



The action was fast and furious at the Acton Community Centre on Saturday night when Acton Sabres and Milton Flyers did Central Ontario

Junior 'B' battle. The game was a battle of the last placed clubs with the Sabres coming out on the winning end of their second decision of the year 10-6.

The game saw several altercations as this one in front of the Milton net. Acton forwards (l. to r.) Steve Miller, Neil Anderson and Pat Fung move to

the attack in the picture left while the Milton Flyer defenders move in to make sure nothing evolves. In the centre photo it seems the Flyers were moving in

a little too close to Anderson and Milton goaltender Mike Sheppard ended up with major penalties for fighting.

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Sabres clip Flyers wings for second win

Acton Sabres played an inspired game of hockey before what may be their biggest crowd of the season Saturday night as they picked up their second win of the season, clipping Milton Flyers by a 10-6 count.

The win moves the Sabres into a last place tie with the Milton squad which had earned a tie with Dixie the night prior to playing the Sabres

moving two points ahead of the locals.

The win was the Sabres only one over the past week, although they came up with a sterling performance in Dixie, dropping a 6-5 decision and failing 8-2 to the Chevys in Brampton Sunday, after playing a strong opening 50 minutes.

The fans were behind the Sabres in the home

match with the Milton Flyers, much to the fact that it was a special promotional night for the Sabres, Minor Hockey Night, and the fact four members of the In-n-Out Midgets were wearing Sabre uniforms. "The fans really backed the midgets (Rob Vermeulen, Denis Kirton, Gary Lumbers and Mike Monahan) and it was a real morale booster for

the rest of the team," said Sabres coach Jules Russiani.

The Sabres started quick in the match building an early 3-0 lead but watched the margin dwindle to 3-3 before the opening 20 minutes had expired.

It was the midget line that gave the Sabres the added spark they needed in the second stanza, according to Russiani, as

Denis Kirton found the net for his first Junior 'B' goal with Mike Monahan and Denis Charbonneau earning assists. The goal gave the Sabres a 4-3 lead that brought them to life with three more second period tallies while holding Milton off the sheet.

Milton tried to rally early in the final stanza but fell short as the Sabres picked up their

second win in 25 starts.

Glenn Murray was the top point-getter of the game for the Sabres netting four goals and assisting on two others. Murray fired the first three Acton markers, all on the power play in the penalty-filled contest. Wade Vickery, Brad Buchanan, Neil Anderson, Bob Flockhart and Barry Trood fired the other Acton goals.

minor penalties and the Sabres killed off the Brampton attack only to have Chevys net their fourth goal as the powerplay ended.

Brampton came back

with four more goals over the final ten minutes to score an 8-2 win.

The Acton line of Fung, Anderson and Miller did all the damage for the Sabres with each player

earning two points. Fung and Miller fired the goals.

Tonight (Wednesday) the Sabres will attempt to score their second home win of the year over the

Thornhill Thunderbirds in an 8:30 p.m. start. Saturday night the Sabres will try to revenge the 8-2 loss to Brampton. That start is also 8:30 p.m.

Goes to nationals

Parker second

Rob Bremner had a passive night compared to most in the Sabres net facing 38 shots while the Sabres went on an offensive rampage, letting loose 61 times at the Milton netminders.

Best effort

Thursday night in Dixie the Sabres played what coach Russiani considered "probably their best effort of the year. The boys played their hearts out," says Russiani.

The Sabres played the Bee Hives even over the first two periods but a solo Dixie powerplay goal in the final stanza gave the host club the win.

Barry Trood had a big scoring night for the Sabres netting three goals while Pat Fung and Steve Miller fired the others. Neil Anderson was the playmaker of the game earning three assists while Glenn Murray helped on a pair.

The Sabres played 50 minutes of hockey in Brampton against the Chevys trailing 3-2, but they broke down after holding the Chevys' powerplay off the board for six straight minutes. Glenn Murray drew three

Campbellville figure skater Kevin Parker was both pleased and unhappy with his performance last week which gave him second place in the Central Division championships in Sudbury.

He narrowly missed claiming the top spot in his first year in senior competition by a 96.74 to 95.92 margin to veteran Kevin Hicks of Windsor. That part pleased him.

However, the 18-year-old student at Acton High School said he felt that if he could have skated better in the long program he could have won it.

"I was only a few points behind after the short program," he said. "If I'd skated my best I could have won, hands down."

He described his short program as "the best I could possibly do."

His performances entitle Parker to advance to the Canadian championships Jan. 19 in Kitchener.

However, he is somewhat concerned with the politics involved with the sport which work against him. This is just his first

year in senior compared to the five years of Hicks.

"You don't go to the meets worrying how to place," he said. "This is my first time around in senior and all the judges have to see you before. I just do my hardest and see what happens."

The Canadian Championships set up a natural rivalry for Parker with Penetanguishene's Brian Orser who claimed the national junior championship with a spectacular final performance.

