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Sabres full of surprises dump Cougars, trade Pickard

The Acton Sabres have been full of surprises over the first half of their Central Ontario Junior "B" season.

They shocked everyone with their fast start. Saturday night at the Community Centre the Sabres had everyone amazed even before they hit the ice.

Team captain, and scoring leader Paul Pickard had been traded to the Streetsville Derbys.

Pickard was not dressed for

the Saturday night contest and the only visible compensation was the return of Kent Moffatt on the Acton bench as the team prepared to take on the league leading Burlington Cougars. The Cougars had earlier in the week edged the Streetsville Derbys 6-4 to remain unbeaten.

The stunned fans sat back and watched the Sabres play the way they had been capable all along. A strong 60

minute game gave the Sabres a well deserved 4-3 win over previously unbeaten Burlington. Earlier in the week they had fallen to Milton by a 6-3 count.

The team deeply regret the loss of Pickard but welcome the return of Kent Moffatt, defenceman Les Smith, a Derby for the past two seasons, and a defenceman to be named Friday. As well, an additional player will be agreed upon within the next

few weeks. The Sabre executive made the changes hoping the team would return to their winning ways of earlier in the season. The dividends payed off early with the win.

Burlington scored the only goal of the first period with a little more than five minutes remaining on the clock. The Cougars took a 2-0 lead on a powerplay goal with Kelly Shaw off for high sticking. The Sabres pulled to within one when Glenn

Murray scored a Sabre powerplay marker with 4:34 remaining.

The high rising shot beat Burlington goaltender high on the stick side.

In the third period the Sabres started the comeback early. Scott Malcolm netted his first goal since returning to the Sabres from Wade Vickers after only 28 seconds to pull the game even. The score remained even for 36 seconds before the Sabres struck again with a goal by

Drew Gareau. Jeff Shields assisted on the play. A shorthanded goal by the Cougars tied the game a minute and 15 seconds later.

Kelly Shaw scored the winning marker with 4:45 remaining in the contest from Shields and Jamie Ryan.

Rob Bremner played well in the Acton net facing 48 shots compared to only 33 by Mitch Loverock at the other end.

The Cougars took 36 of the 60 minutes in penalties.

Denis Charbonneau, a utility player with the Sabres, played an excellent game on the backline.

The story was a little different in Milton last Wednesday as the Sabres skated their opposition into the ice for the first 20 minutes and taking a 2-0 lead into the dressing room.

At the 39 second mark Jeff Shields scored from Paul Pickard and Bob Allsop to give Acton the early lead. Pickard scored an unassisted

goal with a little more than two minutes remaining for the second goal.

Milton took control in the second period scoring three straight times before Kelly Shaw found the mark with a powerplay goal from Shields and Brad Buchanan to tie the game after two periods.

Milton moved ahead at the three minute mark of the final frame but the backbreaker came when Milton scored a shorthanded goal with less than five minutes remaining.

Dave Turner put the game out of the Sabres' reach at 4:18.

Milton outshot the Sabres 38-37 and took 41 penalty minutes to only 38 for the Sabres.

The Sabres are on a bit of a holiday now as they play only twice in the next two weeks. On Friday night at the Community Centre the Sabres face-off with the Georgetown Gemini for the first time this season. Game time is 8:30 p.m.



PAUL PICKARD scored 28 goals in 16 games for the Acton Sabres. He will now be in the uniform of the Streetsville Derbys.

