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Flyers swarm around a Sabre player during Wednesday's game at the Community Center. Sabres won it 12-10, went on to defeat Dixie Thursday and downed the Flyers 15-2 Friday in Milton.

Sabres sweep series

Ho Hun. Winning has become somewhat of a routine for the Acton Sabres who picked up three more victories last week in Central Junior B hockey action.

Of course it's a routine the Sabres definitely enjoy... or as coach Jules Russiani says "we plan to win".

A simple, yet effective game plan. After all, it worked Wednesday night, barely, in their 12-10 yawner with Milton at the Community Center and again Thursday in Dixie 9-6 and yet again Friday 15-2 in Milton and for 15 of the last 16 games they played.

They buried their old record of most points ever collected in a season last week. Glenn Murray is fourth in the overall scoring race. He added 16 points in the last three games for a total of 55 by this week. David McGilloway, who's played in only five games has already collected 20 points on eight goals and 12 assists.

Five of McGilloway's points came Friday night in Milton. Russiani said he was pleased with the Sabres that night.

"Milton didn't play too badly, but our boys finally moved the puck around the way I want them to. We really stuck to the game plan."

No fooling. Sabres scored seven goals in the first period alone, added another three in the second and finished off with five in the third.

Murray picked up nine points in the game, starting off with the first goal in the opening period, a powerplay marker at 5:13. McGilloway and Tony Dulisse earned aids.

Barry Trood capitalized on the second powerplay goal at 8:25, assisted by McGilloway. Murray put the third powerplay goal behind netminder Paolo Zulan three minutes later at 11:11 and pocketed his third marker at 12:30 to complete his hat-trick, while Flyers were shorthanded.

Trood assisted on both of Murray's markers with McGilloway picking up a single.

Milton blew their powerplay advantage, allowing the Sabres, via McGilloway, to score again at 14:29. Murray and Steve Miller assisted on the shorthanded goal.

Roy Dollman connected at 17:31 while Ken Reif finished up the period with the Sabres seventh goal at 18:02. Trood helped him out and Miller and Gary Williams received aids on Dollman's goal.

It may sound like Sabres had a shootout around the Flyer net, but they only had nine shots on goal in the first period. Wayne McDougall who guarded the Acton nets, also faced nine shots.

Milton finally got on the scoreboard scoring 55 seconds into the middle frame. But it didn't do much good as Mark Duval unleashed the eighth Acton goal at 12:26, followed by a goal from Trood at 13:17 and then Duval's second at 16:32.

Murray and McGilloway picked up a few more assists on the goals.

Sabres at this point had the game well in hand, but they didn't let up on the scoreboard.

Art Keating scored two in succession within seconds of each other. The first came at 5:42 of the third, the second—seven seconds later at 5:49. Trood, Duval and Murray assisted.

Pat Fung potted the next marker at 7:05, then Trood and Duval connected on a pair of powerplay goals at 10:09 and 11:52.

Milton closed the game with the final goal at 13:21. Sabres outshot Milton 29-25.

Zulan wasn't the only hospitable Flyer Friday. Both Mike Monahan and Reif were victims of some untimely injuries in the game. Monahan received a "unclassified two-hander over his head" according to Russiani while Reif suffered a possible separated shoulder. Sabre trainer John Thompson was working elsewhere Friday so the Milton staff attended their injuries.

Both were taken to the Milton hospital by the two trainers.

Thursday's 9-6 victory was the result of one period's work. The game was close until the second frame when Dixie scored four unanswered goals. That made it 5-3 for the Beehives.

The situation reversed in the third however, when the Sabres came out flying, scoring six goals to Dixie's one.

Reif opened the scoring at 1:09 assisted by Murray. McGilloway made it 2-0 at 3:16. Dixie scored at 11:33, but Murray countered at 13:19. Reif assisted on his goal, while Duval and Monahan earned aids on McGilloway's marker.

Dixie scored a powerplay goal at 6:39 in the second connected on a pair at 10:29 and 11:49 and then topped it off with a short-handed goal at 16:16.

"We had a good first period," said Russiani, "But fell asleep in the second."

"We beat them in one period, though. We really played well in the third."

Miller started things off in the third, connecting at 14:18. Dixie increased their lead again nine seconds later but a power play goal by Trood kept the Sabres in the match.

Trood potted his second goal at 4:12 to tie it up, then McGilloway scored what turned out to be the winner at the 13:12 mark.

