

# Sabres remain in fifth place after tie



Everyone goes for the puck in a scramble around the Acton Sabre goalmouth Wednesday as the Swordsman downed second-place Burlington Cougars 8-6. Their elation was short-lived however as Oak Ridges handed them a 5-4 defeat Friday at the rink.

The Acton junior B Sabres remain in fifth place after battling to a 5-5 tie with fourth place Oak Ridges Friday night. The tie came on the heels of an 8-6 defeat of second place Burlington Cougars Wednesday. Both games were at the Community Centre.

Captain Jules Russiani, who is unhappy when the Sabres win, is downright miserable when they can only come out with a tie.

"We played terrible," he said. "It was the worst game of the year."

Of course the Sabres were hurting with defenceman Bob Allsop injured. But then they added David McGilloway, former Sabre and most recently a former Newmarket Flyer of the provincial A league. He's back in a Sabre uniform.

Still Oak Ridges was on top of the Sabres all night. Only some good goaltending by netminder Wayne McDougall kept them in the game.

Russiani said he scouted Oak Ridges earlier in the week in Streetsville and went over the Sabres' game plan prior to the match.

He said their defensive game, a sore spot with Russiani of late, wasn't "too bad" Friday night.

Oak Ridges opened the scoring at 2:11 of the first but Glen Murray tied it on the powerplay a minute later. Pat Fung and Roy Dollman earned assists.

Oak Ridges went ahead again at 5:57 while the Sabres were shorthanded.

They made it 3-1 but Murray scored two more goals for the hat trick in the second. The Sabres' attack picked up some after successfully killing off a seven-minute penalty and a few minutes later Murray ramrodded his way through two burly Oak Ridges defencemen to score his third goal.

However Oak Ridges came back in the third to take a two goal lead scoring at 9:03 and 10:31.

A goal by Steve Miller at 15:27 put the Sabres within one and a powerplay goal by Mark Duval with 1:26 left in the game put them on par with Oak Ridges.

McGilloway picked up his first point in a Sabre uniform on the play. Mike Monahan got the other assist.

Murray and Fung earned aids on Miller's marker.

The Burlington Cougars also outshot Acton 48-39, but came out on the wrong side of an 8-6 score. Still, Russiani wasn't happy with the win.

"We were lucky," he says. "We had them 6-3 at one point and gave up two goals."

"I like to feel happy about a win and I can't if we keep playing this scrumbly type of hockey."

Russiani said the Sabres played badly in the first, when they were down 3-2, but picked up in the second. They suffered a mental lapse in the third, and only managed to clinch the victory with an empty net goal in the final seconds.

"I'm happy we're winning, but it's not my type of victory," says Russiani. "I like to feel we win with good hockey and lots of passing."

Russiani said he was more than pleased however, with his Dollman-Fung-Miller line which picked up 14 points total in Wednesday's game. "They won the game for us," he said.

The Cougars opened the scoring, but Dollman quickly got one back at 2:13. Fung and Miller assisted.

He scored the second Acton goal as well, a powerplay effort at 12:24. Again Miller and Fung assisted. But Burlington had scored in between and towards the end of the period to make it 3-2.

Ken Reif tied it up early in the second on a passing play from Charbonneau and Murray.

Then Dollman put Acton in the lead for the first time in the game at 13:40. Duval made it 5-3 a few seconds later at 13:11 with Miller scoring the sixth marker a few seconds after that.

Gary Williams, and Fung earned single assists while Miller picked up two.

But before the end of the period, Cougars struck back scoring two goals, at 14:41 and 17:45 on the powerplay.

The tie of the game in the third period with a goal at 11:37.

Luckily for the Sabres, Murray connected on the winning goal with only 2:45 left to play in the game.

The Cougars elected to go with six attackers and an open net and Miller took advantage of it with the clincher. There were only 26 seconds remaining in the match.

Reif aided Murray's marker, while Dollman and Fung earned points on Miller's.

While the Dollman-Fung-Miller line was tops, Russiani said he was also pleased with his fourth line of Don Brown, Rob Vermuelen and Denis Kirton.

He said he puts them out to contain the opposition's top lines. "They do a good job offensively too," he said.

Russiani had nothing but praise for the Cougars. "I have a lot of respect for them," he said after the game Wednesday. They're a fast skating club, one of the best in the league. When we play them, we don't have to worry about the dirty stuff. They're a nice club to play against."

Even nicer when you win.

Things don't get any easier for the Sabres this week as they face Brampton on Friday and Oakville Saturday night. Both games are at the rink and start at 8:30 p.m.

Next Wednesday Milton Flyers drop in. Game time for that is also 8:30 p.m.

## McGilloway's suit irks Gems

David McGilloway, former Acton Sabre, former Georgetown Gemini and most recently former Newmarket Flyer of the provincial A league, is back.

