



LEGION DART season is in full swing and Don Lindsay gets in a few shots.

# Sabres handicapped by youth, two losses by wide margin

Inexperience is still hurting the Acton Sabres in their quest to vacate the Central Junior B cellar they have occupied most of the season.

Coach Bruce Chapman blames a lack of concentration for a pair of losses the Acton Sabres suffered last week at the hands of Oakville and Milton.

Sabres fell 8-1 to the Blades Wednesday and 8-2 to the Flyers Friday, and in each

game they allowed five goals in a single period.

"We are suffering from mental lapses and a lack of concentration," according to Chapman. "We're not finishing checks. The forwards are not backchecking and the defence is wandering."

The young players are maturing in "spurts" but, "it is almost getting to the point that it is too late in the season".

In the Oakville game, the

Sabres' bad period was the second. Sabres fell behind 2-0 in the first period on goals by the Blades' Willie McFarlane and Doug Taylor. Blades popped in four more in the second period before Wicklum managed to avert the shutout, getting the rubber from Dave Chapman.

Sabres were hurt by penalties in the game, taking 36 minutes plus a game misconduct to Rob Millican, compared with only 18 for the

Blades. Three Oakville markers came on powerplays.

Ray Dunbar and Robin Insoce combined to stop 43 shots in the game, while Blades' Jim Taylor faced only 30. Sabres were outshot 17-7 in the third period, but good work in nets by Insoce held them to a single score.

According to Bruce Chapman, the score was not indicative of the play. "Dave McGilloy hit the post on one open net, and the guys were shooting wide," he said.

He praised the work of Dunbar in nets, saying he was beaten on two or three deflections.

He is pleased with the Sabres' goaltending in general, saying "we have the best one-two punch for goalies in the league. The other units have to really sharpen up."

Dunbar was back in nets

Friday when he stopped 46 shots against the Flyers. His teammates could only manage 20 shots on net during the game.

Score was tied at 1-1 after the first period as Dave McGilloy took a Chapman pass out in front of the net and converted it for a score. Doug Elliott also picked up an assist on the play.

The goal evened the score as Paul McCann had already potted the first of the five Flyers goals he was going to get in the game.

Flyers pressed to a 3-1 lead after two as McCann and Pierre Pilote connected. In the final frame the Sabres feel apart, allowing three power-

play goals and a pair when the teams were even. McCann, Pilote and Doug Trimble did the scoring for the Flyers.

Acton managed a single in the period when Elliott slipped one between the Milton posts, getting assists from Chapman and Jim Cartwright.

Inexperience and youth are hurting the Sabres now as they have only three players who were with the team last year. "Recruiting has to be looked into," said Bruce Chapman.

The team has been hit by the flu, and because they are lacking in numbers they have called up Jamie Vickery and Shane Withers from the juven-

iles for a few games. Both played Wednesday and Friday, and Chapman says "I was very pleased with Jamie and Shane. They sure did not hurt us."

They should be back to full strength for this week's matchups with Brampton and Dixie, the first time in five or six games they will have a full team. Brampton has been slumping and the Sabres should be ready for a win when they meet tonight in Brampton.

Next home game for the Sabres is a week from Saturday, when the Blades are in town for a rematch.

## Ten to represent Acton figure skating

Acton Figure Skating Club will be represented by ten skaters at the interclub meet being held January 22 in Bramalea. Seven clubs take part in the meet.

The skaters were chosen for their performance at the intro-club competitions held December 15 at the arena. Where there was only one competitor, no prize was

## Second win for midgets

Acton midgets picked up their second home win of the Wellington-Waterloo season with a 2-1 squeaker over Elora last night at the arena.

The midgets have had a slow start on the season, but are gaining in experience rapidly and should be winning more games for the rest of the season.

David Lawson gave them a 1-0 lead in the opening frame as he deflected a Rob Evans shot into the net. Evans and Bob Allsop earned assists on the play.

Don Brouillard netted the winner early in the second

period and the midgets held on from there to get the win. Dave McAdam collected an assist on Brouillard's marker.

Acton kept the pressure on Elora throughout the game with their tight checking defence.

Midgets benefitted from Elora penalties as Lawson's point came on a powerplay situation. Elora's only marker came when Allsop was serving time for a roughing penalty.

There were 12 minutes in penalties called against Acton in the game and only eight against the visitors.

## Shorthanded atoms dropped 3-1 at arena

Minor atoms were short four players but still managed to play a good light hockey game last night at the arena as they were edged 3-1 by a strong Orangeville team.

