



Follow the bouncing puck. All eyes are on the six-inch disk as it floats over Acton netminder Steve Kruk in Saturday's game against Oakville Blades. The Sabres lost the match 8-4.

(Photo by ERIC LSTONE)

Sabres outhustle Blades but can't pick up points

The Sabres lost. Again. The squad is winding down their dismal season—they meet Burlington Saturday in the final game—and are looking forward to next year, of which coach Jules Russiani optimistically predicts Sabres will finish no worse than fourth.

Well, nothing's impossible. In the meantime, however, their sad lack of defence has done the Sabres in again. Take a look at Saturday's 8-4 loss against the Oakville Blades, for instance.

Although Acton outshot Oakville 37-22, the Blades outscored them.

NO HELP

Steve Kruck was in net but he wasn't receiving much in the way of help from anyone on either team.

That's not to say the Sabres weren't hustling. Coach Russiani stated the team probably played their best game of the season Saturday, as far as attitude goes, and

were "really together". Five midgets that were called up for the last two games, might have something to do with higher spirits. Denis Kirton, for example scored the second goal.

Glenn Murray netted the other three for a hat trick.

For the first eight minutes of the game, the Sabres pressed, keeping the puck in the Blades' zone. The score was tied 1-1 at the end of the first period.

The Sabres attack dwindled somewhat in the remaining two periods and by the final frame most of the action was in Acton's end.

The Blades scored three quick goals in the third to Murray's sole effort, to secure the two points.

In Barrie on Thursday, the Sabres were stung by the Colts 8-5.

Barrie opened the scoring at 5:42 of the first on a goal by Jim Gardiner. Joe Marchildon and

Jay Gasko made it 3-0 by the 18-minute mark, then John Surgenor added a single at 18:45.

Roy Dollman put the Sabres on the map at 19:06 ending the first period at 4-1.

QUICK GOALS

Dave Stevens and Greg Campbell scored for the Colts in the second period, but Barry Trood and Murray put the Sabres back into the game on two quick goals with less than a minute remaining. Clint Irwin made it 7-3

on a marker at 10:56 of the third, only to have the Sabres counter with a Mike Monahan goal.

Trood scored his second of the night a minute later to bring the Sabres within two, but the Colts dashed hopes for a tie on Gardiner's second goal at 15:07.

Dennis Charbonneau, Randy Smith, Neil Anderson, Bobby Flockhart, Tom Ryan, Murray and Trood counted assists for the Sabres.

Marchildon, Gardiner, Hugh Church, Rick Bowman, Kim Clayden, Stevens, Surgenor, Gasko and Kevin Guest earned assists for Barrie.

EXTRA LICKS

Glenn Murray got in a few extra licks in a duel with Surgenor. Both picked up five-minute majors. Sabres served seven other minor infractions to Barrie's 11.

That leads us into the upcoming game Saturday against the second-place Cougars—the Sabres final game of the 1979-80 season.

Tigers cool Tropics

Brampton Hydro 10-2 January 26.

Acton opened the scoring on a goal by Tim Clifford, assisted by Glen Ferguson. Later in the second period, the Tropic popped one in only to be followed by a marker from the Tiger's Bill Fabian.

Fabian scored again in the third stanza to make it 4-2. The Tropic netted a goal with less than a min-

ute to go to make it close, but couldn't score the equalizer.

The Acton Tigers are two points out of first place held by another Acton team, the Huffer and Puffs. They are tied for second with Royal Pizza from Georgetown with 20 points each.

The two teams meet tonight and next Tuesday to decide the second place playoff spot.

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Second Section

Midgets knocked out

Redmen hoop another crown

This story is beginning to read like a rerun.

The ADHS junior basketball Redmen have captured yet another tournament crown. This time they conquered Sudbury in a tournament here in their ruthless quest for number one spot.

With a record of 25 wins and no losses for the season, the Redmen have so far achieved their goal.

Last Thursday they rode the rails to the big smokestack in the north to compete in the Golden Hoop tournament against eight other teams from around Ontario.

They defeated the Espanola Spartans in their first game Friday, with a 25 point spread. Chris Lysholm and Rob Faber were top scorers in the 51-27 victory, netting 16 and 12 points respectively. Faber and Paul Gorjup earned top defensive player honors.

