



# Round Robin

by Robin Inscoe

An exhibition hockey match between the Acton Sabres and the old Junior 'C' Sabres slated for mid-December has been cancelled until a later date, according to team president and spokesman Lee Vickery.

The Sabres feel scheduling of the game for original date would cause problems in the team's preparations for league games.

Vickery is still hoping the game will come off at season's end, and if it does several of the old Sabre boosters could see players like Brian Beaumont, Charlie McRae, Pete Morrison and Mark McCauley back on Acton ice.

The match between the Sabres and the Junior 'C' Sabres may be off for now but several other exhibition games are being looked into for the team.

The Sabres are trying to arrange a date with a Junior 'B' squad from Edmonton, Alberta. Lee Vickery says the game will probably be scheduled for the Christmas holiday season.

The Acton team has also been in contact with the Buffalo Junior Sabres and are trying to arrange dates for the two teams to meet in a home and home series.

If the series is arranged it will be different surroundings for the matches. The Acton Sabres play out of the Acton Community Centre. The Buffalo team plays out of the Memorial Auditorium, the same rink as the NHL Sabres.

Former Acton Sabre Joe Hurley is a member of the Buffalo team. Three years ago Hurley was in an Acton uniform until he severely fractured a leg in a match in Burlington.

A match with the NHL Oldtimers is also in the wind.

Former Acton Sabre and Central Ontario Junior 'B' scoring leader Dave Chapman had a few days off from his hockey with the Flint Generals of the International League and took time to drop in at the community centre to watch the cross town rivalry between Georgetown Gemini and the Sabres.

Flint is in second spot in the International League behind Kalamazoo, Saginaw, the Toronto Affiliate, is in fourth spot in the same division.

## Herrman is top gymnast

Two Acton and area girls dominated the Cadet, or under 10 division, at a gymnastics meet sponsored by the Milton Springs on the weekend in Milton.

Lynn Herrman, Linchouse, placed first in Cadet group with an overall total of 31.85. Miss Herrman placed first in the vault with a 9.15 total and first on the beam with 8.00. In the other two events Miss Herrman finished fourth in the floor routine with a 7.55 total and sixth on bars with a 7.15.

Another area resident, Elizabeth Drive, took second spot in the overall Cadet division. Miss Ormsby had a combined total of 30.75. The best finish for Miss Ormsby was a second place finish on the beam with a 7.50 total. Third place finishes in the floor routine 7.60, and in vaulting 8.60 as well as an eighth place finish on the bars with a 6.80 lifted her to the second spot.

Both girls compete for the host Milton Springs. Other clubs at the meet included the Milton Hills Jills, White Oakettes, and the Oakville Antoinettes.

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Jules Russiani—new coach.

In an effort to shake up Acton Sabres and, hopefully, turn their season around, coach Fred Buchanan has decided to step down.

His replacement, at least temporarily, is the 41 year old manager of Georgetown's Harvey's Firestone, Jules Russiani.

Buchanan made the decision to give up the coaching position at the end of the second period of a match with the Georgetown Gemini Wednesday evening. Buchanan said doing the job of both the coach and general manager (GM) with the Sabres was just becoming too much.

"I could do neither job justice," said Buchanan. He will remain as GM.

His replacement as coach seems to have a habit of winning and he feels if that attitude is injected into the Sabres they may do much better.

Russiani has been an Acton resident for the past three years. Prior to that time he coached for three years in the Streetsville hockey system. In his last year of coaching he guided the Streetsville Major Midgets to an Ontario 'A' championship.

Jules has five years total coaching experience. The other two seasons were spent in Arizona

where he guided yet another winner to the Arizona State Midget Championships.

Russiani believes in the Acton team feeling they have the nucleus of a good team but need direction and a winning team spirit.

"It's going to take time," said Russiani. "They need discipline." Jules says he bases 60 per cent of his coaching style on discipline.

He also says he will put the emphasis on local talent. "We owe it to the players and fans of Acton. They will be given every consideration when trying to make the team."

It may take Russiani a couple of weeks before he can assess the talent but once done things may brighten around the Sabres camp.

"I don't even know their names right now," says Russiani. "It will be a see and correct process. We need a winning attitude and right now they just don't have it."

Although only temporary, Russiani says if the attitude of the players is right he will be interested in taking on the job full time.

There are no fancy promises from Russiani. The only promise he made was the Sabres would adopt a winning attitude. Meanwhile, he asks for support from fans and players.



Fred Buchanan—resigns.

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### Steelworkers take two wins

Acton Major Atom Steelworkers continued their fine early season play last week as they took two of three games in Waterloo-Wellington play.

The Steelworkers found Woolwich too tough in their only loss suffering a 5-1 setback, but topped New Hamburg 4-1 and Elora 6-2 for wins.

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"The team started off slow," said team coach Dan McGilloway, "but midway in the second period we started hitting and held the play for the remainder of the game."

