

**Oakville**

# Bremner stops 80 as Sabres topped

It was a night Acton Sabre goaltender Rob Bremner will probably remember for a long time.

The Sabres wore in Oakville Friday night for a Central Ontario Junior 'B' league match with the third placed Oakville Blades.

In an average hockey game, a goaltender faces 30 to 35 shots. Bremner faced 39 Blades' shots. That was in the third period alone. Bremner faced 88 shots over the three periods as the Sabres fell by an 8-1 count.

In the first period, the Blades fired 27 shots at the Acton netminder and came away with only a 2-

0 lead. In the second frame the Oakville squad gave Bremner a rest as they fired only 22 his way. In the third they exploded—39 shots and three goals later it was all over.

Manager Bill Campbell said he talked about awarding Bremner the 'Purple Heart' for his efforts on their behalf. "He really impressed Oakville fans," commented Campbell.

The Sabres lone goal in the contest came with only ten minutes to play. Glenn Murray broke Oakville's Dave Maksmuik's shutout bid with help from Mark Schinkel and Neil Ander-

son. It was a clean game as the referee handed out only 26 minutes in penalties. The Sabres took 16.

The Sabres losing streak is now at 12 games but they still hope to turn things around and catch a playoff spot. If they have such plans they should take note that Brampton comes to town Friday night at 8.30 p.m. and the Logan's Chevy are one of the teams the Sabres with a surge, could catch.

The Sabres met the high flying Streetsville Derbys last night (Tuesday). Results next week.

SABRE SHORTS: Drew

Gareau, who had been expected to be out for possibly the rest of the season, was in the Sabres line-up when they were in Oakville Friday night.

Scott Malcolm is the latest player to leave the Sabres camp. Malcolm returned to the club earlier in the season after spending a short time with Mount Hamilton of the Provincial Junior 'A' league. Malcolm stated that he had not been happy since returning to the Sabres and did not learn anything at practice. He felt that a team fighting to make the playoffs should be working on set plays and not concentrating on skating and shooting.

# Busy week for Lions split three encounters

Acton Lions' pee-wees had a busy week playing three games, winning losing and drawing.

Unfortunately for the pee-wees the only win of the three was recorded in an exhibition contest against Georgetown and does not help in the fight for first place in the Waterloo-Wellington league standings.

In league play, the Lions played to a 4-4 tie with Hespeler, the team they are currently battling with for first, and then dropped a pair of points to Woolwich with a 3-2 loss.

Acton 'played well' according to coach Barry Inscoc in recording the 4-4 tie with Hespeler, although his squad was 'a little loose in their own end' and did not headman the puck on the good opportunities.

It took Hespeler only 20 seconds to get on the score sheet as Greg Hunter scored his first of two for the visitors.

Acton came back with a goal off the stick of Jim Richard from Randy Coverdale to tie the game by the midpoint of the opening frame.

Nine seconds later Brad MacPherson added another Acton goal, giving them the edge.

Only 12 seconds after Acton gained the lead, Hespeler replied to even things up.

Jim Richard's second goal of the contest from Paul Cargill regained Acton's lead with 2:55 remaining in the period, but before the frame ended Hespeler had fought back with the tying goal.

After the hectic scoring pace of the first period the two clubs settled down to a tight defensive struggle. Acton scored as Lorenzo Civiero hit the mark from Steve Raine and Chris Hicks.

In the third frame Hespeler found the mark and the game ended in a 4-4 tie.

Georgetown on the board with 1:08 remaining in the period.

Acton regained the two goal spread before the frame ended as Rick Dodds scored on an unassisted effort.

The second period went scoreless and then Jim Richard gave Acton a three goal margin from Chris Hicks and Lorenzo Civiero to open the third. Seventeen seconds later the same three players combined for Acton with Hicks getting credit for the goal this time around.

Georgetown came back with too little too late as they fired three goals over the final eight min-

utes with the last effort coming with 43 seconds remaining on the clock.

