



ACTON MIDGET SABRES, after playing dead all season, have won two playoff games in a row. They topped Orangeville 2-1 and 3-0 in league playoffs. Steve Vander Eyken was in nets for both wins, doing well in his first appearance as a goalie.

Raider forechecking frustrates Yugoslavs

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders, the defending OHA Intermediate "A" champions and current league leaders, scored a convincing 9-5 victory over the touring Yugoslavian National Team in an international exhibition game in Georgetown, last Wednesday night.

Raiders took command of the game early in the first period when they found the Yugoslavs susceptible to their forechecking and reluctant to initiate any body contact of their own. They took a 3-0 lead, gained the momentum and freewheeled with the puck for all but the first half of the third period. Tom Daley, who leads the league in goals scored with 26, bagged the first goal in a hat trick he fashioned, converting a perfect pass from Ray Evans at 3:41 of the first period. Georgetown moved ahead 2-0 on a power play blast from the point by Brad Butterworth with Milan Jan of Yugoslavia serving a tripping penalty.

Yugoslavia gained the man advantage shortly after when Colin Gordon was sent off for cross-checking, but the Europeans' power play floundered and Steve Blundy stole the puck in the Yugoslavian zone and passed to Daley, who deked Jabez Albrecht to make it 3-0.

Igor Klemenc banked the first Yugoslavian goal in off the leg of Raider defenceman Nell Colton in a two on one situation, late in the first period. Raiders scored two more short-handed goals with Juri Kudrasovs in the sin bin for hooking early in the second period to increase their lead to 5-1. Captain John Boyce, who has scored only once in regular season Intermediate "A" play, beat the 38 year old Albrecht with a slapshot from the point and Blundy walked around defenceman Saso Kosir for the second. Little more than a minute later, Evans beat defenceman Drago Savic to a loose puck in the corner and passed quickly to Daley, who snapped it home for his third goal of the night, making it 6-1.

Yugoslavia got back into the game momentarily on goals by Tomaz Lepsa and Silvio Poljansek. Lepsa cashed in a drop pass from Jabez Puterle for the first and Tomaz Kosir set up the second with a beautiful pass to the open side of the net, after picking off an errant pass by Raider rearguard Bob Ellensky.

But before the second period ended, Doug Tate fired a slapshot past Marjan Zbontar from a bad angle and Raiders once again had a four goal lead, 7-3. Zbontar, 23, replaced the veteran Albrecht in the Yugoslavian nets following the sixth Georgetown goal. Yugoslavia threatened to come back and make a game out of it in the first half of the third period when Savic scored a power play goal and Ignac Kavec combined with Puterle on a pass out from

in the U.S., 4-2. Raider coach Junior Tibbitts said he was confident his club could do the job once he heard the results of their games with junior clubs. "Outside of the good Major "A" teams, I don't think many junior teams could handle us," he said. "The Yugoslavians aren't tough enough. They don't force anything or carry the play to you. Everytime our first man went into their end, he took their man out of the play and that's the way hockey's played."

Yugoslavian coach Boris Svetlin said he admired Raiders' shooting ability and their system of forechecking. Mario MacDonald played the first half of the game in the Raider nets. Gregg Hooper took over with the score 6-2 in the second period. Both goalies made key saves at important times. Ex-Port Colborne Sailor Jean Lalulippe made his debut.

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Town league tallies

There were four ties out of eight games reported this week, including a 0-0 match-up in atom action.
Peewee
In the only peewee game reported this week Clayton Oakley had a strong offensive day scoring four times and adding an assist as Springfield edged Rochester 5-4. John Towgood got the other

Springfield point and assists in the win went to David Jackson and Steven McGinn. Robert Allen and Jerry Herrington split the Rochester scoring between them as each got two goals. Craig Johnson and Scott McDonough collected a pair of assists each while Robert Rogers and Tim Briggs each got singles.

Atom
London buried Oshawa 11-4 behind a four goal, one assist performance from Eddie Wilson. Jack Ninaber added three goals and an assist to the scoring. Chris Cooney, Scott McStravick, Shawn Taras and Jeff Scott got one goal each to account for the rest of the London points. McStravick added a pair of assists to his total and Taras, Ken McKee and Steve Harding picked up one assist each.