Friday night McGilloway stepped on the ice wearing number eight the Acton Sabres and according to coach Jules Russiani, is planning to stay.

But the Gem management, for whom McGilloway suited last year, isn't pleased with the situation.

McGilloway played his minor hockey in the Acton system and started his junior career here, but a dispute with management resulted in the talented player jumping to Georgetown last season, where he was one of the league's top pointmen.

In the beginning of this season, McGilloway joined the Newmarket Flyers of Provincial Junior A hockey league.

But with the Sabres under new management and becoming one of the hottest teams in the Central Junior B league, McGilloway returned to his home town.

The Gems said they feel McGilloway is their property on request to Acton and point to an agreement signed between the two teams last season.

However, Sabre executive Frank Allsop has a different interpretation of the letter. He said the Sabres feel McGilloway must make the request to switch teams, not the Gemins. "I haven't got a copy of the letter, but that's been my interpretation all along," he said.

Allsop's name appears on the letter on behalf of the Sabres.

The letter, addressed to Bob Girdwood president of the Gems states:

"Pursuant to our conversation of last

## Team seeks new league

The Acton Roadrunners, Georgetown Industrial Fastball League (GIFL) champions may be playing in the local men's softball association next spring.

Ron Hachey, coach of the team said if their application is accepted by the Association, the Roadrunners will probably switch leagues.

Hachey said there are several reasons the Roadrunners want to leave the GIFL. Some of the league's top teams have pulled out, including Philip Publishing and possibly Hornby, the playoff champions, making it less competitive.

As well, team members are weary of the constant travelling and the long schedule. Although they were league champions, the Roadrunners were not allowed to play in the semi-finals at Prospect Park, even though the diamond was available.

Hachey said he is not making excuses for the losses the Roadrunners suffered in the semi-finals (they were eliminated in three games to Akers-Clark), but it was annoying.

"We only lost two games at Prospect Park this year," Hachey said. "The guys play better in Acton."

He added the Acton Industrial League is "getting better."

The team entered in the Acton league would basically be the same as last season's except for pitcher Dick Spear who is leaving the club. They would call themselves the Dawe Real Estate Roadrunners.

The association executive will make a decision on applications December 15, their next meeting. If accepted, and Hachey added he foresees no problem in that area, the Roadrunners will hold a team meeting to make definite plans towards the end of next month.

evening Oct. 2, 1979, the Acton Sabres Hockey Club and the Acton Minor Hockey Association will for the sum of \$300 (three hundred dollars) grant a release and a minor waiver to your club for David McGilloway for the 1979-80 season.

"It is further agreed that the Acton Sabres Hockey Club will grant a waiver to your club upon request at no cost for the 1980-81 and 1981-82 seasons for David McGilloway.



David McGilloway

"This agreement is conditional that should the Georgetown Gemini Hockey Club cease operation or change to a category other than Jr. B, David McGilloway will automatically become the property of the Acton Sabre Hockey Club in accordance with OHA rules.

"Payment will be made \$150 on Oct. 3, 1979 with a further \$150 on Jan. 2, 1980."

The letter is signed by Girdwood, Bruce Cargill, president of the Acton Minor Hockey Association and Frank Allsop, chairman of the Sabres Player Acquisition.

The Gems are in the process of requesting McGilloway's waiver from Acton

but the Sabres say they believe McGilloway must request the release.

"We feel we have a legitimate agreement," said Gem manager Bob Tost. "We feel we should have player or a refund of what we paid."

The two teams have not met to discuss the situation but if neither side can agree on terms of the letter without a mediator then

## Line clicks for Beardmore win

Beardmore minor peewees scored a 6-1 victory over Galt Saturday in Hub league action.

Beardmore's line of John Moran, Peter Cargill and Chris Rogers clicked for two goals and five assists in the conquest.

David Haynes opened the scoring in the first period, connecting on a pass from Cargill.

Scott Bartlett tied it for Galt with his goal early in the second, but Rogers potted the go-ahead marker a few minutes later. Cargill and Moran assisted on the goal.

Beardmore exploded in the third with four unanswered goals. Jason O'Neill potted the third goal, followed by Haynes second marker, an unassisted effort, with 10:12 left in the period. Cargill netted the fifth goal and Rogers pocketed the final tally.

Darryl Bartlett and Kirk McNabb earned aids as well as Cargill and Moran.

Beardmore was looking for the win after suffering a 5-1 defeat courtesy of Waterloo Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Community Centre.

Paul Kilpatrick scored Acton's only goal with 2:10 left to play in the game.

A two-minute lapse in the third period, cost Beardmore their seventh victory and second straight win over the Kitchener

Flames Friday, Nov. 7. The minor peewees had to fight back for a 4-4 draw, after holding a 3-1 lead.

Kilpatrick netted the hat trick in the game. He put Acton on the scoreboard, tying the game.

Bartlett made it 2-0 before the end of the first. Kilpatrick scored his second goal early in the middle stanza.

