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Inexperience sinking Sabres, drop games to Brampton, G'town

Acton Sabres dropped a pair of decisions this week and coach Bruce Chapman commented "We're just not good enough."
 He is not downgrading the talents of the players, he is reflecting on the fact the younger ones, have not got the experience to adjust to Junior B hockey.
 "How a fellow can stand unmolested in front of the net when we have talked about that all season is beyond me," he lamented.
 "The talent is there if the guys start to think hockey," he added. He pointed out that in last Wednesday's 7-4 loss to Brampton he made a few minor changes and that only Dave Chapman and Rob Millican picked it up. Chapman finished the game with four points on three goals and an assist, while Millican kicked in one goal and a pair of feeders.

Sabre scoring

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|-----------------|----|----|----|
| Chapman | 31 | 33 | 64 |
| Malcolm | 11 | 18 | 29 |
| Wicklum | 13 | 10 | 23 |
| Millican | 6 | 17 | 23 |
| McGilloway | 8 | 12 | 20 |
| Schinkel | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| Vickery | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| Bruni | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| McArthur | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| Cartwright | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| Currie (AP) | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Barnes | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Elliott | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| Major | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Widmont | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Buchanan | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| J. Vickery (AP) | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Withers (AP) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Weir (AP) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McPhail (AP) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Allsop (AP) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Manes (AP) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dunbar (G) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Insoe (G) | 0 | 0 | 0 |

He is neither discouraged nor disappointed by the year the Sabres have had, saying, "We can still win hockey games this season." He points out the Sabres have not been bothered by the internal troubles they have suffered in past seasons. He is not throwing in the towel for next year either, saying the team needs continuity in its coaching staff.
 He remarked the Sabres have given up their early season practice of playing sixty minutes a game. "You can't play ten to fifteen minutes a game and expect to win in Junior B."
 He is trying to get the players to execute the basics and to "think hockey." "They're going to have to study," he said.

Wednesday's loss to Brampton was characterized by penalties although coach Chapman says the game was not as chippy as it appears. "Some of the calls were questionable," he said. He pointed out that this was a case where the younger players were not able to adjust to the tempo of the officiating.
 Sabres wound up with 17 minor penalties in the game while Brampton totalled 19. Sabres let Brampton out in front 3-1 in the first period, after scoring the first goal of the game. Millican was the marksmen, from Chapman.
 Behind when the period closed, the Sabres came out stronger in the second frame, matching the Chevys' two goal output. Chapman was the gunner for both of them, getting assists from Warren Barnes and Jim Cartwright on the first and from Millican and John Bruni on the second.

The same combination of Chapman, Millican and Bruni repeated for the Sabres last goal, which came late in the final period when the game was already decided.

Bill Manes was called up from the juveniles to take some ice time as a Sabre, and performed well:
 Robin Insoe was in nets,

but received little support from his teammates. According to coach Chapman, "the goalies are playing great. They're just getting pounded out there."

Missing four Sabres were missing four when the Gemini came to town Friday, but he feels that had no bearing on the 8-2 loss. "They beat us

handily," he said. John Bruni, Doug Elliott and Kelly McArthur had trouble making it through the snowstorm while Peter Wicklum was sitting out the final game of a suspension.

On the plus side, Bud Buchanan was back with the team and played well at forward. "His size and strength

helped," said Chapman. Bob Allsop was up from the minor system.
 Plan for the Georgetown game was to key off three of their better players, forwards Doug Barnes and Chris Milne and defenceman Joe South. Barnes, he said, could be stopped if you just got in his way. "He's a smoothy. He'll show you the puck and pull it in. If you go for it he'll be by you." He said the players failed to pick up the instruction, and Barnes totalled four goals and two assists to dominate the game.



SCORING THRUST by Dave Chapman is thwarted by Brad Miller in Gems' nets. Chapman is in league's top ten in scoring. Last year he took the scoring crown.

