

Chapman headed for Flint Generals after "good" Toronto rookie camp

Former Acton Sabre and Central Ontario Junior 'B' scoring leader Dave Chapman is on his way to Flint, Michigan, for a try-out with the International League's Flint Generals. Chapman attended the Toronto Maple Leaf rookie camp recently and is now headed for Michigan.

Chapman spent one week at the Leaf camp with 32 other hopefuls trying to land a job with the NHL team. "I knew when I went I wouldn't make it," said Chapman. "I went for the exposure and experience."

Chapman said he found the rookie camp a step up

from the Senior 'A' he played last year saying that it's smarter hockey and he knew that if a pass was coming it would be there. "You have to think faster," said Dave.

After a week in camp Chapman met with Leaf coach Floyd Smith, Moncton manager Johnny McLelland and head scout Jerry MacNamara. "They told me I had a 'good' camp," said Chapman. "but they said they had no room for me in Moncton. They had too many players on contract."

Chapman was impressed with new Leaf coach Smith after his stay in Toronto. Smith told Chapman that he would help him land a spot and "he stuck to

his word," cited Dave. "I thank him and respect him for that."

Chapman was to have headed for Saginaw, of the International League until Monday when he received a call from Flint. The Michigan team, according to Chapman, is looking for centremen and a high recommendation from McLelland has given Chapman the break he was looking for.

After several phone calls Chapman figures he was a better shot at making the Michigan team than the squad in Saginaw. He leaves this Sunday with physicals and ice training beginning on Monday.

Chapman says it has taken a lot of hard work and

dedication to reach the international league and he feels it proves one doesn't have to play Major Junior 'A' hockey or be drafted to get a shot at a hockey career.

Chapman says, like always, he is taking things one year at a time. He is excited about the possibility of the International League and feels he can play in it. The International League issues only one year contracts and a good season in Flint may just be another stepping stone.

Dave was out with the Junior 'B' Sabres on Monday night trying to stay in top shape for his tryout with Flint.



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Acton Sabres opened their 1979-80 Junior 'B' hockey season on the weekend picking up one of a possible four points. The Sabres dropped a 3-1 decision in their league opener in Orillia and then tied the Georgetown Gemini 5-5 on Sunday. Here, Sabres goaltender Rob Bremner gets caught out of the net while three Gemini converge on the open net and Sabre Bob Aillsop. The goal that resulted evened the score at 2-2 during the second period. Georgetown was forced to pull their goaltender to even the score with 29 seconds remaining. Sabres open their home season Friday against the Streetsville Derbys and Saturday against the Dixie Bees.

Fung fires hat trick as Sabres tie Gems

Several of the Acton Junior 'B' Sabres loyal supporters were in Georgetown on Sunday evening to cheer their local team on in their second start of the 1979-80 season. The Sabres turned in a fine performance in the contest forcing the Gemini to come from behind in the last minute of play to earn a 5-5 draw in the "Battle of Halton Hills."

One night earlier the Sabres opened the season in Orillia, dropping a 3-1 decision. The hockey at Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown was not the best junior hockey one could take in but the match was highlighted by several good passing plays and missed scoring opportunities.

Pat Fung was impressive on offence for the Sabres firing three goals and playing a top notch fundamental game. Fung and Linemate Greg Hartman

are in their first season with the Sabres as graduated juveniles from Bramalea. Hartman was in on all three Fung markers earning assists on each one.

The Sabres with only five players from the Acton area in the line-up, showed the host Gemini they were out to win in the opening period and a half building up a 2-0 lead on a pair of powerplay goals by Fung and Rob

Jeffries. Jeffries, one of the newest Sabres, had little room on his marker beating Georgetown veteran goalie Brad Miller with a fast rising shot on the glove side. Lance Dexter and Neil Anderson picked up helpers on the Jeffries' goal while Hartman and Brad Buchanan helped on Fung's first.

Georgetown finally beat Acton goalie Rob Bremner with three minutes remaining in the second stanza. Andy Broadbent lit the lamp

for the Gemini. The Sabres seemed stunned by the Georgetown marker and it took the Gems only 41 seconds to even the count with Bill Taylor firing the goal and former Sabre Dave McGilloy earning an assist.

