



FAMILY CLEANERS captured the Acton Industrial Baseball League title with a 23-11 win over Vans Welding. They made it a successful week by downing North Halton Sports of the Condominium League 9-8 for the Industrial Tournament title. Team members include front row l. to r. Dave Piper, Ed

Hillier, Larry Kistner, Joe Richard, Al Bousfield, back row, Harold Townsley, Ken Pilgrim, Karl Killingbeck, Woody Fabian, and Brian Robertson. Missing from the photo was Bill McGrath and Ken Owens.

Cleaners take title with series sweep

Family Cleaners captured the Acton Industrial Baseball League playoff championship Thursday night when they downed Vans Welding 23-11 to take a shortened series two games to none.

The series which was to have been a 3 of 5 was cut to a 2 of 3 because of the lateness of the season.

Cleaners, who finished tied for second after the regular league, took J and T Sports after losing the first game of the semi-final series to reach the final. Vans upset first

place Station Hotel.

Cleaners took the series lead with a 7-4 win last Tuesday night. On Thursday Cleaners were determined to put an end to things. They scored eight times in the first inning. Larry Kistner and winning pitcher Ken Pilgrim hit singles. Bill McGrath, Karl Killingbeck, Harold Townsley, and Al Bousfield all doubled. Dave Piper tripled and Ed Hillier homered as 11 Cleaner batters came to the plate.

Vans got back into the contest in the second inning,

scoring six times on seven hits. Rick Baginski and Ron Hachey singled, Jamie Morris, Mike Miller, Gary Copeland and Floyd Hillier doubled while Steve Townsley tripled.

Cleaners came right back with four more on a double by Joe Richards, a triple by Harold Townsley and a homer by Al Bousfield. Vans got a pair back before the inning ended to make the score 12-8 after three.

Ken Pilgrim then reached on error and scored Cleaners'

only run of the fourth. Vans came back with a pair on doubles by losing pitcher Vince Thornton and Ron Hachey.

Vans held Cleaners off the scoresheet in the fifth and counted one of their own to pull within two runs. That was as close as Vans came as Cleaners' pitcher Ken Pilgrim held them in check through the last four innings.

Cleaners added to their lead with a pair in the seventh, and eighth innings and six in the ninth.

Sabres new captain a real team leader

The new captain of the Acton Junior "B" Sabres may be very instrumental in the success of the 1978-79 edition of the team.

Paul Pickard hails from Kitchener. Last season he toiled for the Brockville Braves of the Ottawa Valley Provincial Junior "A" league where he led the team in scoring with 17 goals and 32 assists, good for eleventh spot in the league scoring. Before that he played one year with Waterloo and one year with Hespeter and Kitchener, all Junior "B" teams.

Paul chose to play this season in Acton when insecurity in Brockville forced him to leave the club. Paul had been advised to spend this fall at one school and not transfer after the hockey season.

Brockville could not keep him in school there until June. The reason Paul said for returning to Acton instead of Kitchener or the defending Junior "B" champion Stratford team, with whom he had been invited to camp, was the atmosphere. The way the team had accepted him and made him at home even

though they knew he would leave their camp after getting in shape to return to Brockville.

Asked what he felt the Acton team needed to be a contender, he said that hard work, dedication and communication between the players, coaches and executive could produce a team in the top five of the Central Ontario Junior "B" League. He knows the people of Acton are avid hockey fans. Paul played for the Centreville pee-wees for two seasons when they won the Acton Legion Pee-wee tournament. Pickard said that he would like the people of Acton to forget the Sabres of the past and let the new Sabres sell their product.

As captain of this year's team Pickard is hoping to lead the Sabres to a successful season. He guaranteed 150 per cent from himself "because that's the kind of player I am" he said. He expects the same from his teammates.

Pickard is a team leader on and off the ice. Whether it's scoring goals or getting everyone up for the game he makes sure everyone on the

team is ready and working. Already this season the Sabres have accomplished more than they have in the last three. To date, they have won six of eight encounters including their first league game in Oakville.

"Fred Buchanan is one of the better coaches I've played for" says Pickard. "He believes in himself and the team."