CENTRAL ONTARIO JUNIOR B HOCKEY LEAGUE GOALKEEPERS

| NAME | GP | GA | AV |
|----------------------|----|----|------|
| Lafriere-Stratton | 15 | 27 | 3.25 |
| Pearson-Burlington | 14 | 26 | 3.20 |
| Okpysh-Dixie | 24 | 41 | 4.27 |
| Martindale-Brampton | 11 | 27 | 4.89 |
| Loveick-Burlington | 4 | 2 | 3.00 |
| Davis-Dixie | 2 | 7 | 3.50 |
| McDaniels-Stratton | 2 | 10 | 5.00 |
| Kurbatovich-Stratton | 3 | 27 | 9.00 |
| Trout-Georgetown | 5 | 31 | 6.20 |
| Vandecra-Oakville | 11 | 10 | 3.84 |
| Miller-Georgetown | 11 | 11 | 3.84 |
| Roberts-Milton | 12 | 11 | 3.95 |
| Taylor-Oakville | 6 | 4 | 3.00 |
| Insoe-Acton | 10 | 12 | 3.77 |
| VanderMeer-Stratton | 4 | 2 | 2.50 |
| Held-Brampton | 1 | 1 | 1.00 |
| Dunbar-Acton | 2 | 2 | 1.00 |
| Insoe-Acton | 2 | 2 | 1.00 |

Sabres again scored first in the game as Millican took it in from Chapman and McGilloway on a powerplay opportunity.
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CENTRAL ONTARIO JUNIOR B HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

| TEAM | G | W | L | T | PTS |
|---------------|----|----|----|---|-----|
| Strattonville | 34 | 22 | 3 | 9 | 54 |
| Dixie | 34 | 24 | 7 | 3 | 51 |
| Oakville | 38 | 17 | 17 | 4 | 38 |
| Burlington | 33 | 17 | 13 | 3 | 37 |
| Milton | 35 | 15 | 16 | 6 | 36 |
| Brampton | 30 | 13 | 23 | 2 | 28 |
| Georgetown | 34 | 10 | 19 | 5 | 25 |
| Acton | 32 | 3 | 30 | 2 | 8 |

Juves take first game of O.M.H.A. playoffs

Acton's juveniles faced a surprisingly tough Fergus team last night in the first game of the O.M.H.A. playoffs, and the encounter produced one of the best hockey games the arena has housed all season.
 Acton, who had beaten the Fergus juveniles with scores in the double figures in all their previous matchups, were held scoreless for two periods, finally getting untracked in the third period to get a 4-0 win.
 About 20 people witnessed the win.

Acton throughout the game was hard and fast, with both Steve Kruks and Fergus netminder Bryan Povey putting in good nights in the crease. Referees called enough to keep the game honest but let the boys play hockey.
 Penalties were the order of the day as Fergus put three men in the box early in the first period, surviving without giving up a point. Bruce McPhail was instrumental in keeping the Acton juveniles in the game in the final frame as they spent much of the time shorthanded. McPhail was winning faceoffs and control-

ling the puck well to hold the Fergus powerplay at bay.
 Kevin Weir was the chief marksman for the juves, netting three consecutive goals including a shorthanded marker that broke the back of the Fergus attack. Jeff Shields contributed two assists to Weir's efforts, while McPhail fed him for the shorthanded marker.
 Acton's final goal came with one minute to play as Bill Manes converted a pass from Art Currie.
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Major atoms end with win

Acton major atoms closed out a successful Wellington-Waterloo season with a 4-1 win over Orangeville in the arena Saturday.
 Mike Hudson figured in all four atom goals, assisting on one and scoring the other three himself.
 Orangeville took a 1-0 lead in the second period but Acton came back with four unanswered ones in the final frame for the win. Terry Danagher, usually known for his defensive playing, got the tying goal from Hudson and Jamie Lawson in a powerplay, while Hudson took on

himself to get the winner, coasting in unassisted half-way through the period.
 Hudson repeated from Grant Smith for the third goal and scored again in the final minute from Bruce Raine.
 The atoms finished the season with a sparkling 18-1-1 record, but were edged out of first place by Hespeler, by less than a percentage point according to coach Bob Faseruk.
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McKenzie-Smith edged in o/t, drop championship final 28-26

McKenzie-Smith lost a close one in the finals of the girls' Red and White Invitational basketball tournament held Saturday in the Acton High School gym, dropping a 28-26 overtime decision to Rolling Meadows.
 Centennial rolled over Pineland 33-12 to take the consolation championship.

