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Sabres fall 4-2 to Blades, victim of Beehive comeback

Sabres were close twice last week, but never close enough as they dropped a 4-2 decision to Oakville Wednesday at the arena and fell victim to a last period explosion Friday to come out on the short end of an 8-6 count against Dixie.

Sabres had taken a 6-4 lead early in the third period against Beehives, thanks largely to a superb game in nets by Robin Insoce, who faced 30 shots in the first two periods. Sabres as a team executed their game plan well for the first two periods, each unit trying to cut down by a single goal against while

still going for the first goal of the game.

They did get the first goal, as Mark Schinkel took advantage of a powerplay situation to pot one from Rob Millican and Doug Elliott before two minutes were up. Sabres managed to overcome their usual slow start in the game, and would have taken a 3-2 lead out of the period if Beehives had not found an opportunity when Acton was two men short.

Tied up

As it was, the Sabres were tied at three all at the buzzer. Schinkel scored his second, rifling a shot that Blades net-

minder Gary Davis could only partially block as it rolled past him into the net.

Peter Wicklum, who has been playing on a line with Chapman and McGilloway, continued his hot play of the last few weeks as he scored off a faceoff, from Chapman, for Acton's third point.

The second period was marked by rising tempers as the second place Beehives began to get frustrated by their lack of success against a last place team they felt they should be handling with ease.

The Sabres kept their cool and it paid off. Netminder Gary Davis was handed a high sticking penalty when he used his stick to remove Schinkel from the crease, and

while the Blades were short, Chapman rifled one in from the right side as Schinkel was just getting himself out of the net where he had slid, effectively destroying Davis' chance to block the shot.

Chapman ended the scoring in the period on a breakaway. Seconds earlier he had been thwarted on his rush by Davis and this time he waited a little longer, deking Davis out of the net and dumping it in with ease. Bruni and Schinkel shared assists on both Chapman markers.

Upset

Before half a minute had passed in the third period, McGilloway popped in a powerplay goal from Bruni and it looked like an upset

was in the works, but the Beehives poured it on, as they "literally blew through the team", according to Bruce Chapman. He added "They capitalized on our lack of defensive personnel."

The Dixie attack, which had been smoother all game, finally took over as they scored three times in just over two minutes. Beehives added the insurance marker on a powerplay with Buchanan off for elbowing.

Draw praise

Sabres drew praise from the Oakville Blades coach Eric Smith after Wednesday's 4-2 loss. Comparing the Sabres with last year's team he said "You can tell we're in a hockey game this year.

Sabres have a much better attitude, move the puck well and are well disciplined."

Both Smith and Chapman gave credit to Blades' netminder Vince Vantracca. "I've got to commend their goalie" said Chapman. "We would have beaten them. The play was in their end. I just don't know how he managed to stop some of those shots."

Moffatt had some gymnastic saves of his own in the contest, giving a shot from Todd Inouye which had bounced off his pads and was still headed into the net.

Blades took a 2-0 lead in the first as Sabres once again started slow. First Blade goal came after some scrambling in front of the net as Inouye

finally put it past Moffatt. Millican closed the gap to 2-1 with his second goal of the season, taking the rubber from Dave McGilloway and Scott Malcolm for the score. Goal came late in the second period.

Outshot

Sabres outshot the Blades 14-5 in the final period, but could only manage a single goal. Chapman did the shooting on the point while Mark Schinkel and Peter Wicklum added assists.

