

Chapman gets 2nd chance to beat Gem to scoring title

Sabre Dave Chapman got one last chance to overtake Georgetown Gemins Doug Barnes in the race for the OHA Junior B central division scoring championship last night at Oakville.

Sabre club officials were confident that the popular centreman clinched the title last Friday when Chapman scored three goals and earned three assists against Milton Flyers at Acton.

Over 100 people clapped and cheered the public address announcement that the captain of the last place club had outscored all other players.

The central league wound up its regular season Friday, except for last night's Oakville-Acton match which was postponed from January 28. Oakville, which nosed into

first place with a tie against Burlington last week, doesn't need the game. Oakville has consented to the game for the sake of settling the question of who gets the scoring title.

Up to date Chapman said after the Milton game that he didn't know what it felt like to be scoring champion. Up to date stats show that Barnes holds a one point edge over Chapman. The Gemini finished his schedule with 39 goals and 39 assists for 78 points. Chapman has 32 goals and 45 assists for 77 points.

The Sabre needs two points to pass Barnes. To tie the Gem would still keep the title in Georgetown because Barnes has more goals than Chapman.

Friday's game meant nothing as far as the standings

were concerned. Milton had the last playoff berth, and Acton had long ago settled for cellar ownership in the eight team league.

Acton players tried setting up their captain throughout most of the game. Chapman centred two lines and was on the powerplay unit for the second and third periods.

During the game Milton players didn't seem to want to stand in the way of their former mate's chances of beating out the Georgetown player.

Let another in? In the third period, for example, Flyer goalie Ian Roberts skated towards his bench during a lull and asked: "Do I let another one in?"

"Yes" was the reply. Chapman on to pick up an

assist on Joe Gardin's goal and with less than four minutes to play added his third marker of the night.

"I don't know about that", Chapman commented Monday when told of the Flyer netminder's question. "I just play my game the way I play it," he said.

Milton officials congratulated Chapman on his achievement after the game. Chapman played some games with Milton last season after he left Georgetown Gemins. He later joined the Acton Sabres, then a Junior C club, for their playoffs.

Flyer captain Ron Twiss was, until recently, in the running for the scoring championship. He ran into a two game suspension late in the season. When Milton played him before the sus-

pension was up, Georgetown Gemins tattered to the OHA and Twiss found himself out of action for four games and Flyers may have earned a fine.

Friday's game at Acton was Twiss' first since the suspension.

Player assistance Acton's management would not be too unhappy about one of their players beating a Gem to the title because Georgetown was the only team to object to Sabres' bid, for additional player assistance. Gem officials later withdrew their objections, but the sting remained in Acton.

For the Milton game, Acton started Kent Moffat in goal, but replaced him after the first period with Ray Dunbar. The juvenile netminder had



BACKHANDING A SHOT AT A MILTON GOALIE is Sabre scoring leader Dave Chapman (14) last Friday night. Chapman played last

night in a bid to win the league scoring title. Joe Gardin, right, earned an assist on one of Chapman's goals.

Sheridan assisting, and twice himself from Sheridan and of course, Chapman.

Paul Curtas scored from Chapman and Joe Gardin, and later Gardin netted one

Chapman scored two goals against Burlington and Gardin a single.

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MINOR ATOMS SWARM around Orangeville's net late in Saturday's playoff game here. Orangeville won in overtime to tie up the series at two games each. Acton went to Orangeville Monday to take the series.

Flamboro steps aside for major peewees

Major peewees eliminated Flamboro from OMHA playoffs with a 3-1 victory here Tuesday night before a crowd in the community centre.

With 30 seconds to play Flamboro pulled its goalie for a face off in Acton's end. Major peewee coach Barry Inscow yelled at his team to draw their attention to the gapping mesh just before the puck was dropped.

They got the message. Tim Evans quickly got his stick on the disc from Mark Duval and sent it accurately on its way into Flamboro's zone. The goal gave Acton a two goal lead for the first time in the game.

Not to be outdone, Flamboro came right back to bounce a shot off the post in the dying seconds of the game. Flamboro is likely to be the next team Acton

meets.

Going into last night's game Flamboro and Acton were tied in matches with a tie and a win each. The 4-4 tie last week came even with overtime.

For most of last night's game the Acton squad cleared the puck up through the middle and finished off their checks to keep control of the play.

Duval gave major peewees a 2-1 lead in the second period when he connected with a shot in spite of being draped with a Flamboro player.

Flamboro's Peter Sero pulled his team even with Acton in the second period on a shot from Steve Wingrove and Tom Harrison.

The first period went off in see-saw fashion with both teams having chances to break the ice.

On one such play Acton goalie Tim Shields pulled a sweep check on a Flamboro forward who'd managed a breakaway. Seconds ticked off the big clock until with a few left Mike McRae swept round Flamboro's net and used the goalies' pads as the

back board for Acton's first goal. Two seconds remained on the clock, and the goal gave Acton a lift into the second period.

