind win.

Jim Cooney, Bill Fabian, Miller and Schmidt also earned assists.

BP's Ed Hillier started the team scoring early in the first and added another from John

Mason in the second. Mason also scored from John Kavanaugh. Brent Irwin fired in the other Press goal to give the team the four goal lead.

Mason later helped Peter Morrison on a goal early in the third period. Kavanaugh later fired in a pass from Morrison to round out the BP scoring.

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STEVE MITCHELL moves quickly to take over the ball during a grade 9 tournament at Milton Saturday. Eighteen players went from Acton to compete against Milton and Perdue squads.

Letter to editor

Where are critics?

It has been my pleasure to belong to a fine organization during the past four years. In doing so I met some Acton people and their children.

During that time, I personally: coached, umpired, delivered equipment, acted as secretary, assisted at registration, drew up and typed schedules, arranged uniforms and sized children. In addition, I coordinated field days, worked in the booth, lined diamonds, kept score and made signs. I've also marched in parades, driven children to and from games, attended meetings and organized food supplies for dances.

Perhaps I'm tooting my own horn, but in doing these jobs I have done approximately 25 per cent of the jobs over a four year period that four members of our executive—Bob Paul, Verna McEachern, Glen Jackson, Pop Main—have given 100 per cent to over a three year span.

Three hundred and fifty children played minor softball last year. New uniforms,

sweaters and equipment were supplied. Children had approximately two games per week and one practice. T-ball and house league were supplied for children five years and up. We had a successful year and ended up with a Field Day at Prospect Park with hot dogs, chips, and pop for all.

Throughout the season we received letters signed by parents complaining about mismanagement in the house league.

These parents said that they could hardly wait until our next annual meeting to voice their opinions. Throughout the season fans and parents continually commented on poor coaching, saying how they could do better.

But try to umpire a T-ball game for FREE at 6:15 p.m. without supper. To have parents down your judgement loudly by calling you unfair and blind. Just see how much you enjoy that part of the game, especially when you've hired a babysitter to mind your own children.

42 letters
The annual meeting of the Acton Minor

Softball Association was held last Tuesday. A notice of the meeting was in the Free Press, and 42 letters were mailed to people who had expressed interest in minor ball.

In attendance were: Bob Paul, president, coach, umpire; Glen Jackson, treasurer, coach; Verna McEachern, secretary, booth convener and operator; Pop Main, vice-president, coach, umpire, convener for sponsors and trophies; Ray Graham, coach; Brian Canary, coach; John Thompson, coach, player, umpire; Pat Wood, coach and umpire.

Three of the above resigned after having fully served Minor Ball for three years. We need a president, secretary and treasurer. Perhaps I've scared you even farther away.

The next and possibly last meeting of the Acton Minor Ball Association will be held Tuesday November 23 at 7 p.m. in the Acton Public Library.

The children of Acton need you. Get off the chair. Turn off the T.V. and come to the meeting.

Signed,
Concerned.