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Sabres confidence gives them victory

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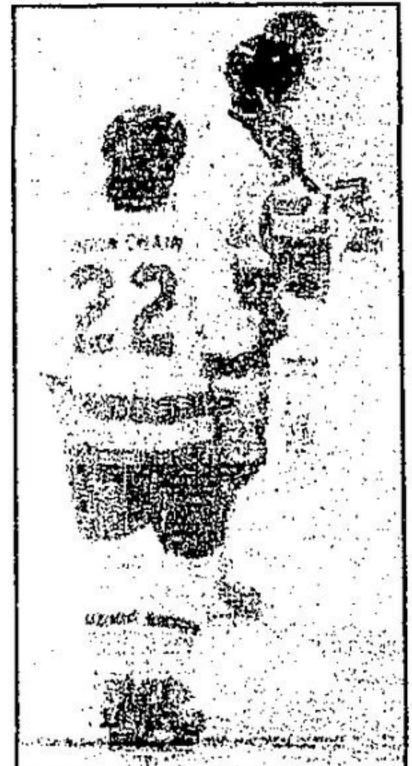
The mist rolled off Fairy Lake Friday night and shrouded the ice in the Community Centre. The Junior B Sabres and Thornhill Thunderbirds were searching for the puck, lost somewhere in the fog. Eventually it turned up-eight times to be

exact-in the Thunderbird's net. The Sabres had pulled off an other victory-this time felling Thornhill 8-6.

That's their first victory on home ice, and their third this year.

Sabre fans, more than 100 of them, came out satisfied. "Sounded great, what did they look like?"

The difference in temperature inside and out caused a fog that rivalled London England's.



Sabres left their opponents in the fog Friday night. The heavy dew was soooooo thick Sabres could practically cut it with a hockey stick.

It helped conceal the Sabres' secret weapon-confidence. Since their first victory in Barrie less than two weeks ago, the Sabres exude the stuff and it shows in their attack. Once again they outshot Thornhill 39-36 and outplayed them long enough to hang on for the win.

The fog also concealed secret weapon number two-Murray, Trood and Relf. Centreman Barry Trood and right winger Glen Murray led the attack with three goals and one assist, each.

Ken Relf, the other winger, also collected a couple of assists on Murray goals. Behind them stood the stalwart defence

of goaltender Wayne McDougail. Sabres and Thornhill came out of the first period an even 3-3. Acton had outshot them by only one.

Trood picked up two of his goals, the first one to give the Sabres a lead at 1:05, Mark Duval and Murray aiding, the second an unassisted shorthanded goal to make it 2-1 by 6:20.

Murray potted the first of his three goals, a powerplay marker that put the Sabres ahead 3-2 at 15:37. Relf and Duval earned the assists.

But the Thunderbirds tied it up with only two minutes remaining in the frame. After facing one shot in the second

stanza, Thornhill coach Rob Browning pulled his goaltender Randy Lelfer and substituted Tonk Inhat. It didn't work. The Sabres jumPed Into a 8-4 lead. Rob

Vermuelen connected on the fourth goal while Thunderbird Rick Buchan was sitting out an elbow penalty. Newcomer Paul Stark and Denis Kirton pocketed the assist. Stark then netted one of his own at 13:41

with Kirton and Denis Carboneau earning aids. Murray added the sixth goal with Trood assisting. With only 14 seconds left in the period, the

Thunderbirds started their comeback. Steve Paul connected on a pass from Rick Buchan. Thornhill came close to tying it in the

third period. Trood had executed a perfect deke after he went in alone on an end to end rush at 3:24 of the third period, acoring the seventh Sabre goal. But two Thunderbird goals by Steve

Tschipper at 10:35 and Rob Humphries with

only a few minutes remaining put Thornhill

Thornhill elected to go with the extra attacker with a minute left in the game, but Sabres capitalized on the play.

Relf passed the puck to Murray, who took a swipe at it and put it in the empty Thunderbird net, clinching the game for the Sabres with only 11 seconds left.

As the final buzzer went, some Thornhill players started mixing with the crowd behind the visitor bench, but nothing serious happened.

The Sabres, who outshot Thornhill 10-8 in the third period, served six minor penalties and a five minute high sticking infraction, compared to Thunderbirds who played 26 minutes shorthanded.

Two Sabres not in uniform Friday were Pat Fung and Roy Dollman, who were both suspended after last Sunday's match against Georgetown. They'll miss this Friday's game against the Streetaville Derby's

The Georgetown Independent published a letter last week from an Acton hockey fan who attended the Sabres-Gem match Oct.

