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### Jock Tock

By John Bottomley

#### Don't forget AMBA meeting tonight at the arena

Don't forget the meeting tonight for the Acton Minor Baseball Association. The fate of the organization rides on the turnout and support of the town tonight at 7 p.m. in the arena. Just a little work from everyone will make AMBA run smoothly, so get out and support.

#### Soccer association to start? plans are underway

Let's hope a proposed soccer association for Halton can get better support than the softball has received. Plans are afoot to form a Halton Youth Soccer Association, and four Acton representatives were in Oakville last Tuesday to help discuss its formation.

Soccer is a fast growing sport in Acton, and before any club can register players with the Ontario Minor Soccer Association, they must be registered with a local association. Thus far there has been no such thing for Acton soccer players.

It takes three clubs to form an association and five areas from Halton have shown an interest in getting together. In addition to the Acton representatives there were soccer fans from Milton, Georgetown, Oakville and Burlington at the meeting.

If the association is formed, then anybody registering with the Acton club would automatically be registered with the Halton Youth Soccer Association, and could be registered with the OMSA to compete against teams from across the province.

#### Figure skater praiseworthy at Canadian championships

Kevin Parker has every right to be disappointed with his performance in Victoria over the past week, but absolutely no reason to be ashamed. He was off his peak because of a bad flu, but still managed to place fourth in the Canadian championships. Although he would have liked to have been higher, and might have been without the interference of his bronchial passages, that is still a praiseworthy achievement.

#### Sabres finish with dignity

Sabres have, with a late surge of sorts, managed to finish the season in a way that will enable them to hold their heads high.

I say of sorts, because the surge was not enough to win a lot of games, just to make them closer. Although they will not have improved much on last year's record, they have made their impact felt by providing closer competition in most games than they managed most of last year.

They hit a bad slump for most of the second half of the season, but have in the last few weeks shown that the many losses have not killed their spirit.

The other main area of improvement for the team has been in the team spirit department. Last year's team, it is fair to say, suffered from many personality clashes. These have virtually disappeared this year, to the envy of many other teams in the league.

They have also learned a lot about disciplined and clean hockey. Last year's club spent a lot of time on the bench, one problem which coach Bruce Chapman has solved. It will take him longer to build a winning team. He has commented the job can not be done in a single year, and anybody will agree. He has also said he would like the opportunity to do the job.

The Sabres lose only two players to overage next year, which could mean they have a strong nucleus of returning veterans for next year. Some quality imports added to the roster could make a big difference.

Imports do not come unless a team has money, and it is too early yet to really tell whether the Sabres' sponsorless year will be a financial success. In spite of the poor record in the standings, Bruce Chapman feels it has been a personal success for just about everyone concerned.

## Kevin Parker takes fourth place in Canadian junior championship

A bad flu did not stop Campbellville's Kevin Parker from placing fourth at the Canadian Junior championships last week in Victoria. The placing made him the alternate choice to represent Canada in the world championships.

Parker was on antibiotics and cough medicines when he was there, and his condition was evident as he managed only a sixth place finish in the figures event. Figures had been a weak spot for Parker but he had worked on them until he was good enough to take the event in both the divisional and sectional competitions. "My figures are better but I had an off day," he said.

Being in a hole put the pressure on him, and he responded well by taking third in the compulsory free skating and second in the free skating to move himself up to fourth.

The off day he had in figures depressed him slightly, Parker said. "You feel like you sort of blew it." Nonetheless, he came back well from there.

Parker's free skating has always been his strong point, as he is a smooth and polished skater. His difficult routine includes five triples.

The Parker family were a bit disappointed in the fourth place finish, but in the face of his flu feel he did his best.

Parker said he had a good time at the championships on this, his third trip. "We stayed at the Empress Hotel, one of the oldest buildings on the island," he pointed out how different the weather was, saying "flowers were starting to come out." While he was there he met the Marshall family, former Actonians now living in Vancouver. They made the trip to the championships to see Parker.

In his previous times at the Canadian championships he won the novice men's event two years ago and was fifth in

the junior event last year. Last year's world champion and favorite Daniel Beland was leading going into the last day but slumped in his free skating program to allow Col to take over.

Parker said he feels a big relief now the competitive

season is over. "There's a lot of nervous tension during the season."

