

Round Robin

by Robin Inscow

As a result of an exhibition hockey match between Acton and Guelph on Sunday, November 11, an upset Acton fan sends this letter.

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir;
I would like to make a few comments on a hockey game played Sunday in Acton, between Acton Minor Bantam Rep team and a Guelph team. I am not sure whether it was Guelph's Tri-County team or a Rep team.

Before the game, a Guelph gentleman came past our ticket seller and told her in impolite words what she could do with her tickets, and that he would not pay her. He was later seen on the bench, presumably the coach. All he had to say was "I'm the coach" and he would not have been charged anyway.

If a coach shows no respect for anyone, neither will the boys, so it should have been no surprise, when, after the game, as the Guelph team was leaving the ice, to hear some of the remarks (censored) with appropriate gestures, coming from the boys, directed to the people in the stands.

This game started out to be a friendly exhibition game, with good hockey on both sides, for a period and half, then it very quickly degenerated into a mess. I realize a Guelph boy was hurt, and carried off the ice on a stretcher, and I hope he is not too seriously injured. I hate to see this happen in any game to any team.

I have no boy playing for either team, so I am not biased or a prude, but the extreme unsportsmanlike conduct displayed in this game was ridiculous. These boys are only 13 years of age, and I feel these actions are not an accurate representation of our town or their city. If my son had been involved, he would be taken off the team immediately.

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The game was a rough contest with several infractions resulting over the period of the game. At least one match penalty was called against the Guelph side. For those who are not aware of a match penalty's severity, it could entail anywhere from a one game suspension to, in some cases, life.

Mrs. Smith, and I assume many other parents, feel the same way about this and other circumstances like it. Unfortunately, some of the teams Acton will play against have not been taught on ice etiquette or at least don't display it. Not knowing what other teams are like can cause problems in similar situations. I am sure Acton coaches and players try to stay away from such incidents.

When the Acton Sabres take to the ice against the Milton Flyers on Saturday, December 8 it will be a special promotional night.

The Sabres have dubbed the night "Minor Hockey Night." Any minor hockey player, Legion or Waterloo-Wellington, attending the game, with a parent will be admitted free.

In addition, the game should be exciting. Both the Sabres and the Flyers have been see-sawing around the bottom of the Central Ontario Junior 'B' league all season.

Last week Milton upset Brampton for their second win, lifting them out of the cellar and a point ahead of the Acton Sabres.

The Sabres are expected to have a new player, or an old player back in uniform, when they meet the Oakville Blades at the Acton Community Centre on Saturday.