The fan wasn't too impressed with conduct on the ice or in the stands.

This week the Independent is publishing a reply from the Board of Directors of the Gemini. They say they are not responsible for adult conduct in the stands and the referee has control over conduct on the ice.

Opps! I goofed. I wrote in last week's issue the Sabres were meeting Streetsville on Friday. They were actually meeting Thornhill, which is nowhere near Streetsville. This week they're meeting Streetsville. Honest. Game tle is 8:30 p.m.

The music you hear when the Acton Sabres step on the ice or score a goal is Russian composer . Tchaikovsky 's Sabre

The fog created havoc for Sabre players, fans and arena equipment. Every five minutes the referee would stop the game and have all players skate around to disperse the fog. That disrupted the Sabre's attack.

Then the buzzer signalling the end of the period kept sounding, totally confusing the players, refs and fans, who couldn't see what was going on anyway.



A Sabre takes out Thornhill goaltender Tonk Inhat during Friday's 'fog bowl' at the Community Centre. Sabres won the game 8-6 despite the heavy cloud in the arena. That's the first win on home ice this year. They are now undefeated in four games. The lifth comes this Friday at the Community Centre.

Industrial league debuts with little surprises

The 1980-81 Acton Industrial hockey league debuted Sunday night at the Community Centre, with no surprises.

Acton Travel and Hellers battled to a 5-5 tie in the first game, Family Cleaners topped Neilson's Clothing 4-1 in the second match and Lakeview Centre crushed ATW 8-2 in the third contest.

A last minute goal by Lorne Gordon tied the game for Acton Travel. He scored at 16:37 of the third period, after Hellers rallied to take the lead.

Brent Irwin opened the scoring at the four minute mark of the first period for Hellers. But Acton Travel responded with three goals in succession, by John Ashley, the first of two for him, Henry Toebes and Jim

A pair of goals by Bill Manes and Russ Van Fleet tied it all for Hellers, in the second period, then Acton Travel jumped into the lead one more time; Ashley pocketing his second goal with 22 seconds left in the middle frame.

It didn't take long for Hellers to tle it again, after Bruce Cooksley connected just 38 seconds into the final period. Then Hellers took the lead for the first time in the game after Cooksley connected just 38 seconds into the final period. Then Hellers took the lead for the first time in the game after

Cooksley scored again at 13:32. Van Fleet

carned assists on both goals.

That set up Gordon's tying marker for Acton Travel. Toebes picked up an assist. Other Acton Travel assists went to Gordon, Ashley and Floyd Hillier.

Wayne Noseworthy and Van Fleet each received a pair of aids for Hellers with a single going to Tim McIntyre.

Three unanswered goals led Family Cleaners to their 4-1 victory over Neilson's Clothing.

The two teams traded goals in the first and second periods. Chris Tenant potted the first marker for Family Cleaners at 10:07 in the opening frame, assisted by Wayne De-Forest and Mike Fields.

Steve MacIntyre fied it in what turned out to be the only goal for Neilson's at 11:25 of the second period.

Kent Kentner put the Cleaners ahead a few minutes later though, with Tenant earning the aid. Ken Owen and Mike Miller wrapped it up for the Cleaners with markers at 8:32 and 11:46 of the third period.

Owen's goal, with singles going to Wayne Allen, Sid Barnes, and Kentner. Mike Mitchell and John Snow were cred-

Ited with brackets on MacIntyre's marker.

Tenant picked up his second assist on

The last game was somewhat less of a contest between Lakeview and ATW, although ATW scored on the only two shots

AHS Juniors top Tabbies

they had on Lakeview goaltender Mark Morri on, in the third period.

Gary Moore started things off on an unassisted effort for Lakeview at 3:43 of the first period. Dave Paul pocketed the second Lakeview goal at 18:20 still in the opening stanza with Jim Poclsk picking up the

goal one of his hattrick coming at the one minute mark of the middle frame. He repeated his performance five minutes later and again at 19:45. In between Poclsk and Paul netted their own at 8:30 and 9:07.

Evan Hayter got off to the right start with

ATW finally got on the scoreboard in the third period when Dave Thompson snuck a puck past Morrison at 43 seconds. Stan Rhynolds made it 7-2 three minutes

Lakeview's final goal came at 18:26, courtesy of Glen McKenzie. Assists were credited to Pocisk, Bruce McPhall and Gary Moore, each with two, John McCutcheon, McKenzie and Steve Townsley. Bart Jacobs earned aids on both ATW markers.