The Gemini took the lead in the third period as a powerplay goal from Taylor put the Gems up. Fung tallied his second of the night a short time later as a perfect three-way passing play with Hartman and Duffy Tracy left Fung alone with the puck in front of an empty Georgetown net.

The Sabres kept fighting and regained the lead with six minutes remaining as Fung netted his third. Hartman and Randy Rhynolds helped set up the goal with Fung again firing into an empty net after some pretty passing.

Dave McGilloy tried to become the 'Sabrespoiler' with four minutes remaining as he reached back and found a corner over Bremner's left side, giving the Gems the equalizer.

McGilloy's unassisted effort was not enough to subdue the hungry Sabres as they rallied once more with only three minutes remaining. Brad Buchanan fired the marker as he fired a shot that seemed to handoff Georgetown goalie Brad Miller. Neil Anderson earned one assist on the play with Dennis Charbonneau picking up the other. Charbonneau, who sat on the bench for the Sabres the first half of last season before getting a chance to play regularly, played with the confidence of a seasoned veteran Sunday skating well and handing out several solid checks.

Georgetown tallied one last time in the contest. With the goaltender on the bench and Pat Fung serving a penalty for the Sabres, the Gemini found the mark with a low deflection that beat Bremner with 28 seconds remaining to play.

The goal noticeably disheartened the Sabres but the local team did not give up as they returned up ice to force Brad Miller to a big save with 15 seconds remaining to salvage the tie for the Gemini.

The Sabres fired a total of 23 shots at the Georgetown net during the game while picking up 32 minutes in penalties compared to 25 shots and 35 minutes for the Gemini.

In the Orillia contest the Sabres and the Travelways played a scoreless first period with two early goals in the second stanza putting the Sabres behind.

Greg Hartman fired his first Junior 'B' goal at the period's midpoint to close the gap to within

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All Condo final

Freedom captures tournament crown

Freedom of the Condominium League captured top spot in the Second Annual Acton Industrial Fastball League Tournament on the weekend scoring a 10-9 win over another Condo team, Fobert Real Estate, in the final.

Van's Welding repeated their victory of Thursday night over Family Cleaners taking a 11-4 win to cop the consolation title.

There were a good number of fans at the ball park on the weekend taking in the ball and the fine weather as the event ended with the battle between the two Condo teams.

Freedom (Fred Construction, Dominion

Hotel) reached the final by disposing of the consolation champs, Van's Welding in a 4-1 opening round match, clubbing Halton Hills Electric 19-9 with a late rally and then setting aside J and T Sports 12-2 in a five inning mercy rule contest.

Fobert Real Estate surprised everyone by reaching the event final, outdoing Unisal Construction 9-0 in the opening round and then clubbing Limehouse 12-2. Stan Clarke carried a good portion of the Fobert workload with his fine pitching earning him the tourney's Most Valuable Player Award.

Freedom scored runs in each inning of the final

match with their biggest output coming in the third when they tallied three times.

Fobert took an early lead in the match scoring twice in the opening inning but before the stanza had been completed Rick McArthur had rounded the bases on errors to give Freedom a single counter.

Freedom evened the count in the second inning but Fobert came back in the top of the third with three runs taking a 5-2 lead. Freedom again managed to even the count in the bottom of the inning four base hits brought the runs to the plate.

Three Freedom errors enabled Foberts to

regain three run lead in the top of the fourth inning but a single in the bottom of the fourth and two fifth innings tallies brought the score to even for the third time.

Freedom took their first lead of the game in the bottom of the sixth inning and held on allowing Fobert only one run in the last inning leaving men on second and third base.

Station Hotel 13 - Home Hardware 7
A six run first inning was the difference as Station Hotel topped Home Hardware in the tourney's inaugural match. Gary Pickles crossed the plate three times to lead Station batters with Durwood Noseworthy counting a pair for Home.

J and T Sports 11 - Acton Restaurant 1
J and T scored the first mercy rule game of the day as they pounded five third inning runs on their way to victory. Dave Allen and Ray Graham accounted for over half of the Sportsmen's scoring (3 (three runs each) with Gary Williams notching the only Restaurant run.