Pickard has heard of Acton hockey fans and is hoping for a full house at the teams home opener Friday night. He feels the players will give that little extra and the fans won't be disappointed.

There is no guarantee that the Sabres will finish first this season or even second, third or fourth but one thing Pickard has guaranteed is a team that works together, gives 150 per cent and won't get pushed around, physically or on the scoreboard.

If the Acton Sabres accept the philosophy of Paul Pickard and former Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi that "winning isn't everything it's the only thing" they could be a contender.

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Cleaners double champions down North Halton for title

Family Cleaners added the Acton Industrial Baseball Tournament title to the league title they won on Thursday. Cleaners downed North Halton Sports of the Condominium League 9-8 in the second meeting between the two on the Sunday. Cleaners won the first meeting 3-0.

The tournament was a double knockout affair. Each team in the tournament had to lose twice as was the case with North Halton. When they lost the game to Cleaners they had to fight for the right to meet the undefeated team in the final.

Family reached the final when they scored four times in the top of the seventh inning to beat Halton Hills Electric 5-4. Electric then fell to North Halton 9-4.

The tournament, game by game:

Game One

Halton Hills Electric got things going in the bottom of the fifth inning scoring eight times and winning the game on the seven run mercy rule (when a team is up by seven runs or more after five innings the game is called). Al Avery carried the big bat for Electric, hitting a double and two triples. Brian Lawrence pitched a 2 hitter.

Game Two

Wellington Place from the Condominium league got a rough start giving up 12 runs to Halton Hills Catering in the first two innings before they found the handle and started hitting. Wellington came back and scored 9 runs but couldn't make up the difference in three innings and lost 17-9 after five.

Game Three

North Halton Sports dumped J and T Sports 7-4 with a four run rally in the top of the seventh inning. North Halton took a 4-1 lead into the fifth but allowed J and T three runs to force the rally. Dan Arbie pitched a 3-hitter for the winners.

Game Four

The two industrial league finalists met in the last first round matchup with Family Cleaners beating Vans Welding for the third time within a week, 14-6. Family scored six times in the seventh for the wide margin of victory.

Station Hotel scored singles in the second and third and a pair in the fifth as they eliminated Wellington. Rod McEachern scored the only Wellington run when he stole home.

Game Six

Halton Hills Electric scored three times in the bottom of the sixth to post a 4-3 win over Halton Hills Catering. Electric scored a single in the third before Catering came back with runs from Dave Allen, Steve Marshall and Jim James. Lyle Prueter, Terry Cole and Doug Ford crossed the plate for the Electric win.

Game Seven

Vans Welding scored four

times in each of the first two innings on their way to a 9-5 win and elimination of J and T Sports. A homerun by Iuck Baginski was the only other Welders' run.

Game Eight

The two teams that met in the tourney final gave an exhibition of what to expect. Family scored three runs in the fifth inning and held on to a 3-0 win. Joe Richard was the winning pitcher allowing North Halton only two hits, one in the first and one in the last innings.

Game Nine

Station Hotel took a quick 5-0 lead over Vans Welding before the Welders came back for a 12-6 win. Station scored three runs in the first

off four straight base hits. Vans big innings were the fourth and fifth when they scored 10 times.

Game Ten

North Halton Sports scored six times in the third inning and held Catering for five innings in a game called by the mercy rule. Catering took a three run lead in the top of the first inning only to see it disappear to four Sportsmen runs in the bottom.

Game Eleven

The battle for the bye to final, Family and Electric were both undefeated when they met and the winner got a bye to the final. Cleaners scored four runs in the top of the seventh to edge Electric 5-4. Electric pitcher Brian

Lawrence allowed only one hit through the first six innings but back to back singles by Harold Townsley, Brian Robertson and Karl Killingbeck provided Family the runs they needed.

Game Twelve

Two homers by Dan Arbie brought in five runs as North Halton downed Vans Welding 8-0 in another five inning game. Bob Turkosz pitched a three hitter for the winners. Vince Thornton took the loss.

