

Kruk steals spotlight in Sabres 8-3 win

Acton Sabres rookie netminder Steve Kruk stole the spotlight at the Community Centre Saturday night as he completed his first game leading Acton to their first win of the year, an 8-3 victory over the Thornhill Thunderbirds. Earlier in the week the Sabres played hopeless hockey losing 10-2 to the Brampton Chevys.

The pressure was on the Sabres' first year goaltender before the two teams took to the ice for the confrontation. Sabres' number one netminder, Rob Bremner, was involved in a car accident en route to the arena. The mishap left Kruk alone with no back up and unsure of his abilities in Junior "B" combat. He had played ten

minutes prior to the Saturday night contest. Neither Bremner or Sabres forward Neil Anderson were seriously hurt in the car accident although Anderson may be out of the line-up for two to four weeks recovering from cuts and bruises. Goaltender Bremner skated with the team at practice on Monday but a badly bruised knee should keep him out of the net for at least a week.

It was Glenn Murray who paced the Acton win over the Thunderbirds as he picked up a five point night on three goals and a pair of assists.

After a scoreless first period the Sabres got things rolling early in the second stanza as Barry Trood found the net from Brad Buchanan and Sean Doyle. The Sabres fired their second goal within a minute of the start of the period as Murray connected from Pat Fung and Jamie Vickery. Thornhill got one back

a short time later but it was Glenn Murray who kept the Sabres going. The high scoring defenceman netted his second tally from Jamie Vickery to reinstate the locals two goal margin, and then added his third straight from Mike Rippon and Barry Trood before the Thunderbirds were able to hit the score sheet again with only 1.09 remaining in the frame.

The Sabres were not happy taking a two goal lead to the dressing room and it was Roy Dollman who added the Sabres' fifth second period marker from Murray and Pat Fung only 25 seconds after the Thornhill tally.

The Sabres added to their lead in the third period picking up goals from Steve Miller and Lance Dexter before Thornhill added their final goal with only 3.09 remaining. Barry Trood and John Yorke assisted on the Miller goal while Denis Charbonneau and

Duffy Tracey helped on Dexter's. The Sabres final goal came with less than three minutes remaining as Pat Fung found the range from Murray and Jamie Vickery.

Coach Fred Buchanan was pleased with the performance of his defence in the contest. "In Bremner's absence the defence realized they had to get it out," said Buchanan. "They moved it quickly."

Buchanan had praise for goaltender Kruk, Glenn Murray, Pat Fung and Bob Allsop following the win. "Allsop played his best game of the year," said Buchanan. According to Buchanan Allsop rode the pine the last half of the Brampton confrontation and a long talk before the Thornhill match seemed to produce good results.

Kruk stopped 43 Thornhill shots in the game while Acton fired 37 at Thornhill netminder Steve Lorenowicz.

The Brampton game was a rough house match for the Sabres, the league's second least penalized team heading into the game. A total of four major fighting penalties were called in the contest, close to the number the Sabres had picked up in their first nine matches.

The Sabres played it close for the first two periods in Brampton but the third period was one coach Buchanan and his team would probably like to forget about. Chevys fired six unanswered goals in the period including two shorthanded efforts as they turned a close contest into a walk-away.

The Sabres fell behind 2-0 early in the game but Neil Anderson closed the gap with only nine seconds remaining in the opening frame from Pat Fung and Bob Allsop. Brampton came back with a pair of tallies in

the early half of the middle stanza before Pat Fung's solo shorthanded effort gave the locals new life.