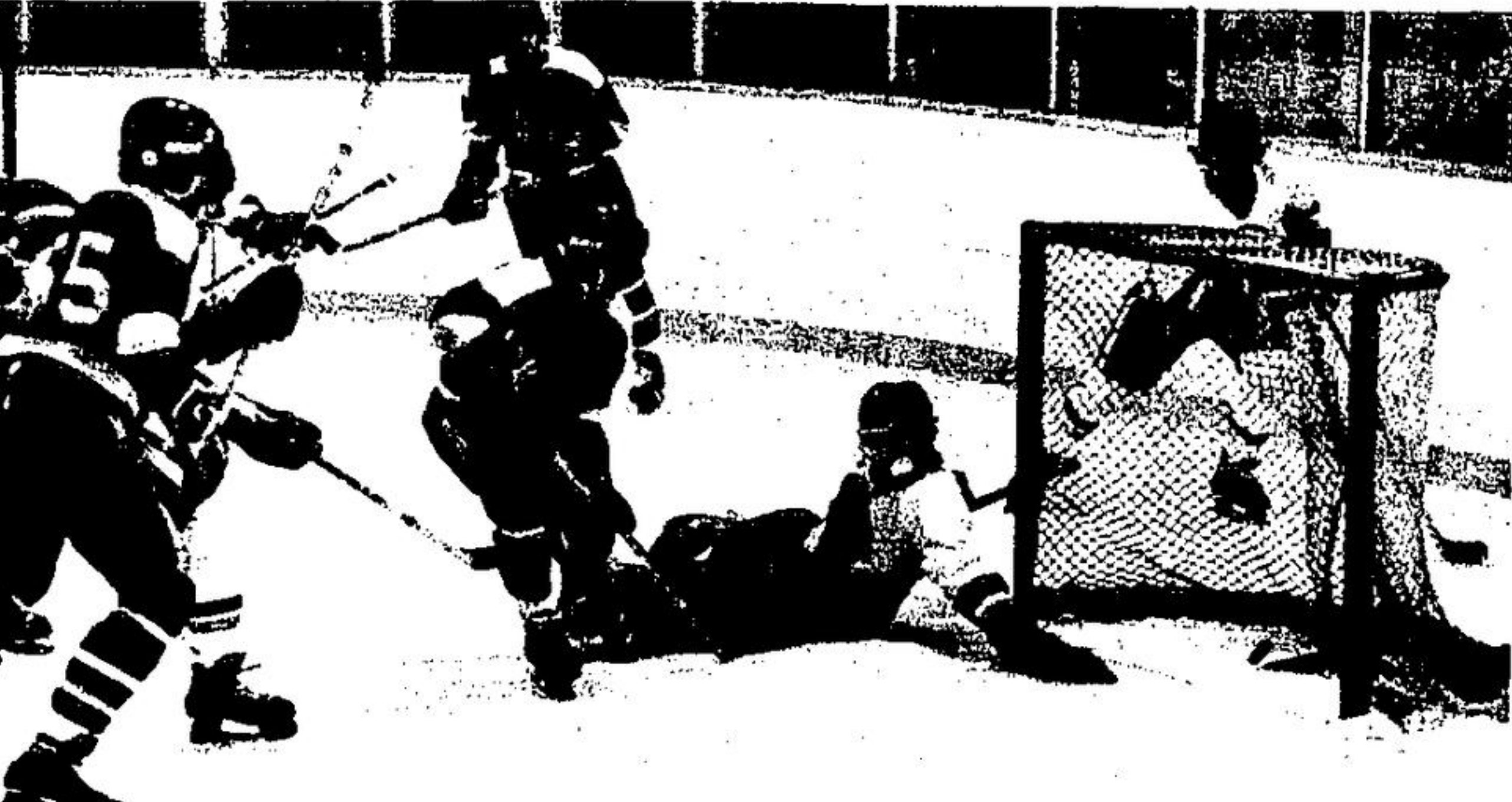
Acton Minor Hockey grad Wade Vickery started the season with Hespeler 'B's' with a hope of moving to the Guelph 'A' team. Things didn't work out and after a short stay with Georgetown signed with the Sabres at a Monday night practise.

Parker to Divisions

Campbellville figure skater Kevin Parker leaves Tuesday to participate in the Central Divisional championships in Sudbury. Parker finished second in the western sectionals to Windsor skater Kevin Hicks, recently. Hicks, 20, is more experienced in senior competition while this is Parker's first run in senior. Should Parker advance past the divisionals, he'll compete in the Canadian Championships in the middle of January in Kitchener.

Sabres look sharp despite 12-8 setback

It was Jules Russiani's first game behind the Acton bench after getting a chance to work with his players in a practice and there was a noticeable improvement. When the Acton Sabres skated on the ice against third place Orillia Travelways Saturday night the mood of the local team seemed different. The Sabres were skating hard, hitting anything that looked like scoring potential and for the first time in a long time were talking to each other on the ice.



The Acton Sabres played one of their best games of the season at the community centre Saturday night, falling 12-8 to the Orillia Travelways. One problem the Sabres did have was stopping the Orillia players from coming out of the corners untouched as happened here. It resulted in more than just this goal with Acton goaltender Rob Bremner left defenseless.