Acton built up a 3-0 first period lead in their recent match with New Hamburg and then shared third period markers with the opposition holding on for a 4-1 victory.

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### Bants unbeaten

Acton Rotary Minor Bantams continue to remain unbeaten in Waterloo-Wellington league play but their unblemished record of a week ago is no longer intact. The Rotarians had to come from behind against Woolwich last Tuesday to salvage a 4-4 tie. In Hespeler Monday night the Minor Bants got excellent goaltending from Scott Hibbard as they scored a 3-2 win.

Acton seemed to be flat against Woolwich and after taking an early 1-0 lead, on a goal by David McKnight, fell behind by a 2-1 count. Randy Cwerdale and Jim Richard reinstated the one goal Acton lead but again the locals faltered giving Woolwich a 4-3 lead in the final frame.

Bruce Canary fired what was to be the tying goal from Randy Cwerdale to save the Rotary team from the first setback of the year.

Brad MacPherson, Rick Dodds, Lorenzo Civiero, and Paul Cargill picked up assists on the Acton goals.

It was Scott Hibbard who was the difference in Acton's 3-2 win over Hespeler according to team coach Ruddy Holmes. "He turned in an excellent performance."

Hespeler took a 1-0 lead in the match early in the second period but Acton roared back with goals from Paul Cargill, Chris Hicks and Jim Richard before Hespeler could net their second goal.

### Waples sets mark

Ron Waples keeps getting better with age.

This past weekend marked the creation of a new record for the number of races won in a single season on the Ontario Jockey Club circuit for the Rockwood horseman. With every win Waples adds from now until the end of the year, he pushes the record that much higher.

Win 301 came in the second half of the daily double on Saturday night when he drove Holland to victory in the Free For All Handicap. This tied him with the record which he set last year. He wasn't long in breaking

the record. The sixth race saw him guide Conroy Kent to the wire for a win giving him 302 wins for 1979. With a month and a half left in the season there is no doubt that Waples will push the record up around the 330 mark. His total of 302 represents his winning starts on the Ontario but his travels in Canada and the United States make him the leading driver in North America for number of races won.

Waples' win with Holland in the Free For All was never in doubt. The Albatross horse has earned \$66,734 for the Waples Stables this year.



Acton High School Junior Girls' Basketball team finished a successful season last Friday night. Unfortunately, they finished on a losing note! The Redmen dropped a 36-29 decision to MM Robinson in the Halton County finals in Burlington. Team members include Dayle Robinson, Linda Osso, Mardie Phillips, Kelly White, Barb Wilson, Lori Drysdale, Deb Clarke, Laurie Moreau, Lori DeBruyn, Shirley Van Rijk, Nancy Wong, Alisa Comber, Marion Case, Sandra Brundie, and Teresa Dunn. Team coaches are Anne Lepik and Lynn McLaren. The manager is Donna Robinson.

Photo by ROBIN INSCOE

### Junior cagers nipped in final

The high school basketball season came to a sudden end for the Acton Junior Girls last Friday night but not until they had reached the Halton County finals.

The Acton team knocked off Assumption of Burlington last Wednesday afternoon 39-32 setting up a battle between undefeated M.M. Robinson of Halton West and themselves, also undefeated in league play in the east division, for the Halton Championship.

In the final the M.M. Robinson team used some good outside shooting to set the local team aside 36-29.

In the semi-final match-up the Redmen scored a 39-32 win but the outcome was never really in doubt. The Acton team built up a 10-4 first quarter lead they extended to 24-11 by half-time.

The Acton girls continued to hold Assumption through the third period carrying a 30-18 lead into the final period before the opposition broke down the Acton defence, firing 14 points to pull close.

Linda Osso led the way for Acton in the match notching 18 points while Kelly White added nine and Dayle Robinson eight. Osso was also the top rebounder for Acton picking up 16 rebounds.

The win over Assumption allowed Acton to meet M.M. Robinson for the overall league title. The Friday night contest in Burlington was closely fought with Acton coming from behind pulling to within one point, 30-29, with only three minutes remaining.

Two bus loads of loyal Acton High supporters made the bus trip to cheer their team on.

The first period brought little to cheer about from the local standpoint as the Robinson Rams built up a six point lead at 16-10.

At halftime the score still favored the Rams but Acton was beginning to find the range. By the end of the third period Acton was within striking distance.

The 'Press' was Acton's main defense over the most of the season but it was not effective against M.M. Robinson. The press worked briefly early in the fourth period putting Acton within a basket of the lead. M.M. Robinson netted two late baskets to win the contest and the right to represent Halton at the Peel-Halton championships.

For Acton the loss was a disappointment after nine straight wins in league play. They finish their entire year with a 21 win and four loss record through league, exhibition and tournament games.

