

Lose weekend games

Sabres play the spoilers

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With just seven games left in the season of the OHA Central Junior B League, the Acton Sabres can be sure of only one thing.

They have a definite hold on last place.

Games like last weekend's fiascos against the Barrie Colts (11-5), and Orillia Travelways (10-5) have made sure of that.

Mathematically speaking of course, it's not impossible for the Sabres to repeat last year's performance and climb out of the cellar. All they have to do is win the next seven games and the equally bad Milton Flyers have to lose theirs.

Last does not necessarily mean worst however, and there are several clubs in the league playing just as bad as Acton. They just have more points.

And constantly losing isn't all it's cracked up to be either. So the Sabres will have to come up with a lot of spirit to skate their best in the next seven games, knowing it's not going to get them anywhere. They can only spoil other teams' records.

Their major weakness is defence, or lack of. Their goals are just 342, 100 more goals than Milton, a team that has only five more points.

DEFENCES DOWN

Their defences were down in the weekend games, as well. In Friday's match against Orillia at the Community Centre, the Travelways scored four

goals in the opening frame, only two in the second and another four in the third.

Orillia started out with a shorthanded goal scored by Ray Flaherty at 1:13.

Dennis Charbonneau replied for Acton a few seconds later and then Neil Anderson made it 2-1, before Steve Timpano scored the tying goal.

Kevin Crowther made it 3-2 and at 17:16 Marshall Thompson gave Travelways a 4-2 lead.

Timpano scored again for Orillia a minute and a half into the second stanza. Pat Fung netted a powerplay goal to put the Sabres back into the game, only to have Jeff Epps widen the lead on what proved to be the winning marker.

Epps scored again 40 seconds into the third period. Thompson had his second of the night at 10:22, then Doug Macdonald made it 9-3 at 13:07.

FINAL SAY

Anderson, a strong offensive player, netted his second of the night only a few seconds later at 13:29. Terry Duff flipped one past goalie Steve Kruk at 19:16 but the Sabres got the final say with Pat Fung connecting on a powerplay marker at 19:53.

Kruk faced 34 shots in the Acton net while the Sabres let loose 48 on Marty Rogers.

It was a chippy game with the Sabres serving 34 minutes in the sinbin for infractions like hooking, crosschecking, slashing, fighting and Glen

Murray's illegal stick.

Steve Miller, Fung, Charbonneau, and Murray picked up assists for Acton. Thompson, Crowther, MacDonald, Timpano, Flaherty, Cam Henderson and Claude Huard earned singles for Orillia.

Saturday night was no better.

Dave Stephens of the Barrie Colts opened the scoring at 51 seconds then made it 2-0 at 14:18.

It didn't take the Sabres long to unwind in the second frame however, and Wade Vickery shot one past goalie Dave Campbell at 32 seconds.

Steve Bouchey scored 10 seconds later however to give Barrie a 3-1 lead. Clint Irwin and Kevin Guest netted two before Pat Fung connected.