Keating clinched it at 16:21 before McGilloway completed his hat trick at 17:32.

Monahan, Denis Charbonneau and Murray picked up a pair of assists each with singles to Duval and Dollman.

McDougall handled netminding duties for Acton.

Milton came close in the final seconds of

Wednesday's match to ruining Acton's unbeatable record. Sabres had a 11-7 lead in the early parts of the third period Sunday when the Flyers came out with three goals. Their eighth goal was scored on the powerplay at 7:05. Then with less than three minutes remaining Milton scored again. The Flyers came to within one, scoring at 18:37 and pulled their goalie in favor of the extra attacker.

It backfired however as Trood scored an empty-net goal with 17 seconds to go.

Sabre goalscorers were Vermuelen with a hat trick, Bob Allsop, Keating, Dollman, Miller, Monahan, Charbonneau, McGilloway and Denis Kirton.

Monahan, McGilloway, Duval, Murray, Williams, Kirton, Miller, Fung, Dollman, Trood, Allsop and Vermuelen collected the assists.

Steve Kruk played the first and second periods in the net for Acton, giving McDougall a much-needed break. He faced a total of 22 shots. McDougall faced 11 in the third period for a total of 33.

Rick Landry faced 46 shots in the Milton net.

Friday Georgetown Gems face off against Sabres at the Community Center.

Russiani said he had no special plans for the Gems, which the Sabres dropped 10-3 in their first meeting and 7-4 in their second. It will be the first time McGilloway faces the Gems however, since he left the team at the end last season. Russiani said he will play.

Sabres play in Orillia Saturday night, then travel to Streetsville to visit the Derby's Tuesday. Game Time Tuesday is 7:30 p.m.

Cleaners increases gap between them and ATW

Family Cleaners picked up a couple of extra points in the Industrial hockey league standings, winning their game Sunday night 5-2 over Heller's while second-place ATW dropped theirs, also 5-2 to Neilsen's Clothing.

Lakeview Center which holds last place and fourth-place Acton Travel battled to a 3-3 tie in the third game at the Community Center Sunday night.

A pair of Waynes, Allen and Deforest pocketed two goals each in the first game Sunday for Family Cleaners. Allen's came at 7:40 and 15:58 in the first period. Dave Morris earned on the second marker.

Deforest added his two at 10:30 and 11:53 in the middle frame, making it 4-1. Heller's scored another via Russ Van Fleet at 7:09 in the third but Chris Tennant had the final say scoring the fifth Cleaner's marker at 9:55.

Oliver Cooper was the other Heller's marksman. Assists went to Bill Manes and Bill Severinski.

Cleaner's aids were awarded to Allen, Tennant, Borens and Miller.

Neilsen's upset ATW in the second game, notching a 5-2 victory. Steve McIntyre earned a hat trick in the game for Neilsen's opening the scoring with his first goal at 10:38 in period one.

Jim Hurley made it 2-0 at 11:20 but goals by Mike Schultz at 12:20 of the first and Randy McIntyre at 26 seconds into the middle frame tied it for ATW.

Neilsen's came back in the third however, with McIntyre knocking in his other two goals at 37 seconds and 14:33 and John Snow collecting the fourth goal at 4:46.

Ron Schmidt picked up three assists; Mike Mitchell, Bruce MacPherson, McIntyre, and Randy McIntyre received additional aids.

Evan Hayter, Bruce McPhail, Steve Townsley and Jim Hurley collected the ATW brackets.

Lakeview had to come from behind to take a tie in the final game Sunday night, only after losing a 2-0 lead to Acton Travel.

Bart Jacobs potted a pair of goals for Lakeview at 4:28 and 5:19 of the first period, but Acton Travel came back with three of their own. Floyd Hillier scored at 9:12 followed by George McPhail's marker at 12:02 and Jim Hagget's final goal at 19:10, still in the first period.

It took an unassisted goal by Ron Mellon at 8:16 of the second period to tie the 3-3 for Lakeview. The game ended that way.

George Artem, Ken Slaney and Claire Snow earned Travel's aids, while John Sykes, Stan Rhynolds and Steve Atkinson collected Lakeview's assists.

ATW has a chance to narrow the gap between them and Family Cleaners in the standings this Sunday as the two face off at

8:20 p.m. at the Community Center.

Family Cleaners has 11 points while ATW holds seven.

