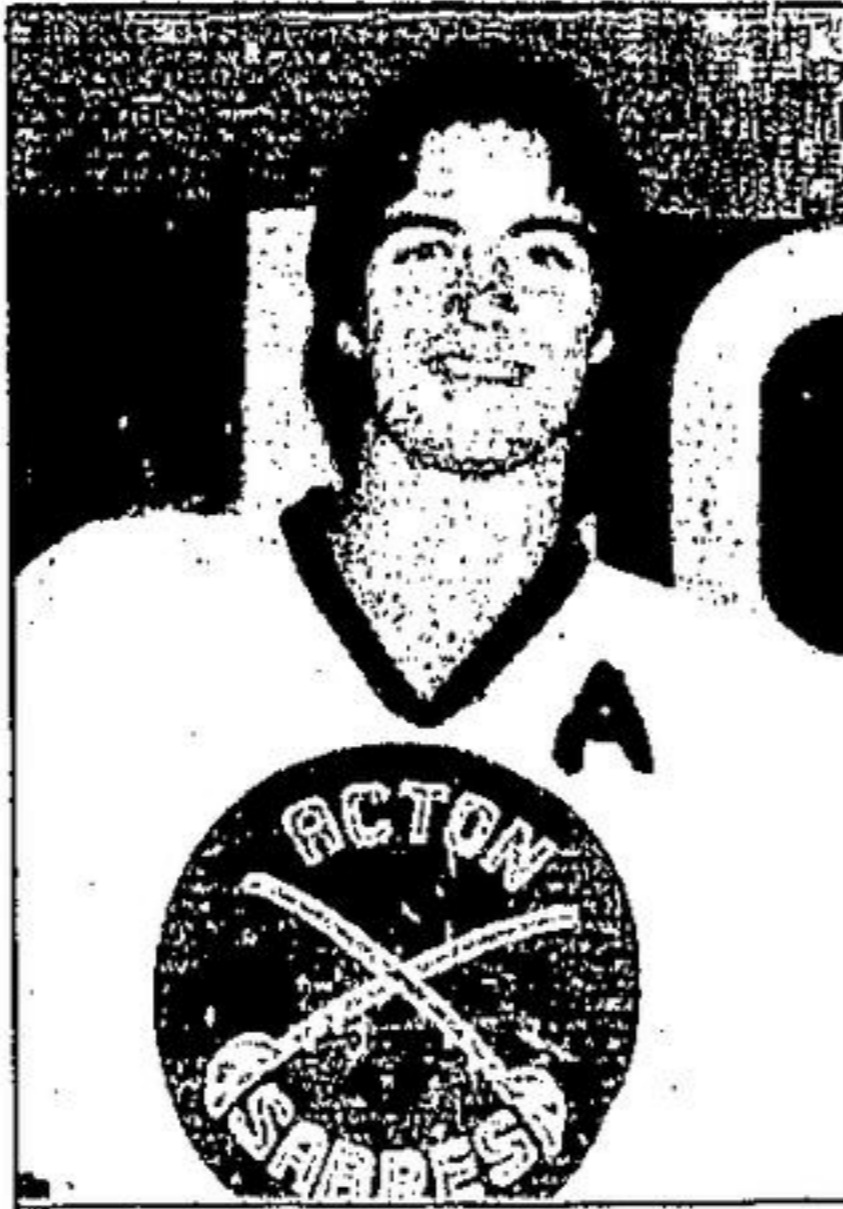




Jules Russiani, all star coach



Glenn Murray, first team left wing



Barry Trood, second team centre



Mark Duval, second team defence

Three Sabres, coach make allstar team

Three Sabre players and coach Jules Russiani have been named to the southwestern division of the Central Junior B allstar team.

Sabres top scorer Glenn Murray was named to the left wing position of the first team, while his linemate Barry Trood at centre and rookie defenceman Mark Duval both made the second team.

Russiani was named coach. The Burlington Cougars have five players on the allstar teams while the Oakville Blades named four.

Also included in the southwestern division are Streetsville Derbys, Milton Flyers and Georgetown Geminis.