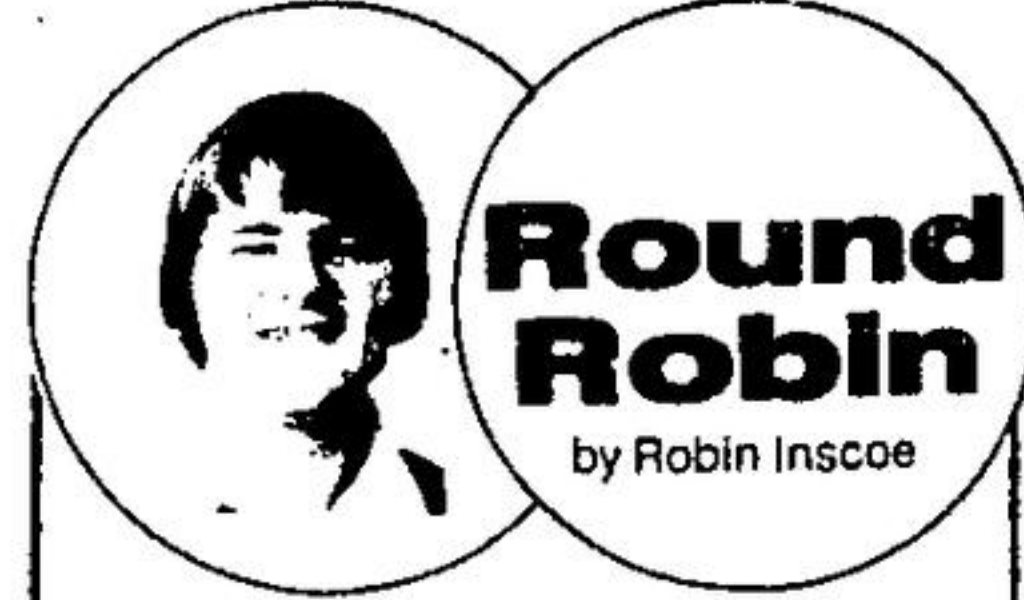
It was as close as they came before the six goal barrage. "They stunk," said Buchanan. "Everybody forgot about checking and passing. They looked worse than a good pee-wee team."

The Sabres added 52 minutes to their penalty total in the game while Brampton was handed 48.

Buchanan is awaiting the return match with the Chevys at the community Centre Saturday at 8:30 p.m. He feels his squad may be upset enough with their 10-2 setback that they will come out fired up. Last night (Tuesday), the Sabres were trying to make it two in a row as they travelled to Thornhill. Friday they meet the league leading Burlington Cougars in Burlington.



He went that way! Thornhill Thunderbirds goaltender Steve Lorenowicz took a chance and lost. Acton Sabres Glenn Murray (21) beat Lorenowicz in a race to the blueline, picked up the puck and fired it into the empty visitors net for one of his three goals as the locals picked up their first win (8-3) moving them ahead of the Milton Flyers and out of the Central Ontario Junior 'B' cellar.



Round Robin

by Robin Inscow

Now I know what is meant when some people say that the Montreal Canadiens are in a league by themselves. It isn't just on the hockey rink.

I was in Montreal on October 20 with a trip organized by Acton Travel and although I am not a Montreal Canadian fan I respect how well their organization is run.

One member of our group, Ron McKnight, had a special invitation to meet Jean Beliveau game night. Ron and I figured that he would say hello, maybe give him an autographed team picture or something, and send him on his way.

I learned in a hurry that the Montreal hockey team just didn't operate like that. Ron visited the dressing room, received mementos of the trip and was ushered to his seat by a member of the Forum on request of Beliveau.

The dealing between Ron and the Canadiens was entirely first class. I must say I was impressed with the organization, not to mention their hockey club.

The Montreal Expos were a contender for the baseball crown this season but they don't bat as well as the Canadiens do. The most impressive thing about the way the Montreal Canadiens played hockey was the way they picked up passes, out of mid-air! All night long the Habs would fire rink-wide passes at belt level and very seldom was it that the receiving players couldn't knock it down with their sticks. Again, impressed.

The trip was a good time for all involved. Forty-four people started out from Acton and we picked three more up in Cornwall. Former Acton resident Bill McKenzie hitch-hiked from Perth to Cornwall to catch the bus while a Cornwall resident Bernie "Razzy" Rasmussen and his wife, friends of Larry and Pat Taillefer, also joined the trip. Rasmussen played a lot of lacrosse at one time and apparently met up with Punch Imlach. The two, I am told, had a disagreement but Razzy straightened things out in a hurry.

It just so happened that the weekend we were in Montreal the Toronto Argos were at Olympic Stadium to play the Alouettes. The game was not the best but Olympic Stadium was more than worth the price of admission. There is no way to describe the building. You have to see it to believe it.

