



FIRST EVENT OF the Acton Snowmobile Club Sports Day Sunday was the Hill Climb. The event was divided into three categories, depending on horsepower, with a first and second place winner in each division. Trophies will be presented later in the year.

Visitors rally

Midget-Flamboro series goes to five

A fifth and deciding game is required in the midget OMHA playoff series because Flamboro Sabres nipped the midget Sabres 3-2 here Tuesday night.

Some 90 spectators watched as the local club took a big margin in territorial play in the third period, but Flamboro came up with the only goal to break the 2-2 tie.

Acton's midget Sabres enjoyed a two game to nothing lead after the first couple of encounters between the clubs. Last Sunday, though, Flamboro began to turn things around with a 2-1 win.

Match production Dave McGilloway got the Acton crew off to a good start with a goal from Jeff Shields in the first period. Flamboro matched that production in the second frame, then went one up in the third.

The Acton crew almost sent the last night's game into O-T when they pressed the visitors with a two man advantage. Flamboro had a penalty for most of the final 60 seconds, and coach Jim James pulled netminder Steve Kruk for an extra attacker.

The tactic nearly worked because the midgets knocked

once on a goal post and Scott Malcolm missed when he had most of the net open for a shot.

Even early in the period, Flamboro had difficulty in moving the puck over its blue line.

All the scoring except the winning goal came in the second period.

McGilloway led a rush into Flamboro's zone, swept into a corner and headed for behind the net. Just before going round, he fed a hard pass to Shields, who was in the slot. The score came at 4:35.

Immocent play From what appeared to be

an innocent play a Flamboro player, Ken Harper, turned a long pass up the middle into his team's first goal of the game.

Five minutes passed before Flamboro converted a scramble in Acton's corner into a pass in front and a go-ahead goal.

When the Acton team seemed on the verge of winning, Shields took a Wade Vickery pass and skirted one defenceman to get within wrist shot range in front of the net. The goal came in the last minute of the second period, and pulled the midgets even at 2-2 with the visitors.

Other members of the midgets are Gary Medland, Bill Manes, Brian Moore, Steve Vander Eyken, Rick Widmont, George Brown, Kevin Weir, Art Currie, Bruce McPhail, Trefor Gardiner and Shane Withers.

Clinics, training for soccer start

This week sees a resumption of soccer training in town in preparation for the '77 season.

Every Wednesday evening at M. Z. Bennett school boys ten years of age and under can train for an hour starting at 6 p.m. For the next hour boys over the age of ten can start limbering up.

This year the association will field a Junior B team (between ages 16 and 18 years).

The association is also underwriting the expenses for a coaching and refereeing course to be held next month. Both courses are recognized by the Ontario Soccer Association.

Clubs

The coaching clinic goes between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on March 5 and 6 in the Gordon Alcott arena. Transportation can be arranged through Colin Ager 853-2545.

A refereeing clinic will also be held in town on March 12, 19 and 26.

The association's next general meeting will be held at the Legion on Thursday February 24 starting at 8 p.m.

Also the soccer association is sponsoring a dance, featuring Lybra, in the Bandhall on April 2.

Kevin Parker places fifth

In only his first year of competition in the junior men's division, 15-year-old Kevin Parker finished in fifth place in the Junior Men's National Figure Skating Championships held in Calgary, Alberta, Feb. 3-6.

Although Parker won the free skating championships in his division, his figures held him back from finishing higher than fifth in the final standings.

Kevin told this newspaper on Monday, that he was "happy" with his performance.

Gary Beaton won the junior men's division with 14 ordinals and 121.78 points, Daniel Beland finished second with 16 ordinals and 120.90 points, Gord Forbes was third with 23 ordinals and 118.80 points, Rick O'Neill finished fourth with 29 ordinals and 118.42 points, while Parker was fifth with 30 ordinals and 117.04 points.

Parker will continue training over the next three months but it will be at a lesser degree than the pace at which he trained during the last month.

He will also be kept busy with guest skating appearances at several winter carnivals, including this weekend in Georgetown.

According to his father, Ernie Parker, Kevin's biggest task now is to catch up on the school work he has missed while training for the national competitions.



Sports pulse

by Eric Elstone

Sabres Steve Buchanan and Doug Elliott twice skated into each other during Friday's Dixie game. The force of the first collision knocked both of the sturdy players to the ice. "Where were you going?", Buchanan asked his mate as they picked themselves up in Dixie's end. Elliott's reply was not heard.

One wag, who'll remain anonymous for his health, said that I could write: "Sabres are now throwing their weight around."

