



**Round Robin**  
by Robin Inscoc

**Sabres need help . . .**

Acton Sabres president Bob Lovell has asked that anyone who would be interested in helping the hockey team function next season, either as an executive or a committee member, attend a meeting at the Community Centre booster room on Wednesday February 7 at 8 p.m.

**Playoffs begin . . .**

Teams from the Acton (Ontario Minor Hockey Association) are preparing to meet the competition as they battle for Ontario championships. The play-offs for the young pucksters began last week as the teams vie for the right to move further than their own league.

The play-off structure has the teams of Minor classification meeting other "A" centres in play-off action while Major teams will tackle "BB" squads.

That's a complete turn around from last year when the minor clubs tackled the BB centres and the Major "A".

The reason for the change is the way Acton teams were entered. Last season the Acton Minor Hockey Association entered their teams as first and second which meant that a good first year player could have played on their major club and a poorer major player, not capable of making the top team, could play for the minor or "B" squad.

This season Acton Minor Hockey decided they would enter their clubs Major-Minor.

The change makes little difference as most clubs will meet the same teams as they did the year previous, although the personnel may be varied.

Other centres competing with Acton in "A" classification in the preliminary round include Orangeville, Fergus, Woolwich, and Hespeler. That will make it tough for last year's Ontario Zone champion Minor Atoms as Majors. They fought hard last year to advance from their own league and this year the competition seems tougher.

The "BB" grouping of the Waterloo-Wellington league is not as competitive as only Acton and Fergus compete for the right to advance past their league.

With only the two teams, the Acton squads have a good chance of advancing. The best bet for advancement should be the Pee-wees and Bantams. Both those are near the tops of their respective leagues with Fergus closer to the bottom.

To all teams involved in play-off action, good luck and let's bring home an Ontario championship, or two.

**Broadcasting 'B' . . .**

Former Sports Editor of the Acton Free Press, Georgetown Independent and Kitchener-Waterloo Newsday Denis Gibbons can be heard broadcasting Brampton Junior 'B' hockey games for CHIC radio in Brampton. The Sabres are in Brampton on February 4.

**Former Sabre . . .**

Former Acton Sabre Chris Costello has been doing quite well with his hockey since leaving the Sabres to join the Streetsville Derbys during Acton's first year of 'B' hockey.

Chris has been toiling the last two seasons for the Dixie Bees of the Provincial Junior 'A' league. Recently Costello was named to the western all-star team of that league.

**OMHA . . .**

Over the next few weeks the teams from the Acton Minor Hockey Association will be playing in Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) play-offs. From time to time the initials OMHA may be seen in the paper with no explanation. It stands for Ontario Minor Hockey Association.

**Atoms tough on defense**

Acton Hockey Moms' Minor Atoms are gaining respect in Waterloo-Wellington league action as a tough defensive team. In their last two games the atoms have scored 16 goals and given up none.

The first of the two wins was a one sided affair with the Hockey Moms' walking over Fergus to the tune of 15-0 and then, in a barn burner, edged Hespeler 1-0.

Peter Cargill led the scoring with two goals and three assists. Gord Taillefer fired a match ing pair of goals and assists while Paul Kilpatrick added one goal and three assists. David Haynes fired the only hat trick for the Hockey Moms. Jason O'Neill accounted for one goal and two assists. Mike Baker, Chris Rogers, Doug McKnight, and Toth Hill each fired one goal and helped on another. Tom Atherton added a pair of goals while Sean Fitzgerald counted two helpers. Kirk McNabb added an assist.

The next contest was not as easy for the atoms as they travelled to Hespeler to meet a club they had beaten only

once in the past two seasons.

Toth Hill fired the game's only goal at the game's mid-point from Kirk McNabb and Gord Taillefer.

**Redmen rout O.T.**

Acton Junior Redmen continued their fine play this week by downing Oakville-Trafalgar 91-35.

The team's top point-getter of the year, Martin Osso, was limited to 14 points as coach Rick McArthur elected to go with his bench.

Bob McClure led the point parade with 21 followed closely by Rob Lenizky with 20.

**500 Club**

Doris Townsley's name keeps coming up in the Acton Minor Hockey 500 Club draw. Mrs. Townsley's name came up for the third time this season.

Other winners included Beverly Miller 331, J. Ryan 154, Al Thompson 213 and Jeffery Carter 235.

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**Top Oak Ridges**

**Sabres win squeaker, fall to Flyers**

The Acton Sabres' modest unbeaten streak came to an end on the weekend, but not before they had managed their ninth win of the season to bring their total to 21 points for the season.