Bantam
Peter Hurdle got two goals for Aeros but it was not enough to get a win as Aeros and Toros tied at 3-3. The other Aero goal came from Ken Death. Rod Whiterley and Greg Malby contributed assists.
Tom Briggs led the Toros with one goal and an assist. Paul McGinn and Dave Epp contributed the other goals. Mark Kri got an assist on the final Toro point.

Minor bantams 6-1 over G'town Selects

Acton minor bantams trounced Georgetown Selects in an exhibition contest last Thursday as Tim Evans netted a hat trick to lead them to a 6-1 win.
The only Georgetown goal came on a shot from the corner that netender Tim Shields misjudged.
Mark Duval got the bans on the scoreboard with an unassisted marker after three minutes of the first period, then watched as Evans got the first of his three consecutive goals. The game winner came from Rick Greenly just a minute after Duval's opener.
Evans connected twice more before the curtain fell on the first period, getting assists from Duval on both and from Jeff Gill on his third.

Gill got the fifth Acton goal with two minutes left in the period, with assists from Rick Smith and Jeff McNabb.
After the scoring burst in the first frame, neither team could connect in the second. Brad Nicolucci spoiled Shields' shutout bid halfway through the final stanza and Rob Vermeulen skated in for an unassisted point to end the scoring with just 46 seconds on the clock.
Dundas wins
Dundas Merchants beat the Port Colborne Sailors 9-4, last night (Tuesday) to increase their first place lead over the Raiders to five points. Raiders now must win all of their three remaining games in order to finish first.

Novice
Scott Simpson led the way with a pair of goals as Brampton shut out Dixie 4-0. Evan Hayter and Dean Cole got the other points while Greg Leatherland picked up an assist.
Mike Williams was the goalie for Brampton, shutting off the Dixie attack.
Weston and Guelph faced off to a 2-2 tie. Gord Taillefer and Mike Arbic got the Weston goals while Arbic added an assist.
Doug Creighton had one

goal and an assist for Guelph and David Brown contributed one goal for the rest of the scoring. Glenn Billington garnered an assist.
Five Whalers picked-up points when they tripled the Cougars 3-1. Paul Nolan scored twice and Bill McKenzie added the third while Glen McMeekin got two assists and Chris Wood and Mike Cleary got one each.
Warren Hawthorne connected for the only Cougar goal.
Barry McNabb was in on every Oiler goal as they tied the Jets at 3-3. McNabb scored twice and added an assist to lead the game in scoring. Fred Kappert got the remaining Oiler score. Kevin Boyd and Brian Holmes got assists.
Mark Cook, Dana Taras and Dave Dunne did the scoring for Jets. Cook, Dunne, Wayne McEnery and Tom McDonough got assists.

Major peewees take two in OMHA playoff series

Acton major peewees have taken a 2-0 advantage in their best of five OMHA playoff series with Flamboro with a pair of 4-2 wins in the last week.
The first came Valentine's day as Acton doubled the Flamboro squad on Joser's ice. The peewees notched single goals in the first and second periods while holding Flamboro scoreless to a count for the margin of victory.
Todd Wiseman netted the first marker as he converted a pass from Brian Demone only 45 seconds into the game. The second Acton point came on a solo effort from Wayne McMillan.
Demone scored from McMillan early in the third period for the winner before Flamboro managed a score. Demone found the range again to put the game out of reach with just over a minute left. A final goal by the home team with five seconds on the clock was not enough to get them the win.

Six penalties were called in the game, although none resulted in a powerplay point.
Same pattern
The second game, played at the arena, followed the same pattern, with Acton scoring once in the first period and opening a 3-0 lead in the final frame.
Mike Yalowica was the only marksman in the first 40

minutes of the game as he took a pass from McMillan late in the first period. Neither team broke through in the middle period.
In the final, Demone and Ken Kayanagh gave Acton their 3-0 lead, with assists going to Brian Canary and McMillan.
With four minutes left Flamboro spoiled the shutout

and 36 seconds from the final buzzer they put themselves back in contention at 3-2. Randy Coverdale came right back after the second Flamboro marker with one of his own to put the game out of reach. Yalowica collected an assist on the point.
Third game of the series was played last night. Peewees have won nine of their last ten games.

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