CENTRAL ONTARIO JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	G	W	L	T	P
Burlington	20	18	1	1	37
Streetsville	19	7	2	0	34
Oak Ridges	18	11	6	1	23
Oakville	20	11	9	0	22
Orillia	20	9	9	2	20
Brampton	18	8	8	2	18
Thornhill	18	8	8	2	18
Dixie	19	6	9	4	16
Acton	20	7	11	2	16
Barrie Colts	20	6	14	0	12
Milton Flyers	19	5	13	1	11
Georgetown	19	1	17	1	3

GAMES THIS WEEK: Tuesday, Burlington 6, Streetsville 4; Thornhill 4, Georgetown 3; Barrie 4, Oak Ridges 3; Wednesday, Milton 5, Acton 3; Friday, Burlington 13, Barrie 2; Milton 8, Georgetown 6; Thornhill 6, Oakville 3; Brampton 5, Dixie 3; Saturday, Oakville 12, Georgetown 5; Acton 4, Burlington 3; Dixie 6, Orillia 1; Sunday, Brampton 7, Orillia 2; Dixie 9, Milton 4.; Monday, Oak Ridges 5, Streetsville 4. **ONTARIO WINTER GAMES**

Regional round robin: Tuesday: St. Catharines 14 Welland 3; Wednesday: Bramalea 7, Burlington 1; Saturday: Welland 6, St. Catharines 2; Sunday: Streetsville 6, Welland 3.

Juniors find going tough Midgets continue to romp

Acton Midget Redmen continue to dominate opposition in exhibition basketball. The juniors, on the other hand, have been playing some tough teams and are falling into a habit of losing by a few points each game.

The juniors' problems were in evidence at the high school last week when they fell to Milton by a 58-54 score. In a previous contest Milton edged the Redmen by a single point.

Martin Osso led the junior Redmen attack with 15 points. Bob McClure netted 10 points.

The Redmen trailed by three points at the half and five at three quarter time.

The midgets led from the beginning in their battle with the Mustangs. Acton scored 14 first quarter points on their

way to a 41-23 win. Brent Vickery led a well balanced attack with 12 points. John Lobello netted ten points, Matt Vuk eight, and Bob Little six.

Acton led by nine points at the half but had extended the lead to 17 at three quarter time. The juniors will play at home tomorrow (Thursday) to Burlington Central.

ATW score second in succession Hellers earn draw with Pressmen

The bottom two clubs, Acton Terminal Warehouse and Hellers both picked up points in Acton Industrial Hockey League action this week.

The Warehouse surprised Lakeview Centre 4-3 for their second win in as many weeks. Hellers picked up a single point when they played second place Blow Press to a 3-3 draw.

In the other game on last week's industrial league leading Family Cleaners put the torch to Vans Welding scoring a 10-0 victory.

Ed Hillier was the big shooter for Family in their route over Vans with three goals and the same number of assists. Rick Henderson scored twice and assisted on another with Dan Hillier, Gary Marsh, Wayne Allan

and Rick Henderson.

Mark Morrison was in the Cleaners net recording the first shut-out of the season.

Family scored twice in the first frame and four times in each of the second and third.

All the scoring in the Blow Press and Hellers game was done in the first two periods before the two teams sat back and played a scoreless third frame settling for a tie.

Hellers scored the first two goals of the contest, the first coming off the stick of Brian Lloyd at the five minute mark. Hellers grabbed a 2-0 lead on a goal by Gary Moore with Larry Kistner scoring an assist. Ewan Press got a goal from Evan Hayter with assistance from Russ Van Fleet at the mid point of the period. The score remained that way until the five minute mark of the second frame. Hellers regained their two goal lead when John Ashley found the mark from Gary Moore and Ernie Waller.

Van Fleet pulled the Pressman to within one with 4:29 remaining in the period. Ron Schmidt drew an assist on the play. A goal by Bruce McPherson with 1:08 remaining in the period tied the game. George McPhail and Ken Owen assisted.

There was no scoring in the final frame as the game ended 3-3.

Bill Fields pulled Lakeview ahead of Acton Terminal Warehouse at 3:17 from Tom Dickinson and Wayne Deforest.

ATW came back to tie the score before the period ended with a goal by Henry Toebes with assists going to Randy Weldon and Lorne Gordon. The Warehouse took the

lead with the only goal of the second period as George Artem found the range with an unassisted goal.