Coach Inscoc felt his club showed definite puck passing control in the contest. Inscoc was pleased with his defense of Rick Dodds, Paul Cargill, Stan Smith and David Milne in the contest along with goaltenders Brian Roach and Tim McKendry, and Lorenzo Civiero and Jim Richard.

The next night, the third in three, the Lions showed the effects of the previous game as their passing, skating and checking lacked zip.

Woolwich scored near the end of the second per-

iod and then extended their lead as the final frame began.

Paul Cargill pulled Acton to within one from Lorenzo Civiero and Jim Richard with six minutes remaining.

Woolwich regained the two goal margin shortly after and the score remained that way until Randy Coverdale found the net with only 31 seconds left to play.

Acton plays at home tonight (Wednesday) against Elora and then travels to Hespeler for a Friday game that could decide first place.

## Minor peewees suffer setback

Acton's Beardmore Union Minor Pee-wees suffered a setback in their bid for the Waterloo-Wellington league title last week when they found the going a little too tough when Woolwich came to town.

The pee-wees could not find the net in the contest. Result was a 3-1 defeat. "Woolwich played their usual style of hard hitting and fore-checking," said Beardmore coach Bob Raine. "We seemed to be watching for the check and giving the puck away."

Woolwich scored once in each of the three periods while Mike Hudson was the only Acton player to find an opening in the net. That goal came in the second period from Tony Van Dam.

Earlier the locals had shutout New Hamburg by a 7-0 count.

Mike Hudson scored five times in that contest with Jamie Lawson adding the other two.

The Lawson-Hudson-Berry line played "great

hockey" according to coach Raine.

The pee-wees travel to King City on January 13 and 14 for their first tournament of the season.

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# Over confident bantams drop decision to 'burg

After topping New Hamburg 6-1 for the consolation title in New Hamburg's own tournament the Acton Firefighter Bantams returned home to play the same team a league match surrendering a 3-1 decision.

Coach Steve Marshall pins the blame on the team's over-confidence. "We lacked the hustle needed to take the win," said Marshall.

Tim Evans opened the scoring for Acton after only 2:36 of play in the first period from Rob Vermeulen. That was all for the locals as New Hamburg thwarted any other Firefighters scoring opportunities.

New Hamburg got goals with two minutes remaining in the second frame to tie the game and then with 3:58 left in the contest they got the go-ahead marker.

An empty net goal with 40 seconds remaining put the icing on the cake.

Tim Evans and Brian Canary were credited with strong games by coach Marshall.

In other action the Firefighters topped Hespeler 3-1 in a match that saw the team in a complete turn-around from the previous night's game.

Acton played a strong hitting and checking game, according to Marshall, grabbing a 2-0 lead.

## Raiders winners

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders and the Austrian National Team thrilled a capacity crowd of around 1,700 fans at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena Friday night as Georgetown's Intermediate team took its second international exhibition hockey win in as many tries.

Raiders nipped the Austrians 3-2.

# Basketball Redmen continue fine play

After a fine exhibition and tournament season the Acton Midget Redmen continued to win games as the Halton High School Basketball league schedule began.

The Redmen, led by Brent Vickery topped the Milton Mustangs 50-38 to open their season.

Vickery was the top point-getter with 14 points. Joe and John Labello netted eight apiece.

The Redmen jumped out to a 15-7 first quarter lead but found them-

selves down 22-21 at the half.

In the third quarter the Redmen began to pick up, outscoring their opponents 16-12. In the final period with most of their regulars fouled out the Redmen put it all together allowing Milton only four points as they scored 11 for a 50-38 win.

The Midget Redmen travel to London this weekend for a tournament. There are 16 teams entered in the event with Acton meeting St. Jerome in the first round.

The Redmen will be staying overnight in a London motel thanks to the success of an earlier draw held at the high school.

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