



# The Acton Free Press

## Sports & Recreation

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Last week the Acton Free Press received a letter from an upset parent regarding coverage of the final game of a Tri-county Softball series. Below is the letter we received followed by a few of my own comments on this particular situation and others like it.

R.R. 1 Acton  
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Dear Mr. Coles:  
RE: Sports

### Peewee Girls

I am very displeased with your Peewee Girls sports coverage.

As far as I was concerned, coverage during the season was poor.

However, the coverage last night, really hit a new low.

The Peewee Girls (Tri-County) played good ball all season—played in a different league—last to Puslinch last week—played a do or die game last night—defeated Puslinch 20-0 and your Sports Editor did not have the courtesy (or interest in his work) to find out who won the championship and to take the winner's picture, irregardless of which team won the championship.

Pictures appear constantly of grown men flying around the baseball diamond—pictures of men's teams being defeated. Give the sports people of the future a break.

(Mrs. K. T.) Dorothy McClure  
Mother of Robin (Peewee)  
& Patty (Bantam)

each of whom won trophies this year.

I am sorry Mrs. McClure feels the way she does about the coverage of the local pee-wee girls baseball team. I was unaware they were looking for a league championship until I showed up at the park Monday evening. Until that time I believed they were in consolation play.

Over the Minor Ball season the coaches of the various teams know, or should know, that their game sheets are to be forwarded to the Acton Free Press so both the readership and sponsorship can find out what the teams are doing. On more than one occasion this year I informed the league president that the girls' teams were not sending in sheets.

The fact they won the league and play-off is great. I am happy for them, but I felt that at that time (last week) the individual award winners should be recognized. The pee-wee team has all season for recognition if the results are forwarded while the wind-up day is the only time that individuals are rewarded for outstanding play and contributions.

There were two Tri-county league champions over the season and both received the same coverage on taking the league crown. The only difference was that the A-B Foodland Atoms brought their sheets in all season keeping the people informed.

There seems to be a misunderstanding as to why I was at the park on Monday evening. Mrs. McClure believed that I had promised to come down to get a team picture. There was no commitment. We do not make promises about picture taking. Unforeseen mishaps sometimes call us to other areas making it impossible to reach certain places at given times. We inform anyone wishing a picture taken that we will 'try' to attend the function.

As for my being there, I received a message and although a picture could have been taken I do not believe in building hopes when I know I have excessive materials for my pages that week. (Award winners from Minor Ball closing). Whether I intended on taking pictures or not, I am being condemned for showing an interest in minor sports. Am I not allowed to show an interest without being behind a camera?

In Mrs. McClure's letter, she made reference to the men's team pictures over the season. On more than one occasion this year, I have gone out and taken pictures and then received no word on the outcome leaving me with pictures I cannot use. The men's leagues always handed in reports. I would have been happy to take pee-wee girls' pictures (action shots) at sometime over the season, if I had known when they played and that the game sheets would be forwarded.

In closing, I think you will find that it all comes down to a matter of communication. If no one informs me, I don't know. Let's hope all problems can be rectified for next season. I would like nothing more than to have full coverage from each team in every league.



Acton Sabres open their exhibition season on the weekend dropping a pair of contests, 10-2 to Welland and 5-4 to Dixie. One player the Sabres are relying heavily this season is goaltender Rob Bremner. Mike Rippon (centre white) and Randy Rhynolds (left) are two defencemen looking for spots on this year's team. The Sabres are currently on the small side and are looking for players to add muscle and stamina.

## Sabres seek size drop two matches

Acton Junior 'B' Sabres started off their 1979-80 pre-season schedule in the same fashion that they ended their 1978-79 Central Ontario Junior 'B' season—with a pair of losses.

The Sabres were outmuscled in their opening exhibition contest in Welland on Sunday night dropping a 10-2 decision, before returning to Green Briar Arena in Bramalea one night later. Despite being outmuscled they turned in a good performance dropping a 5-4 match to the Dixie BeeHives.

The Sabres currently lack one important ingredient in their quest for a Junior 'B' winner—size. It was quite evident in their opening exhibition contests as both Welland and Dixie outmuscled the locals.

In Welland a strong but chippy squad thrashed the local team on both the scoresheet and in the penalty department. Welland took a 3-0 first period lead in the match before the Sabres netted their first of the year with Duffy Tracy netting the twine from Steve Van der Eyken. Tracy is a centre from Midland, Michigan, looking for a spot with the Acton team.

Acton trailed by a 6-1 count after two periods before notching their second as Pat Fung, one of six players signed with the team for this season, found the mark from Greg Hartman and Steve Miller. Hartman is another newcomer, to the Sabres this year while Miller is still looking for a spot with the club. All three are graduates of the Bramalea Juvenile All-Ontario finalists.