Lakeview fought back to tie the game on a goal by Bruce

Industrial standings

TEAM	W	L	T	F	A	P
Family Cleaners	4	0	2	42	20	10
Blow Press	3	1	2	36	24	8
Lakeview Centre	3	3	0	34	24	6
Vans Welding	2	3	1	26	37	5
ATW	2	4	0	29	47	4
Hellers	1	4	1	21	38	3

Firefighters win pair edge unbeaten 'burg

Acton Bantam Firefighters won twice and lost once in a busy week in their Waterloo-Wellington schedule.

The bantams handed New Hamburg their first loss of the campaign 2-1. They skated over Elora 11-3 and fell to Orangeville 5-1.

Against Orangeville Mark Duval was the only Acton player to net the twine with an unassisted effort.

Orangeville scored two in the first frame and three in the final.

Excellent goaltending by Tim Baker and a good job of forechecking were the key to the defeat of New Hamburg.

Rob Vermeulen put Acton on top at the seven minute mark of the second period

with help from Gord McArthur and Tim Evans.

Acton added to their lead with 30 seconds remaining in the game as Gord McArthur found the range from Vermeulen.

Jamie Stockie broke goaltender Baker's bid for a shut-out with only 19 seconds left to play.

Acton totally outplayed Elora on the larger Elora ice surface passing and shooting well, said coach Steve Marshall.

Gord McArthur opened the scoring from Rob Vermeulen and Tim Evans at the midway point of the opening frame. Tim Ferguson added to that total from Tony Sheppard and Dean Hughes before the period ended.

Vermeulen extended the lead with an unassisted goal before Jeff McNabb netted one from Fred Kappert and Rick Greenley. Tony Sheppard, Tim Ferguson and Gord McArthur scored to round out the second period scoring for Acton.

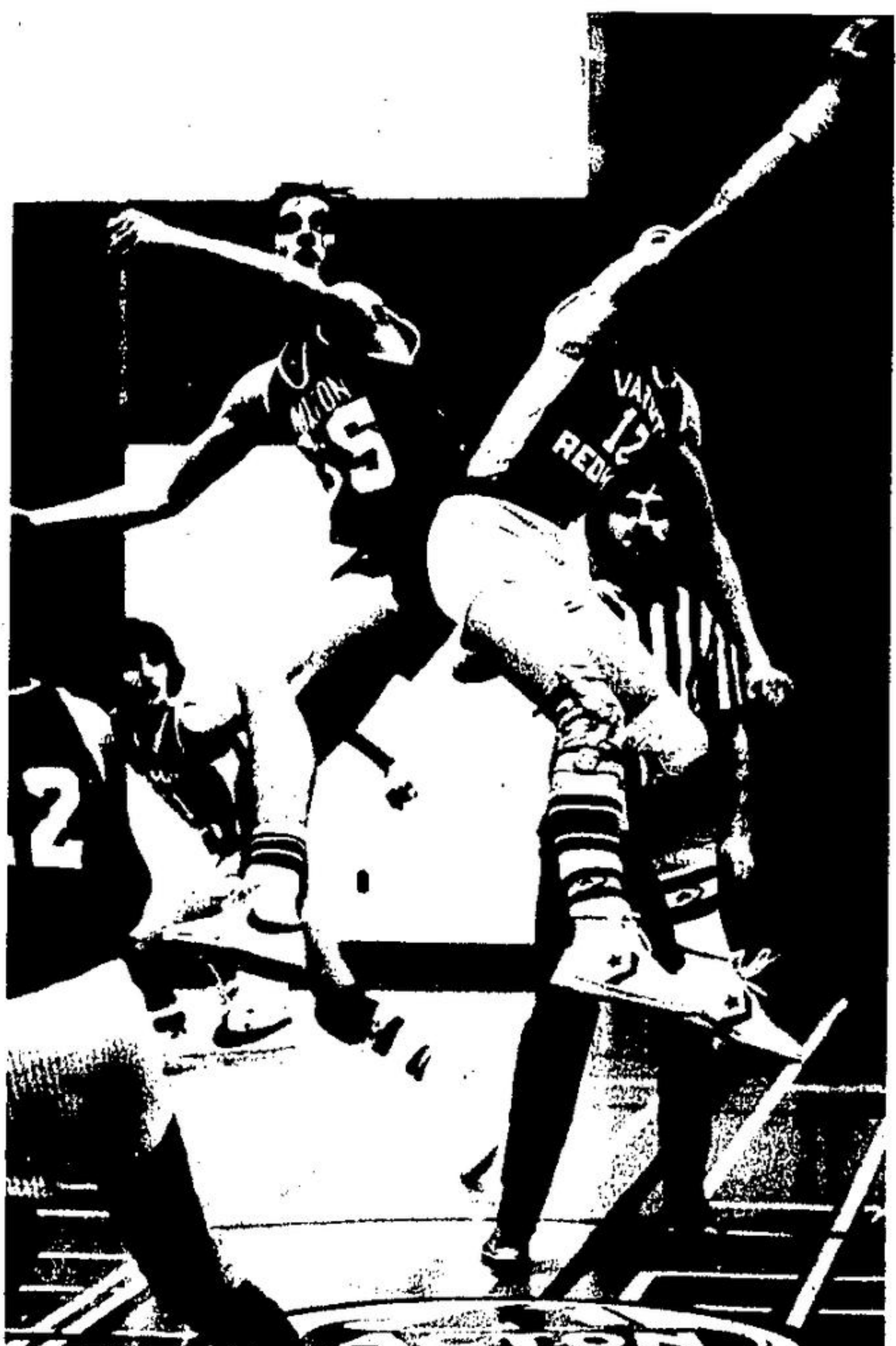
Leitch beat goaltender Rob Munro with 18 seconds remaining in the second frame for the first Elora goal.

