

# The Acton Free Press

## Sports Page

Break streak

### Sabres pick up point in standings

Acton Sabres broke their long losing streak last Friday at the arena as they pulled back from behind to tie cross-town rivals Georgetown Gemini 4-4.

"It was a hard fought game," said Sabres' coach Bruce Chapman. "The Georgetown gameplan seemed to be to goad us into penalties. We (the team) talked about this at length, and figured the key was to stick to the game.

The chippiness of the game showed in the penalty columns where Georgetown

racked up 66 minutes and Acton 30.

Sabres were trailing 4-2 early in the third period but took advantage of a pair of powerplays to pull even with just under three minutes to go.

Second goal  
Scott Malcolm nailed his second goal of the night with four and a half minutes remaining as he beat Gemini netminder Brad Miller from Jim Cartwright and Warren Barnes. Dave Chapman took the honors for the tying goal

as he converted passes from Wade Vickery and Cartwright.

Sabres managed the first point of the game when Kelly McArthur took it in alone

around the seven minute mark of the first period. John Krasnokutsky replied

for Gems to end the scoring in the period. Malcolm gave the Sabres

their last lead of the game after five minutes of play in the second frame. Warren

Barnes was in on the assist for the point.

Three tricks  
Gems took the next three tricks in a row as Mark Eutenier and Tim Turner pushed powerplay pucks past Robin Inscow in the second period and Bill Allison netted one in the third.

Down 4-2, the Sabres came back as their policy of maintaining their cool paid off in a point for the team in Junior B standings.

Pleased  
Coach Chapman was pleased with the team's performance. "This is the first game we have played 60 minutes of hockey. The guys were completing their

checks." He feels the team is getting used to the fact Junior B hockey is a physical game, and are maturing.

Speaking of the Gems' goals he said, "The goals they scored, except the powerplay ones, were because of missed assignments."

Defensive stalwart John Bruni was lost in the game due to a slight shoulder separation suffered when he fell into the boards after a check. He will be out at least three weeks with the injury.

Sabres play Oakville tonight in the arena, facing the high riding Milton Flyers Friday in Milton.



Moffatt as a Derby

KENT MOFFATT made very few saves when he faced Acton Sabres for the first time in a Derby jersey. He did not have to as Derby defence tied Sabres' sticks throughout game. Derbys

skated off with 18-0 win over Sabres. Sabres must shake off loss before tonight's matchup with Oakville Blades at the arena. Last game of 1977 sees the Sabres in Milton Friday.

#### Sabre scoring

	G	A	PTS
Chapman	24	23	47
Malcolm	11	13	24
Wicklum	11	8	19
McGilloway	6	11	17
Schinkel	8	8	16
Vickery	7	9	16
Millcan	2	12	14
McArthur	4	6	10
Bruni	2	8	10
Cartwright	3	3	6
Currie (AP)	1	4	5
Barnes	0	5	5
Elliott	0	4	4
Major	0	3	3
Widmont	0	1	1
Buchanan	0	1	1
Inscow (G)	0	0	0
Dunbar (G)	0	0	0

#### Tigers

#### lose 9-6

Patterson Insulation of Georgetown outscored the Acton Tigers 9-6 in a WHD non-contact league game last week to increase their first place lead over Acton in the east division to seven points.

#### 500 Club

#### winner

Winners for the Acton Minor Hockey 500 Club are: For the week of December 10, 95 D. Fendley, 356 B. Turkosz, 267 Jessie Coles, 222 Eva Cooper and 157 Sid Hofstede.

For the week of December 17, 15 Mike Cooper, 16 S. Smith, 283 L. Gavin, 483 Doug McLeod, 61 Betty Cheyne, 325 M. Baginski. Bonus \$100 winner was 497 A. Richards.

For the week of December 24, 406 E. Miller, 236 Les Pelletis, 392 L. Smiley, 161 Dave Manes, 90 E. Andrews and 38 Jean McNabb.



### Jock Tock

By John Bottomley

#### Sabres vs. Kent Moffatt:

#### Moffatt winner by TKO

The Sabres faced former teammate Kent Moffatt last night for the first time since the trade that sent him to Streetsville and came away losers in a ridiculously easy 18-0 win by the Derbys.

Sabres never even got a chance to find out whether Moffatt was hot or not, as the net-tender had little to do all game but watch. Sabres were outshot 22-1 in the first period, and things got only slightly better for them after that.

Sabres did not play a bad game, for them. They hustled and passed and generally performed as well as they usually do. Unfortunately, Streetsville played a good Streetsville game, and the comparison was ludicrous.

Although the Sabres seemed to have the puck for about the same length of time as the Derbs, there was a big difference in what they did with it when they had it. Sabres seemed free to pass back and forth whenever they wanted, as long as the puck was not moving in towards the net, or to someone with a good position. Then the Derbs simply moved in and took the puck back. It was their arena, and they were going to do what they wanted. If Sabres didn't like it they could go home.

