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### Jekyll-Hyde routine

## Impressive for 30 minutes against Derbys Sabres drop pair of 10-3 home decisions

For almost 30 minutes of the Acton Junior "B" Sabres' home opener against Streetsville Friday night the local fans had to wonder what had

happened to the team that was headed for a bottom placing in the Central Ontario Junior "B" Loop. The Sabres held the

defending Ontario champions scoreless, played inspired hockey, doing what the ten other league teams will be trying to do all season—stay

on top of the Derbys. The outstanding work of Acton goaltender Rob Bremner paid off in the first period as the second year goaltender blocked

21 Derby drives as the Sabres came away with a scoreless draw. Acton fired the first goal of the game at the five minute mark of the

second frame and then...the roof caved in. It was back to the Sabres of old for the 250 plus fans who attended

the game. The Derbys fired five goals in the remaining half of the second period and five more in the third as the young Acton legs gave

out and passes became errant. After displaying a fine 30 minutes of hockey the Sabres regained old form as the Derbs went on to a familiar 10-3 victory. The Sabres' troubles didn't stop there. The following

Night, home to Dixie, the Sabres continued where they had left off the night before. They were unorganized and defenseless as the Beehives pounded in an

identical number to that of the Streetsville crew as the Sabres fell by a second 10-3 score in two games. It is almost unbelievable that a team that can play sound hockey for half a game could revert to the other extreme so easily. The Sabres goaltender, Rob Bremner, faced 144 shots over the two games. Identical 72 in each game. The Sabres' defence, after the opening 30 minutes, was non-existent as they missed checks, threw errant passes and left opposition players alone to make things a nightmare for Bremner. Steve Miller put the Sabres up on the Streetsville Derbys early in the second period of their match as he put a shot behind Derby netminder Les Williams with help from Duffy Tracy and Rob Snare. The lead was short-lived however as Streetsville came back netting the equalizer with nine minutes gone in the second stanza. From that point on the Sabres began to fall into a shell that they have been in since. Four more Streetsville goals, including a short-handed effort, put them in command before the frame ended and it continued through the final period. Streetsville moved into a 7-1 lead before Bob Allsop fired his first goal of the season for the Sabres beating Williams with a screen shot from the blue line. Rob Jeffries and Rob Snare picked up assists. The Derbys added a couple more before Barry Trood picked up the last Sabre marker from Neil Anderson with 3:39 remaining. Streetsville added their second shorthanded goal of the game with only 23 seconds remaining to give Streetsville a 10-3 victory. "We panicked and started running," said Sabres coach Fred Buchanan. "We got a goal behind and panicked." "Our system broke down," said Sabres new assistant coach Brian Quinn but neither seemed totally disappointed with the fact they had been beaten 10-3 by the Derbys. "I'm not disappointed," said Buchanan. "They didn't quit." As Buchanan pointed out, one thing the '79-'80 Sabres did that teams in the past haven't, they mucked it up in the corners with the Derbs. Buchanan had praise for defenceman Rob Jeffries, and centres Pat Fung and Barry Todd following the game. Jeffries kept the Streetsville forwards on their toes handing out several good checks. The Sabres started their game with Dixie the way they finished their match with Streetsville. Dixie grabbed a 2-0 lead by the games five minute mark and it looked as if things were going to be even worse than they finally turned out. Acton pulled to within a goal of the Beehives at the 14:17 mark of the opening period as Sean Doyle netted the twine from Barry Trood and Jamie Vickery. Dixie responded to the Acton marker by netting another within a minute of the Acton goal restoring a two goal margin. Acton added a powerplay marker with 1:35 remaining in the first period as Greg Hartman connected from Steve Miller. At that point the game had been salvaged by the Sabres, who were pres-

sing for the equalizer. Failing to score with a two man advantage seemed to drain any remaining life from the local team. Dixie pounded in four unanswered second period goals, including the third shorthanded goal given up by the Sabres in two games as they took total control. Three more third period goals were recorded by Dixie before Acton netted their third goal with only seven seconds remaining. Barry Trood was credited with the marker while Steve Miller and Brad Buchanan earned assists. Sabres' coach Fred Buchanan had little to say after the match as his disappointment in the team's performance was described by his long face. Buchanan was looking for the Sabres first win of the season in four starts.

SABRE SHORTS: Acton coach Fred Buchanan feels, like many others, that the Streetsville Derbys are bigger and better than last year when they won the Sutherland Cup as Ontario champs in four straight games. The only place Buchanan feels Streetsville is weaker is in goal. The loss of Jim Lockhurst has moved last year's back-up netminder Les Williams a starter but the Derbys are still looking. Whether the Sabres have learned their lesson or not it seems they aren't interested in dealing with the Derbs. Streetsville is after the services of Acton netminder Rob Bremner but Buchanan says "not for sale". The big Sabre trade of last year sent Paul Pickard to Streetsville for a defenceman, Les Smith and others including Kent Moffatt. Smith never reported to the Acton camp. He scored twice for Dixie on Saturday night. "He" is number Nine, the team captain.