Ted Saltz of ATW got himself ejected midway through the game after getting an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

Sunday ATW faces Nellson's in the first game at 7 p.m. Lakeview and Acton Travel square off at 8:20 and Hellers battle Family Cleaners at 9.40.

Cargill cools foes in warm ups

within one of tying the game.

Beardmore minor peewees warmed up for the regular season by cooling off Guelph and Chinguacousy in two exhibition matches recently.

They overpowered Chinguacousy 5-2 last Wednesday after dumping Guelph 7-2 Oct-

ober 8. Peter Cargill lead the way last Wednesday, picking up a pair of goals and an assist. He scored the opening goal of the game, followed by a marker from Chris Rogers.

Craig Hamilton closed the gap for Ching, making it 2-1 by the end of the first frame.

Gord Taillefer netted the third Acton goal on a passing play with Paul Kilpatrick. Ching struck back with Kirk Fisher netting a goal making it 3-2. But a goal by Cargill

before the end of the second and a fifth marker by Taillefer in the third, finished off

Coach Dan McGilloway singled out both

He saidthe whole team played well in the first game of the season against Guelph. Acton jumped into a four goal lead in the first period after Scan Fitzgerald, Jason

Kilpatrick, Rogers, Bartlett, Cargill all

Guelph finally got on the scoreboard in the second frame after O'Neill added a fifth goal to the Acton tally.

But Kilpatrick and Fitzgerald doused Guelph's hope with the final two markers, still in the second period. Taillefer added two more assists in the game, with singles from Fitzgerald and Kilpatrick.

Guelph's David Hurd scored.

The minor peewees regular season starts tonight (Wednesday), when they face off

AHS junior girls basketball team is undefeated in their first two games of the regular season.

They outshot Milton in the first game last Tuesday, 48-21 and then topped Blakelock of Oakville 42-30 in the second game Thursday, both at home.

Trafalgar but results were unavailable at press time. Judy Vetricek led the way in the game

Yesterday (Tuesday) they faced Oakville

against Milton, netting 14 points. Lori Drysdale and Mardy Phillips were also high scorers in the game, shooting eight points

Phillips and Teresa Dunn were top scorers in Thursday's match. Phillips netted 15 while Dunn collected eight points. Saturday the juniors travelled to Collingwood for the annual Invitational.

They lost the first game against a strong St. Mary's team from Kitchener 10-28. But they did come out consolation champions, after dousing the host team Collingwood 37-24 and then Central Barrie 53-10.

Phillips netted 10 points in the game against Collingwood while Marion Case scored nine, Sandra Brundle and Andrea Arble each collected 10 points in the conso final. Linda ThomPson was also a high scorer with eight points.

The senior girls lost a heartbreaking game Thursday in the second half of the Blakelock doubleheader, 43-42. They were leading for part of the game, but TAB caught up . A missed layout in the final seconds by the AHS seniors game the game to

Linda Osso and Dayle Robinson was top scorer in the game, nelting 17 and 10 points.

The seniors did dump Milton however in the first game last Tuesday 38-17. Osso and Robinson were again the high scorers each shooting 14 points. The seniors also met O.T. yesterday.

Saturday at AHS the juniors are holding their annual basketball tournament. Eight teams have been invited to play, but the schedule isn't finalized.

However AHS plays in the first game against Erin at 9 a.m. The tourney runs all day Saturday.

The following weekend, Nov. 1, the seniors will hold their tournament, but their next game is Thursday at AHS when they face Georgetown. More photos B2



Dayle Robinson (20) blocks a shot anyway she can. The AHS senior basketball player was one of the top scorers, netting to points. But her team lost the game, a close, hard-fought match 43-42 to Blakelock. The juniors won their game, 42-30.

Bants fall short of Fergus

The Acton Firefighter Major Bantams opened their season Sunday with a close game against Fergus, Fergus nipped them

Fergus opened the scoring 24 seconds into the first period. Lorenzo Civiero tied the game for Acton at 6:07 of the second frame. David Milne and Brad Youmans picked up the assists. Then Fergus jumped into a two goal lead with goals at 1:04 and 4:18 of the third

stanza. Milne's worker brought Acton to within one at 14:13, but Acton couldn't score the equalizer, despite an empty Fergus net in the closing seconds.

Randy Coverdale earned the other Acton assist. Coach Al McKerracher said John McGrath played a steady game in goal for Earlier, the Firefighters split a home and

Coverdale scored the Acton markers in the and Youmans.