The first allstar team: left defence—Peter Donaldson (Cougars), right defence—Toby Follows (Blades), left wing—Glenn Murray (Sabres), right wing—Peter Flood (Cougars), centre—Steve Short

(Cougars), goal—Paolo Zullani (Flyers).

The second team: left defence—Steve Inglehart (Blades), right defence—Mark Duval, (Sabres), left wing—Marty Prowse (Cougars), right wing—Geric Sykes (Derbys), centre—Barry Trood (Sabres), goal—Rob Bryson (Blades-Cougars), Ron Lauzon (Derbys) tied, coach—Jules Russiani (Sabres), manager Murray Walker (Blades).

In the northwest division, Oak Ridges Dynes had five of their players named, Brampton placed four, Barrie and Orillia named two each. There was a tie for centre. Both the coach and manager of Oak Ridges were voted allstars as well.

Allstar teams are determined by the number of votes each player and coach receive. Each team in the league gets one allstar vote.

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Swordsmen sure of playoff spot

Acton Sabres are back on track, after winning three games over the weekend. They defeated Barrie 6-5 Thursday, dumped Dixie 5-2 Friday at home and travelled to Thornhill Sunday to take a 6-3 win.

The victories ensure the Sabres of a

playoff spot, but more importantly gave them a precarious hold on fourth place.

The top four spots in the Central Junior B league are much coveted come playoff time. Those teams play the next four teams, by picking names out of a hat.

If the Sabres can remain in fourth place

(Brampton is only one point behind them), they will not only get home ice advantage but will be guaranteed they won't have to play Burlington in the quarter-finals.

Sabre coach Jules Russiani was a little more pleased with his team's performance this weekend, although he said Sunday's game wasn't played exactly the way he wanted.

But Friday's home game, a fast-skating, exciting match, showed the Sabres of old. "That was a good game," said Russiani. "They played like the Sabres of November. They were skating, moving the puck well. I saw a lot of good things."

The first period was a little chippy, but both teams settled down to play the game in the second. Sabres had built a 2-1 lead in the first frame with Denis Kirton scoring at 3:25 and Ken Relf potting one a few seconds later at 3:53.

Art Keating, Bob Allsop and Glen Murray earned assists.

Dixie had opened the scoring with a goal at 2:12. Roy Dolman, who stood out in Thursday's game with a hat trick, opened the action in the second frame, scoring at 7:12.

Pat Fung set up the play, carrying the puck from the Sabre blue line up the ice. With Dolman, they created a two on one break. Fung cut across the ice, handed Dolman the puck who slipped it into the net.

Tony Dulisse earned the aid as well as Fung.

Dixie scored on the powerplay at 12:37, but Art Currie connected on his first goal of the season at 16:02 to increase the Sabres lead by two. Dulisse and Kirton assisted.

Barry Trood scored the final Acton goal, putting the puck into the empty net with two seconds left in the game. Dennis Charbonneau picked up the assist.

Sabres outshot Dixie 48-34. Wayne McDougall was in nets for the Swordsmen.

It was Legion minor hockey night at the arena Friday, with the grand prize, a stick from the Sabre player of his choice being won by Robbie Richmond who chose David McGilloway's. McGilloway presented him with it after the game.

McGilloway procured himself another stick for Sunday's game and proceeded to score a hat trick. Thornhill opened the

scoring early in the first period, with Dulisse replying at 6:29. McGilloway scored his first goal in the first frame with Fung potting a marker to make it 3-1.

The Thunderbirds scored again, opening the second period with a goal at 7:47.

But Mark Duval connected on a pass from Fung to make it 4-2 going into the dressing room before the third stanza.

McGilloway collected his second goal at 8:19 of the third. The Thunderbirds closed in however, scoring at 9:31 to make it 5-3. But McGilloway clinched the victory with the completion of his hat trick at the 17 minute mark. Goaltender McDougall earned an assist on the goal.

Trood and Rob Vermuelen picked up a pair of aids in the game with singles collected by Dolman, Relf, Fung, Steve Miller and Mike Monahan.

Sabres outshot Thornhill, but by how much is questionable. The official game sheet says 33-22, but Russiani insists they cheated with Sabres shooting 43. In any case McDougall was inbetween the pipes for the game.