EXCHANGED GOALS

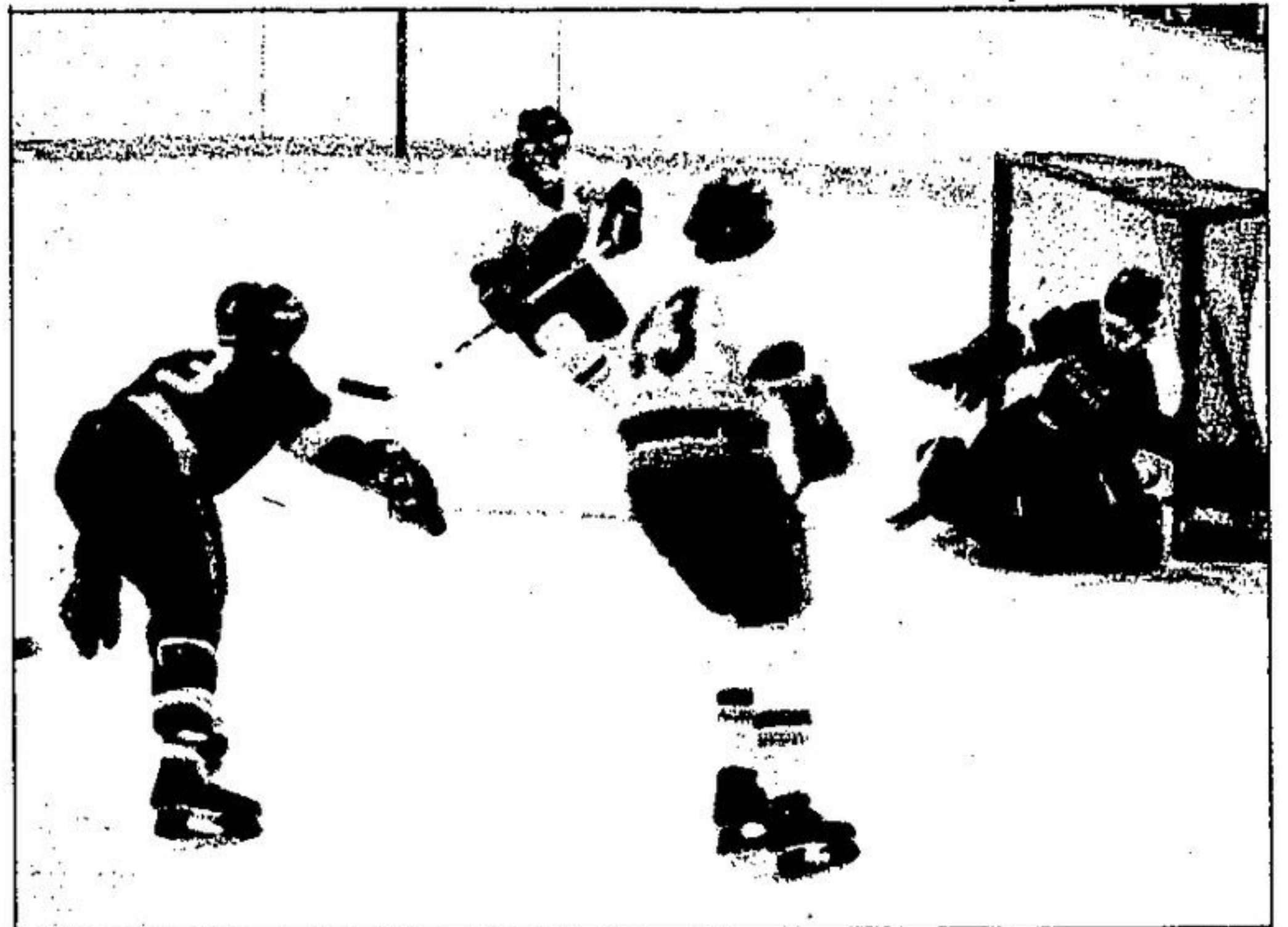
Joe Marchildon and Artie Currie exchanged goals, then Rick Bowman rounded out the scoring sending the Colts into the dressing room with a 7-3 lead at the end of the second.

Marty Collerton scored for the Sabres at 8:28 of the third, then Jim Garner, Bowman, Mark Nikkunan, and Hugh Church tallied for the Colts.

Fung got his second of the night with one second remaining in the game.

The Colts threw 51 shots at goalie Rob Bremner, while the Campbell faced 28 Sabre shots.

Rob Jefferies, Bob Allsop, Miller, Anderson and Roy Dollman picked up assists for the Sabres.



Pat Fung and Neil Anderson (23) stage an attack on Orillia netminder Marty Rogers in Junior B action Friday at the community Centre. Sabres lost the game 10-5 and Saturday's game against Barrie 11-5.

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Second Section

Redmen are on the warpath

The Acton District High School junior basketball Redmen are on the warpath.

Last year they finished second in the Halton West division and made it to the semi-finals in the league playoffs for the first time ever only to lose to M.M. Robinson in overtime.

So far this season, the juniors are tearing up the courts, easily winning all four of their games.