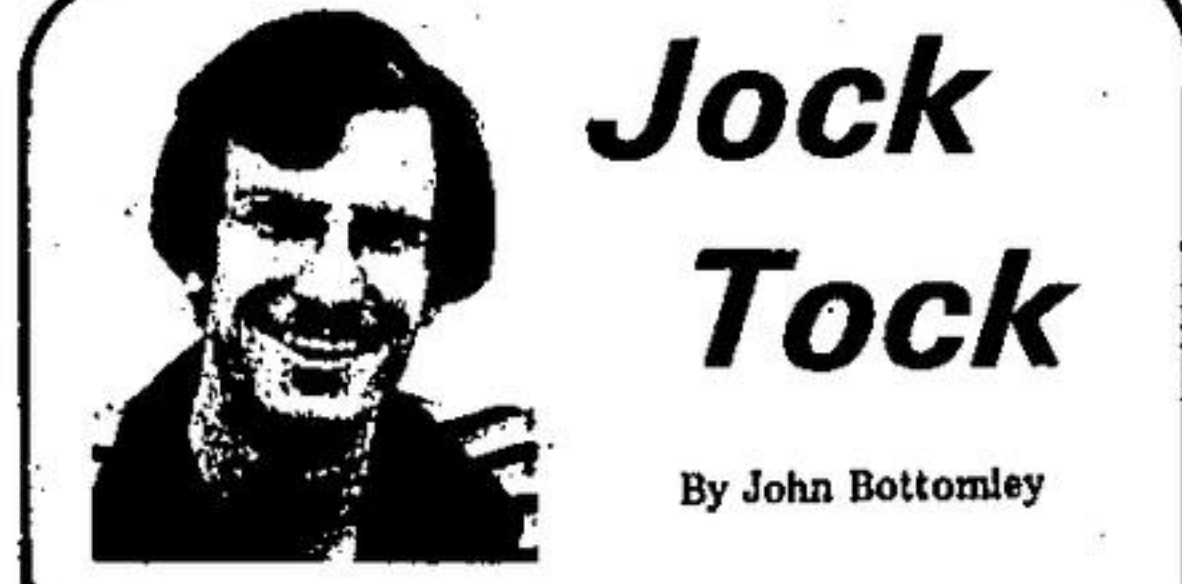
Sabres pulled netminder Kent Moffatt with 55 seconds to go when Blades' Brian Marvel broke loose with the puck. More than one Sabre tossed his stick at the streaking Blade, and the officials awarded him the goal.

Coach Chapman made some line changes Wednesday, switching Kelly McArthur for Dave McGilloway on their respective lines, and he was pleased with the results. "Kelly gave more zip" to the midjet line, he said, and "Dave McGilloway seemed to complement Peter and Dave Chapman." Chapman also put Brad Buchanan up on offence, to save his knee from some of the pounding it takes on defence, and Buchanan was good enough that he will stay there, if he comes back well from the operation he is having for the broken kneecap.

Sabre shorts: Sabres are playing without the high scoring forward Brian Walker, who left the team in the middle of the October 30



BUD BUCHANAN has been playing on offence the last two games and has impressed coach Bruce Chapman with his play.



Jock Tock

By John Bottomley

Fans can't see when home team cheats

I have finally become convinced of something I used to merely suspect, without ever considering that it was really possible. Fans seem to be stricken with sudden and inexplicable blindness whenever their team commits an infraction against the rules.

I had long known that whenever the home team loses, it is the referee's fault. Any true loyal fan will tell you, and the ref too, that this is so, and in no uncertain terms.

That is a long way removed, however, from being actually unable to see penalties earned by your team. At Friday's Sabre game, for instance, Bud Buchanan came skating in towards the boards where I was standing, raised his elbow, and did a number on his Dixie opponent. Twice, because he caught him on the rebound too.

The referee promptly called elbowing, as he should, and an immediate howl of protest went up from the gentleman behind me. He was standing no more than ten feet from the play, and yet it seemed he could not see it.

These same people, who operate in braille where the home team is concerned, quickly learn to use radar when peering at the other side. The bad guys are always doing bad things to us, according to our fan, and old four-eyes can see them as clearly as if they had happened. This does not happen for Sabre games only. It is even worse in minor hockey contests.

In the end, nobody is happy with the referee. They all feel he has deliberately not called the visitors for their obvious and heinous criminal offences, while picking up on every little thing the good guys might happen to do in retaliation for the abuse they have been taking.

I don't think that is quite a fair assessment of the situation on the fans' part. What actually happens is that the ref, being only human, makes some mistakes, or calls a game too tight or too loose, but he does it for (or to) both teams equally. His errors and misjudgements, when they do occur, usually balance out over the course of the game, so both teams benefit or suffer equally.

Two Acton schools deserve congratulations

McKenzie-Smith and Acton High School both deserve recognition for their performances over the last sports' season. McKenzie-Smith built up a juggernaut field hockey crew that rolled undefeated to the North Halton championships, an incredible feat for a school in its first year of existence.

The middle school also managed a third place finish out of their girls' volleyball team and a fourth place from the boys.

Acton High School girls' team, after a hesitant start, got rolling in time to upset league leader Oakville-Trafalgar in the first round of playoff action, and went on to the finals in Halton playdown action.