I have one firm and another split nomination for trophies in the Sabres' award night that should come up early in the Spring.

For the most improved player over the season I'll go with Brad Buchanan because he's making the transition for juvenile to Junior B with the least trouble while he's developed into a defenceman with high potential.

For the most valuable player it's a toss up between netminder Kent Moffat and high scoring Dave Chapman. Both are reliable performers on a club that can only go up, from where it's sitting.

I'm glad to see that the ACTON Rams will field another Junior C lacrosse team. Sport is one of the few activities that distinguishes our town on the three-headed political animal that is Halton Hills.

There was speculation last week, in Georgetown, that the Geminis move from the plush Alcott Arena to the old restored Memorial Arena was for reasons other than dollars.

The shift from the 185' x 85' near \$1 million palace to the tiny 175' x 70' barn was popularly thought to be made because the smaller ice surface would work in favor of Gem defencemen who could more easily line up, in their sights, the rushing opposition forwards.

Lay that idea to rest. Gems lost both of their games so far on the smaller rink. Streetsville dropped Georgetown 7-2 Saturday after an 8-6 decision to Dixie Ventures earlier on.

Geminis president Ken Adams was quoted as saying the sole reason for the move was money. The Gems, who are hard-pressed financially, hope to save \$100 a game in the old arena.

Legion hockey

Feb. 12

Peewee

6 a.m. Rochester vs. Springfield

6:50 a.m. Baltimore vs. Richmond

7:50 a.m. Cleveland vs. Tidewater

Atom

8:40 a.m. Hamilton vs. London

9:40 a.m. St. Kitts vs. Oshawa Novice

10:40 a.m. Weston vs. Dixie

11:30 a.m. Guelph vs. Brampton

Bantam

6 p.m. Aeros vs. Cougars

7 p.m. Nordics vs. Toros

Feb. 13

Midgets

5 p.m. Detroit vs. Toronto

6 p.m. Montreal vs. Vancouver

Novices nip Tavistock

The novice All-Stars won a hard game from a small but tough Tavistock team.

Acton won 3-1 on Gary MacEachern's two quick third period goals. John Lloyd netted the first Acton goal.

Tavistock netminder Brian Stern made several stops on all-stars Kevin Lobsinger, John Lloyd, Mike Ormsby and MacEachern in the first period. That opening frame ended in a no score tie.

Acton goalie Doug McKnight lost his shutout bid when Steve Wilhelm beat him on a shot.

Several mixed plays on Acton's part came about because the team was minus three players.

This weekend's encounter should prove a real test for the novices when they host Elmira Saturday at 1:40 p.m.

G'town ladies nip cagers

Georgetown took the second game in a best of four ladies cagers matches between them and Acton 31-25 at Georgetown last Wednesday.

Janice Gagne and Maureen Gerth paced Acton with 10 points each.

Juveniles surprise St. C. with rally in second half

Juveniles remain in playoff contention after they halted St. Clements' (Wellsley) march to the next round in OMHA competition with a 5-3 drubbing here last night.

St. Clements came here with a 2-0 lead in the best of five game series, and looked as if they'd go three in a row before the Acton team turned the game around to its favor.

Hillsburgh's Kent Kennedy backhanded the winner late in the second period from Fred Allen when Acton had a man advantage.

Marvin McNabb put the game out of reach in the third

period when he completed a hat-trick with a scramble goal from Rick Van Fleet.

Key saves

Acton goalie Ray Dunbar kept the team in the game in the first period, and he also kept St. Clements at a distance with two key saves in the final minutes.

Kennedy arrived late for the game, but made his mark early in the second period with an unassisted goal. St. Clements had built up a two-to-nothing lead in the opener with goals by Brian Martin.

St. Clements, sporting orange and white sweaters,

went ahead further when Randy Wagler scored.

Log time

Less than two minutes later McNabb, who with Kennedy must have logged 30 minutes ice time, first scored.

Charlie Kinal was instrumental on Nabber's second goal. He had parked himself near the front of the net, but drew away to give Nabber a wider target.

Kennedy, though a small player in comparison to St. Clements, managed to force-check well against them and frustrate their attacks.

Next game is slated to be played here Tuesday at 9:45 p.m. Dave Allen coaches the juvs.

Major peewees, F'boro deadlocked in 3 games

Major peewees and Flamboro remain even-steven after three games in OMHA playoffs' three game series.

The teams tied 4-4 in overtime at Flamboro Tuesday night after Flamboro matched up the series at one game each with a 3-1 win here Sunday.