It was that type of weekend. Acton Sabres goaltender Rob Bremner faced 144 shots in two nights as the local Junior 'B' team dropped its first home games of the season, both by 10-3 counts. A stick was the only evidence of a Sabre defender in the later stages of the Sabres-Derbys contest on Friday night. Acton held the Derbys at bay for the first 30 minutes of the contest but inexperience and tired legs allowed the Derbs to roam free in front of Bremner during the last half of the match as they potted ten markers. The following night was a continuation as Dixie scored a 10-3 win.

**Round Robin**  
by Robin Insoe

**Toilet Bowl. . .**  
You have heard about the Super Bowl, The Orange Bowl, The Rose Bowl and the College Bowl but have you ever heard of the Toilet Bowl? It is the annual classic confrontation between the students and teachers of Acton High School. The "Toilet Bowl" originated several years ago when a group of grade 13 students challenged the school faculty to the contest. In the years following the students have claimed the prize only once, last year. Two of the games that I remember have ended in ties with the teachers coming out on top on at least two other occasions. The students will be putting last year's title on the line this afternoon (Wednesday) when the two teams do battle on the field behind the high school.

**Minor Hockey. . .**  
Acton Minor Hockey will be continuing Waterloo-Wellington try-outs at the Community Centre Saturday afternoon with any interested players being asked to attend the scheduled practice for their group. Novices (boys born in 1971 and '72) will hit the ice at 10:25 a.m. The Minor Atom age group, boys born in 1970, will begin try-outs at 11:30 a.m. With the Major Atoms, boys born in 1969, hit the ice at 12:35 p.m. The Minor Pee-wees (1968) practise at 1:40 and the Major Pee-wees (1967) at 2:45 p.m. The Minor Bantam (1966) will have a work-out 3:50 p.m. and the Major Bantams (1965) have ice time on Saturday at 4:55 p.m.

Anyone interested in trying out for the teams are invited to attend. All players must be registered with Minor Hockey before they are allowed to practice.

**Industrial action . . .**  
Acton Industrial League Hockey action begins this Sunday with three games on tap for the Community Centre beginning on Sunday at 7 p.m.

In opening week action Blow Press meets Hellers at 7 p.m. Family Cleaners takes on Van's Welding at 8:20 p.m. and Acton Terminal Warehouse tangles with Lakeview Centre in the nightcap at 9:40 p.m.

The line-ups for this season appeared in last week's Free Press.

**Sabres weekend. . .**  
Acton Sabres will attempt to turn things around this weekend as they tangle with the Milton Flyers and Oak Ridges Dynes.

Friday, the Sabres travel to Milton to take on the lowly Flyers. Yes, the lowly Flyers. They are behind the Sabres in current Central Ontario Junior 'B' standings. The Sabres have one tie in four league games while the Flyers have lost all four of their previous matches.

The Sabres host Oak Ridges at home on Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. The Dynes hail from what might be considered the unknown portion of the league. The four teams that joined the Central League last year, Oak Ridges, Barrie, Thornhill and Orillia seem to be of unknown quantities.

### Chinguacousy no match for Jr. cagers

Acton High School Junior Girls Basketball team finished their exhibition season in fine style last Wednesday afternoon totally dominating Chinguacousy 53-16 for their seventh win in nine starts. The Acton team was looking for a tough match with Chinguacousy in preparation for their league opener (Thursday) with Queen Elizabeth Park but were unable to find much fight in the large team.

Acton took an 8-4 first quarter lead and extended the margin to 26-10 at the half. The third quarter of the contest set the game on ice for Acton as they ran their total to 40 while holding Chinguacousy scoreless.

Acton outscored the opposition 13-6 in the final period to record the 53-16 win. Five players shared the Acton leading scorer honors. Teresa Dunn,

Lori DeBruyn, Kelly White, Mardie Phillips and Deb Clark picked up six points each. Acton co-coach Anne Lepik was pleased with the performance of most team players, especially the performance of Nancy Wong.

### Acton runner in marathon

Twenty-six miles is a long way to run but Acton's Dave Coates ran the distance at the Labatt's Toronto Marathon on the weekend. Coates, 97 Churchill Road South, did not finish the race in time to be recorded but he did complete the run. The official gate closed at 1 p.m. with Coates crossing the line at 1:02.



Acton (Waterloo-Wellington) Minor Hockey teams began work-outs at the Community Centre with all teams Novice to Major Bantams hitting the ice. Here, the Acton Minor Atom hopefuls get a helping hand from one of the newest Sabres, Lance Dexter. Dexter, from Midland, Michigan, was among many Sabres who ran the work-outs for team coaches.

### New season for 500 Club

It's that time of year again. With the starting of the Minor Hockey in Acton the Waterloo-Wellington League is once again preparing its 500 Club Draw.

### Anderson strikes YBC scholarship

An Acton resident was one of ten Ontario bowlers to receive a Youth Bowling Council (YBC) Scholarship this year. Dale Anderson, 184 Elmora Drive, has been awarded a \$200 scholarship, one of ten given by the YBC and Bowling Proprietors Association of Ontario. A total of 55 applications were received. In addition to the first year scholarship Dale can also be eligible for a \$100 continuing scholarship. Dale wrote the YBC News for this paper two seasons ago.

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Acton Sabre president Bob Lovell made a special presentation and long time team member 'Sonny' Townsley at the team's home opener on Friday. 'Sonny' has been involved in the organization for many years and a special plaque presentation marked the beginning of a career as an honorary member of the Sabres organization Friday.