Paul Cargill connected in the second game. Dodds earned two assists, with singles going to Coverdale, Milnes, Cargill, Laing and Chris Hicks.

all scored for Acton. Danager also picked up an assist.

first game, with assists going to Milne, Vince Danagher, Todd Laing, Bill Morrison

In between the two games, the Firefighters doused Guelph 4-2. Cargill, Danagher, Morrison and David McKnight

home exhibition series with Waterloo. They lost the first game 43, but came back to take the second match in Waterloo 4-1. Rick Dodds. Richard Kilpatrick and

Dodds, Coverdale, Brad MacPherson and

Kilpatrick picked up his second assist on

goalies and newcomer Darryl Bartlett. Both, he says were super and Bartlett is "looking good."

O'Neill, Rogers and Kilpatrick all concarned assists as well as Ron Robinson and

There was no scoring in the third period

against Woolwich, Game time is 8 p.m. the major bantams. Midgets finish second in Haltons

AHS midget boys have the second best cross-country team in the county after the Halton championships were held last

Wednesday at Kelso Conservation area. They finished with 36 points. First place finisher was Georgetown with 15, White Oaks came third with 71, Nelson finished fourth with 100 points, M.M. Robinson came fifth with 110, Milton sixth with 125, Assumption seventh with 132, and Oakville-

Trafalgar finished last with 140 points. Rick Dodds was top finisher for the midget boys. He crossed the line in fifth place with a time of 15:52. Glenn Archer was right behind him in sixth place with a time of 16:05.

The junior and senior boys didn't do as well. The juniors finished fifth in the 5600 metre run with 104 points. Again Georgetown came first with 31 points. Nelson came second with 48, Milton finished third with 74, White Oaks finished fourth with 78, O.T. was sixth with 112, E.C. Drury was seventh with 160, M.M. Robinson came eighth with 167, Lord Elgin was ninth with 178, Burlington Central 10th with 192 points and finally Assumption with 284.

George Gidman was the fastest runner for the junior boys completing the run in 19:07, good enough for 19th place. Scott Mc-Donough ran 20th with a time of 19:08.

Georgetown was the top team in the senior boys, coming first with 13 points, followed by Milton with 47, then AHS with 77. W.O. was fourth with 92 while O.T. was fifth with

Dave McGregor was top runner in the senlors finishing 10th with a time of 26:15. In the junior girls' 4000 metre, Acton came

fourth with 87 points. Georgetown Rebels came first with 10 points, followed by W.O.

Captain traded The Milton Flyers have traded their captain Marty Venner, a two-year veteran with the club to the Oakville Blades in exchange

for centreman John Hicks, and future considerations. The trade came on the heels of a 5-3 loss to the Georgetown Gemini Friday In

Memorial Arena in Milton. It's part of an overall youth movement on the Flyers. Hicks is only 17 years and has four years left of Junior hockey, whereas Venner has only two.

The Flyers next match is Friday in Milton against Oak Ridges. The Gemini split their games over the weekend. After downing Milton Friday they dropped a 7-6 last-minute decision to Orillia

Sunday at Gordon Alcott.

with 72, Milton with 74, M.M. Robinson came fifth, L.B. Pearson was sixth with 124 and E.C. Drury came seventh with 145

Heather Thatcher led the way for the AHS junior girls. She finished 10th with a time of The AHS cross-country team is competing

today (Wednesday) in the Peel-Halton championships at Heart Lake in Brampton. Complete AHS results: Junior girls 4000 metre: 10th-Heather Thatcher 13:28, 16th-Susan Kinal 14:20,

28th-Jeanette Gieson 15:16, 32nd-Elka Zies-

sig 15:43, 39th-Karen Brill 16:40, 44th-Janet Britton 18:08. Midget boys 4000 metre: 5th-Rick Dodds 15:52, 6th-Glenn Archer 16:05, 12th-Brian Bollert 16:40, 13th-Richard Kilpatrick 16:41, 32nd-Scott Allonby 17:47, 38th Ken Jespersen 18:00, 44-Ken Kavanagh 18:04,

51rst-Rhys Gibb 19:35. Junior boys 5600 metre: 9th-George Gldman 19:07, 20th-Scott McDonough 19:08, 27th-Tony Wright, 38th-Tom McDonough 20:35, 53rd-Mark Staley 22:05.

Senior boys: 10th-Dave McGregor 26:15, 13th-Bill McKenzle 28:41, 17th-Norman Bourassa 27:07, 37th-Allen Snells 30:56. See photo B3