Thursday's game was tied 3-3 after the first period of play. Relf, Dolman and Miller on an unassisted, shorthanded goal, were the marksmen.

McGilloway put the Sabres in front in the second period, but it was tied by Barrie.

Then Dolman scored a pair in the third, collecting a hat trick with the winning goal. Fung, Dulisse, Miller and Paul Stark assisted on his goals.

Kirton, Monahan, Fung, Trood, and Murray also pocketed brackets.

Sabres next game is Friday in Oakville against the Blades. Saturday they meet Milton at the Community Center. They only have nine more games, including an, as of yet, unscheduled match with the Blades. That game was postponed earlier in the season.

Oakville is the team to beat, as far as the Sabres are concerned. They are in third place with 50 points, but the Sabres can catch up since they play the Blades three more times this season.

The one team Russiani is worried about however, is not Burlington or Oakville, but Brampton. "If there's any one team I don't want to face, it's Brampton," he said. "They have our our number."



You take the high road, I'll take the low road: A Sabre manoeuvres around Dixie player's leg during Friday's game at the Community Centre. Sabres won the match, ensuring themselves a playoff spot and coupled with Sunday's victory over Thornhill put them in fourth place.

Russiani unsuccessful in bid for players

Sabre coach Jules Russiani was unsuccessful in a bid to procure two more players before the signing deadline Saturday.

The Sabres still had two import cards available and Russiani said he was after Georgetown Gemini John Barnes, Milton Flyer Gord Cornell or goalie Mark Green, recently released by the Burlington Cougars.

Since both the Geminis and Flyers will be out of the playoffs which start next month, Barnes, who is a defenceman, and Cornell, who plays left wing would have been available.

Russiani said he was looking for some added strength with which to go into the playoffs.

"I think Barnes is a heck of a defen-

seman," Russiani said. "He's the best defenceman in the league. He got my allstar vote."

Russiani said Barnes also has probably one of the best shots in the league and "lots of puck sense."

Russiani said he got no co-operation from Geminis or Flyers.

The Flyers did want to work out a trade that Russiani said "was to their benefit, not ours."

Green, who was in town last weekend wearing a Cougar uniform, is the goalie charged with assault by an Acton fan. He was available, but Russiani said he didn't really go after Green. "We figured with (Steve) Kruk and (Wayne) McDougall we had sufficient goaltending. We would have had to cut a goaltender and we didn't want to."

Laing takes top spot

A victory in Saturday's game against Kitchener put Laing Construction into first place in Hub league atom division.