Heller's is tied with ATW however at seven points. They may keep it that way after Sunday's game with last place Lakeview.

Neilsen's, which is tied with Acton Travel

in fourth place, each having six points—could gain sole possession of fourth when the two meet Sunday at 7 p.m.

In that game both Henry Toebes and George McPhail will have the opportunity to add to their scoring totals. Each have 19 points for Acton Travel.

Bantams own period

The Acton Firefighters major bantams game plan is simple. Play like you own the third period.

Sunday night in Guelph the bants took possession, lock, stock and hockey puck as they trounced Guelph 12-6.

The Firefighters got off to a shaky start, not even tying the game until midway through the second stanza.

Guelph took a 2-0 lead scoring at 21 seconds and 2:13. David McKnight lit up the scoreboard for Acton a few seconds later at 2:46. Brad MacPherson picked up the aid.

Guelph scored twice more but goals by Stan Smith at 8:53 and either Vince Danagher or David Milne at 9:11 kept Acton in the game. The referees ruled Firefighter's number 20 had scored the goal, but there is no such jersey. So both Danagher who is number 10 and Milne who is number two are claiming.

Randy Coverdale and Todd Laing earned aids.

Guelph scored again in the opening minutes of the second frame but it was the last time they had the lead. Rick Dodds, Bill Morrison, and Coverdale connected at 2:46, 4:36 and 8:10 putting Acton ahead for the first time in the game.

Guelph had one more goal, tying it 6-6 at 12:39, still in the second period.

Firefighters added fuel to the flame in the third frame, however, scoring six unanswered goals.

Smith scored his second at 5:46. Paul Cargill rifled off three in a row for the hat trick at 9:20, 9:29 and 11:10. Coverdale added his two cents worth at 13:24 and Lorenzo Civero rounded out the scoring at 13:55.

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Rotary bants bombed

The Rotary Club minor bantams continue to have problems with Brantford and Guelph as they dropped a pair of games last week.

Brantford nipped Rotary Club 4-1 last Tuesday at the Community Center then Guelph bombed Acton 15-3 Saturday.

Andrew Ferguson and Tony Van Dam gave Acton the short-lived lead, scoring at 8:47 in the first and 7:55 in the second period of Tuesday's match.

Van Dam's marker was unassisted while Greg James picked up an aid on the Ferguson's goal.

But Brantford exploded in the third, scoring 30 seconds into the period and again at 11:35 to tie it. Rotary bants were looking for a tie when Brantford lucked out with only 44 seconds left in the game. They clinched the win on another goal with 12 seconds left.

Rotary Club would just as soon forget

Saturday's game was ever played. The match was marred by chippy play, with goalie Steven Taillefer receiving a match misconduct for kicking early in the second period.

Guelph served seven minor penalties for infractions ranging from high sticking to cross checking.

They also picked up 15 goals, scoring eight of them before the 3:18 mark of the third when Acton finally got on the score-sheet. Tony Van Dam was the marksman, scoring all three of Acton's goals. His first was unassisted. His second came 22 seconds later on a play with Brad O'Neill and Robbie Portie. The last goal was potted at 5:35 with Portie and Terry Danagher assisting.

Brantford then stepped back into the game scoring seven more goals before the end of the match.

Laing handles Kitchener

Laing Construction major atoms handed Kitchener a 5-1 defeat Saturday in Hub league hockey action at the Community Centre.

Laing handled the Kitchener team easily, jumping into a one-goal lead in the first period and adding four more in the second.

John Van Dam led the way with a hat trick. Troy Foster scored the other two goals.

Wayne MacEachern and Todd Lazenby picked up a pair of assists each.

Van Dam's second goal in the middle frame was scored while Laing was shorthanded.

Kitchener scored their only goal in the second stanza.

The victory came on the heels of a 1-1 battle with Woolwich (Elmira) Friday night. Fans at the Community Centre were treated to some fast and entertaining hockey between the evenly matched teams.

Both goaltenders were excellent, keeping the game close. Greg Leatherland was the Acton marksman, scoring in the first period. Van Dam and Paul Campbell earned the aids.

Woolwich tied it up in the third. Laing sees action again in the Bradford tournament this weekend.

Juniors succumb in semi-final

The Halton secondary school girls' basketball season ended all too soon as far as the AHS junior Redmen are concerned. They lost a disappointing semi-final east-west showdown last Wednesday at AHS 37-27 to a powerful Burlington Central.