Parker added that beating Orser was on his mind, although he felt Orser might have the edge in the judges' minds before the finals because of his victory last year as well as his strong European performances over the summer.

Parker had been slated to perform four triple jumps in Sudbury but made them into doubles while he was skating. He also completed three double axles and a variety of other moves.

In contrast, Hicks attempted three triples and fell on two, completing just one jump.



Kevin Parker was nudged from the top spot at Sudbury last week. He heads to the nationals in January.

Junior Redmen cop own tournament

The success story continues for the Acton High Junior Redmen cagers. The Redmen scored their 12th, 13th and 14th successive wins of the year on Saturday as they walked off with top honors in their own Invitational Tournament.

Acton defeated the Markham Marauders 40-18 in their opening contest and then advanced to the finals by dominating the defending tourney champion Milton Mustangs 46-19.

In the final the Redmen had their hands full as they outdistanced the J.A. Turner Trojans of Brampton 37-30.

Glenn Van Rijk was the top Acton scorer in the tournament's opening game against Markham. Van Rijk netted eight points on the game followed closely by Rob Faber with seven and Glenn Scott and Chris Lysholm with six each.

Acton built up a 12-2 first quarter lead in the match and coasted to a

22-7 halftime lead. The third period was the most productive for the Redmen as they netted 13 points while the defence was again at their best holding the opposition to two. The final period was the only bright note for the Markham team as they outscored Acton 9-5.

In the semi-finals the Redmen met a team they have handled twice in exhibition play already this year Milton Mustangs.

The Mustangs, were defending tourney champs but the nucleus of last year's club is playing in the senior age groups now.

The Redmen defence was stingy over the first half as they allowed Milton only six points while counting 22 of their own. In the third period the Mustangs added four to their total while the Redmen continued to extend their lead picking up 14 more points. In the final period the Redmen outscored Milton 10-9.

Glenn Scott, Matt Vuk

and Dave Enwhistle were the top Acton point-getters netting eight points apiece.

For the third straight game the Redmen built up a big first half lead in the final against Turner Trojans and then set back while the opposition rebounded to within striking distance.

The Redmen built up a 12-5 first quarter lead and extended it to 19-7 by the half. The Trojans outscored the Redmen in the third quarter to keep their hopes alive but the Acton team hung on for the 37-30 win and their second tourney title of the year.

Rob Faber was the leading point-getter for Acton in the match with 11 points while Chris Lysholm added eight and Glen Van Rijk seven.

In other tournament games Milton Mustangs used a 10 point performance from Jamie Racinsky to defeat the Collingwood Owls 30-26, and the J.A. Turner

Trojans set Georgetown into the consolation with a 32-30 win. Georgetown went on to take the consolation title with a 50-42 victory over Markham Marauders.

Stayner Howlers outdid the Dundas Highland Hawks 37-23 in first round action while in consolation semi-final play the Markham team handled Collingwood by a 52-34 tune. The Rebels (Georgetown) advanced to the consolation final with a 42-21 victory over Dundas.

J.A. Turner defeated Stayner Howlers in a 41-37 squeaker to advance to the finals against Acton.

Acton Junior Redmen: Rob Faber, Brent Vickery, Glenn Scott, Glen Van Rijk, Chris Lysholm, Paul Gorjup, Dave Enwhistle, John Kwatowski, Dave Mitchell, Matt Vuk, Gofd Glenn, Joe Lobello, Steve Margetts, Nick Wagner, and Don Weaver.

Gemini have bitter taste after dealing with Sabres over Malcolm

by Robin Inscow

Georgetown Gemini still have a bitter taste in their mouths about events that took place when they were trying to make a deal with Acton for the services of Scott Malcolm.

Malcolm was playing with Georgetown until an Ontario Hockey Association reverted his playing rights back to Acton.

Georgetown Gemini president Bob Girdwood had a letter drafted when the final deal was made with the Sabres for Malcolm's services but saw fit to mail his letter anyway. The letter expresses what the Gemini felt happened in the deal. "Following the deal Girdwood saw fit to add to what he had said with a second letter regarding the circumstances.

Remember when reading that the first letter from the Gemini was written before the final deal was made for Malcolm's playing rights.

November 27, 1979:

As president of the Georgetown Hockey Club, I am protesting very strongly to the manner in which the executives of the Acton Sabres Hockey Club are stalling in the negotiations for Scott Malcolm's services.

Ever since last Wednesday morning Chris Milne, our manager, and I have been phoning Acton attempting to find someone who was capable of making a decision. So far no luck. On Wednesday evening we were face to face with their general manager at a league meeting. We were told that he, the general manager, had no authority in the matter but he would have someone contact us Thursday. Nothing. In fact nothing until Saturday noon when the O.H.A. head office finally tired of this stall as well, contacted their general manager. I then had a phone call from the Acton president. He too,

claimed to have no authority in the matter. It was a four man "player acquisition committee" that must be talked to and they would not make a decision unless they were all together.