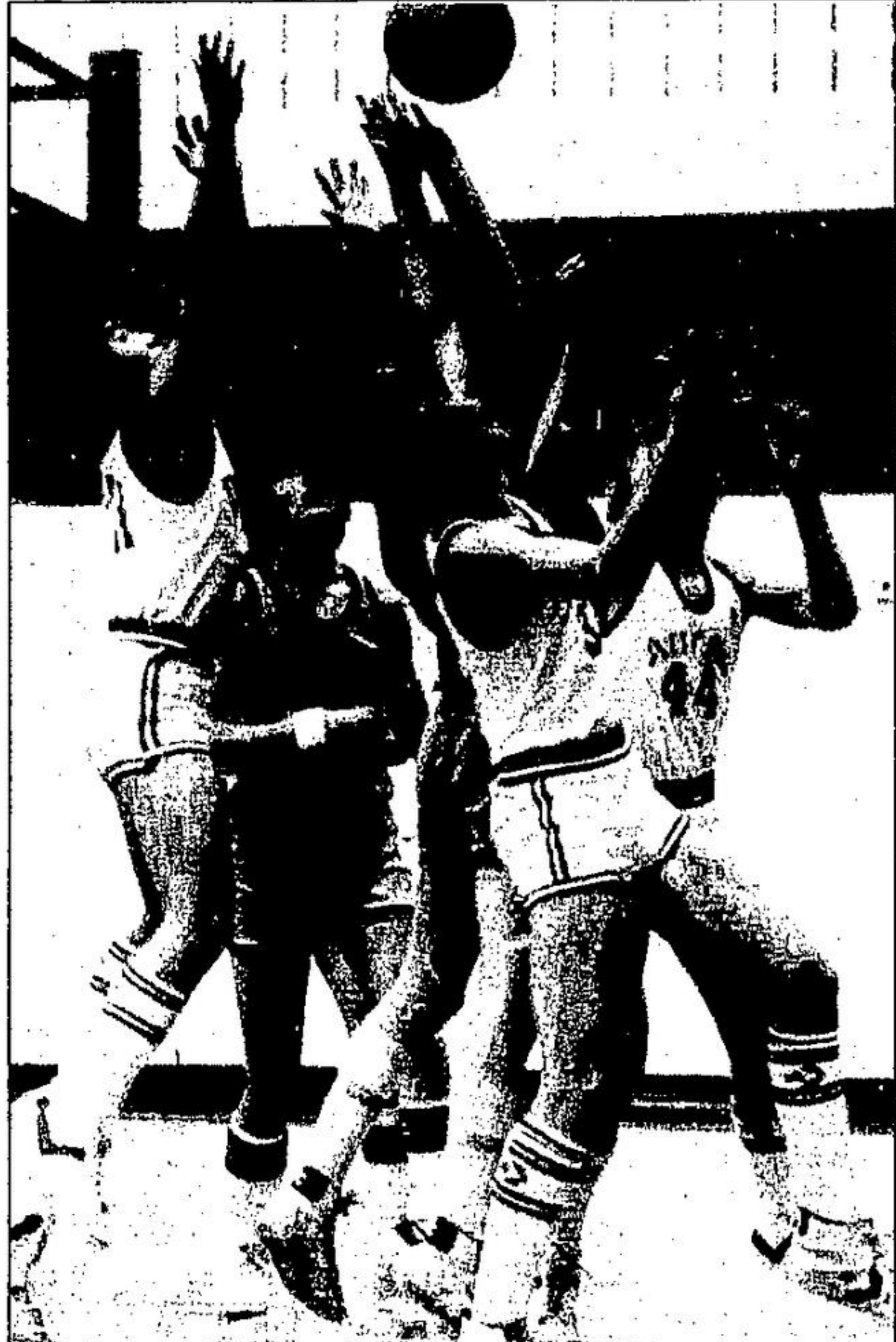
They now have 13 wins, one loss and four ties, including Saturday's 6-2 win and a 4-1 victory over Elora Wednesday.

In Saturday's game, good, positional hockey and a solid defence gave Laing the victory. The game was tied 2-2 at the end of

the first period. Craig Cadenhead opened the scoring, but Kitchener tied it 10 seconds later and went ahead at 7:10. Then at 9:25 Carl Yaroschak evened the score.

John Van Dam connected on a pair early in the second frame scoring at 2:45 and 3:15.

Goals by Greg Leatherland and Yaroschak at 1:53 and 9:12 in the third period clinched the win.



Midget Redmen reach for the ball during last Wednesday's tripleheader at AHS against Perdue of Oakville. The midgets and juniors won their match, but the seniors were defeated. All three teams see action next Friday afternoon at another tripleheader.

Senior Redmen up and down

Senior Redmen are having an up and down year in Halton secondary school basketball, in more ways than one.

The season is relatively young, but the seniors are already two and three in the league. They lost one third of Wednesday's tripleheader to Perdue, 50-45, but took Oakville Trafalgar the next night 67-34. Both games were at AHS.

Earlier in the season, in pre-Christmas matches, the seniors lost to Blakelock, but came back with a victory over Queen

Elizabeth Park, one of the strongest teams in the leagues, thanks to three points scored in overtime.

Then they suffered another defeat, this time to Milton by two points, also in overtime. Yet earlier, Milton had been beaten by QEP. Of course they were missing one of the stars of the team for the game, Rob Faber, who has been high scorer in most other matches.

In Thursday's game against O.T. Faber netted 33 points, "The game," says coach

Rick McArthur, "was all Faber."

Bob McClure was top scorer in Wednesday's loss to Perdue, however, hooping 18 points.

In tournament action, the seniors are having the same kind of luck, losing in the semi-finals of the Markham tournament Saturday to Orangeville 55-30. Earlier they defeated Lindsay 59-42. John Lobello, who is a junior but was brought up for the game was top scorer netting 14 points. Faber was tops in the Orangeville loss, with 11 points.

