



Senior Redmen Bob McClure dribbles the ball upcourt during last night's tripleheader at ADHS. The senior and junior squads lost their matches to

Blakelock, while the midgets retained second place with a victory.

## Redmen's first loss puts them in third

The Acton High School junior Redmen suffered their first loss of the season and consequently ended up in third place instead of first in the Halton Secondary School basketball league.

Blakelock Tabbies, who finished second, handed the juniors a 54-52 setback in last night's tripleheader at ADHS. The Seniors also lost while the midgets came back to defeat TAB. The junior game was close, with Redmen coming

within two points in the last two minutes of the fourth quarter, but the Tabbies held on counting points on three foul shots.

Before the match, the ADHS juniors were tied for first place with Blakelock and White Oaks. Although they beat White Oaks by eight points, W.O. defeated Blakelock by 10, giving them the advantage.

Chris Lysholm was the top scorer for the juniors with 12 points, followed by Rob Faber and Glenn

## Ed's victory streak ends at Soo's midget invitational

Ed's In-N-Out Midgets suffered their second and third losses of the season in the Steel City Invitational Hockey Tournament held last weekend in Sudbury.

They lost the first game to the St. Clair Americans 4-1, came back to defeat the Sault Elks Midgets 6-3 in the second game and were downed 9-7 by the Sudbury Lions Saturday.

Mike Monahan led the midgets in their losing effort, netting a total of seven points in three games. He scored a hat trick in the second and third game each and received one assist.

Gary Lumbers also scored seven points with three goals and four assists.

Rob Vermeulen and Mark Duval each picked up four points, with Duval netting two goals. He collected his first marker in game one against the American squad, 57 seconds into the second period.

St. Clair Americans started the game with a goal by Al Filinski at 4:23 of the opening period. Jim Vargo and Marc George received assists.

Duval tied it, before Al Filinski potted his second of the evening.

Ron Neal scored again for St. Clair at 11:10 of the third, and George netted the final goal to end the game 4-1. Jim Vargo, Paul Stone, Filinski, John Baldusari and Ron Klobudiar earned assists for the American grad.

Ed's rebounded from their defeat to double the Sault Elks 6-3 in game two. Del Mohammed opened the scoring at 1:04 of the first frame, with Vermeulen counting one of his assists.

Lumbers made it 2-0 by 2:34 in the same period on an unassisted effort.

The Soo got on the scoresheet with a goal by Brent Smith at 8:09 in the first. Robert Talucci and Roger Jackson picked up assists.

Monahan connected on an unassisted effort two minutes later. Kevin Conway put the Elks within one goal at 13:14, ending the period 3-2.

Monahan netted his second marker at 9:48 of the second, Lumbers earning the assist. Mike Johnson again put the Elks within one goal a minute later.

But Lumbers scored the clincher at 11:31 of the second with Monahan and Scott Timbers picking up aids.

Monahan completed his first hat trick of the tournament at 3:34 of the third period with an insurance marker. Timbers earned the assist.

Penalties proved costly to Ed's in the third game—a must-win match for the midgets.

The Sudbury Lions netted five powerplay goals,

giving them a 9-7 victory.

Monahan put Acton on the scoreboard first, just 39 seconds into the opening period.

The Lions then went on a scoring rampage snarling four goals in ten minutes. Scott Simms netted the first powerplay goal, at 3:02. Dave Kerbie, Rob Harris and Simms again, rounded out the scoring in the first period.

Pete LeClair made it 5-1 early in the second period on a powerplay marker before Ed's could collect themselves and start playing hockey. Monahan got his second goal of the afternoon at 8:41, followed by a Lumbers marker at 8:35. Monahan connected on a Lumbers pass moments later for his third goal, and second hat trick of the tournament, to put the Midgets back into the game.

But Sudbury scored another, while Timbers was off for interference to end the period 6-4.

The Lions tallied three more goals, two of them powerplay markers in the third period. Ray Mueller, Marty Colleton and Mark Duval rounded out the Acton scoring.

Derek Hodgson, Mohammed and Duval earned assists.

Sudbury outshot Acton 29 to 18. Tim Baker and Dave Anderson shared the goaltending duties.

The midgets returned to Acton Sunday for their second round of OMHA playoffs this week.

## Firefighters extinguish team

The Major Bantam Firefighters have blasted their way into the second round of OMHA playoffs by defeating Flamboro in three games.

The first game, Flamboro tied Acton 5-5 in overtime, giving the teams a point each. The Firefighters came back in game two to down Flamboro bantams 9-3, and then went on to manhandle them 7-1 in the final match.

Coach Ed Hillier said the whole series was a team effort, with every-one working as a unit. The Major Bantams have gelled into a well-disciplined hockey club, undefeated in their last eight games.

Hillier singled out goaltending as the key in the series, with the firefighter's nets well protected.

The major bantams meet New Hamburg in round two.

## Sabres end with a disaster

by Diana Waltmann

The Acton Sabres certainly found a novel way of ending their 1979-80 season Saturday night at the Community Centre.

Half the team didn't show up for the match against the Burlington Cougars, and those that did were probably wishing they had stayed home after suffering a 16-6 thumping.

That's not the worst record in this bleak Junior 'B' season. On November 17 they lost rather badly to the same team by an 18-3 score.

Jules Russiani may have thrown in the towel too, but he was in Sault Ste. Marie scouting for future Sabre stars, and was oblivious to the massacre taking place in Acton.

Only 12 players dressed for the game and two of them were house league juveniles that happened to be wandering around the building at face-off time.