Rick Greenley netted two in the final frame with singles going to Andy Vaivods and Tony Sheppard. Mark Duval earned two assists in the period with Brad Manes adding a single.

Fergus will be in Acton Tuesday night a 8 p.m. to take on the Firefighters.



MCKENZIE-SMITH VOLLEYBALLER Leslie Dobisz goes up to block a ball during the first half of the North Halton Championships at Acton High School. McKenzie-Smith finished the first half of the double round robin tourney with a three win and one loss record.



UP, UP and . . . get that ball. Acton Junior Bob McClure and Milton Mustang Paul Van Oorschot jump high in hopes to bring control of the ball to their respective teams. Milton won the game by a 58-54 score. In a previous encounter Milton came away with a one point margin of victory.

M-S boys in three-way tie at N. Halton volleyball tourney

The North Halton Public School Volleyball Championships got underway at E.C. Drury School in Milton last Wednesday with the Girls competition.

The boys played their opening round matches at Acton High School Thursday.

The set-up for the championships has the five participating schools, McKenzie-Smith of Acton, Centennial and Stewarttown of Georgetown and E.C. Drury and W.I. Dick of Milton playing a double round robin tournament with the top two teams

then meeting for the North Halton Championship and the right to represent their area at the Halton finals.

After half of the double round robin Centennial leads the girls race with an undefeated 4-0 record. W.I. Dick is currently in second spot with three wins and one loss. McKenzie-Smith has a 2-2 record for third place.

The Acton school fell by a wide margin to undefeated Centennial and lost a close match that coach Rob Coleman felt his team would

have won with more consistency. Mr. Coleman said his team had little trouble with the other two teams.

The girls finish their tournament today (Wednesday) at Drury in Milton.

The boys race for the championship is a tight one with three teams all sitting with three win, one loss records.

Centennial, W.I. Dick and McKenzie-Smith took turns beating each other setting up a battle next Thursday at Drury. Drury holds a 1-3

record while Stewarttown is still looking for their first win.

The Acton team fell behind Drury 13-2 in their first game but a miraculous comeback entitled them to a 15-13 win.

In the second game McKenzie-Smith downed Stewarttown 15-10 before total disaster struck enabling Dick to score a 15-1 win. Acton upset Centennial in their last game 15-6. In previous exhibition matches Centennial defeated McKenzie-Smith 3 games to two and four games to nil.