Electric 9 - Achilles Motors 6
Halton Hills Electric beat the odds in their opening match as they scored a win over Achilles with only eight ball players. Steve Kruk scored twice for Electric while Doug Lockerbie accounted for a pair of Achilles runs.

Freedom 4 - Van's Welding 1
It turned out to be the battle of the champions as Freedom began their

championship drive relegating Van's to the consolation title. Rick McArthur crossed the plate for half of Freedom's runs while Ian Campbell tripped and scored the lone Welders marker.

Fobert 9 - Unisal 0
Fobert surprised Unisal Construction 9-0 in their opening round game as the tourney's MVP Stan Clarke allowed the Contractors just four hits while picking up six strikeouts.

Limehouse 9 - Family Cleaners 0
Brad Deforest's two hitter and tight defensive play was too much for Family Cleaners as they were relegated to consolation play. Steve Scott and John Case scored a pair each for Limehouse while Bill Armstrong and Bill Routledge were the only two Cleaners to hit safely.

Acton Restaurant 20 - Home Hardware 0
Seven first inning runs and nine second inning markers brought about the day's second mercy rule game. Doug Pratt rounded the bases four times for Acton Restaurant with Mike Mattocks, Gus Jeffery, and Ray Russian scoring three each. Tim Coles and Oscar Leahl accounted for the only Hardware hits.

J and T 13 - Station Hotel 3
J and T remained unbeaten in tournament play as they sidestepped the Hoteliers with a five run third and an eight run fourth. Five different players scored two runs

each for J and T while Jamie Morris added two for the Station.

Van's 8 - Achilles Motors 1
Van's Welding earned a bye into the consolation final as they gave up only one run in an 8-1 victory over Achilles Motors. Van's scored four runs in each of the first and fourth innings of the match while Achilles managed a single fifth inning score from Fred Lockerbie.

Freedom 19 - Electric 9
An eight run sixth inning blew away any

chances of Halton Hills Electric coming back to record the win. With Freedom winning 11-9 Electric got sloppy in the field allowing Freedom to continue their championship fight. Mike McGregor scored four times for Freedom with Bill Manes accounting for three Electric tallies.

Cleaners 7 - Unisal 4
A four for four plate performance by Cleaner Vince Thornton lifted the Family past Unisal in second round consolation action. Gary Wilson and Earl Burt scored two

each for Family with Dan Allen counting a pair for the Contractors.

Foberts 12 - Limehouse 2
Foberts Real Estate earned a berth in the championship final by allowing Limehouse just two runs as they surprised most everyone with a seven run sixth inning. Stan Clarke struck out six Limehouse batters in the match while all Foberts players crossed the plate at least once.

Family Cleaners 14 - Acton Restaurant 6
Family Cleaners scored in every inning of the contest but the second as they advanced to the consolation final where they would meet Van's. Gary Wilson and Karl Killingbeck each went three for five at the plate for Cleaners while Jules Russiani carried the big Restaurant bat.

Freedom 12 - J and T 2
J and T Sports proved no match for Freedom in semi-final action as they managed only two runs off four hits. Freedom went scoreless in the first inning of the mercy rule match but then the bats

came to life. Dan Arbie belted a three run homer for Freedom and Gus Holmes a single.

Van's 11 - Family 4
A repeat of the Acton Industrial League playoff proved the same results with Van's scoring the 11-4 win, over Family Cleaners. Al Avery supplied the power for Family with a three run homer in the fifth but it was too late as Van's had built up a 9-1 lead at the point. Jim James paced the Van's attack with a three for four plate performance.



J and T Sportsmen's first baseman Ken Hurren hurries to beat Freedom batter Barry Buchanan to the bag during semi-final action of the Industrial League Fastball Tournament. Freedom clobbered J and T 12-2 to advance to the final where they nipped Fobert Real Estate 10-9.



Freedom (Fred Construction, Dominion Hotel) captured the Acton Industrial League Fastball Tourney on the weekend nipping Foberts Real Estate in the finals. Players include front row l. to r. Al Hall, Nolan, Ken Paisley and Reg Landriault. Back row, Bob Turkoz, George Wallis, Bob Little, Dan Arbie, Rick McArthur, and Mike McGregor. Missing from the photo are Ray Buchanan, Gus Holmes, Al Campbell, Lloyd Smallwood. Back