Game Thirteen

North Halton Sports and Electric battled for the right to meet Family Cleaners in the final. Both teams had lost one game and each had been

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THE NEW SABRE captain is Paul Pickard. Pickard played last season with the Brockville Warriors of the Provincial Junior "A" Ottawa Valley league.

Sabres skate over Blades take first of new season

For the second year in succession the Acton Sabres won their league opener in the central Ontario Junior "B" League downing the Oakville Blades 6-3 in Oakville. Last year they downed Georgetown 4-3 to open.

There has been some question as to how the Sabres would do this season despite winning five of seven exhibition matches. The Sabres, heading into the game, were determined to prove they were a force to be reckoned with.

Acton opened the scoring when Mark Schinkel netted his first of two goals from Brad Buchanan at 1:57. Acton went up 3-0 on goals by Jeff Shields and Paul Salvisburg. Dave McGilloy and Glenn Murray assisted on the Salvisburg marker.

Oakville pulled close with two goals within one minute. Mike Richmond and Grant Gillham got the markers. The Blades fought back and tied the game with a Danny Jones counter at 6:56 of the second period. Mark Schinkel put Acton

ahead to stay at the 15:43 marker with Salvisburg drawing the assist. With three seconds left on the clock Kelly Shaw took a face-off, dropped the puck to the defence and then poked in the rebound just as the buzzer sounded. Jeff Shields drew an assist.

That sent the Blades to the dressing room down 5-3 after two periods and it seemed they never recovered. They fired only eight shots at Rob Bremner in the Acton nets over the final 20 minutes. Bremner was a standout in the net robbing Blades blind on more than one occasion over the first 40. Oakville fired 17 shots Bremner's way in the first period and 23 in the second. Acton had a total of 30 shots, 10 in each period.

The only goal of the third period was a powerplay effort. Bob Allsop blasted a shot from the blueline that beat Blades goater Kyle Bulloch. McGilloy and Shields picked up the assists.

Acton took 16 minutes in penalties to only 12 for Oakville. All penalties were

minors. Coach Fred Buchanan considered the penalty total acceptable.

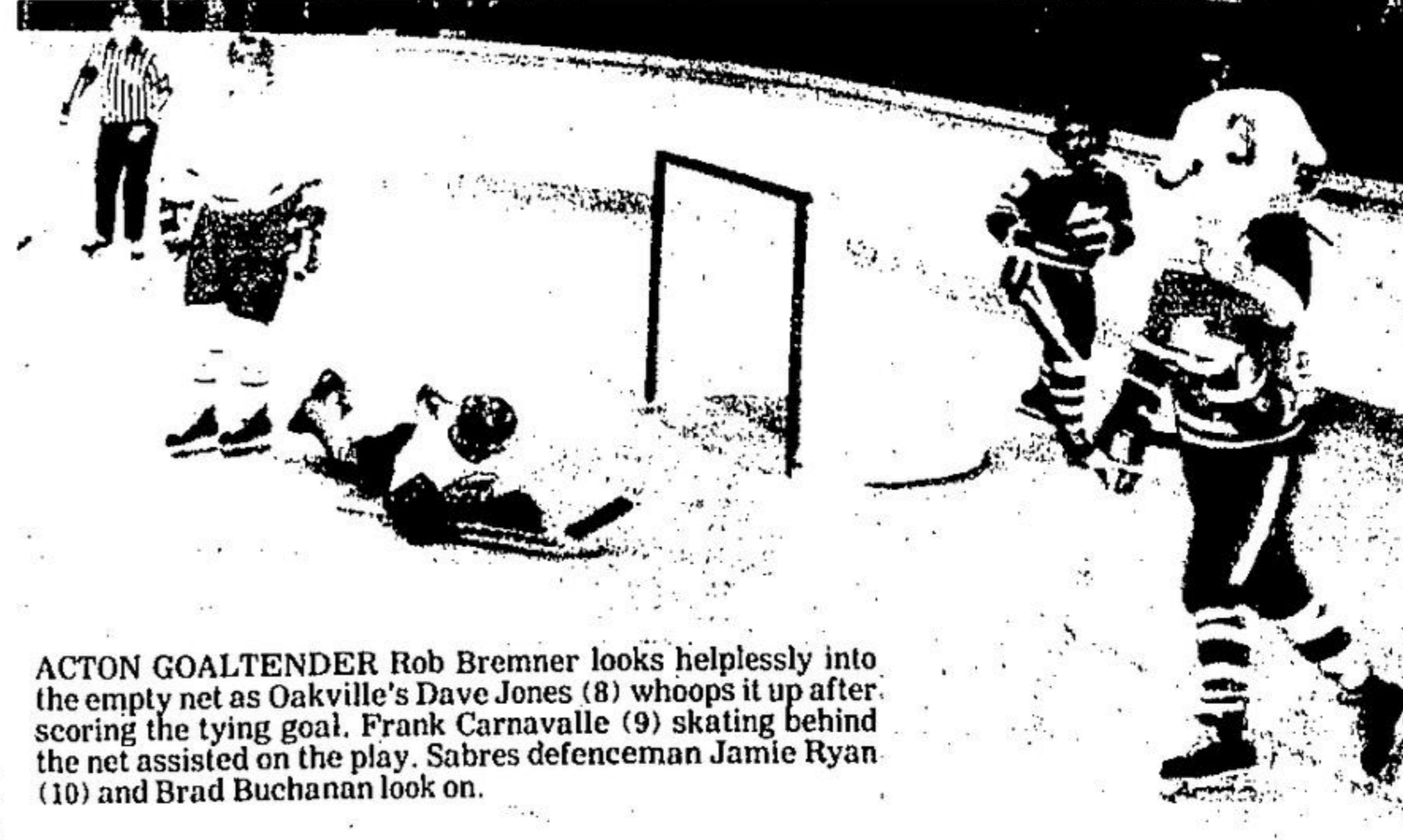
Acton played the opener missing four players. Paul

