

Sabres suffer first loss, 11-6 decision to Derbys

Acton Sabres dropped an 11-6 decision to the powerful Streetsville Derbys Friday at the arena, falling to the Derbs although the two teams played nearly even for the last two periods.

Score at the end of the opening frame was a depressing 5-1 for Streetsville, with Scott Malcolm getting the only Acton score on a tip-in as Wade Vickery bounced a shot off the goalie and onto Malcolm's stick.

"They were very tight in the first period," said coach Bruce Chapman, attributing

this to nerves in front of the first home crowd.

Whatever the reason, the Sabres were a different team after then. In spite of a still shaky defence, the Sabres were able to match the Derbys goal for goal, being outscored only 6-5 in the last two periods.

The game was marred by Streetsville penalties as the visiting Derbys collected 53 minutes in the box, while Acton was penalized for only 24. The Derbs time included a five minute penalty for spearing levelled against Rob

Morrison, which also earned him a match penalty.

"Our guys kept their heads excellently," said Chapman. The cool thinking paid off as five of the Sabres' six goals

came on power plays.

The Derbs are favored to take the Central loop this year, and they showed why as they consistently man-

handled the Sabre defence, taking 50 shots on goal in the game, most of them from short range. Moffatt was fortunate in keeping the score as low as he did.

Acton Sabres began coming out of their seeming stupor in the second period as they began skating with their opponents and using their weight to a little better advantage.

The Derbs still had the scoring advantage in the frame, but the difference was considerable as the goals came a little harder while Acton collected two of their own.

Dave Chapman took a rebound of a Mark Schinkel shot and put it in the net for his first point of the game. Assists went to Schinkel and Rob Millican. Schinkel, playing with a broken nose after last week's stick swinging incident with Gemini's Doug Barnes, got a goal of his own in the period, as Chapman and Brian Walker picked up assists.

Outscore

The Sabres outscored their opponents 3-2 in the third period. The Malcolm line connected for the first goal of the frame. Malcolm got the goal, while Dave McGilloway

and Vickery got the assists.

"I'm really high on the midget line," said Bruce Chapman after the game. "They played a complete game." Overall he said "the younger guys showed the desire when we were sagging."

Walker netted the Sabres' fifth goal on a beautifully executed passing play in front of the goal mouth, taking a Chapman feeder for the score. Kelly MacArthur also got an assist on the play.

Acton's final goal came with only a minute left to play as Schinkel collected his second goal of the season, from Chapman.

After the game, Bruce Chapman remarked that there are "too many good hockey players on Streetsville". Nevertheless, the Acton squad never quit playing hockey during the game.

Brampton

Sabres meet Brampton Friday at home, and although the Chevys executive was predicting a first place finish for the team, they are young, and were beaten by the Dixie Beehives already this season. Sabres could pull off their second win of the season at the game, and will certainly give fans a good game.

CENTRAL ONTARIO JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Streetsville Derbys	3	0	1	7
Dixie Beehives	3	0	0	6
Oakville Blades	1	1	0	2
Acton Sabres	1	1	0	2
Brampton Chevys	0	2	0	0
Burlington Cougars	0	1	1	1
Georgetown Gemini	0	2	1	1
Milton Flyers	0	2	1	1



DERBYS WERE A ROUGH BUNCH and it shows here. Scott Malcolm is just getting up after being buried by two Derbs, while third Derby player is about to get the boot for a deliberate slash aimed at Wade Vickery.



Jock Tock

By John Bottomley

An open letter to Rainmaker, from me:

Dear Rainmaker,

Hi. How are you? Sure hope you're having more fun than we are. It's been raining a lot lately, but you know that of course.

Do you realize that in three more days we will have tied Noah's all-time world record for consecutive rainy days? Maybe we've done something wrong? You could at least tell us before you started all this weather. We haven't even started to gather the animals together.

Do you know what this is doing to us here, and more particularly to me? I have a book of events in which I write down the things to cover in my sports section. For four weeks in a row I have written, in big letters, Fastball Tourney. This week I also wrote Soccer Finals. These are events which were all to get large coverage in my pages, to help fill up all my space. For four weeks in a row you have rained them out, although the soccer club managed to sneak past you by rescheduling for a Monday instead of a Saturday, when you would have been ready for them.

Do you know what this rain does to a sports editor in a small town? With no sports to write about, I am stuck.

As I said before, if we have done something wrong, please feel free to tell me. My office is open to all hours, as I spend a lot of time sitting here waiting for the rain to stop long enough to play a baseball game. Do you know that soon the Acton Fastball tourney will have to be renamed to Acton Snowball Tourney, and the organizers will be taking out a float in the Santa Claus parade?

It just isn't fair. Feel free to drop me a line, or pay a visit so we can discuss this matter more fully, as they say.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Your humble creature, John.

What will they think of next?

In the old days, people would go to Yankee Stadium with a transistor radio to find out what was happening in the game. Pillars blocked the view from many areas in The House that Ruth Built. Now, in their newly renovated stadium, there are no bothersome obstructions to contend with. In fact, the scoreboard has incorporated a large screen to show fans the instant replay of what just happened down on the field. Any day now, seeing a game live will be as good as seeing it on television.