Acton took one penalty, in the third period, to Flamboro's two.

AHS swimmers race to fourth in Halton

Acton High School junior swimmers surged to an unprecedented fourth place in Halton County Championships held at M. M. Robinson on February 8.

The 14 member squad topped several more populous schools from the south with 172 points. Many qualified for the Peel-Halton races.

The six senior swimmers were less successful in taking 11th place in the 12 school event.

Lord Elgin swept top place in both categories by amassing 317 points in the juniors and 293 in the seniors.

The Peel-Halton championships which were slated for yesterday at M. M. Robinson, were cancelled Friday because of the teacher work to rule campaign. The All-Ontario meet to be held in Scarborough, is scheduled for March 5.

Sharon Cook was timed at 41 seconds flat in the senior 50 metre freestyle consolation race. Right behind her was Beth Grein at 48.29.

Steve Stanley, in consolation races, swam to a 29.85 in the senior free style event over 50 metres. Dave Pendergast was .03 seconds behind.

Karen Chapman pulled a 35.29 second time in the consolation race in individual medley over 100 metres.

In consolation races Dave Hannah stroked to a 27.05 in the 100 metre senior individual medley. Later in the 100 metre breaststroke over the same distance he came through at 1:30.51. John Smith, in the same race was clocked at 1:39.59.

Nancy Patterson swept to a 39.35 in the finals of the junior 50 metre butterfly.

Also in a final, Tom Hogenburk came up with a 30.30 in

the junior boys freestyle race over 50 metres. He also was timed at 37.65 in the consolation butterfly event.

Junior backstroke Gary Hinkley produced a 38.60 finish in the finals of the junior 50 metres.

Also in the finals, Cal Rowles came through with a 38.53 in the junior 50 metre breast stroke.

Three of the four relay teams entered final races. The boys were clocked at

2:18.31 in the 200 metre medley race.

The junior and senior girls squads came through with times of 2:22.95 and 2:44.37 in the 200 metre freestyle race. The junior boys, in a consolation of the same type and distance got a time of 2:12.90.

Georgetown, Nelson, White Oaks, O.T. Q.E.P., Blakelock, Perdue, M. M. Robinson, Milton and Aldershot also entered teams in the Haltons.

Minor atoms down O'ville for series

St. Valentine's Day at Orangeville and minor atoms delivered three goals with love while receiving only one in return to eliminate their hosts three games to two in the first round of OMHA playdowns.

Minor atoms captain Mike Hudson pulled the rug out from under Orangeville when he scored the winner on an unassisted effort mid-way through the second period.

Dave Thomas finished off Orangeville with another single effort in the third period.

The teams were even after the first frame. Acton went ahead 1-0 on Hudson's first goal from Jamie Lawson at 9:04.

Orangeville's Mike Tomkins tied the game at one goal apiece before the end of the period.

Minor atoms took the first game 2-1 and the second 4-2.

Orangeville returned with wins 3-2 and 4-2.

The regular time win by major atoms makes up for the overtime loss here to Orangeville Saturday.

Acton nursed a 2-0 lead in the early goings of the third period. However, Orangeville sparked to life with two goals just nine seconds apart to send the teams into O.T.

Cuyler Baker netted the winning goal for Orangeville, while mate Tomkins netted his second of the afternoon to foil any Acton attempt of a comeback.

Warren Hughes was the other Orangeville shooter.

Hudson scored Acton's first goal with an assist from Lawson at 6:25. Robbie Porte later combined with Hudson to set up Thomas' goal which gave Acton the 2-0 lead.

One penalty was called throughout Saturday's game, a tripping infraction against Orangeville.

Midget Sabres too late for salvaging wins

Midget Sabres rallied with too little too late here Monday and again last night as Glanbrook hung on to win the first two games in the second round of OMHA playoffs by the same 6-4 score.

Last night's match was the third in as many days for the Acton team which went directly into the Glanbrook series after eliminating Flamboro Sunday 3-1. Acton took the series three games to two.

"I don't think they were psyched up enough after the win over Flamboro," midget coach Jim James said after Monday's game. He said that the players were a little down because of starting the next round so soon.

Tuesday night the midget Sabres roused themselves

late in the game again. They controlled most of the third period play, but failed to capitalize on scoring chances, even though they pulled the goalie for an extra forward.

44 seconds

In Monday night's first of possible five encounters with Glanbrook, Acton enjoyed a two man advantage for the final couple of minutes, and with 44 seconds to play goalie Steve Kruk was pulled for an extra shooter.

Riding a surge from three goals in a row, the midgets swarmed round Glanbrook's net, but failed to change the 6-4 tally.