Pickard, Neil Anderson and Kelly McArthur were all sitting out pre-season suspensions and John Bruni was unable to attend. The Sabres

lost the services of winger Wade Vickery in the first period when he was jolted along the boards.

Sabres play tomorrow

(Thursday) in Burlington and are in Acton for their home opener against Dixie on Friday night. Game time is 8:30 p.m.



ACTON GOALTENDER Rob Bremner looks helplessly into the empty net as Oakville's Dave Jones (8) whoops it up after scoring the tying goal. Frank Carnavale (9) skating behind the net assisted on the play. Sabres defenceman Jamie Ryan (10) and Brad Buchanan look on.



VANS WELDINGS Bruce McPherson tries to beat out a bunt in the first round of the Acton Industrial League Fastball Tournament. Family Cleaners first sacker Karl Killingbeck awaits the throw.

Acton Tigers score 12-4 win

Acton Tuffcote Tigers started their Wellington-Dufferin-Halton Non-Contact league in style Monday night with a convincing 12-4 win over Brampton.

Acton took a 6-0 lead in the first period before allowing Brampton on the scoresheet. Rob Patton and Tim Clifford each scored a pair of goals in the first period onslaught. Wayne Munro and Terry Cole added singles.

In the second period Acton counted two more times as Wayne Mundy and Ken Dyble netted the twins.

The Tigers only outscored their opponents 4-3 in the final frame.

Clifford notched his third of the game, Munro his second and the first for Travis Clifford and Gary Moore.

Acton plays their next game at home next Monday at 10:30 p.m. when they host Meadowdale.

CENTRAL ONTARIO JUNIOR B HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	G	W	L	T	P
Burlington Cougars	2	2	0	0	4
Oak Ridge Flyers	2	1	0	1	3
Orillia Travelers	2	1	0	1	3
Stratford Derbys	1	1	0	0	2
Acton Sabres	1	1	0	0	2
Thornhill Thunderbirds	2	0	0	2	2
Dixie Beavers	2	0	0	2	2
Milton Flyers	1	0	0	1	1
Brampton Logan Chevys	2	0	1	1	1
Georgetown Grizzlies	2	0	1	1	1
Barrie Colts	2	0	2	0	0
Oakville Blades	2	0	2	0	0