The Timmins Blues gave them a little more trouble in their second game played Saturday. The Redmen only topped them by four points with a score of 52-48.

Lysholm and Faber dominated the play with Lysholm hooping 23 points to Gaber's 14. Both were named top defensive players.

The Redmen met their toughest opponents of the season in the championship final against the Lo Ellen

Knights from Sudbury.

The juniors were down 38-21 in the dying minutes of the third quarter before they came back with a 57-51 victory. Lysholm was the star attraction again, netting three, three-point plays, in the last two minutes of the game to grab the win.

He hooped 20 points in all while Glenn Van Rijk added 19. Matt Vuk and Van Rijk were top defensive players.

Lysholm was named the tournament's most valuable player—with a total of 59 points in three games. Rob Faber meanwhile was named to the tournament allstar team.

Teams from St. Catharines, Timmins, Espanola, Pembroke, Sudbury, Barrie and Amos, Quebec, competed in the four-day tournament.

The midget Redmen meanwhile, back in Collingwood, suffered another setback, making their record 20-4 for the season.

They won the first match over Georgian Bay Secondary School, from Meaford, with no problems. At one point the Redmen were up 20-2.

John Lobello paced the attack in the 42-26 victory, netting 18 points. Bob Little and Paul Nolan shot 10

points each.

The midget's downfall came in the second quarter of their second game against Brantford. The Redmen had the score tied at the end of the first, but went down by six points by halftime.

Although they came back to outshoot Brantford in the third and fourth quarters, the overall score was still 47-43. It was a close game, the midgets coming within a hair of winning if only they had connected on a centre court play with five seconds to go. As it was, Brantford held on for the victory, knocking Redmen out of the tournament.

Lobello led the way in the losing effort with 19 points. Little scored 14. Nolan was top defensive player in the contest.

All three Redmen teams have a tough schedule next week as the school league gears up for the playoffs.

Today (Wednesday) they face Georgetown, Friday it's Queen Elizabeth Park, in what could be a first-place battle for the Midgets, then the Tabbies come to town next Tuesday for the final home match. Victories in these games will decide home court advantage for the playoffs.

W-W League re-alignment proposed

Proposals for a new league set-up that might put Acton in Tri-county, have been floating around Waterloo-Wellington minor hockey league meetings last week.

During a regularly-scheduled meeting of W-W officials and Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) district convenor Spike McConnell, Thursday, the possibility of changing the set-up was discussed.

Acton minor hockey president Bruce Cargill said his organization was the only one who came up with a concrete proposal.

He said he suggested Acton join Fergus, Orangeville, Hespeler, Milton, Georgetown, Guelph and El-

mira in one division of tri-county while Brampton, Streetsville, Oakville, Dundas, Ancaster, Flamboro, Chinguacousy and Burlington form the other division.

At the end of the season, the two divisions could meet for a round-robin playoff.

The question of changing the format arose when Orangeville made a bid to the OMHA to enter tri-county, leaving a hole in the W-W league.

Other teams in the league at the moment are: Fergus, New Hamburg, Elora, St. George, Tavistock, Burford, Paris, Woolwich and Hespeler, as well as Acton.

Cargill said the move to tri-county will probably

cut travelling time and expenses by nearly half for Acton teams. He said he and the Acton Minor Hockey Association hope the OMHA will approve of the re-alignment proposal, although they won't hear of a decision at least until May.

By far, the major problem for all minor hockey clubs is the travelling expenses with the rising price of gas.

McConnell, district convenor, was reluctant to make any kind of a comment. He said the whole issue was "ifly", and stressed no proposals were concrete.

McConnell revealed that not all of the participating clubs knew about the proposals, so he's asked everyone involved to state their recommendations at the next league meeting, to be held February 14.

He added, even if the clubs did recommend changes, the OMHA might not approve of them.



A pile-up occurs around the Guelph goal crease during a novice battle between Guelph and Dixie Saturday in Legion Minor hockey. Dixie won the contest 7-4.



Medal collectors from the inter-club figure skating competition held in Milton show winning form. Left to right: Colleen Petty, Michael Creighton and Karen McEachern. Colleen and Michael won golds, while Karen won a bronze.

Local skaters strike gold

The Acton Figure Skating Club is a little bit richer today after bringing home two gold medals from an inter-club competition at Laurier Arena in Milton Sunday.