They defeated Assumption last Wednesday at ADHS with a 17 point point difference, then walked off Milton High School's court with a 56-36 victory, before marching into Perdue to nab a 60-26 win. And today they will have the O.T. Red Devils quivering in their sneakers in one third of a tripleheader at ADHS.

Coach Rick McArthur doesn't know who to praise first for his team's performances.

"Defence is the best part of our game," he said, "but we have a top-notch offense too. Rebounds are really paying off for us. We are getting two or three shots at the net to every one thrown."

Chris Lysholm and Rob Faber are leading the offensive squad getting 16 and 15 points respectively in Wednesday's 62-45 conquest.

The Redmen were leading 38-32 by the third quarter, so McArthur emptied his bench, allowing Assumption to gain 13 points. Glen Van Rijk and Brent Vickery netted eight points each for the Redmen. Matt Vuk played well in both directions, sinking five and earning top defensive title.

In Friday's game, Lysholm sunk for 20 points and Faber scored with 14. Doug Entwistle and Steve Margetto were the top defensive players in the match.

The juniors can't overshadow the midget Redmen, however, who also hold top spot in their division with a 4-0 record.

They outshot Assumption 53-41 in Wednesday, then creamed Milton 63-31 and Perdue 43-21.

John Lobello is leading the midget attack. He netted 15 points against Assumption, and 17 in Milton. Scott Allonby stalled both opposing offenses.

In Friday's tripleheader, Lobello sank seven baskets while Greg Silcock and Paul Nolan netted five points each. Silcock played strong defensive game as well.

The Seniors have lost only one game, 67-48 to the powerful Milton Champions Thursday. It was a closer game than the score indicated, but the seniors suffered a mental lapse in the final two minutes giving up 19 points. They came back Friday with a 71-52 victory over the Perdue Panthers. Martin Os-

so, offensive leader for the juniors last year, is now leading the seniors' squad. He netted 19 points in the contest and was top defensive player. Bob McClure helped out by scoring 15 points.

Rebounds were crucial against the Panthers, said McArthur making an offensive difference in the game. He singled out Ken Faber as their offensive strength as well as Osso, who was hitting well.

Wildcats cop tourney title

W.I. Dick elementary school from Milton walked off Acton District High School's basketball court with the sixth annual red and white championship crown after they downed Stewarttown 23-14. The two girls jr. teams met Saturday afternoon in the second half of that tournament.

W.I. Dick reached the finals after defeating Centennial 38-24 and Pineland 31-14 in the semi-finals.

Stewarttown squeaked past Rolling Meadows 28-26 in their first match before nipping Erin 22-20 in the other semi-final.

Patty Watters and Janice Latimer were the top scorers for Stewarttown in the finals getting six points each. Connie Kollman led W.I. Dick Wildcats with 10 points, while Judy Riding netted seven.

Centennial copped the consolation title with a 47-32 victory over Burlington's Rolling Meadows. Tina Lord and



Junior Redman Rob Faber (23) gets squeezed out of the play by the Assumption defence during last week's doubleheader at ADHS. The juniors won the game 62-45, while the Midgets downed Assumption 53-41.

ATW falls to Pressmen

Blow Press continues to dominate Industrial League Shiny defeating ATW 11-4 Sunday night at the community centre.

Hellers and Van's Welding battled to a 2-2 tie, while Lakeview Centre skated past Family Cleaners 7-2 in other league games.

In the first game of the evening, Blow Press dominated three periods of hockey scoring three goals in the first frame and four in the second and third.

Bill Fields opened the scoring at 4:18 for the Pressmen. Wayne Allen picked up an assist.

Chris Tennant replied for ATW at 12:13, before Wayne Deforest and Bruce MacPherson tallied to make it 3-1. Rick Henderson, Henry Toebes and Fields earned assists.

In the second period, Henderson gave Blow Press a 4-1 lead at 3:10,

before Ken Stanley netted one for ATW at 7:20. Wayne Allan and Bruce McPhail then traded goals for Blow Press and ATW at 13:33 and 15:44 to keep it close.

But Deforest and MacPherson scored to give Blow Press an insurmountable 7-3 lead by the end of the second.