Mardie Phillips led the Acton scoring attack in the final game of the year netting 14 of the teams 29 points. Dayle Robinson added another four for the locals while Linda Osso, the team's leading scorer over the season, counted three. Barb Wilson and Kelly White rounded out the Acton scoring.

Osso tallied 286 points for Acton over 25 game season with Mardie Phillips counting 174.

Acton coach Anne Lepik felt Robinson and Acton were well matched clubs. "Both teams had good bench strength but elected to stay with their starters," said Lepik. It was the only game of the year Acton was unable to use their entire line-up in the contest.

The Acton coaches, Lepik and Lynn McLaren had special praise for several players in the final game. Linda Osso was held at bay on the score sheet but still came up big on the boards while Kelly White and Barb Wilson were keys in moving the ball up court. Lori DeBruyn and Dayle Robinson came off the bench to turn things around for the Redmen. Mardie Phillips was hot hitting several outside shots to keep Acton close in the first half.

"They are one of the most spirited teams we've ever coached," says McLaren and Lepik. The loss was only a small setback in a very successful season for the Acton Junior Girls.

Next season Mrs. Lepik is looking for two successful girls' basketball teams. Nine members of this year's team move to senior for next year while the six remaining players will form the nucleus for a solid junior team and possibly the Halton Championship that slipped away this season.

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### Third period letdown hurts Hockey Moms

Acton Minor Atom Hockey Moms continue their up and down style of hockey through another week of Waterloo-Wellington action. The Moms dropped a 6-2 decision to Hespeler last Wednesday but bounced back to defeat Fergus 6-1 on the road Saturday.

The Hockey Moms were never out of the match with Hespeler until the third period when they allowed the opposition four goals while managing only one of their own.

Carl Yaroshak fired both Acton goals in the game. The second, a

third period goal was a shorthanded effort with John Van Dam assisting.

The two teams traded first period goals and Hespeler gained a 2-1 lead with a lone effort in the second frame.

"We played two periods of solid hockey," said team manager Ed

Leatherland. "In the third period we stopped skating and playing positional hockey allowing Hespeler to take control of the match."

It was a different story in Fergus on Saturday as the atoms counted a pair of goals in each of the three periods.

Fergus counted the games initial marker but that was all as Acton took over. John Van Dam counted three goals for the Moms, with Carl Yaroshak adding two and Wayne MacEachern a single. Todd Lazenby and Frank Katsilieras picked up assists.

Acton goaltender Evan Hayter was praised for his play by Leatherland. "He was sharp when called upon," says the manager.

Next game for the Hockey Moms is tonight (Wednesday) at 7:10 p.m. when they tangle with Woolwich.

### Minor ball near folding

Acton Minor Baseball may have thrown their last pitch according to league president Bill Shannon.

A general meeting and election of officers held recently by the ball group failed to produce what the present executive considers enough interest to run the ball for another season, unless there is an increase in the number of volunteers present at a special meeting set for next Monday, November 26, downstairs at the Acton Community Centre. The meeting is slated for 7:30 p.m.

According to Mr. Shannon, all members of the present executive will resign unless there is better turnout and more interest shown at the next meeting.

It is apparent that only 13 interested persons showed up at the scheduled elections after several phone calls had been made. None of the people in attendance would accept the president's resignation. Mr. Shannon has set on the executive as president for two seasons but will not return for another term. He is willing to help the association and their next president.

An estimated three-quarters of the coaches have been contacted about taking teams next season but unless there are people willing to run the operation, ball may be a thing of the past in Acton.

### OHA ruling in Sabres' favor

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Scott Malcolm is the property of the Acton Sabres.

That is the ruling the Ontario Hockey Association has handed down following a complaint by the Sabres following the game between Acton and Georgetown Gemini at the community centre on Wednesday night.

Acton objected to the OHA that Malcolm was improperly released to the Georgetown Gemini. Malcolm had a release from the Sabres at mid-

season last year but the rules, according to the Sabres, stated that to be free for the next season (this year) he had to be released following the 1978-79 playing season.

The OHA upheld the Acton position and have ordered the Georgetown Gemini to acquire a waiver form from Acton or return the talented centre to Acton.

Brent Ladds, of the OHA, said it was an oversight in the ruling when

Georgetown received an approved card for Malcolm a few weeks ago.

The Georgetown Gemini said the fight was not over. Georgetown manager Chris Milne was making plans to fight with a trip to the OHA office today (Wednesday). "We won round one and they (Acton) won round two," says Milne. "We're getting ready for round three."

Georgetown has good reason to want to keep

the former Acton Minor Hockey grad. Malcolm has scored eight goals and assisted on ten others in only three weeks in a Georgetown sweater. Malcolm fired three goals and assisted on four others last Wednesday when the Gemini were in Acton facing the Sabres.

Malcolm would make no comment as to why but said he would not play in Acton. "I will sit out before I play for Acton." "Georgetown is my team!"



Scott Malcolm