Parker has one more year to compete in juniors before he has to move to the senior level.

Now that he has finished

the competitive season he will be participating in winter carnivals across the province, and when he recovers from his flu he will be returning to school at Acton High. His long practice hours forced him to drop out during the season.



A STRONG, SMOOTH SKATER, Kevin Parker did well in the final free skating competition to move up from fifth to fourth overall in the Canadian junior men's championships.

## Peewee tourney schedule

TOURNAMENT GAME SCHEDULE  
 (First team named will be the "HOME" team)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 1978:

- 1-6.00-7.00 p.m. Milton vs. Hespeler
- 2-7.00-8.00 p.m. Georgetown vs. Preston
- 3-8.00-9.00 p.m. Orangeville vs. New Hamburg

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 1978:

- 4-7.00-8.00 a.m. Ancaster vs. Jordan
- 5-8.00-9.00 a.m. Sault Ste. Marie vs. Oak Ridges
- 6-9.00-10.00 a.m. Acton vs. Merriton
- 7-10.00-11.00 a.m. Bolton vs. Shelburne
- 8-11.00-12.00 noon Niagara-on-the-Lake vs. Listowel
- 9-12.00-1.00 p.m. Loser of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 2
- 10-1.00-2.00 p.m. Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2
- 11-2.00-3.00 p.m. Loser of Game 3 vs. Loser of Game 4
- 12-3.00-4.00 p.m. Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4
- 13-4.00-5.00 p.m. Loser of Game 5 vs. Loser of Game 6
- 14-5.00-6.00 p.m. Winner of Game 5 vs. Winner of Game 6
- 15-6.00-7.00 p.m. Loser of Game 7 vs. Loser of Game 8
- 16-7.00-8.00 p.m. Winner of Game 7 vs. Winner of Game 8

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 1978:

- 17-9.00-10.00 a.m. Winner of Game 9 vs. Winner of Game 11
- 18-10.00-11.00 a.m. Winner of Game 10 vs. Winner of Game 12
- 19-11.00-12.00 noon Winner of Game 13 vs. Winner of Game 15
- 20-12.00-1.00 p.m. Winner of Game 14 vs. Winner of Game 16
- 21-1.00-2.00 p.m. Winner of Game 17 vs. Winner of Game 19
- 22-2.00-3.00 p.m. Winner of Game 18 vs. Winner of Game 20

Deciding Game for "CONSOLATION CHAMPIONS"  
 Deciding Game for "GRAND CHAMPIONS"

## Sabres top last year's record with upset of Dixie Beehives

Acton Sabres finally broke their long winless streak, which extended from November 11, when they topped Dixie Beehives 2-1 in the arena Saturday. It was their fourth victory, erasing last year's record of three wins.

The win "really showed what potential we have here," said coach Bruce Chapman. "It was the highlight of the year."

Dixie took a 1-0 lead in the first period when Jerry Cautarutti beat Robin Inscow in the Acton nets. It was the last time he was beaten as he stopped 42 shots in the last two periods.

"Dixie played a good game," said coach Chapman. "They're a quality team, not animals." There were only three penalties called against Acton and six against the Beehives.

Pete Wicklum got the winner halfway through the third period on a solo effort. It was one of 38 shots the Sabres aimed at Orest Okpysh during the game. Beehives were credited with 57 shots on goal, although coach Chapman commented he is wondering if there was that big a difference in the shots. "But that's the record" he shrugged.

Chapman stuck to his basic lines for the game and said the older players seemed to be working well with the younger ones. "Every player that dressed was moving," he said. "It showed that they have absorbed the teaching and poured it all out in one game."

A good crowd was on hand to witness the first win for the team since they topped the Milton Flyers 4-2 in the arena November 11.

Push Flyers The Saturday win came one day after the Sabres gave the Flyers a run for the money Friday as they dominated the first two periods before falling 8-6.

Flyers played their usual aggressive game but could not manage to rattle the Sabres. The two teams were even after both the first and second periods.

Mark Schinkel was the hot shooter for Sabres as he

collected a hat trick and added an assist for four points. He opened the scoring after one and a half minutes, getting the puck from Wicklum and Rick Widmont for the score.

