

Sabres prepare for year, ice training Friday



SABRE IN TRAINING Jamie Vickery does a little skipping at a recent Sabres' dryland training session. Vickery along with the rest of the hopefuls hit the ice in Guelph, Friday.

Acton Sabres of the Central Ontario Junior 'B' Hockey League are busy preparing for the 1978-79 season. The Sabres, who finished last season with four wins in 42 games, began dryland training last week and begin ice exercises this Friday, August 25, at Exhibition arena in Guelph. All interested parties are welcome. Practice begins at 7 p.m. Acton coach Fred Buchanan has named his

assistant coach and manager for the up and coming year. Buchanan named Stan Hartshorne from Oakville to carry both jobs. Hartshorne was born in Oshawa. He works for Ford in Oakville. He played intermediate hockey with Acton and Hillsburgh Intermediates. Buchanan said that he believes in defensive hockey and that he doesn't care if his team scores only twice as long as the opposition only

scores once. At present Buchanan has been in touch with a few other teams which would like to help the Acton squad out. Buchanan mentioned that Norm Dowdall, who was the coach of Dixie Junior 'B's' two seasons ago, said he had about five players which would be capable of playing Junior 'B' hockey. He mentioned Tim Young, who started last year with Dixie 'A's' but was unable to earn a

steady spot with the club and would not play for the Dixie 'B' club, as a possibility. Dowdall sent Reid Campbell, Chris Costello, Rod Sheridan and Paul Ancenelli to the Sabres two seasons ago. Buchanan said Guelph and Oakville have also offered their help player-wise. Seventeen ice time dates have been booked for the Sabres in Guelph for their training camp and exhibition

games. Buchanan said he hopes to play at least eight pre-season games and has ice times to play home exhibition games in Guelph on Saturday or Sunday nights. The Sabres are, at present, trying to reschedule their first league game, set for September 23 in Georgetown as Steve Buchanan will be getting married that day and coach Fred, a few players and the trainer will be at the wedding.

Villa downs Pineview lose to G'town Falcons

Acton Villa 2 vs. Pineview 0. Acton Villa are staying in contention for League trophies with a fine win over Pineview last Wednesday. Unable to beat Pineview in their earlier meetings this season, Acton really put pressure on in the first half with the aid of a really strong wind. Several early chances were wasted by over-anxious forwards before John Fletcher put Acton in front with a headed goal from a cross by Anthony Quinn. Acton had more chances to go ahead but were thwarted by some good saves from Pineview's goalkeeper and the goal post.

pressure from Pineview due to the strong wind, but their defence proved stronger than Pineview's with good performances by the three back defenders. Larry Nolan, Gordie Bruce and Carl Fisker, and some acrobatic saves from goalie Mike Lilee. A good overall performance by the Acton team comes just at the right time, with just three games left of the regular season, two of them against league leaders Olympia. Acton Villa 0 vs. Falcons 2. Monday night Acton visited the Falcons in Georgetown and lost a 2-0 decision.

Acton players let the Falcons play the game their way and just couldn't get going themselves. Even a strong game by captain Carl Fisker couldn't put any enthusiasm into the Acton team, and a goal in each half gave Falcon's the two points they were fighting for. If Acton players hope to get to the finals of the playoffs they must learn to ignore poor refereeing and stick to the type of soccer they are capable of which can produce results, said manager Bernie Fryers.

Olympia gals hand Lowville first loss

Olympia Drive-in Squirt girls were eliminated from Halton Rural Baseball League playoffs last week, but not without a fight. The girls forced a powerful Lowville team to come from behind and win the last two games of a best of three series. Acton handed Lowville their first loss of the year in the first game of the playoffs. Acton won the game by a score of 7-0. Lowville countered with an 8-5 win and game two won the series with an 8-6 victory. Acton pitcher Betty-Lou Tufford struck out 10 Lowville batters and hit two homers in the Acton win. Tufford tried again to defeat the Lowville team but came out on the losing end

this time. Tufford struck out 12 and hit another pair of homers. Four homers cost Acton a victory in the last game as Lowville took an 8-6 win. Coach Gary DeBruyn said that his team played well throughout the series and seemed quite proud that the girls had taken the one game from the Lowville team.

Just before halftime another headed goal, this time by Fred Blain gave Acton a two goal lead. In the second half, Acton had to face almost the same

Brookville girls up in ORSA semi

The Brookville pee-wee girls played their first game in a best of three Ontario Rural Softball Association play-down defeating Springfield 20-8. Springfield started the scoring first as C. Pearce belted out a homerun. Brookville tied it up in the bottom of the first and after that it was Brookville all the way. Brookville pitcher, Sue Krunk, pitched a fine game striking out 14 batters. Brookville played a strong offensive game. The first batter, Tammy Hunter crossed the plate four times while the second batter, Denise Kennedy scored five times. Every Brookville batter scored at least once with the exception of Sandy Hunter, who proved to be instrumental as she drove in three runs. Cheryl Greenly and Kerry Kirtan each hit homers for Brookville.

In the final inning Springfield made a gallant effort to come back as E. Haug hit a grand slam. Training camps for both of Georgetown's major hockey teams open within the next week. Limehouse girls

Limehouse bantam girls battled back on Monday night to square their best of three playoffs at one game each. Milton defeated Limehouse 15-8 last Thursday, scoring eight runs in the 1st inning on six walks. In the return match, Monday night, Limehouse defeated Milton 7-3 behind the two hit pitching of Marion Case, who struck out 15 Milton batters.

Fergus takes honors at Eden Mills tourney

The Eden Mills Men's Fastball Tournament was last Saturday with Fergus the eventual winners by downing Raggs for Men from Guelph 4-1. Raggs took the lead in the second inning but it was all they could get as Fergus scored once in the fourth and fifth innings and then added to their lead with two runs in the eighth. Fergus scored seven times in the sixth inning to assure the win. Raggs for Men got to the final by edging Laidlaw Transport 4-3 in an extra

inning. In the first round of the one game knockout tournament Laidlaw downed Badenoch 6-3. Badenoch got all three of their runs in the fourth inning of that game. Laidlaw got two runs in the first as Bruce Weiler homered, a single run in the third and three in the sixth inning. Raggs slipped by Belwood scoring a run in the bottom of the last inning to win 1-0. Fergus shut out the University of Guelph in their first round game as both clubs stayed scoreless until the fifth inning. Fergus

scored once in the fifth and two in the sixth for the win. Fergus pitcher Russ Spicer allowed only two U of G players to reach base. In the first game of the day Rockwood defeated Millgrove 3-2. Rockwood scored twice in the first inning and that was all the scoring until the bottom of the sixth when Millgrove pulled to within one. Rockwood extended its lead to two again in the top of the seventh before Millgrove added another. The final score of the game Rockwood 3, Millgrove 2.



ACTON OPEN participant Hugh Forbes didn't get camera shy on this putt as he dropped it into the hole. Hugh's foursome of John McDougall, Bill Spielvogel and Bern Van Fleet look on. Brian Robertson won the tourney which was held at Halton Heights with a 76.

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