McKenzie-Smith topped Fairview 42-8 in their opening game, which gave them the chance to use their second and third string lineups. According to coach Jeff Roche, "Michelle Noble went out with the second string and really enabled us to play."
 The second round game for the locals was a roughly

played 15-11 overtime victory over Stewarttown. Stewarttown went out in front 9-6 but the McKenzie-Smith girls pulled even at the gun. When a Stewarttown shooter missed two free throws at the buzzer, the game went into overtime.
 The girls beat the press that had hampered them through

the game, getting the ball up-court to players left open. The tactics gave them the win.
 Rolling Meadows height "destroyed us at first," said Roche. They were down by eight points with only five minutes left but managed to tie the game in regulation time. In the extra period, "It was just a matter of who scored the basket, and Rolling Meadows did it," said Roche.

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Leaders beaten in AIHL tight race tightens further

There were 45 minutes in penalties called in the game, with 42 of them coming in the third period.
 Second period
 The second period was the difference in the ATW-Cleaners matchup as the teams were scoreless in the first and potted matching singles in the third.
 Cleaners' two second period markers came from Larry Kistner and Ted Jowett, with assists going to Lorne Gordon and Floyd Hillier.
 Dave Cooksley closed the gap for ATW with a marker

from Larry McAfee and Peter Morrison, but Hillier came back with an insurance marker on a solo effort.
 W L T P G F G A
 Blow Press 7 4 2 16 54 40
 Cleaners 7 5 1 15 52 48
 ATW 6 4 3 15 73 53
 Lakeview 6 5 2 14 55 52
 Vans 5 7 1 11 48 51
 Hillers 2 8 3 27 44 73

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 Other Acton placers were Linda Osso, Fifth in juvenile, Angie Baschkowski, fourth in pre-juvenile, Michael Creighton, seventh in beginners free skate, boys, Kelly Buchanan fourth in beginners free skate, girls and Gary MacEachern, fifth in national badge test.

Two wins for skaters at Brampton interclub

by Mrs. L. Mitchell
 Congratulations to the following skaters who earned badges:
 Junior A: beginners: William Wint, Sarah Coates and Kandice Hannah; stroking: Tracy Bruce, Jackie Lloyd, John Ford and Anela Nike; elementary: Richard Kilpatrick.
 Junior B: stroking: Lisa Cannon, Carolynne Porte, Jane Ball and Scott Brown; elementary: Richard Chin, Rachelle Appleyard, Diane Bemy, Wayne MacEachern, Lisa Thomas and Paula Mitchell; basic: Dobbit Bartels, Brad McPherson, Leslie Bemy, April Cannon,

Stacey Hillier, Mae Robinson and Kevin Christensen.
 Dance I: Ula Dues, Karen Blain and Kim Griggs; dance I Novice II Phillip Dodson; novice I David Thomas and Julia Ball; novice II: Simone Christensen, Helen Lampkin, Robbie Porte, Ann Gardener and Cheryl Gilbert; stroking: Colleen McKendry.
 Jump: Jody Brown; freestyle: Michael Creighton, Andree Charlebois, Gary MacEachern, Lisa Gillis and Kim Weir; speed: Stephen Dodson, Kay Dues, Andrea Leal, Ariel Leal and Tracey MacFarlane.
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ACTION WAS FAST during the girls' Red and White Invitational tourney Saturday when McKenzie-Smith were shaded 28-26 in overtime by a taller and more experienced Rolling Meadows squad.

Games

1. McKenzie-Smith 42 vs. Fairview 8
2. Stewarttown 20 vs. Pineland 11
3. Martin Street 40 vs. Erin 14
4. Rolling Meadows 18 vs. Centennial 15
5. McKenzie-Smith 15 vs. Stewarttown 11
6. Pineland 14 vs. Fairview 13
7. Centennial 31 vs. Erin 10
8. Rolling Meadows 21 vs. Martin Street 18
9. Centennial 33 vs. Pineland 12
10. Rolling Meadows 28 vs. McKenzie-Smith 26

Bill Fields put Lakeview in front in the opening frame with a goal from Tom Dickinson and John Ashley. Dickinson followed that up with a solo effort two minutes later to take care of the scoring in the period.
 They held the lead most of the second period, but a pair of markers from Ron Mellon, the last coming with six seconds on the clock, put Hillers back in the game. Russ Van Fleet earned two assists on the goals while Glen McKenzie and Ken Sinney picked up singles.
 Fields came through again