The lead was short lived as Flyers' Ron Twiss came right back seven seconds later. Sabres made it 3-1 on markers from Rob Millican and Scott Malcolm. David McGilloway assisted on both goals and Schinkel and

Millican each picked up single assists.

Paul Martin and Brian Gordon evened the count before Schinkel knocked in a shorthanded marker from Chapman. Flyers finally

checked on their powerplay with only 46 seconds left in the period when Twiss found the range with his second.

Flyers got their first lead of the game in the first minute of the second period as Keith Yorke, connected. They held

it for the whole period until Schinkel tied it up with just 18 seconds left. McGilloway and Malcolm got credit for assists on the goal.

#### Interference

John Bruni was off for interference when Paul McCann scored in the third period. Jim Cartwright knotted the score yet again from Chapman but the Flyers managed two unanswered goals in a two minute span to get the win.

Ray Dunbar was in nets for Acton, stopping 38 Flyer pucks. Sabres sent 22 shots at Hap Parrott, playing his first game in the Milton nets.

The game, as usual when the Flyers are playing, saw a profusion of penalties, most falling on the Milton team. They amassed 48 minutes while Acton totalled 20.

Sabres were not as sharp against Burlington Wednesday, when they dropped an 11-4 decision in the arena. "The score was not indicative of the play," said Chapman, as the two teams skated nearly even. "They deserved the win" he admitted.

Sabres were again the first to score as Schinkel beat Cougar netender Todd Pearson from Wicklum within the first minute. Three Burlington markers gave them the lead before Rob Millican connected for the first of his two goals. Chapman and McGilloway earned assists on the shot.

With 40 seconds left the Cougars popped in a fourth point. Two powerplay goals helped Burlington outscore Sabres 5-1 in the second period. The lone Sabre goal came from Millican, assisted by Chapman and Wicklum.

Cougars scored twice more before McGilloway got the final Sabre score of the game, with an assist from Millican. Dunbar started in nets but was replaced by Inscow halfway through the middle period. They combined to stop 45 shots, while Pearson stopped 29 in the Cougar nets.

In contrast to the last time the teams met, this game had its share of penalties as Sabres picked up 41 minutes and Cougars piled up the same amount.

Sabres played their fourth game of the week Sunday in Streetsville, and bottled them up for 30 minutes before the Derby muscle took over. Final score of the game was 13-2 although coach Chapman again felt the score was not indicative of the play.

Injured Robin Inscow had to be taken from the nets in the final period after being hit in an unprotected section of arm by a Derby shot. Dunbar came in and faced the remaining part of the 60 shot barrage the Derbs levelled at the Acton nets. Dunbar allowed only one goal in the last ten minutes of play.

Kelly McArthur opened the scoring in the game, giving the Sabres a lead they kept for 10 minutes. Wade Vickery and Scott Malcolm assisted on the goal.

Score at the end of the period was 2-1, but the Derbs came out pounding to outscore Sabres 5-1 in the second frame. Millican was the Sabre marksman as he connected from Chapman and McGilloway.

Sabre will have a week's rest under their belts when they close out their season against the Derbys Saturday at the arena. Fans may get a chance to see former Sabre goalie Kent Moffatt in action!

Coach Chapman is happy with the way his team is playing right now, saying "Our fellows are finishing strong."

#### Sabre scoring

	G	A	Pts
Chapman	32	42	74
Malcolm	12	22	34
Millican	10	21	31
Wicklum	15	14	29
McGilloway	9	19	28
Schinkel	15	11	26
Vickery	10	12	22
McArthur	6	6	12
Brund	2	10	12
Cartwright	5	6	11
Currie (AP)	3	5	8
Barnes	0	8	8
Elliott	2	6	8
Shields (AP)	3	0	3
Major	0	3	3
Widmont	0	2	2
Buchanan	0	1	1
J. Vickery (AP)	0	1	1
Weir (AP)	0	1	1
McPhail (AP)	0	0	0
Allsop (AP)	0	0	0
Manes (AP)	0	0	0
Inscow (G)	0	0	0
Dunbar (G)	0	0	0



**Hat trick** MARK SCHINKEL made Flyer netminder Hap Parrott nervous every time he was near. The young forward scored 3 goals and added an assist as Flyers came back for an 8-6 win. Sabres last season game is Saturday against Streetsville in the arena.