All three teams did well in their leagues. Congratulations to them, and let's hope the rest of the sports year goes as well.



DAVE CHAPMAN exults after scoring fourth Sabre goal in Friday's game against Dixie. Mark Schinkel was lying in the net at time of the goal, blocking goalie's attempt at save.

ATW suffer second loss, still lead A1HL standings

Family Cleaners continued their win streak with a 5-1 victory over Hellers Sunday and Acton Terminal Warehouse suffered their second consecutive defeat, a 7-4 loss to Vans, to highlight Acton Industrial Hockey League action this week. Lakeview edged Blow Press 4-3 in the final game of the evening. Cleaners jumped out to a 4-

0 lead in the first period as Bart Jacobs connected twice and Floyd Hillier and Ted Jowett picked up singles. Harry Lawson had three assists in the period while Hillier added a pair and Jowett got a solitary assist. Hellers got the only goal of the second period as Glen McKenzie pulled the trigger from Ron Mellon and Wayne Deforest.

Lorne Gordon let fly with the last point of the game for Cleaners, assisted by Gary Colton on the play.

There were 46 minutes of penalties in the chippy game, with no powerplay goals scored.

Vans lifted themselves into third spot with their win over ATW. The welders collected three points in the first period to give them an edge they never lost.

High scoring Peter Morrison was held to two goals and an assist in the game.

Doug Andrews scored three times for Vans in the game, as did Bruce McPherson. The other welder's goal went to Wayne Allen, who added two assists to his effort. Other assists went to Jim Haggott with two and Gary Marsh, Gerry VanderEyken and

Acton club at judo meet

The Acton Hatahita Judo Club competed in an inter-club tournament with Etobicoke Judo Club, Sunday, at Overland Community Centre.

Oliver Reynolds, the instructor of the local club, took five members down for the competition. Each person competed against approximately 11 others of the same age.

Those placing were: Clive Mullins 2nd (4 fights), Heather Thatcher 4th (2 fights), Linda Evans 4th (3 fights), and Michael Henry 4th (2 fights).

This was an excellent showing for the newly formed club.

Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
ATW	4	2	1	9	38	22
Hellers	3	2	2	7	31	21
Vans	3	2	1	7	30	21
Blow Press	2	2	2	2	20	20
Cleaners	2	4	0	1	21	33
Lakeview	1	4	0	2	20	30

Townsley with Guelph Old-Timers

Harold Townsley, arena manager, has joined the Guelph Old-Timers team this year, and is playing with them in their exhibition and tournament games.

This past Saturday they were in Ajax for a tourney

Blow Press

The second period was the difference in the Lakeview-Blow Press contest as Lakeview outscored the pressmen 3-2 to account for the margin of victory, thanks to a penalty box shot by Ron Schmidt.

The first period was scoreless and the two teams matched goals in the third. Schmidt, besides his penalty shot, connected for one other goal and an assist to lead the Lakeview attack. Jim McDonald followed the one goal and an assist, while Steve McIntyre netted the remaining goal and Tim McIntyre added an assist.

Blow Press

Ed Hillier led Blow Press with a single goal and assist for two points. The other goals were registered by

Minor atoms split

Orangeville led 2-1 after the first period and 5-1 after the second.

Not Happy

Coach Jim Warren was not happy with the high score against Elora, but was pleased with the team's positional playing effort.

Brent Connors collected the shutout, his first of the season, and Tommy Turtcher netted his first goal.

Gary MacEachern led the attack with five goals, while the rest of the scoring was evenly distributed among the players.

Clint MacMillan popped in two scores and Kevin Lobsinger, Gord Mitchell, John Lloyd, Mike Cunningham and Tommy Turtcher each collected one.

Assists went to Brad Demone with three, Gord Mitchell, Kevin Lobsinger, John Lloyd and Scott Phelan with two and Philip Wedge, Kevin Christensen, Steven

Motions passed

Provision was made at the annual general meeting of the Ontario Lacrosse Association for the acceptance of female teams at the junior and senior age levels. Leagues will be formed for such teams when sufficient entries are available.

The number of players junior teams may sign was increased from 20 to 23. Major and senior teams already had that right.

A number of motions were approved to increase mobility of players and to reduce the red-tape previously involved in releasing players across the province.

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