The Sabres were on the road this week and recorded a tight 2-1 win in Oak Ridges before meeting up with what might be considered one of the hottest clubs of late, the Milton Flyers, dropping a 7-3 decision.

The win does not help the Sabres' position but it stops a last place finish in the Central Ontario Junior 'B' League for the first time in three seasons.

The Sabres have a total of 21 points in this season, nine more than the bottom placed Georgetown Gemini and remain four points behind the Barrie Colts with seven games remaining on their schedule, including matches with Streetsville, Brampton, Georgetown and Orillia, the four clubs the Sabres have failed to take a point from this season.

"It was a reminder of the Dixie game a year ago" said Sabres general manager Bill Campbell of the Oak Ridges affair.

"It was a real goal-tenders' battle." It was a year ago that the Sabres upset the second placed Dixie Bee Hives with a 2-1 win.

The game was a 'clean, hard hitting and skating encounter' according to Campbell with Jerry Kofsky of Oak Ridges

and Sabres Kent Moffatt stealing the spotlight. "It had to be Kent's best game since his first year," said Campbell. "He must have stopped at least five break-aways over the final half of the contest.

The Sabres scored first at the 15:21 mark of the opening frame as Bob Flockhart found the target from Denis Charbonneau and Brad Buchanan.

The Sabres regained the lead with only 27 seconds remaining in the period as Paul Salviburg scored what would be the winner from Mark Schinkel and Matt Lambert.

Struggle The next night the Sabres were on the road again, this time the trip was to Milton where they found themselves struggling after a tough night previous.

It took the Sabres two periods to get loosened up and when they did it was too late. The Sabres scored all three of their goals in the third period as they doubled their shot total.

Milton scored first on a powerplay effort with Kelly McArthur sitting in the sin bin serving a hooking penalty. The Flyers extended their lead with only 28 seconds remaining in the period.

The second frame was all Flyers as they outshot the Sabres 28-12 and added four more goals to their totals. Bill Campbell credited the Flyers hustle and the Sabres

tired legs for the second period score. "They beat us to the puck constantly," he said. In the third frame the Sabres came to life with a pair of powerplay goals and an even strength

marker. Don Padley fired the first counter to end any hopes of a Milton shut-out at the 12:06 mark from Drew Gareau and Kelly McArthur.

Four minutes later the three players combined

again. This time Drew Gareau was the marksman with Padley and McArthur helping.

McArthur added his third assist of the contest with 4:01 remaining as he set up Brad Buchanan

with a powerplay marker.

The Sabres return home Friday night to host the Burlington Cougars and decide the season winner between the two clubs. In previous meetings between the two squads this season the Sabres have managed a 5-5 tie and a 4-3 win. The Cougars have countered with a 9-3 win. The rubber game of the series begins at 8:30 p.m.

at the Community Centre.

Sabre Shorts: The Sabres lost the services of Matt Lambert over the final two frames of the Milton match. He suffered a cut that took eight stitches to close on the bridge of his nose. In addition, Glenn Murray was forced to retire early for the evening with a charlie horse, leaving the club with only three defencemen. Forward

Neil Anderson played at what Bill Campbell considered 'quarter speed' due to a charlie horse.

The Sabres have two games to be rescheduled. One is with the bottom placed Georgetown Gemini and the other with the team on the other end of the pole, the Streetsville Derbys. Both games must be played within the next couple of weeks.



Gary Wilson (right) checks his line while doing a little ice fishing on Fairy Lake. Gary and Alex Ward enjoy fishing the lake during the winter months about as much as Zak Vetricek did watching the fishermen bore through the ice. Gary and Alex said the ice is approximately 18 inches thick where they break through with their lines.

**Lions continue run for league honors**

Acton Lions Pee-wees continued their run for first place in Waterloo-Wellington league action last week with wins over Orangeville 4-3, and Fergus 5-3. In exhibition play the Lions disposed of Milton 3-0.

Orangeville travelled through bad weather last Wednesday to meet up with the league-leading Lions and came 1-35 away from going home with a tie.

Paul Cargill found the net with 1:35 remaining from Randy Coverdale and Vince Danagher to give Acton the win.

Orangeville opened the scoring in the first minute of play only to allow Acton to come back down the ice off the face-off and tie the score. Jim Richard netted the goal with assistance from Brad MacPherson.