In the sometimes rough game, Glanbrook took 30 minutes in penalties to midgets 14. Jeff Shields was the only Acton player to go

through the ritual of post game shaking of hands with the opponents. Glanbrook also took a game suspension against the coach because he questioned a ref's call.

Midgets just survived the second period and the first half of the third when Glanbrook seemed to be able to score at will.

Droop a bit

The Acton squad drooped a bit after Mark Lundgren scored his fourth goal of the game by stealing the puck from defencemen and stick handling in the beat the netminder.

Moments later, however, Shields backhanded in a goal that seemed to spark the local crew. Steve Vander Eyken earned the assist on the play.

Wade Vickery followed suit with a goal from Scott Malcolm.

Then Shields poke checked a Glanbrook and raced from centre ice to score unassisted.

After then, the goal well dried up suddenly.

In the first period Rick Widmond scored Acton's first goal after the visitor's had taken a 2-0 lead. Malcolm got the assist.

Michael Haslam and Ivan Brunton were the other Glanbrook scorers.

Southern Counties

Glanbrook is in the Southern Counties Minor Hockey Association group with Waterford, Six Nations, Port Dover, Hagersville, Cayuga and Caledonia. Their team officials said Monday that they had eliminated Paris three straight after coming through a perfect 22-0 season.

In the wind up to the Flamboro series Sunday, Malcolm fired the winning goal from Dave McGilloy and George Brown in the second period.

Shane Withers added a third period insurance goal from Wade Vickery. In the first period Steve Vander Eyken gave Acton its first goal from Malcolm and McGilloy.



Sports pulse

by Eric Elstone

The official Minor Hockey Week was some time ago, and little if any recognition was given to it here. However, this Friday sees the three day Annual Peewee tournament underway for the eighth year in a row.

The Legion sponsored tourney is excellent opportunity for anyone or a family to come over to the arena and see a few games.

This year's line-up appears to be more balanced than the last edition and therefore has the potential of delivering more entertaining and exciting hockey.

Acton's Four Town entry is coached by Bill Shannon and managed by Brian Canary Sr. Coach Shannon said that the team has demonstrated a great deal of improvement recently.

For example, the Four Town Peewees downed Orangeville 2-0 and 2-1, as well as earning a 7-7 tie against Milton by battling from a 6-2 deficit.

Both the above mentioned towns entered teams in the tourney.

Last year's grand champions, Sault Ste. Marie, are returning for another go at the title. They're being billeted in town for the duration of the tournament, a tribute to our town's hospitality. No long drives from Guelph or Brampton hotels for these visitors.

Lorne Park, the '76 consolation champions, are not playing here this year. However, the rest of the teams are Milton, Streetsville, Georgetown, Listowel, Bolton, Preston, Orangeville, Oak Ridges, Shelburne, New Hamburg, Ancaster, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Hespeler.

I'll be rooting for the local club of course, but if the Soo kids don't clean up, it'll mean a heck of a great upset.

I guess I owe it to Bell Canada to say that their workers have been doing their best to bring telephone service to my flat. I've been informed by the company's Kitchener office that I'll have a phone installed some time today. End of story, I hope.