Mike Creighton and Colleen Petty won golds

in the event. Karen McEachern brought home the bronze with a third-place finish.

Karen Leatherland, Simone Christensen, Tracey Oakley and Leslie Saude, Barb Wilson, Lori De Bruyn, Sharon Camp-

bell and John and Ann Gardener also competed. Clubs from Brampton, Chinguacousy, Georgetown, Port Credit and Streetsville-Meadowdale, as well as Acton and Milton participated.

Creighton and

McEachern are coached by Sally Leatherland while Petty is a student of Patti Boekhorst. Both coaches said they were exceptionally pleased with their skater's wins as well as the efforts of the other competitors from the club.

Family cleans up Welders

Family Cleaners enjoyed a 6-1 romp over Van's Welding Sunday night at the community centre during industrial league shinny action.

Acton Terminal Warehouse squeaked past Lakeview 6-4, while Blow Press walloped Hellers 8-1 in the other games.

Tim McIntyre and George Artem had a big night for Family Cleaners scoring two goals and two assists each. McIntyre netted the first marker at 11:37 of the opening frame, on a passing play with Artem and Bill Manes.

Joe Deforest made it 2-0, a little more than a minute later with Tom Dickenson picking up the assist.

Artem scored the only goal in the second period, aided by McIntyre. He struck again at 5:07 of the third, again assisted by McIntyre, to make it 4-0 for Family Cleaners.

CONNECTS ON PASS
Manes connected on a pass by Jim Poelick at 8:04, before McIntyre copped his second goal at 11:35. Artem received an assist, while Clair Snow picked up an aid on the Manes marker.

Van's Welding's Oliver Cooper spoiled the Cleaner's hopes for a shutout with a marker at 12:20. Brent Irwin earned an assist.

Family Cleaners served 15 minutes in the sin bin, while the Welders served nine.

Lakeview came out on the wrong side of 6-4 score against ATW.

The game was hard fought, with Lakeview coming back to tie it twice. The Steve Atkinson, Jim Haggat and Bart Jacobs line scored all the Lakeview markers in the losing effort.

Atkinson opened the game with a goal just 47 seconds into the first period. Haggat and Jacobs picked up the first of two assists each.

Bruce McPhail answered for ATW on an unassisted effort at 8:06.

Gary Marsh and George McPhail potted two more in the first before Haggat connected for Lakeview, with Atkinson and Jacobs helping out.

Mike Morris, Chris Tennant and George McPhail picked up assists on the ATW goals.

Jacobs tied it for Lakeview at 4:39 of the second period only to have Ken Slaney get the go-ahead goal two minutes later for ATW.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE
Jacobs' Atkinson and Haggat repeated their performance at 10:33 but Gary Marsh put ATW ahead to stay.

With Lakeview pressing in the third period the McPhail brothers clinched it at 15:11 for ATW, George netting the goal and Bruce picking up the assist along with Ken Slaney. The game ended 6-4.

Lakeview spent 17 minutes shorthanded while ATW served 11 minutes for minor infractions.

Blow Press continues to dominate the league with high-scoring conquests, such as Sunday night's against Hellers.

Blow Press did all their scoring in the first and third periods, scoring four goals in each.

Bill Fields netted two and Dave Paul and Henry Toebes connected for singles in the first stanza.

Wayne Allan, Toebes with two more and Fields scored in the third.

Russ Van Fleet netted the lone Hellers marker at

16:42 of the third period, spoiling goalie Robin In-scoe's shutout.

Sid Barnes, Fred Crawford, Bruce MacPherson, Allan and Toebes earned assists for Blow Press.

Dave Allen picked up an assist on the Van Fleet marker.

Hellers was more active in the penalty box, serving 25 minutes including a 10 minute misconduct while the Pressmen sat out 10 minutes.

There are only three more weeks of Industrial league hockey, before play offs begin. For Sunday's lineup see Scoreboard.

Reserve seat to see Swedes

Tickets for the upcoming Midget game against the Swedish team, will be going on sale Monday, February 18 at 7 p.m. at the Acton Community Centre.

Tickets will be sold in advance only, with no tickets available at the door. Reserved seats will cost \$3 for reds, \$2.75 for blues and \$1.50 for standing room.

Ed's In-N-Out midgets who have been defeated only once this year, meet the Swedes on Sunday, February 24. Game time has been set at 7:30 p.m.