Both the midgets and juniors meanwhile won their games in Wednesday's tripleheader. It was the first league game of the season for both teams.

The midgets topped the Panthers 55-36. Randy Laver was top scorer with 23 points.

The midget Redmen reached the finals of the St. Catharines tournament on the weekend, only to lose to the host team by

four points, 32-28.

They took the first game over A.N. Meyers of Niagara Falls 37-25 and then dumped Lakeport Collegiate in the second match 42-22.

St. Catharines Collegiate beat them in the final.

Compared to the midgets and seniors, the juniors have remained relatively inactive, hitting the courts long enough to dump Perdue 70-37. Matt Vuk was top offensive player for the juniors, scoring 18 points. Dave Entwistle netted 13 while Paul Gorjup collected 11.

The three teams see action again in Friday's tripleheader at AHS. Then the seniors travel to Barrie Central while the juniors will battle in the Kawartha Classic in Peterborough, one of the top high school basketball tournaments in the province on the weekend.

Sears a standout

Moms pick up pair

Minor atom Moms picked up a couple of wins over the weekend dropping Kitchener Wolves 5-1 Friday and dousing Fergus 4-2 Saturday at the Community Centre.

Fergus took an early one-goal lead in Saturday's match.

But Acton's Jason Boose replied for the Moms, tying the game before the end of the period. He scored at 3:10, assisted on the play by Mike Williams.

The game remained close until the third period, when Moms exploded with three goals.

Mike Brouwer made it 2-1 at 2:47, assisted by Tim Tibbitts. A few seconds later, at 2:54, Rene VanKesteren potted the eventual winner.

Fergus came within one but Sean Sears clinched the victory with 1:28 left in the game, scoring an unassisted marker.

The Moms had already built up a three goal lead before Kitchener broke their shut-out attempt late in the second period in Friday's 5-1 victory.

Sears pocketed the first goal, an unassisted effort at 3:30 in the opening frame. VanKesteren made it 2-0 at 8:34, also unassisted.

Then at the 3:40 mark of the second frame Brouwer went in alone for the third Mom's goal.

Steve Robertson dashed all hopes of a comeback with the fourth goal in the dying seconds of the period.

Tibbitts earned the assist. Mike Williams capped off the game with his third period goal. Boose and Jeff McRae picked up the aids on the goal, coming at 3:23.

Bob Faseruck, coach of the Moms, said the team is starting to play positional hockey. He added Sears played strong games against both Fergus and Kitchener.

Beardmore dumps foe

A three-goal burst in the final period gave Beardmore minor peewees a 4-1 victory over New Hamburg Saturday at the Community Centre.

Beardmore started the game off slowly, with New Hamburg taking an early lead. Jason O'Neill tied it for Acton a few minutes later at 3:40.

Then in the third frame, Beardmore exploded with Gord Talefer scoring at 7:57 (Continued on B10)

McKenzie-Smith falls in tourney final

McKenzie-Smith boys fell victim to a powerful Rolling Meadows basketball team in the first half of the annual Red and White tournament at Acton High School Saturday.

McKenzie-Smith and the Meadows were battling it out for the championship title, with Meadows overpowering them 70-19. Centennial School from Georgetown won the consolation crown, defeating Sam Sherratt 20-12.

McKenzie-Smith reached the finals by dropping Erin 29-13 in the first round. Brad Youmans was top scorer for Acton netting 13 points.

They went on to hand W.I. Dick of Milton a 43-37 loss in the semi-finals. Tim Briggs topped the scoring list in this game for

McKenzie-Smith, hooping 18 points, while Youmans scored 12.

In the final game, Youmans was top scorer netting 10 points.

In other games in the tournament, Centennial lost to Rolling Meadows 29-44. Fairview downed Stewarttown 40-30, and W.I. Dick defeated Sam Sherratt.

Rolling Meadows and Fairview went on to the semi-finals of the championship round, with the Meadows defeating Fairview, while Centennial dumped Stewarttown 33-31 in the semis of the consolation round.

The second half of the tournament continues Saturday with the girls' teams battling it out.