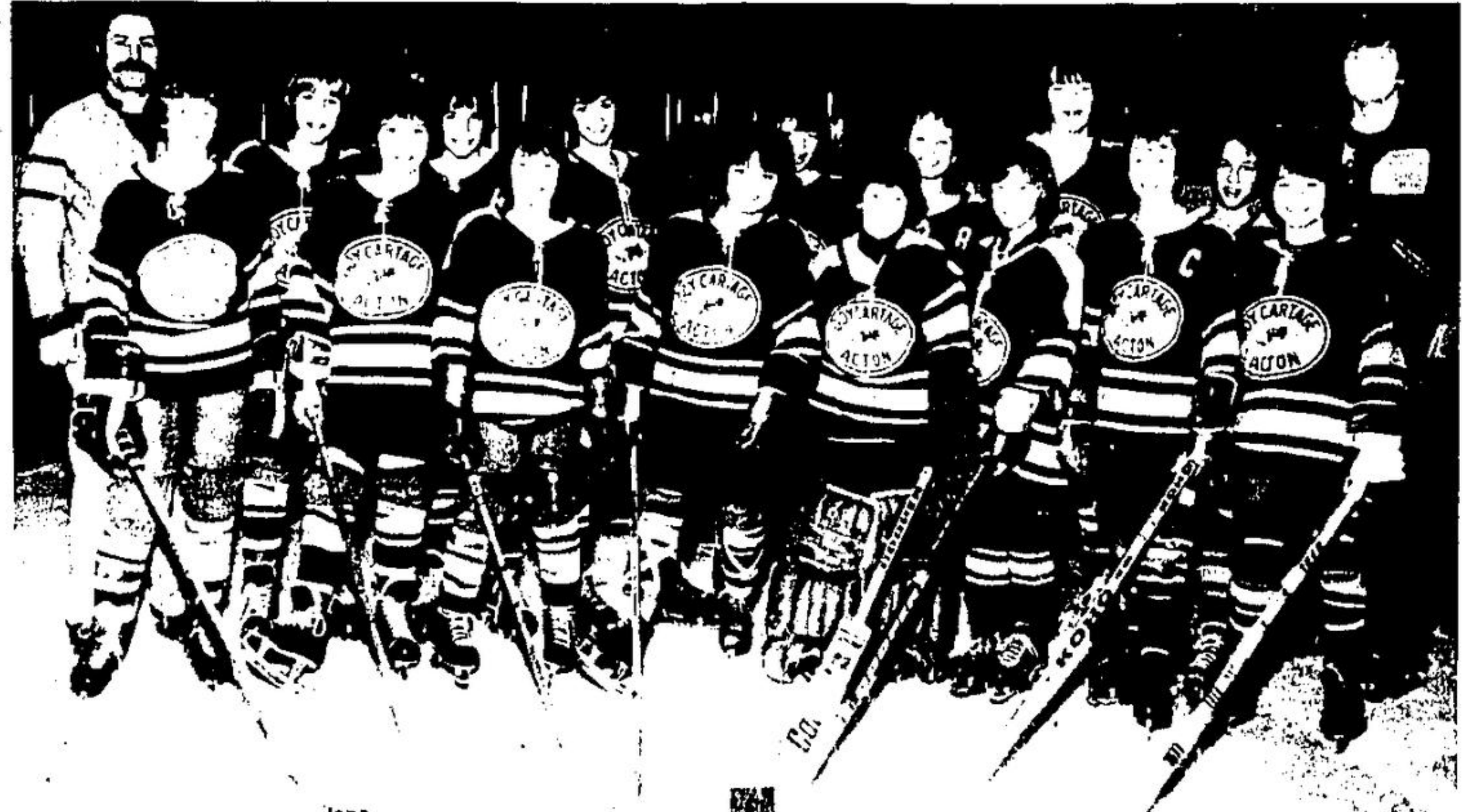
Midget Sabres play their next playoff game at Glanbrook, and they'd sure like some fans to cheer them on against this tough team.

Next Thursday they head down there again for a 9 p.m. game. To get to Glanbrook take the Queen Elizabeth Way to Stoney Creek at Highway 20. Turn right and go straight on to Binbrook, then at the flashing light in the middle of town, go for another couple of miles and the arena is on the right. If in doubt, consult a map.

Two comments about our arena. One, it gets so cold in that place that the folks who'll be watching more than two games in a row during this weekend's tournament will likely be frozen to their seats. Isn't it about time council put some more heat in that place? Now that the fine roof and other works have been long completed, perhaps a complete heating system would be next on the bill. How about it, council?

The other point is time. It's either the human time-keeper or the mechanical device on the wall that's giving up seconds after a play's been whistled down.

It seems to me that it may be the clock because the long arm slips five or six seconds forward only when it's on the descend side. As each coach will say, time is goals, and he'll want as much of both, especially in the playoffs.



THE FOUR TOWN PEEWEE TEAM which will represent Acton in this weekend's eighth annual tournament is shown above. In the front row from the left are Brian Canary Jr., David Dunne, Robbie Munro, Don Thornhill, Paul Morrison, Paul Hudson, Captain Barry McNabb and Scott McDonough. In the back row from the left stands coach Bill Shannon with Mark Cook, Rusty Elliott, Tony Sheppard, George Gidman, Tom Shannon, Jim Hunter, Dean McKerracher and manager Brian Canary Sr. Missing was George Garton.

Wrigley midgets to play Sabres

As a grand finale to their 1976-77 season, the Acton Junior B Sabres have arranged an exhibition game for February 25, at 8:30 p.m. at the Acton Arena against the Russia-born Canadian Wrigley Midget Champion Don Mills Flyers.

Due to the Don Mills team going to Russia in March, they were forced to drop out of their own league and are therefore arranging as many exhibition games with Junior Clubs as possible. They hope to raise enough money through their shares of the gates and other fund-raising events to avoid having their players pay for their trip out of their pockets.

After arena and referee expenses the entire gate proceeds will be split equally between the Don Mills Flyers

and the Acton Minor Hockey Association. Advance tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from any member of the Acton Sabre executive or the Acton Minor Hockey executives.

The Sabres' line-up will be bolstered by members of the Acton Midget Sabres team if they are available.

Harlem Dips to play here

Harlem Diplomats will dazzle and amaze with cagy cager expertise in an exhibition game against members of the high school senior boys team, some teachers and a few girls at 2:30 p.m. at A.H.S. on February 24. Tickets are \$1.50.