Fitzgerald earned two aids, with singles going to Toth Hill, Ron Robinson and Mike Baker.

But the Flames fought back in the third, taking advantage of the mental lapse suffered by the team.

Kilpatrick's last minute marker gave Acton the tie. Cargill earned the assist.

They played well in a 4-2 win over Guelph Nov. 5 at the Community Centre.

Bartlett opened the scoring late in the second period, only to have Bill Van der Stine tie it up a few seconds later.

Murro Billato gave Guelph a short-lived lead. O'Neill's goal a minute later evened the score. Rogers put Acton ahead to stay with 2:07 left in the second frame and Haynes clinched the win with his third period marker.

Beardmore now has a seven win, two loss and one tie record.

## Defensive lapse cause beating

The Free Press juveniles got back on track after suffering a 9-2 defeat in Galt last week. Saturday they doubled New Hamburg at the Community Centre 4-2.

Free Press coach Craig Weldon said his team "just fell apart" in the 9-2 loss Monday, Nov. 10, while he was away in California.

Once Weldon returned to his spot behind the bench, however, the juveniles returned to their game plan, with a heavy emphasis on defence. Weldon said his team played well Saturday and singled out Jim Trowbridge, Dave Lawson and Murray McNabb for praise.

"They don't get many goals," he said, "but they don't get many goals scored against them either. They have an excellent plus-minus record (goals scored against for the team while they are on the ice).

Free Press Saturday dominated the goal scoring, building a 4-0 lead, before New Hamburg could get on the scoreboard.

Mark Staley connected on the first goal at 6:03. Denis Kirton potted the second at 12:19 and Tim Evans scored the third at 13:44 all in the first period.

Todd McIntyre scored early in the second period before New Hamburg countered with their two.

Acton assists went to Paul Campbell, Rick Miller, Timbers, Kirton and McIntyre.

The game was called with 5:22 left to play in the third.

The juveniles deserted their netminder Dave Anderson in Monday's 9-2 blasting. He played well, despite the score, in a penalty-ridden match.

Gary Lumbers collected several minors for unsportsmanlike conduct and roughing, a 10 minute misconduct, a major misconduct and the automatic two-minute minor that goes with the major, at the 10 minute mark of the middle frame.

Three of Galt's nine goals were on the powerplay, while Acton's second marker was scored with a two man advantage.

Galt served 22 minutes in minors for infractions ranging from kneeling to slash-

ing. The Free Press sat out 14 minors, not including Lumbers' pair of misconducts.

Galt jumped into a 5-0 lead until the 7:41 mark of the middle frame when a goal by McNabb spoiled any hopes of a shutout.

Trowbridge earned the assist.

Galt collected two more goals before the end of the second period.

Trowbridge pocketed the second Acton marker early in the third period. Lawson picked up the aid.

## Firefighters check foes

Backchecking by the Firefighter bantams paid off last week as they lifted themselves from a two-game losing streak to capture a couple of victories.

First they nipped Guelph 6-3 Tuesday, Nov. 11, before handling Brantford a 3-1 defeat Sunday.

Tuesday's win was a come-from-behind effort, as Guelph commanded a 4-2 lead in the first two periods.

The Firefighters opened the scoring with a goal from David McKnight at 2:28. Bill Morrison made it 2-0 at 6:15, but Guelph replied with four goals in the second frame.

The Firefighters rallied in the third, as Randy Coverdale and David Milne putting the bants on an even keel with Guelph. Coverdale scored at 4:43 while Milne potted his a few seconds later at 5:06.

Paul Cargill got the go-ahead goal at 9:58, but the lead was short-lived as Guelph tied it at 11:11.

Lorenzo Civiero connected at 12:53 for

the eventual winning goal, breaking the losing streak.

Cargill, Civiero, Milne, Vince Danagher, Chris Hicks, Brad McPherson, Stan Smith and Rick Dodds picked up aids in the game.

The Firefighters continued their team effort in Sunday's match in Brantford. Strong checking kept Brantford's scoring chances to a minimum, but goalie John McGrath was solid in the net anyway, making a key stop on a breakaway.

Hicks didn't waste time in the first period, scoring his goal at the 40 second mark.

McPherson and McKnight aided on the play.

Dodds made it 2-0 at 6:51 of the second period and Coverdale clinched the win with his third-period marker at 9:03.

Smith, Morrison, Coverdale and Brad Youmans all earned assists.

Brantford scored at the 7:44 mark to spoil McGrath's shutout.



Andrea Arble (43) makes a shot during an exhibition match with M.M. Robinson Thursday at Acton High School. The junior cagers won 43-25. Top scorers were Teresa Dunn and Mardie Phillips. Today the juniors, who finished in first place will meet fourth-place Georgetown in a one-game quarter final match in the Halton East secondary school basketball championships. Tomorrow the seniors travel to Blakeslock for their quarter-final match.