The result, unfortunately, was another loss, but the Sabres turned in what may have been their best performance of the year as they stayed with Orillia for the first two periods before dropping a 12-8 decision. "I got good vibes," said coach Russiani. "I am happy with what I saw." Russiani felt the Sabres could have come up on the winning end but poor backchecking and a defense that didn't clear the man out from in front of the net allowed Orillia several goals. On many occasions the Travelways were allowed to skate out of the corner untouched, beating Sabres netminder Rob Bremner cleanly.

The Sabres opened the scoring at the 6:46 mark of the first period as Brad Buchanan hit with a powerplay marker from Glenn Murray. That lead was shortlived as Orillia counted their own powerplay goal, one of five they netted, with Rob Jeffries off for tripping just one minute after the Acton goal. The Travelways came back up ice for their second goal just 40 seconds after their first goal and then the Sabres hit the lump with a pair to take a 3-2 lead into the dressing room after the opening period. Duffy Murray netted his first of the night from Jeffries. Orillia rallied for six goals in the second period to take control of the game but they weren't able to put things away until they netted a pair of markers in the final ten minutes of the game. Acton counted three of their own goals in the middle stanza as they dropped from a 3-2 lead to an 8-6 deficit. Steve Miller fired an unassisted shorthanded marker for the Sabres in the second as an attempted clearing shot worked to Acton's advantage when Travelways' netminder Steve Fisher fanned, leaving Miller with the puck and an open net. Bob Flockhart and Pat Fung fired the other Acton goals of the period with Neil Anderson picking up a pair of assists. Glenn Murray picked up a pair of points for the Sabres in the final frame on a goal and an assist giving him five for the night. Flockhart fired the other last period marker while Bob Allsop and Flockhart earned assists.

GP	W	L	TF	A	Pts	
Streetsville	18	15	3	0	127	54
Burlington	18	14	3	1	141	55
Orillia	19	12	6	1	93	71
Dixie	19	12	7	0	108	85
Brampton	19	10	8	1	106	50
Oak Ridges	18	9	7	2	90	100
Georgetown	20	8	9	3	92	109
Thornhill	17	7	9	1	75	93
Oakville	17	7	10	0	96	98
Barrie	18	4	8	6	89	106
Milton	19	2	15	2	75	138
Acton	20	1	16	3	93	176

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Lakeview take AIHL top spot

Lakeview Centre took a solid hold on first place and Heller's captured their first victory in Grey Cup night industrial hockey action at the community centre.

Lakeview rambled to an impressive 8-3 win over Blow Press in the battle of the league's undefeated teams while Heller's managed to stay away from the sin bin beating Family Cleaners 4-2. In the other game on the Sunday night schedule Acton Terminal Warehouse took an 8-6 shoot-out from Van's Welding.

The Lakeview-Blow Press game was a see-saw contest for the first 20 minutes as the teams exchanged goals but a six

goal spree over the final two frames gave the Centre men the definite edge.

Steve Atkinson led the Lakeview charge as he potted three goals and assisted on another. Floyd Hillier added a pair of markers for the winners with Bruce Cooksley, Glen McKenzie and Ron Schmidt counting singles. Ron Mellon and Bart Jacobs counted a pair of assists each for the Centre men with Atkinson, Schmidt, Cooksley, Jim Hagggett and goaltender Dave Allen picking up single helpers.

Blow Press picked up their markers from Ken Owen, Wayne Deforest and Wayne Allan. Sid Barends, Wayne Allan and goaltender Robin Inscow assisted for the Pressmen. Heller's got on the win column of the standings Sunday as they fought off Family Cleaners 4-2. Heller's got on the score sheet in the first minute of the second period after a scoreless opening stanza and maintained the upper hand over most of the game from then on. Jeff Townsley fired a pair of markers for Heller's with Russ Van Fleet and Randy McIntyre adding the others. Lloyd Smallwood, John McCutcheon, Dave Thompson, Van Fleet and McIntyre picked up assists for the winners.



Ready and Set! McKenzie-Smith's girls' Volleyball team watches anxiously as another team member sets up the ball during the North Halton championships. The Acton school finished the competition with a five and five record for fourth place.