You could be sitting in the worst possible seat in the multi-million dollar cement masterpiece and still have as good a view as the guy sitting down in the lower tiers.

In all it was a good weekend for the majority of the crew on board. For anti-Montreal fans it was a weekend where both the Alouettes and the Canadiens turned up winners. The Als came from behind to defeat the sinking Argos 25-11 while the Habs handled the New York Rangers 5-4.

There were two special presentations at the Acton Industrial Fastball League banquet and dance on Saturday night.

One of the team captains of the past season, Darryl Whitten is moving out west and was presented with a ball autographed by all members of his championship Van's Welding team and the other team captains.

To Darryl and his family the best of luck and may he never strike out again, unless he moves back to the area.

The other presentation was to Family Cleaner pitcher Chuck Peavoy. Peavoy was not in attendance but his team members gave him a special trophy for his work over the season.

The award resembled a donkey's back end and was inscribed simply 'To Chuck Peavoy from Family Cleaners'.

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It was a night to remember for Hab fan

by Robin Inscow

It was a seven hour bus trip to Montreal for Ron McKnight, but it was worth every minute of it for the staunch Montreal Canadian fan.

Ron realized not one but two lifelong dreams on the trip which was arranged by Acton Travel. Forty-seven people headed on the expedition to see the Canadiens battle the New York Rangers.

Ron has been a Canadian fan since he was six years old, 24 years ago, and on October 20 his dream became a reality. Ron, accompanied by former NHL great Jean Beliveau, moved into the Montreal Canadian dressing room.

In the room there weren't just a few of the team's players, but 90 per cent of the crew of the defending Stanley Cup Champions. All were beginning to dress for that night's game.

Later on that evening Ron realized his second dream, that of meeting the voice of the Montreal Canadiens, Danny Galloway, a lifelong idol. Ron has been dubbed "The Voice of Acton" having looked after arena announcements for some 11 years and is still often called upon for tournaments.

Ron has been one of the area's strongest Hab supporters since he began following the team. "They were the first team I can remember watching on TV," he says. "I think their uniform caught my eye. I have been a fan ever since."

When Ron and chauffeur Roy Spear stepped into the Hab den, (Roy was on the trip helping McKnight get around in his wheelchair) he was in seventh heaven.

The whole string of events had been planned for the avid fan through Jean Beliveau. Acton Travel president Rick Bonnette put the gears in motion with a letter to Beliveau explaining Ron's involvement with hockey and his devotion as a Canadian fan. Eighteen years ago Ron met Rocket Richard.

Bonnette received confirmation from Beliveau before the trip began that Ron was to meet him at the Forum employee entrance at 6 p.m. on game night.

After a short talk between Beliveau and Ron they headed off to the dressing room. Brian Engblom was the first Hab to say hello, says Ron but he wasn't the only player who spoke to him. "We went

around the room and met all the players there."

Ron was most impressed with Canadiens all-star defenseman Larry Robinson and Engblom. "They seemed to be the friendliest players," says Ron. His most prized memento of the trip came from Robinson who presented the Acton sportsman with one of his own official hockey sticks which was a main conversation piece the rest of the trip.

"They made you feel like you were one of the family," says Ron. One of the newest Canadiens, goaltender Dennis Herron, met Ron with a "Glad to meet you sir." Ron will long remember being called "sir."

Along with the stick from Robinson, Ron received many other tokens to remember his weekend. Canadiens gave him autographed photos of all the players, a personally autographed pennant, a Canadian calendar, a couple of books, and an autographed souvenir mini-stick.

"I hated to leave," commented Ron. "They made you feel like one of the family. I could have chatted all day."

Ron appreciates what Rick Bonnette and Jean Beliveau did for him on the trip. "They must get thousands of requests for things like that," says Ron. "They can't accommodate them all but I'm glad I was one of the fortunate ones."

Ron met another gentleman associated with the Canadian organization after leaving the dressing area to watch the game. Molson's Breweries of Canada Limited's Vice-President John Osterman met Ron by accident. As a result he was made a gift of Canadian cuff links and a promise that a Canadian ring would be mailed to him.