Minor atoms remain one game ahead of Orangeville, but again lost the services of Heath Norton because of a broken shoulder bone Saturday.

Minor atoms beat Orangeville 4-2 in overtime Saturday but dropped a 3-2 decision up there Monday.

Net minder Steven Taillefer played outstanding games, but especially when he foiled a near breakaway Saturday to send the 2-2 game into overtime.

Snap

Norton, who earned an assist on Acton's first goal by Bruce Raine, snapped the

bone two months after he first broke it.

Captain Mike Hudson scored three unassisted goals, including the winner. Acton took a 2-0 lead in the first period only to have Orangeville even it all up in the second.

After a scoreless first period Monday at Orangeville, Hudson put Acton ahead at 6:50 of the second. Warren Hughes and Mike Hough netted goals to give the lead to Orangeville.

Bruce Raine and Jamie Lawson combined to set up Hudson for a second goal in the third frame.

Flamboro a brief one goal lead in overtime on an unassisted effort.

The overtime period accurately reflected the see-saw scoring of the first three periods.

After a scoreless opening frame, Bob Vermeulen gave Acton a go-ahead goal at 5:43. Just 13 seconds later Flamboro was back in the game with a marker from Eric Matthews. Flamboro took the lead for the first time off Barry Hughes goal.

Vermeulen again flicked the red light in the second period to send the teams into an extra period.

Scoreless third

No scoring was registered in the third period.

Acton took 18 minutes in penalties to Flamboro's six.

Flamboro took the second game of the three game series with a 3-1 decision.

Tim Evans netted the only Acton goal, with a third period unassisted play.

Flamboro had taken a 3-0 lead on goals by Rob Fetter and Mike Slack in the first period, and Slack again in the second.

The next game is tentatively set for next Tuesday in the community centre.

Milton nips major atoms

Milton shaded Acton's major atom crew 3-2 in exhibition action here Saturday.

Dave Milne tried to start an Acton comeback with an unassisted third period goal. Kevin McTae took the cue and also scored from Jim Richard, however, no one else found the mark after the visitors had taken a three to zip lead.

Each team took one penalty.

Ken's upsets Van's

Blow Press moved up to within one game of first place Vans from a combination of a 7-7 tie with Hellers and Van's 13-3 defeat by fifth place Ken's Auto. Station and Lakeview each went up a point due to their 1-1 tie in industrial league action Sunday.

Hellers took a 3-2 lead on BP going into the second period. Each managed a goal in the sandwich frame, however, Pressmen drew even in the final result by slipping 4-3 over Hellers in the third.

Hellers Dan Hillier, from

Cyril Rees and Cecil Stuckless then Steve Bennett, from Rees and Gary Colton, ended the first period at 3-3 in Hellers favor. Blow press had taken an early 2-1 lead.

Henry Toebes netted the first Hellers goal from Al Hall and Bennett.

Ed Wood scores

Brent Irwin fired in the first goal of the game off an Ed Hillier pass. Ed Wood gave BP a brief go ahead at 5:35. Pete Morrison and Sid Baren earned assists on the play.

The teams exchanged single markers in the second: Morrison from John Mason for BP; Bennett unassisted from Hellers.

Hillier struck for the first of his three third period goals at 3:12 from John Kavanaugh. Next Morrison tallied from Mason.

Back came Hellers to take a 7-5 lead. First Bennett from Hall, then Toebes unassisted and finally Bennett again, with his fourth goal of the game, from Gary Colton and Toebes.

Hillier's pair of markers that tied the game were helped by Kavanaugh (twice) Irwin and Baren.

Ken's comes strong

Ken's Auto team came out strong with seven first period

goals from which league leading Van's never recovered.

Van's Dave Morris bulged the twine for the first goal of the game on an Ernie Waller pass.

Jack Gudgeon paced Ken's with five goals and an assist on Mike Miller's first of two goals.

Doug Andrews and George McPhail also doubled markers while Chris Tennant and Bill Fabian fired home single goals for Ken's.

Fabian, Ken Slaney, and Evan Hayler also earned three assists each, while mates Tennant and Andrews got singles.

Ernie Waller picked up a couple of third period goals for Van's. Keith Osmond and Tom Dickinson got assists on the final marker.

In the Station-Lakeview match, the first period passed without a goal. Lakers took a one to zip lead on Vince Thornton's marker from Steve Townsley at 7:24 in the second. With just about two minutes to go in the last frame, Hoteller Bruce Cooks spoiled Laker goalie Bill Houtledge's bid for his first shutout. Gerry Van der Eycken got credit for the assist.