Despite the difference in regular season records—the juniors were undefeated while Central was 5-1—the AHS squad was never really in the game.

Central uncorked their two big shooters and attacked with a vengeance. AHS, unfamiliar with pressure, succumbed. Their passing was sloppy and shooting inaccurate. Several times they mistakenly handed the ball to Burlington.

Central was leading by a few baskets at half time, but early in the third quarter AHS actually took the lead by a single point. It lasted for half a minute before Central quickly sunk three baskets in succession.

"I think a lot of it was nerves," said coach Anne Lepik. "Many of the kids hadn't been that far."

"Still, we had terrific season. We only lost four games out of 23... three of them in out-of-town tournament play."

Mardie Phillips was by far the best player on the court for AHS Wednesday. She was also top scorer, netting nine points. Teresa Dunn scored eight points.

Charlotte LeRose hooped 16 points for Central while Tamara Koschanow scored nine.

AHS juniors were undefeated in regular season league play; last week's loss was their first. Including exhibition games, their record is 19 wins, four losses.

Comprising the AHS junior girls Redmen are: Sandra Brundle, Andrea Arble, Linda Thomson, Lori Drysdale, Teresa Dunn, Sally Briggs, Marion Case, Shirley Van Rijk, Judy Vetricek, Nancy Thomas, Susan Wilson and Mardie Phillips.

In the other Halton semi-final match, Lester B. Pearson of Burlington downed Blakelock of Oakville 36-20.



Judy Vetricek has the ball but nowhere to go; typical of last Wednesday's Halton semi-final match at AHS. The junior Redmen lost the game 37-27 and were ousted from the playoffs. Central went on to face Lester B. Pearson also of Burlington in the Halton finals.

Juveniles optimistic despite losses

Acton Free Press Juveniles dropped their past three games, 6-2 to Guelph Wednesday, 4-0 to Hespeler Thursday and 7-8 Monday to Stratford.

But fear not, says coach Craig Weldon. He said the competition in this part of the schedule is stiff, so the juveniles are not discouraged by their losses.

He added playing the bigger centers, such as Stratford, is actually to the juveniles' advantage. "Come playoff time, when we meet teams from the smaller centers, we'll be ready," he said.

Weldon said the Free Press has kept to their system in all the games except for perhaps the 4-0 loss to Hespeler Thursday.

He said the team's been keeping their penalties down, with the Hespeler game an exception again, playing good, clean hockey.

Juveniles defence is still weak however. Most of the goals Monday night were scored because players were caught up ice on Kitchener rushes.

Kitchener opened the scoring in the first period, but Jim Trowbridge tied it up for Acton early in the second.

Murray McNabb made it 2-1 a minute later but Kitchener came back to tie it. McNabb put Acton ahead again in the second, but Kitchener replied with two goals. Gary Lumbers scored the equalizer before the period ended.

Kitchener jumped into a two-goal lead in the third before Todd McIntyre could connect for Acton. That made it 6-5 for Kitchener.

Unfortunately Kitchener scored again with 1:33 left in the game.

Denis Kirton put one past Kitchener with

1:17 left in the game but Free Press couldn't connect for the equalizer.

Acton aids went to McNabb, Derek Hodgson, Kirton, McIntyre, Mark Staley, Lumbers and Dave Lawson.

Thursday's game was marred with penalties. The Free Press served 15 minors one five-minute high-sticking penalty and two game misconducts to Roger Evans and Lumbers.

Meanwhile Don Brouillard was still sitting out his five-game suspension. He was back on the ice for Monday's game.

Free Press came within one goal of tying the game in Wednesday's 6-2 loss to Guelph.

Guelph scored three goals in the first and second periods before the 10:14 mark when McIntyre connected. Lumbers made it 3-2 minutes later, but Guelph scored

once more before the period ended.

They finished the game with two goals in the third.

McIntyre, Tim Evans, Roy Spear, and Roger Evans received assists.

Stratford blasted the juveniles 9-2 in an earlier game played Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Community Center.

Lawson and McIntyre were the Acton marksman with an assist going to Kirton. Tickets are available for the juveniles 50-50 draw. Proceeds go towards a benevolent fund for Rob Evans and his family.

Evans was injured in a game Oct. 25 and has been in and out of the hospital with a separated shoulder ever since.

The draw will be held Jan. 3, 1981. Tickets are available from any player on the juvenile squad.