Welland replied with four to bring their final count to ten.

Rob Bremner was between the pipes for the entire contest for Acton stopping a total of 37 shots. Acton fired 18 in the direction of the Welland net.

The Sabres lost midget hopeful Mike Monahan during the contest with Welland. Monahan was sidelined after taking a stiff check. Coach Fred Buchanan was not sure of the extent of Monahan's injuries but hoped he would be ready to skate when the Sabres hit the ice Thursday night in Guelph.

Despite their lack of size against Dixie, the Acton team was far from being outmuscled or outclassed. Dixie opened the games scoring with a powerplay goal at the 1:49 mark of the opening frame.

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periods mid-point that Acton evened the count. Return Neil Anderson potted the marker with help from Greg Hartman and Pat Fung. Dixie added another goal late in the opening frame to take 2-1 lead into the dressing room.

The Sabres came out flying in the second period picking up a pair of goals in the opening five minutes to grab a lead for the first time this season. Duffy Tracy evened the score at two at the 3:03 mark from Steve Miller, and Bob Allsop. Steve Van der Eyken put Acton ahead with a powerplay goal a little more than a minute later with assistance from Miller.

Dixie came right back to the attack scoring a pair of markers within two minutes to regain the lead.

Acton notched their final goal of the game with five minutes remaining in the second stanza. Brian Doherty was credited with the goal. Randy Reynolds picked up an assist.

A lone Dixie goal in the third period gave the Bee Hives the victory leaving the Sabres pre-season record at no wins and two losses.

Coach Buchanan was pleased with his team's performance against Dixie but is in desperate need of a couple of top flight defencemen. Buchanan believes that one player expected to join the team Thursday, Don Prickett, of Fergus, may solve one of the problems.

Buchanan said he is also looking for some good sized forwards to help round out the line-up. Buchanan is looking for centres and left wingers. "For the first time in all the years I've coached hockey" said Buchanan, "I have an excess of right wingers."

One situation that may help the Sabres this year is the fact that the Ontario Hockey Association has ruled that Guelph residents are no longer imports to the Sabres, thus making it possible for the Sabres to pick up late Guelph Junior 'A' cuts without having to use any of their seven import cards.

The Sabres wind up their exhibition season this weekend when they travel to Listowel and Dixie. Friday the Sabres meet Listowel and Saturday they play a return match with the Bee Hives.

The Sabres open their 1979-80 season in Orillia next Friday, September 29.

## Juvenile team planned if enough interest shown

At the beginning of last season the executive of the Acton (Waterloo-Wellington) Minor Hockey Association decided to disband juvenile hockey, but for only one season.

Any juvenile aged players interested in playing this season are being asked to step forward. At the first registration of minor hockey only one juvenile registered for the coming season. If the 17 to 19 year olds are interested in having a team in the W-W league this year the time to speak up is now.

The newly formed AMHA executive has budgeted for both equipment and ice time for the new season and with 15 or 16 dedicated boys, are willing to operate.

The team has an application for both the coach and manager's job for the season provided the interest is there amongst the players. Registration fees for juvenile players is slightly different from the rest of the Waterloo-Wellington teams. The registration fee of \$70 is required by the player plus a \$50 performance

bond. The bond will be returned at the end of the season, with interest provided the player finishes the year.

Acton Minor Hockey president Bruce Cargill said that players wouldn't be reprimanded for missing practices or games provided there is a legitimate excuse. He said that the executive realizes that players at that age must work some

nights or can't make other games for various reasons but "A hangover isn't a legitimate excuse," says Cargill.

Two years ago the Acton Juveniles had five or six players showing up for practices. "We can't afford it for five or six concerned boys," said Cargill. "The executive would like nothing more than to see a juvenile team."

The final registration for Minor Hockey is to take place at the Community Centre this Saturday.

Any juvenile aged player that cannot attend the registration are asked to show their desire to play by contacting Bruce Cargill at 853-4039, Herb Dodds at 853-2324 or Barry Inscoc at 853-1524, before the end of September. If there is insufficient interest no team will be iced.

## Squirts Hammer'd in playoff action

Acton's L and L Ford Pee-wee boys wound-up their ball season September 9 losing both ends of a doubleheader to Glen Williams 5-3 and 4-1.

Jon Hammer was the winning pitcher for Glen Williams in both games striking out 11 in the 5-3 win and 12 in the 4-1 victory. Kevin Lobsinger fanned nine in one match and eight in the other for Acton.

Brad Demone led off the 4-1 game with a run for Acton but it was all they could manage as Hammer held them at bay over the next four innings. Mike Cunningham was the only other Acton base runner, picking up a pair of walks.