I can think of a number of useful applications for this new toy, besides gratifying the fans wishes. The screen could be used to confirm umpires' decisions on close plays, it could run advertising to help lower the cost of seats, or it could flash nude photos when opposing hitters were trying to concentrate on their job. After all, if you've got the screen, you might as well use it to its fullest.

Clearing up the myths about a great old New York game

Does anyone out there know what the Yanks and the Dodgers have in common? Besides winning pennants, that is, stickball. That's right, the game that Willie Mays credits for his success as a hitter.

Both the Dodgers and the Yankees are New York teams, although the Dodgers moved out of Ebbetts field years ago, and the rivalry between them was fueled by millions of stickball playing New Yorkers.

The game seems to be completely unplayed outside New York, but it is common enough there. There are a lot of misconceptions among people up here over what is involved in a game of stickball.

First thing you need is a stick. Usually you stole a broomstick from your mother, although real stickball sticks could be bought for under a dollar. The store bought ones had the dual advantages of being straight and slightly bigger around, and they were much in demand. They also had really nifty tape around the handle, so you could tell which end you were supposed to hold.

The next thing you needed was a ball. A round pink rubber one. Spaldings (pronounced spal-DEEN there) were the best.

Then you needed somewhere to play, and some people to play with. You could play anywhere; on the street, on a baseball diamond, in a parking lot, or wherever you found a little room.

The game had the same rules as baseball, except that the batter threw the ball up and hit it himself. For people playing softball that doesn't sound too hard, but when you're swinging a thin warped broom handle at a small pink ball, it gets harder. Nonetheless, games were usually high scoring.

There is a mistaken theory among people who only know what Willie Mays told them that the only way to measure a hit in stickball was by sewers. This is untrue. We used telephone poles when we played in the street, and when we played in the school lot, we went by which piece of playground paraphernalia we reached. "He can hit it to the slide" or "He blasted that one right to the big swings." I never made it much past the sandbox in those days, although I could probably do better now.

Sabres show spirit

It was, in a quiet sort of way, a pleasure to watch the Sabres play Streetsville here Friday. Even though they lost, they never stopped pushing, and actually outscored the Derbs in the last period. This, coupled with the Sabres' come from behind win over Georgetown is encouraging evidence that there is a good attitude and spirit on the team, something which can do wonders for a win column.

Let the kids play

Minor hockey season is starting soon, and I would like to take this opportunity (pull up the soapbox, boys) to ask all the hockey parents out there in parentdom to relax a bit in the stands, leave the refs alone (they're doing a better job than you could anyway) and let the kids play.

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GARY LUMBERS (white shirt) is closely covered on one of his many scoring thrusts in peewee soccer action Monday. Acton lost to Orangeville in the finals.



ATTACKER KERRY CIANFARANI of the Rovers gets by Richard Kilpatrick to take a shot on Flyers goalie Paul Carter. Shot was blocked to maintain the overtime tie. Mosquito game was finally decided by penalty kicks in favour of the Flyers.

Minor soccer gets sun for championship



LEAGUE CHAMPIONS the Rovers were edged 5-4 by the Flyers in mosquito cup play Monday. Front row, left to right are Doug Weaver, Rich Kilpatrick, Dax Coates, Paul McTrash, Louis Groenendyk, Greg Silcock. Back row, Randy Laver, Alex Rogge, Robert Little, Brian Kremer, Emil Milnovevic, Scott McDonough, Paul Carter and Chris Rogge. Coach is Richard Kilpatrick.



BRIAN KREMER GETS HIS leg between Jim Richards and the ball to stop his momentum and prevent a score in mosquito action Monday.

by Richard Kilpatrick

The following are the results of the Acton Minor Soccer Association final games Monday October 10 at the M.Z. Bennett and Middle School fields, two of the games went to penalty kicks, which is the best way we have of deciding a result after extra playing time. Squirrels Acton Gunners 2 vs. Rockwood 1

The little guys had, perhaps the biggest crowd of spectators and the most emotional. Both teams were scoreless after regular time and ten minutes extra time, so it went to penalty kicks, with Gunners netting two to Rockwood's one. It was a terrific game from start to finish.

Atoms Rifles 1 vs. Rockets 2 This atom final, as the score suggests was close and gave some exciting soccer. Shawn Taras scored the single Rifles goal, while Jamie Thatcher, Kevin Galloway and Robbie Holmes had a good game in defence. Robbie played in goal for the first half and made some excellent saves. Stuart Hoy played well in attack.

For the Rockets, both goals were scored by Brian Bollert, who has had a good season. Tim de Boer and Duane Hordyk defended well and Billy Wragg and David Slaney have shown continued improvement in attack throughout the season.

This result means Rockets won both league and play-off trophies, no mean feat for any team.

Mosquito Flyers 5 vs. Rovers 4 This was the second of the three finals which went to penalty kicks. A great solo effort from Scott McDonough gave Rovers an early lead, the equaliser for Flyers came from an intelligent pass across goal and was scored by Chris Hale.

There was no further scoring even after 10 minutes of extra time and we went on to penalty kicks. Flyers netting 4 to Raiders 3, giving Flyers the game. A fitting end to a very good season.

Well, the soccer season is now at an end for another season. Thanks to the kids who took part and the parents who gave their support week after week.