Score stood at 2-1 with only 28 seconds left when Orangeville managed their final goal to put the lid on the game.

Coach Jim Warren thought the boys played very well considering there were four men missing and the Orangeville team had beaten the atoms badly twice before this

## Bants tie Elora on Lumbers' goals

Firefighter bants got two goals out of Gary Lumbers to earn a 4-4 tie against Elora December 30 at the arena, before falling 4-0 to an A level team from Milton the next day.

Lumbers put Acton on the board with a shot from Randy Smith and Ron Jackson, tying the game up after two minutes of play. Paul McDonald had scored for Elora at the 1:03 mark.

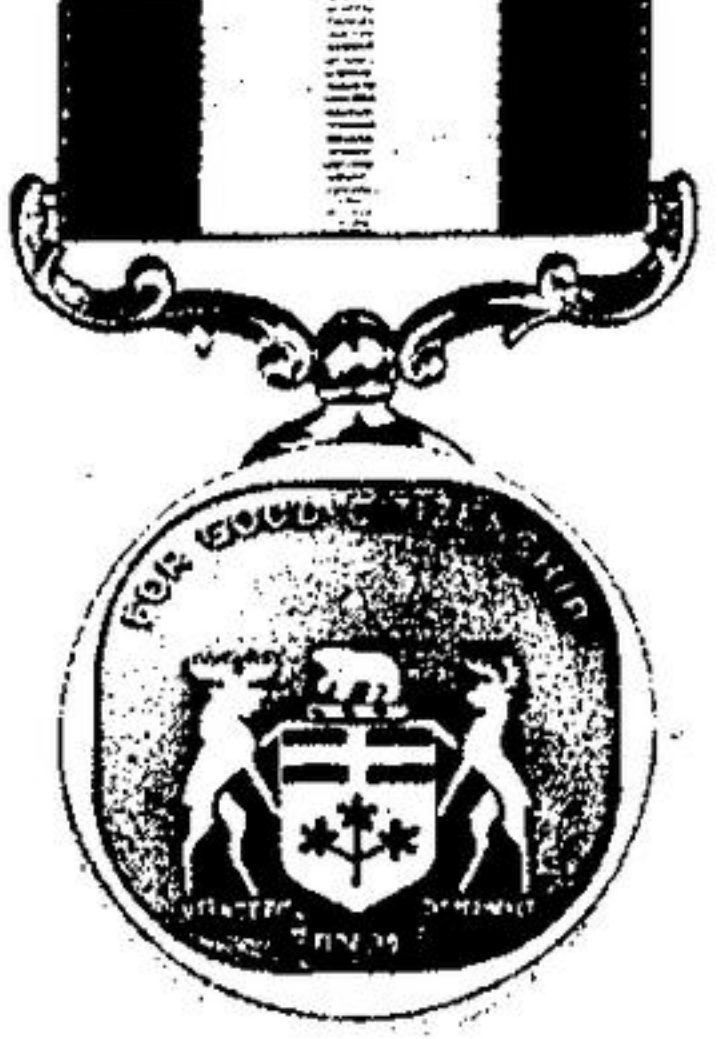
Derrick Hodgson gave the firefighters a brief lead when he rocketed the puck in from centre ice for an unassisted point.

Tim West and Denis Brock put Elora on top but Lumbers tied it up again with only seven seconds to go in the game.

Martin Collerton put the bants back in front early in the final period but they could not hold the lead as Paul McDonald collected his second point of the game for Elora to

### Legion schedule

- Saturday Jan. 7
- PEEWEE
- 6 a.m. Baltimore vs Rochester
- 7 a.m. Springfield vs Tidewater
- ATOM
- 8 a.m. St. Kitts vs Hamilton
- 9 a.m. London vs Oshawa
- NOVICE
- 10.15 a.m. Dixie vs Brampton
- 11.15 a.m. Weston vs Guelph
- BANTAM
- 12.30 p.m. Cougars vs Aeros
- 6 p.m. Toros vs Oilers
- 7 p.m. Jets vs Whalers
- Sunday, Jan. 8
- MIDGETS
- 5 p.m. Toronto vs Vancouver
- 6 p.m. Montreal vs Detroit



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Vickery	7	9	16
Millican	2	12	14
McArthur	4	6	10
Bruni	2	8	10
Cartwright	1	3	7
Elliott	1	5	6
Currie (AP)	1	4	5
Barnes	0	5	5
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