In the 5-3 Glen Williams win, Acton threatened early with Kevin Lobsinger scoring a first inning run before Hammer found the range, striking out Mike Cunningham with the

bases loaded. Two third inning runs from Lobsinger and Demone gave Acton a brief lead but the Glen fought back in the fourth picking up three runs for a 5-3 win.

Acton L and L Ford Squirts: Brad Demone, Kevin Lobsinger, Gary MacEachern, Gord Mitchell, Spencer Smith, Mike Ormsby, Mike Cunningham, Tom Hartolac, Chris Cooney and Steven Fuller.

## Coach clinics

There are three excellent hockey clinics coming up in Acton.

The first clinic or Level One Hockey of the National Coaches Development Program will be offered at the Acton Community Centre on Wednesday, October 10 from 6 till 10 p.m. with a five dollar fee.

The second clinic, Level Two Hockey, will be offered at the arena on Sunday, October 14. The fee for the clinic is \$12 and runs from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The third of the three clinics offered in Acton this year will be a Level Two Theory clinic.

Those interested in registering for any of the above clinics must do so at the municipal office, Mill St., Acton, by Friday September 21 at 4:30 p.m. The office will also be open Thursday evening from 7 till 8:30 p.m. for registration. Insufficient registration will mean cancellation of the programs.

Yes, yes, yes

The Station Hotel Bulldogs proved too tough for any of the three impromptu teams at the Acton Fall Fair Tug-o-war contest.



Acton Curling Club Ladies captured their second straight ladies powderpuff softball title last week topping L and L Ford 27-16 in the final game. Front row 1. to r. Doug Bryant (coach), Ruth Lefebvre, Donna Cripps, Barb Bryant, Debbie Reid, Joyce Iglesias, middle row, Eva Murdock, Mary Hicks, Judy Vetricek, Marilyn McArthur, Janet Marshall, Cathy Snelling, back row, Heather Ferguson, Anne Carmichael, Janet Fleming, Nancy Vetricek, and Bob Bryant (coach).

## Soccer

With soccer league play in it's final week, Lions took a 2-0 win over Tigers in the Squir Division. No goal scorers were reported.

Gunners and Tornados played to a 1-1 tie. Gunners goal was scored from a penalty kick by D. Thorpe. Tornados goal scorer was not reported.

In Atom League play Everton had two wins, a 1-0 win over Ajax on a goal by C. Webster and a 3-2 win at Eramosa. Goals by C. Webster (1) and 2 from J. VanDam were enough to overcome Eramosa.

Leeds, on a goal by C. Rogers, beat Wolves 1-0. In a close game Leeds wasted several chances including two penalty kicks before scoring the lone goal for the win.

Ajax beat Rockwood 5-2. Two goals for Rockwood from J. Brown and an outstanding game from T. Lazenby were not enough to overcome a strong Ajax team. Goals from C. Nibbs (3), D. Bartlett (1), and D. Eaton (1) along with strong games from P. Campbell, D. Vasek, K. Phillips and J. Caswell gave Ajax the win.

Raiders with single goals from T. VanDam, S. Inotal and D. Thomas beat Rangers 3-2 in a close fought game. Scorers for Rangers were C. Lewis and J. Stanbridge. Outstanding player for Raiders was D. Thomas.

With a fine team effort Rovers easily dominated Rockwood for 1 10-0 win. Goalscorers were D. Lawrence and W. Blain with two goals each and B. O'Neil, J. Lawson, D. Van der Eyken, K. Galloway, P. Bollert and R. Van der Wal with singles.

In Rep play Acton Mosquitos lost a close game to Mallon 4-3. After falling behind 4-0 in the first half, Acton, led by Jamie Lawson in defence and C. Stewart and S. Wagner, pulled back to 4-3 on a hat-trick from Wagner. In the final few minutes Acton piled on the pressure for the equalizer and did put the ball in the net only to have the goal disallowed.

United beat Rockwood 4-2 on goals from E. Mlinaveric (2), K. Kavanagh (1) and R. Kilpatrick with a penalty. Rockwood put up a good performance but couldn't break through United's defence who got good performances from N. Fryers and M. Splinter. Also playing a strong game for United was R. Rauwerda.

Newcastle took a quick 4-0 lead over Celtic in the first half and then had to hang on in the second as Celtic came to life but couldn't get the goals they needed, finally losing 4-2.

This Saturday September 22, sees the Final Day of the 1979 Soccer season for House League play. All teams will be playing, whether in exhibition or trophy games and Acton's Soccer Executive would like to invite all parents to come over and watch their 'soccer stars' play on this last day of the season.