For Ron McKnight it was a weekend to remember. Ron says he can't think of anything that will top his weekend in Montreal and it will take quite a feat to remove the Canadian dressing room from his mind. Ron is now waiting for the next Acton Travel trip to see the Habs. He wouldn't miss it for the world.

Oh yes, Ron saw a good hockey game too. Canadiens skated to a 5-4 win over the New York Rangers in the battle between last year's Stanley Cup finalists. That put the icing on the cake to a successful weekend for Ron.



Acton's Ron McKnight enjoyed a weekend in Montreal recently where the staunch Canadian fan got a rare opportunity to visit the Montreal dressing room to meet players. While waiting in the lobby Ron dubbed "the voice of Acton," got another thrill

when he met the voice of the Canadiens, Danny Galloway. Galloway stopped to say hello, autograph a pennant and pose for a picture before heading to his Hockey Night in Canada broadcasting post.

Peel-Haltons mark finale for cross country team



It's easy...

The curling season got underway on Monday night with the season's annual curling clinic for beginners and veterans alike. Ray Graham (standing) took a few pointers from Fred Archibald even before the actual clinic got underway. The first bonspiel for the club is this weekend.

the only five schools that entered complete teams in each event.

Acton's top finisher was Heather Thatcher in the junior girls' event. Heather placed sixth at the Halton meet two weeks ago and ninth last

week in a time of 12:46 for the 3,000 metre race. Kim Thomas of Erindale won the event in 11:34 minutes. Other Acton finishers in the race were Sue Kinal 48th, Sheila Johnson 65th and Cathy Grandy 80th.

Sharon Cook was the top placer for the Acton senior girls' team placing 26th. Laurie Early crossed the finish line 54th and Cindy Brill 64th. In the midget girls' event Jeanne Geison ran a strong race for the Red-

men placing 27th overall. Elke Zeissig was close behind Geison in 31st position. Other Acton finishers included Judy Vetriciek 36th, Leanne Allsop 54th, and Karen Brill 64th.

Glen Scott was one of the top finishers amongst the Acton boys at the run placing 32nd from over 120 starters in the junior field. Other Acton finishers were Gord Glenn 52nd, Norman Bourassa 84th, Don Weaver 101st, Mike Ashley 111th and Dave Mitchell 112th.

For the midget boys it was Randy Laver across the finish line first for Acton placing 33rd overall in the race. Rick Dadds was close behind Laver finishing 37th while Scott McDonough was 61st and Rick Chapman 87th.

Russell Allen was the first member of the Acton Redmen's senior team to finish the 7,700 metre race. Russell crossed the finish line in 29th spot ahead of brother Rob, who placed 33rd.

Malcolm to Gems?

Scott Malcolm could become the sixth graduate of Acton Minor Hockey to go elsewhere to play his hockey this season.

Malcolm is looking to the Georgetown Gemini as a possible place to play if his release can be obtained. Two other Acton grads, former line-mate Dave McGilloway and Tom Ryan, are presently on that teams roster.

Wade Vickery is another minor grad who flew the Sabres' coop. He is toiling with the Hespeler Shamrocks, a Junior "B" affiliate to the Guelph Platers, while Bruce McPhail and Todd McInlyre chose the Caledon Junior "C" Flyers as their home club.

Lack of communication seems to be the biggest problem between Acton and Georgetown in getting the Malcolm deal settled. An apparent meeting between the two sides failed to materialize on Sunday

Georgetown assistant coach Chris Milne is looking forward to the possibility of having Malcolm in a Georgetown sweater, needing a minor release before he can join the Gems. Malcolm toiled for Mount Hamilton Junior A's last season, returned to the Sabres and was released from there to play house league hockey according to Milne. "He's been carrying his junior release around for a year," says Milne.

It is apparent that Malcolm has no interest in playing for the Sabres. "There is another possibility," says Milne. "He can sit out the remainder of this season and join us next year as an over-age juvenile." Milne hopes that the Acton system won't let things go that far. Acton Minor president Bruce Car-gill is also hoping it won't go that far. He is hoping the whole dealing can be cleaned up within the next few days.