At one point I was told one member of the committee was in Texas and another in Florida. In fact, on the Saturday, they were in Orangeville at a minor hockey tournament.

Finally, late Saturday, when no trade could be relayed to the O.H.A. for the weekend games, Acton's president phoned a second time. He had been able to contact all members of the committee and they agreed they wanted X dollars; cash; period. The sum is entirely unrealistic for Junior 'B' level hockey and they know it. We countered with a cash offer which we feel is good for a quality Junior 'B' player. It is more in fact, than tier 2 'A' teams are offering for players in many cases.

That is where the matter stands. You will notice that I deliberately wrote all Acton titles in small letters. In my opinion, executives are people who are capable of, and not afraid of making decisions. Committees are places for the indecisive to hide and seldom does anything positive come from one.

We were given Scott Malcolm's card by the O.H.A. and we made player adjustments assuming that this talented hockey player would be a member of our team. The O.H.A. saw fit to correct their own error and take Scott's services from us. Therefore we are penalized not just by the loss of Scott but by the changes that we made thinking that he would be a member of our team.

Scott is being penalized by not being able to play hockey at a time when his talents should be showcased for scouts of "A" teams and U.S. college teams. Frankly this would cost Scott a hockey school-

ship and the opportunity for continued education.

On the assumption that Acton like Georgetown operates their hockey club to provide advanced hockey for young men who are the players, then I do not see why it is so impossible to make a decision.

December 2, 1979

The previous letter dated November 27, 1979 was released to the press too late to be published in the November 28th edition. On Friday November 30th, I received a phone call from our manager, Chris Milne, stating that he had reached an agreement with the Acton Sabres and we were to take a cheque to Acton Saturday December 1 and exchange it for Scott's unconditional release for the rest of his Junior hockey eligibility. Meaning, that in each future year Scott's waiver form would be signed to us without further negotiations nor further compensation. The dollars involved were based on that premise. When we arrived in Acton with our cheque, the waiver was for the 1979-1980 season only and the Acton representative "did not have the authority to change it." Out of frustration and disgust we threw up our arms and accepted the waiver for the balance of the season.

That is where the matter stands. Scott is playing for us and we are happy about that, however the manner in which the whole episode was finalized leaves a very bitter taste and a great deal of mistrust.

Yours truly,

Robert Girdwood, President

The Acton Sabres don't swallow what the Gemini seem to be saying and write this in response to the letters from Georgetown.

December 15/79

As President of the Acton Sabres hockey club, I would like to respond to letters received by Robin Inscow from President of Georgetown Gemini.

Firstly: Mr. Girdwood says "Acton is stalling," untrue, Georgetown was given the opportunity to come up with "X" amount of dollars, which in the beginning they couldn't. Scott Malcolm was requested by two other teams in the loop who could come up with the "X" dollars. Malcolm would not report. The player acquisition committee gave Georgetown first chance.

OHA had contacted our general manager (Sabres) and after some explanations ruled in favor of the Sabres Club.

Secondly: Yes, two of the player acquisition committee were away in Texas and Florida and did not return until late Friday night. They were at an Orangeville game the following Saturday night.

Third: The President did contact all members. Georgetown feeling Acton was charging too much, but not when you consider a player of Scott's ability could put Acton in the play-offs. To get a player of Scott Malcolm's ability, Acton would have to pay as much as he was waived for by Georgetown.

Fourth: As for Georgetown President writing all official titles in small letters, we feel this to be very childish.

Hockey is run like a business, no one person should make the decisions, or you would find a very mismanaged organization.

Fifth: OHA did correct their mistake and Georgetown is not being penalized, they have Scott Malcolm. Scott is not being penalized as far as scholarships are concerned. Scholarships go to a player of talented ability, if he is still going to school

and who has not quit to go to work.

Sixth: Chris Milne had made the phone call to president Bob Girdwood about the deal for Scott Malcolm's waiver for Georgetown. Yes, a cheque was to be brought to Acton via Georgetown president who did not show up. Bob Tost and Zeke McCandless came with a cheque; they knew what the agreement was, a waiver for the balance of the season.

If they did not feel this agreement was satisfactory, Bob Tost did not have to sign the cheque over to the Sabre president.

This meeting was warm and cordial, far from the letters Bob Girdwood indicated. If Mr. Girdwood had shown up for the meeting, maybe he would not have distaste or mistrust for Acton, only himself.

After meeting Bob Tost and Zeke McCandless, we felt all bridges had been crossed.

Maybe Georgetown Gemini and their executive should get together and sort out their stories and work as a unit, not a one man team.

To run a good hockey club, it takes co-operation between executives and clubs.

As official spokesperson for the Acton Sabres, we feel these letters are an insult, a collection of meaningless rhetoric half-truths and chronological inaccuracies. We feel the Executive and management of the Sabres, are not about to enter into any further bouts of verbal karate, via the press, Georgetown Gemini or any other hockey organizations.

I would like to invite any of our many loyal fans and supporters to attend our next general meeting December 21.

With regards
Lee Vickery President