Trident Cole directs Canada Cup film

"The Ultimate Series", a film record of the first Canada Cup hockey series, will be shown on the CTV television network this Saturday night at 7. The film was directed and edited by Milton native Jim Cole, who now lives with wife Lynn and daughter Tracey-Lynn in Acton.

Dixie, Milton so far refuse to share points with Sabres

If Dixie Ventures and Milton Flyers win their games this week, they'll be Sabre proof for the season.

The two clubs have so far reaped all possible points from the local shiny squad, but they may trip before the end of the Ontario Hockey Association Junior B season Friday.

Sabres play at Dixie Thursday and host Milton the next night.

Oakville Blades is the only entry in the eight team group which has passed the Sabre test with full marks. However Sabres may have another go at the Blades if the postponed of January 28 game is deemed a necessity for league standings by the OHA.

Georgetown Geminis and Burlington Cougars are the only clubs to be defeated by Acton. Streetsville Derbys and Brampton Logan Chevys managed ties with Sabres, in this the local club's first season.

Dixie took two important

points from Sabres and sole ownership of first place from Oakville when Ventures wore down Acton netminder Kent Moffat with 61 shots Friday.

Dixie trailed 3-2 going into the first period, but the visitors bent Moffat's horseshoe with four goals. Final score 6-3. The loss, Sabres' ninth in a row, follows a 5-1 decision to Burlington here Wednesday.

First name basis

Sabres are not only losing on the score board but also at the gate. About 60 spectators attended the mid-week game, and there were so few in the community centre Friday that someone said he was on first name basis with everyone there.

Half the Sabre story this year continues to be goalie Moffat who faced 89 shots in the two games—more than one a minute from Dixie. Without him the local club would have been regularly double figured.

The other half of the dismal saga is Dave Chapman who munged a goal and three assists to stay in the top ten marksmen in the central league.

Back to Friday night, Sabres came out skating with Dixie in the first period. Their fleetness paid off on Rod Sheridan's slapshot power play gals from Jeff Townsley and Chapman.

Dixie's forechecking rattled Sabres when a Venturer took the disc away from Paul Curtas in Acton's zone. Moffat made the stop, but moments later he faced two uncovered Dixie types, not ten feet in front of the net. John Higgins got the goal.

About a minute later Moffat's glove snaked out to grab a labeled shot, but this time he came up empty. The period ended 2-1 in favor of the visitors.

Two of five shots

The first and second per-

iods were pretty even in terms of getting face-offs and keeping possession for the two clubs. Sabres, however, managed to score on two of the five shots, on Peter Lennon.

Brad Buchanan put Chapman into the clear and the Sabre captain beat Lennon with a backhander in spite of the goalie's lazy somersault.

Exactly five minutes later, at 9:25, Reid Cambell gave Acton the go ahead goal with a blistering slapshot. Sabres had a man advantage and Townsley and Chapman again earned assists.

About seven minutes into the third period the face-off and possession stats turned sharply into Dixie's favor. Venture captain Barry Carroll raced into Acton's end to dribble a shot past Moffat.

The Acton netminder began to show signs of battle fatigue while Dixie forwards con-

trived breaks. For example, an Acton clearing pass at the start of the final period ended up in Moffat's pads via a Dixie interception.

Within four minutes Dixie goals by Roy Carroll, Ron Flint and Russ Foster sewed up the result.

Easy points

Dixie manager-coach Norm Dowdall said before the start of the game that he never looked for an easy two points, and he added a couple by sweating a little moisture this time.

Against the 61 bullets leveled at Moffat, the Sabres took 22 against Lennon.

The Burlington-Acton game Wednesday was a so-so contest with each side firing 28 shots. Cougars took a 3-zip lead into the final twenty minutes.

Steve Buchanan's goal at 1:53 of the final frame closed



IN THE SLOT IS BURLINGTON COUGAR CAM HYNES against Sabre Brad Buchanan during last Wednesday's game here. Burlington went home with a 5-1 decision in a dull game. Netminder Kent Moffat faced 89 shots from last

week's Burlington and Dixie games. Sabres journey to Dixie tomorrow night, and host Milton Flyers in the last game of the season here Friday.

Dixie game, but only two showed up. Midgets Scott Malcolm and Dave McGilloway played on a line with regular Joe Gardin, but

juvenile Kent Kennedy failed to show. Another Sabre, defenceman Dave Bodley, also was missing from the line up.