Fields made it 8-3 at 3:37 of the third, with his second of the night. Toebes netted one at 10:25 before McPhail countered for ATW at 14:21.

Ken Owens and Rick Henderson rounded out the scoring for Blow Press, earning markers at 14:52 and 15:21 to make it 11-4.

Dave Paul, Sid Barnes, Owens, Fields, Toebes, Allan and Deforest picked up assists in the game. Tim Cooney and Tennant aided an ATW goals. Blow Press served 12 minutes in the sin bin while ATW sat out three

'Best game of season' not enough for Atoms

The Acton Steelworker's Union Atoms came away empty-handed in the Silver Stick North American Finals, although they played their best game of the season.

They lost their first match to Aurora 4-2 on Friday, January 18 in Sarnia. Acton outshot their opponents 29-11, and outplayed the "A" team, but couldn't buy the two goals needed to tie the game.

Jason O'Neill scored both markers for Acton, while Peter Cargill had a pair of assists. Tom Atherton got the other bracket. Netminder Troy Nolan was sharp and received plenty of help from a strong

defence and back-checking forwards.

Coach Dan McGilloway said his team played better hockey, good enough to win, but just ran into some bad luck.

The steelworkers also outshot the team from Fraser, Michigan, whom they met in the consolation round, 28-13 but couldn't score. Fraser won the match 2-0.

The team would like to thank all the people who billeted the boys during the tournament, and also the parents for their support.

The Steelworkers get back to OMHA play action tomorrow in Fergus.

Midgets cut perfect record

Ed's In-Out Major Midgets squad has accomplished what no other Acton midget team has, when they defeated New Hamburg 5-1 last week.

They ended the season unbeaten in all 18 Waterloo-Wellington league games.

In fact, the midgets have only lost one game since they laced up their skates last fall—an exhibition match to a triple A Kitchener team. Their record is 13 wins and 5 ties in league play.

In last Wednesday's game the midgets went

ahead on a goal by Mark Duval, assisted by Mike Monahan in the first period.

Gary Lumbers made it 2-0 in the second period, with assists going to Denis Kirton and Rob Vermeulen at 38 seconds. Rick Greenly netted one on a passing play with Monahan at 3:42, before New Hamburg hit the scoreboard on a goal by Steve McNeil, at 11:45, assisted by Dale Cressman and Pete Moir.

Lumbers got his second of the night at 14:27,

Parker 7th in nationals

Kevin Parker is planning on hitting the books instead of his skates for a few weeks.

The 18-year-old Campbellville figure skater is returning to classes this week for the first time this month after a "successful" test at the Canadian Senior Men's Figure Skating championships last weekend in Kitchener.

Parker started and finished in seventh place in his first shot at the senior level in the nationals which he said was a success.

"You could term my first time at the nationals as a successful learning experience," said Parker. "I was quite pleased with my performance."

"My first two figures were a little shaky because I felt more pressure on me than I thought there would be. My final figure was good when I got over the tension."

Parker added that he felt a bad case of the nerves skating in his home skating city and also because it was his first shot at the nationals.

After a seventh in the figures, Parker was fourth in the compulsory short program although his marks didn't pull him up in the placings.

He was satisfied with his long free-skate program, he said. The athletic skater landed three triples and added two successful doubles from attempted triples.

He had experienced difficulty at the sectionals and divisionals championships landing triples. All his attempts had resulted in doubles.

The men's title went to Brian Pockar, the 20-year-old Calgary skater who successfully defended his crown.

For Parker, it's back to Acton District High School where he's finishing grade 13. "As soon as I'm capable of maintaining my grades, I'll go back to skating," he added. "It'll probably be in about two or three weeks."

He said he hopes to attempt the American gold in the United States and try some international figure tests this summer.



Swimmers paddle in team meet

Three Acton swimmers on the Guelph Marlins will travel to Sudbury for team championships. Left to right, they are Adrienne Kovacs, Mark Bray and Peter Bray. Mark won a silver medal representing Ontario in a meet against a Quebec team last weekend in Scarborough. Below Adrienne Kovacs practises her best stroke—the butterfly—for the upcoming championships.