The Cougars jumped to a 7-1 first period lead. Neil Anderson scored the Sabres goal on a powerplay effort with less than five minutes remaining.

The Sabres actually outscored the Cougars in the second period, collecting three more goals by Pat Fung, Barry Trood and Glen Murray. The Cougars potted another two markers to make it 9-4 by the end of the second.

Anderson and Roy Dolman connected in the third period for Acton, but Burlington set up goalie Rob Bremner for target practise and shot away.

In the third period alone, the Cougars outshot the Sabres 31-7. The game total was 65-29.

It was all Bremner could do to stay in the nets for the final 20 minutes, instead of giving up and going home to watch the 'Love Boat.'

The players that dressed for Saturday night's match will probably be the ones who will form the nucleus of next year's squad. The Sabres will lose only one player, Jamie Vickery, to over-age and he hasn't played since Christmas anyway because of illness.

The game was so disheartening, not even the familiar polka music was played after Sabre goals.



Where did the puck go? Goalie Rob Bremner had a difficult time with the disk in Saturday's Sabre game. It kept popping into his net. Burlington won the game 16-6. Bremner was barraged with 65 shots. He stopped all but 16 of them in the Sabres' final game of the 1979-80 season.

## 'Wait 'til next year' Russiani promises

by Diana Waltmann

The scene: a deserted locker room. A tape recorder and manila envelope are resting on a bench in the centre of the room. A lone figure walks towards the recorder, his footsteps echoing in the silence. His face is illuminated by an overhead lamp and recognition is instant.

It's Acton Sabres coach Jules Russiani. He flicks a switch on the recorder.

"Good evening, Mr. Russiani. Your mission this season, should you decide to accept it, is to build the Acton Sabres into a cup contender, a championship team, an unbeatable force... well, at least get them out of last place."

Russiani picks up the folder and looks at the first 8 x 10 inch glossy.

"This is the 1979-80 Sabres."

Russiani cringes.

"They ended up in last place. They won only three games. They tied four more. They lost 37 games."

"They scored 190 goals... only everyone else scored 379 against

them.

"The Sabres did not do so well this year. But there are some bright spots."

"That's Pat Fung, forward and captain of team. Definitely a good guy. He scored 24 goals and helped out on 36 more for a total of 61 points."

"Not only that, Fung is a clean player too. He's only served about 30 minutes in the penalty box. A good skater, a good digger and he's got a lot of heart. You better keep him away from the scouts."

Russiani immediately eats the evidence.

Barry Trood. Remember he tied a game on that memorable penalty shot. Hard worker, too, another asset for the team. Keep him.

"Now this is Glen Murray. He has some nifty moves, real showmanship. He's a hothead though. Never turns the other cheek. Of course he's never lost a fight either. Fans like him too. He gives them something to talk about."

"Murray is the Sabres leading sin-

ner spending more than 170 minutes in the penalty box; and he's the leading scorer with 46 goals, 33 assists and 79 points.

"Steve Miller—one third of the Sabres high-scoring line, along with Neil Anderson and Fung. He's netted 42 points this season."

"Neil Anderson. He's tall, but has some good moves, and contributed 43 points to the Sabres offensive effort."

"Rob Jefferies. Cute eh? He'll attract some female fans."

"And Russiani, you have got midgets and juveniles moving up the ranks. Some day they will play for the Sabres." Russiani starts to drool.

"Denis Kirton has already scored a couple of goals for the club."

"There's Mark Duval, Mike Monahan, Rob Vermeulen, Randy Smith, Scott Timbers or Gary Williams. Take your pick."

Russiani grabs all of them. He picks up the next two glossies and gasps.

"Now here comes the tricky part. This is Scott Malcolm and Dave McGilloway. They are defectors, and obviously have been brainwashed by the Gemini."

"McGilloway has scored 78 points

for the Gemini, and is their leading scorer."

"Malcolm has about 30 points. The Acton people want them back—at any cost. Your mission includes manoeuvring them back into Sabre uniforms."

Russiani picks up the last picture, a small black book, and crows.

"These are the referees. We don't like them. You'll find a list of nasty things to say to referees when they give out too many penalties. Or too few. It's called, How to get yourself ejected from the game with four easy letters."

"Good luck Mr. Russiani and remember... no worse than fourth. We want to make the Acton people proud of us."

"This tape will self-destruct in five seconds."

The tape begins to sizzle and smoke while Russiani silently turns and walks away. Beerbarrel polka music filters through from a far off loudspeaker. Sounds of a distant crowd roars. Russiani is heard muttering to himself: "No worse than fourth... the refereeing was lousy... no defence..."

Mission: Impossible?



Glenn Murray is the Sabres' leading scorer and leading scorer. He was named to the Central Ontario Junior B league all star team.

## Murray named allstar

Acton Sabre Glenn Murray has been named to second all star team of the Central Ontario Junior B league.

Murray was the leading goal scorer for the Sabres with 46 goals, 33 assists and 79 points, and was ninth overall in the scoring race.

Players named to the first team are Les Williams from the Streetsville Derbys in goal, Mark Hanley from the Derby's and Jim Cochrane from

Burlington on defence, the Cougar's Mark Litton on left wing, Dave McGilloway from Georgetown at centre, and Oakville Blade's Brian Marvel on right wing.

The second team is Rob McConnell and Bob Ferguson from Burlington, Ray Dube from Streetsville, Tony Giannini from Georgetown and Brian Murray from Oakville, along with Murray from Acton.



Pat Fung, Sabres' captain and forward, was one of the few bright spots in the club's season. A team leader, Fung plays a solid game of hockey, and should be back for next year.