Orangeville regained

the lead before the period ended and carried that margin into the last four minutes of the second stanza when Paul Cargill tied things up for the second time from Vince Danagher.

The Lions took the lead for the first time as the second period drew to a close as Jim Richard found the net for the second time in the evening.

Orangeville forced the game to go to the wire with a goal just under half way through the final frame setting up the Cargill winner.

It took the Lions half a period to get moving in Fergus as the local lads fell behind 2-0 by the 4:13 mark.

Bruce Canary got the Lions on track with a goal at 3:57 from Lorenzo Civero and Paul Cargill. It took the Acton team

only 27 seconds after the first marker to net the tying goal. Chris Hicks netted the twine with help from Civero.

Jim Richard gave Acton the lead with the only goal of the second frame from Stan Smith.

Paul Cargill extended the Lions' lead to two from Brad MacPherson before allowing Fergus their third of the game.

Dave McKnight fired the insurance marker with 47 seconds left on the clock.

The next day the pee-wees travelled to Milton for an exhibition match with Milton Pee-wee Selects and came home 3-0 winners.

Randy Coverdale fired a pair for Acton with Lorenzo Civero netting the other. Paul Cargill added a pair of helpers with singles going to Jim Richard, Bruce Canary, and Vince Danagher.

**Young autograph seekers plentiful at Tigers-NHL Oldtimers charity match**

Young autograph seekers were plentiful at the Community Centre on Friday night as the NHL Oldtimers hit the ice to do

battle with the Acton Tigers of the Halton-Wellington-Dufferin Non-Contact League, in a charity benefit for the

Heart Fund. Players like Andy Bathgate, Keith McCreary and Wally Stanowski were too much

for the Tigers as they dropped an 8-3 decision. The Oldtimers were up to their old tricks throughout the contest as they used illegal sticks, plays and tactics for the fans' pleasure.

Their hockey was also entertaining as they had the industrial Tigers skating in circles as they passed the puck with authority and control.

The Tigers hit the scoresheet first as Wayne Munro found the net behind NHLers Wayne Moulton with help from Wayne Hill and Carl Reed. That goal came at the 17 second mark and although it came early it didn't look like the Tigers

would run away with the contest.

The Oldtimers came back at the 16 minute mark as Ivan Irwin scored from Sid Smith. The Tigers regained the lead only two minutes later for what would be the last time in the contest as Don Baird scored from Terry Cole.

Cal Gardiner tied the game for the Oldtimers from Keith McCreary and Andy Bathgate before Ike Hildebrand put the NHLers up from Pete Conacher and Andre Boudrais just before the period's end.

In the second frame the Oldtimers put on a real

show of puck handling and control as they toyed with the Tigers, scoring five unanswered goals.

Hugh Bolton scored twice for the Oldtimers over the middle 20 minutes with Sid Smith, Bob Wall and Pete Conacher netting singles.

In the final frame, the Tigers got one back as Glen Ferguson scored from Trav and Tim Clifford.

Coach Mike Lalonde was pleased with the way the event turned out. "We played well, had lots of fun and made a little money for charity even though I got soaked," said Lalonde. The getting

soaked was part of the Oldtimers' tricks, bucket of water to weigh the opposition down.

Although they were outclassed by the NHLers, Lalonde feels his team played as well as they can and felt if they could play the same way against teams in their own league they could walk away with things.

The Acton goaltending was one of the highlights of the contest as the Tigers got superb efforts from goaltenders Larry Fuller and Stan Kruk. Lalonde leased after the game "shots on goal Acton 15, Oldtimers 600".

Although the shots weren't that plentiful the Tigers' goaltenders were impressive in stopping numerous point blank drives off the NHLers sticks.

In all, about 425 fans were at the arena to watch the old favorites and the Tigers. About \$150 will be sent to the heart fund, according to Lalonde.

Lalonde had special thanks to the new owners of J and T Sports Ray Graham and Bob Jarrett for their help with ticket sales. Lalonde felt that the help in selling tickets turned the event from failure to success.



Andy Bathgate proved to be one of the favorites with the autograph seekers at the Community Centre Friday night as the NHL Oldtimers and the Acton Tigers met in a charity game.



Hockey Night in Canada's Brian MacFarlane showed the Acton Tigers and fans that he could handle a puck and stick in ways that some others couldn't. Tigers Wayne Munro looks on with NHLers Hugh Bolton (2) and Ivan Irwin. The Oldtimers showed the Tigers a thing or two about puck handling in scoring an easy 8-3 win. Proceeds of the event will go to the Heart Fund.