#### Ray Dunbar good

#### in first game as Sabre

Coach Bruce Chapman waited until the final frame before allowing Robin Inscow out of nets and letting Ray Dunbar in to take his first chance as a Sabre. When he did get in he was certainly no worse than Inscow had been. Dunbar allowed only three goals in his twenty minute stint, and showed a lot of drive in the process.

This is not to blame Inscow for anything. Derbys were free to roam in front of the net all game, and they were also getting the puck in to their inside men without fail. If I had gotten the support Inscow did, I would have left.

The Derby machine would have been beautiful to watch, if only they had been playing anybody else. They out-passed, out-shot, out-checked and out-skated the Sabres, who at times seemed completely helpless.

#### Spirits did not flag

#### in spite of high score

The only positive thing to come out of last night's game was the way the Sabres kept playing right to the end. They did not give up and go home, but kept working all game as the Derbys seemed bent on breaking the record they set earlier this year for most goals scored by a team in one game. That game was also against the Sabres.

Last year the Derbys were eliminated in the final round of the Ontario Junior B playoffs. This year's team, if anything, is better than that, and when they perform as they did last night, there is not a team in Ontario that can stay with them. They are bigger, faster, stronger and older than the Sabres, and they used every advantage they had.

## Bants to face London in consolation

Acton minor bants have moved into the consolation rounds in Etobicoke minor hockey tourney on the strength of their 6-5 two game total point series loss to York Mills in the preliminary rounds of the tourney, played Monday and yesterday.

The bants lost the first

game of the series 3-2 as they did not play up to potential. They were outplaying the opposition but failing to capitalize when they needed to.

The York Mills squad went out in front 2-0 before Mark Duval could get the bants on the scoreboard. Duval took a

Tim Ferguson pass for the goal.

York Mills regained their two point edge with 40 seconds left in the period as they closed at 3-1.

Acton scored the only marker of the third period, taking advantage of a slashing penalty for the score. Bob

Vermeulen did the shooting while Duval fed him for the assist.

There were only four penalties called in the game, with each team getting two of them.

Came to win  
Acton came out to win it the next day and opened up a 3-0

lead in the second period. They played a much stronger game as they controlled play most of the game except for a six minute lapse in the last period which saw all three York Mills' markers slip by netminder Tim Shields.

Duval figured in all three scores as he potted the first one and assisted on the other two. His ice-breaking score came unassisted in the second period.

Tony Sheppard pulled the

trigger on the next one' as Duval picked up the only assist. Duval was the only feeder on the third goal as well, when Tim Evans did the shooting.

It was a powerplay goal that shot the bants as Gord

#### Gems upset Dixie

Doug Barnes played Santa Claus to his Georgetown Gemini teammates, scoring four goals to lead the Gems to a surprising 9-6 victory over

McArthur was visiting the penalty box with an elbowing charge when the final North York tally was counted.

The bants are facing London today in the consolation rounds. The tourney will not end until this weekend.

the Dixie Beelives at Dixie Arena, Thursday night. It was the first loss on home ice for the second place Beelives this season.

#### Lose to Orangeville

### Bants dropped 1-0 for first loss of season

Acton minor bantams suffered their first loss of the Wellington-Waterloo season last Tuesday as they fell 1-0 to Orangeville in away action.

They did not let the loss get them too far down, however, as they came back the next day to top New Hamburg 4-1 at the arena.

Orangeville's only point came on a powerplay shot late in the third period when Bob Bermeulen was off for a cross checking charge. He

had served only four seconds of his time before the Orangeville squad scored.

There were 24 minutes of penalties in the game, each side picking up twelve minutes in the box.

This was the first loss for the minor bantams after thirteen wins in a row.

They got back on track the next day as Tim Baker held New Hamburg to a single goal late in the third frame and Acton took a 4-1 win out of the arena.

The bants took a 1-0 out of the first period on an unassisted goal by Vermeulen. Neither team could make any headway during the middle frame but Acton came out with a vengeance in the final to sweep the game out of New Hamburg's reach.

Mark Duval started the flood with a marker after only 1:38 of the period. Brad Manes and Rusty Elliott backed him up on the marker.

Tim Ferguson followed quickly with the third goal of the night when he took a Mike McRae pass and converted it for the score. The three point bulge held for less than a minute before Rick Smith pumped in a fourth point, from Gord McArthur and Rick Greenly.

New Hamburg's only goal came when Acton was a man short.



PUCK SLIPPED BY Robin Inscow before he could get his stick on it in last Friday's 4-4 tie with Georgetown Gemini. Sabres have earned four of their eight points this season against the Gems.



CINDY MCGILLOWAY BENDS to receive her medal for winning the girls' interpretive event at last week's intra-club competition. Competitions determined who would represent the club in interclub events.