Junior cagers top tourney

Junior basketball teams at Acton High School are beginning to dominate. For the past three months the Junior Girls have been burning up the Halton League and now their season is finished it is the Acton Junior Boys who have taken over.

Acton Junior Redmen capped a successful tournament on the weekend, scoring three straight victories for the championship title at the J.A. Turner Silver and Black Tournament.

The Redmen scored wins over Central Peel 59-43 and Albion 55-45 before edging Westwood 52-49 for the tourney title.

Matt Vuk led the Redmen scoring parade in their win over Central Peel netting 16 points while Rob Faber counted eight. Top defensive player of the game for Acton was Glenn Scott.

In their second tournament game it was Rob Faber who led the way with 14 points while Chris Lysholm was close behind with 13. Rob Faber was pointed out by coach Rick McArthur as the top player on defense.

In the final match against Westwood it was Glen Van Rijk who took over as the team's top scorer, netting an 18 point total. Lysholm again held a hot hand as he potted 14 points. Glenn Scott was pointed out by coach McArthur for his defensive play in the game.

In exhibition play over the week the Junior Redmen scored wins over Shelburne Seniors 46-36 and took a 50-41 victory over Milton. Rob Faber led the way in the win over Shelburne firing 15 points while Chris Lysholm counted 12. Glenn Scott was the outstanding defensive player.

Glenn Scott had a good night against Milton as he was again the outstanding defensive player of the game but in this contest he added nine points to the teams total, second high for the game. Ron Faber was the top Acton point-getter netting 13.

Burlington bound?

Acton resident Scott Malcolm is sitting on the hockey sidelines awaiting word on whether the local Junior 'B' Sabres will release him to travel to another team.

A centreman, Malcolm was the centre of an Ontario Hockey Association decision last week that returned his rights to the local club from Georgetown. The Georgetown Gemini have made a cash offer to Acton for his playing rights but the Sabres feel Malcolm is worth more than they are offering. Gem coach Tom Daley said Acton is being "illogical" and asking for an "unreasonable" amount of money in exchange for Malcolm's waiver. "We will get him sooner or later," Daley declared. Sabres spokesman and president Lee Vickery said last night they are not sitting on the Malcolm ruling and are trying to deal the player to another club, but it may not be Georgetown. Vickery disclosed the Burlington Cougars and possibly the Milton Flyers are interested in the services of Malcolm, and a Burlington deal could also involve players. According to Vickery, Malcolm was to have skated with league-leading Burlington team Tuesday night but reports say he failed to report to Cougar camp for the work-out. The Sabres are not counting out a possible deal with Georgetown and are hoping to have things shored up shortly so all can be happy, at least in time, Malcolm and the team they deal with.

Fergus tops Lions

The problem of winning hockey games continued for the Acton Lions Pee-wee hockey team recently as they dropped a 7-3 decision to Fergus. The "Green Machine" built up an early 4-0 lead before Acton was able to find the scoresheet with a goal from Tony Van Dam. Brad O'Neill assisted.

Acton pulled to within two a short time later as Sandy Waites found the range from Robbie Porte and David Thomas. But that was as close as they came as Fergus blasted another pair before Waites netted his second of the game from Grant Smith.

Acton picked up three penalties in the match while Fergus was called with two infractions. Lucky winners in the Acton (Waterloo-Wellington) Minor Hockey 500 Club draw for the week of November 24 include Glen Campbell 437, May Smith 184, Lynn McRae 440, Gino Civiero 278 and Lenora Turtscher 477.



Johnny Katsilleris had a busy morning in the Dixie net during some novice house league action Saturday. Katsilleris and his teammates played Guelph to a 4-4 tie in a battle for top spot. Katsilleris made several good stops in the Dixie net as the one in the top picture on Guelph's Sean Sears. Centre, he keeps a close eye on the situation and the puck beside his pad while below he asks his defensive crew why he has been so busy.