



Members of the AHS swim team: who recently placed fifth overall Peel-Halton championships...

Duess, Ula Duess, Nancy Allan, Dave Quinn. Fourth row: Richard Stanley, Miriam Beaton, Edwin Ninaber, Gwyneth Gibb, Laura Brillinger...

AHS in top five at Peel-Halton

Acton High School placed fifth overall in the Peel-Halton swim championships Friday at Etobicoke Olympia. Highest placer for Acton was the senior girls' relay in the 200 medley and Renata Brillinger in the junior girls' 100 individual medley...

In senior girls' 50 Butterfly. AHS also placed first in a meet at E.C. Drury High School in Milton last month with the aid of 15 first-placed finishes. Beaton and Renata Brillinger won two races each in the senior and junior girls' events...

Soccer for gals too

Diana Waltmann

Acton's interest in soccer has grown over the past few years, evident in the increasing number of boys registering to play as well as the success of rep teams in competitive leagues and exhibition games. Last year that interest spilled over to the female sector of the population...

Ed's midgets off to Merriton

Ed's In-Out midgets enter the OMHA quarter-finals against Merriton this week after eliminating New Hamburg in five games. Ed's won the last game Sunday, nipping New Hamburg 7-5 in overtime at the Community Centre...

match. That led to Spear's life-saving goal. Acton scored first in overtime, via Ferguson but Hamburg tied it moments later. Gord McArthur potted the eventual winner at 2:28 with Ferguson's third goal of the night clinching it.

Midget coach Steve Marshall said Rick Dodds and Spear had strong games, but Greenly was the outstanding player of the whole series. He figured in Friday's 6-4 victory with Acton's first goal in the second frame...

Lakeview upset Cleaners

Upsets marked the opening of the industrial league hockey playoffs Sunday night as favored Family Cleaners fell to fourth-place Lakeview 5-3 and Acton Travel upended Heller's 7-3 in the best-of-three semi-finals. Lakeview took a 2-1 lead in the first period on goals by Steve Atkinson and Mike Morris...

Lakeview. Chris Tennant, Allen and Owen aided for Cleaners. Acton Travel followed Lakeview's example, scoring taking a two-goal lead in the first period and extending it to 4-2 by the end of the second. Ken Slaney opened the scoring, with George McPhail making it 2-0...



A bullish game - The Acton Referees Association and the CFGM Bullshooters hammered it up Saturday night in front of 300 fans for a benefit game at the Community Centre...

Redmen bid for title fails

AHS midget Redmen bowed out of the Halton Secondary School basketball championships after falling to Aldershot 77-57 in the semi-finals last Tuesday, Feb 24. Leading the midgets' attack was Dave Leslie with 23 points. Randy Laver netted 11, Scott Allonby eight and Cliff Nibbs seven.

All girls interested in playing soccer should register on March 7 and 14 at the Acton arena. No experience necessary. If enough are registered to form teams they will be entered in the rural league and play against other girls' teams. Age groups are squirts (six and seven years old), as of Jan. 1, 1981, atoms (eight and nine), mosquitos (10-11), peewee (12-13) and bantams (14-17).

The Acton Condominium league is holding their annual general meeting for election of officers at the library tomorrow (Thursday), at 7.30 p.m. In the last publication of town league tallies, a hat trick was credited to the wrong player due to incorrect information. Randy Knight of Guelph team in novice division scored the three goals, says his mom, Anna Knight. The Free Press regrets we were given the wrong name.



Centreman and Sabres captain Pat Fung was one of the players who helped the team to the playoffs for the first time, ever, as a Junior B club. Fung will be overaged next season and can't play, along with six others including possibly, Glenn Murray.

'80-81 Sabres - a memorable year

by Diana Waltmann I asked the sports editor of our sister paper in Burlington at the game last week if he wanted the Cougars to win or lose. At that point they were in danger of losing the game and the central Ontario junior B best-of-seven quarter-final series to the Acton Sabres and at that point he said to me, "Now. Then I'd have to write a piece on what went wrong with the Cougars." But alas and alack the Sabres lost, while first-place Cougars went on to take a 2-1 lead in the semi-finals over Brampton. But I don't have to write a piece on what went wrong with the Sabres. Thanks to Jules Russiani, I must pack away my usual clever but biting witticisms and speak nothing but praise. Not that the Sabres were perfect this season—not by a long shot. If they were I would presently be asking the sportswriter of our sister paper in Brampton similar questions. But how can you criticize a team that in one season climbed out of the Junior B cellar, wavered back and forth between third and fifth place—finally settling in fifth, broke all sorts of Sabre records (most points in a season, first Junior B team in playoffs, longest undefeated record—12 games), and put league-leading Cougars through seven gruelling playoff games before hanging up their skates? They also placed four players on the all-star team—Mark Duval, Glenn Murray, Barry Trood and Russiani, and picked up four league awards—Trood for most improved player, Russiani for coach of year, Murray for most valuable player and Pat Fung for most sportsmanlike. No one, not even Russiani, could have predicted the Sabres success. Back on October 3, when the Sabres played their first home game of the season, they already had lost three games 9-5 to Brampton, 10-1 to Orillia and 10-6 to Burlington. They went on to lose their first two home matches to Dixie 8-7 and Barrie 7-5. But Russiani signed goaltender Wayne McDougall and suddenly Sabres weren't losers anymore. With the steady goalkeeping of McDougall, Sabres went on to defeat

Barrie 5-4, the Oakville 3-3 and blast Georgetown 10-3, all away games. Sabres showed no mercy. Thornhill, Streetsville, Orillia, Brampton, Milton, even Burlington fell beneath the mighty sword. The only team Sabres didn't defeat is Oak Ridges. The best they could do is tie them 5-5 in November. Sure Sabres suffered through a mid-season slump, but they ended their year on an upbeat note, tying Oakville 7-7 in the finals seconds of regular season. Other happy notes through the year was the improved goaltending of Steve Kruk. McDougall's signing seemed to spark Kruk, who played well in several key games. The line of Barry Trood, Ken Relf and Glenn Murray were Sabres' main force, scoring at least a point a game for several weeks. Later in the season Ken Relf was reluctantly released when OHA threatened punishment if Sabres did not comply. Sabres aren't confirming but it seems they had too many imports on the team. Defence was bolstered by the towering Mark Duval, Rob Vermuelen, Bob Ailsop and Denis Charbonneau. Later in the season Russiani signed Tony Dulisse to the delight of fans. He's a comedian as well as a defenceman. The year also saw the return of David McGilloway. After leaving Newmarket Flyers in provincial junior A, McGilloway suited for the Sabres. Georgetown Gemini put up a fuss, but the two teams reached an agreement after Gems received cash-settlement. McGilloway also enjoys the distinction of being the only hockey player in history to score two goals at the same time back on November 21 against Brampton. With 33 seconds left to play, McGilloway scored. During stoppage in play, Sabres were awarded a penalty shot, taken by McGilloway. He connected with the clock still showing 33 seconds. When the Sabres drew the Cougars for the quarter-finals, most optimists were predicting Burlington in five, maybe six. But twice Sabres marched into Centennial Recreation Centre to snatch victory from the Cougars. In enemy territory Sabres took a 3-2 lead in the series. The rest is history. Next year's edition of the Sabres will differ, since seven players will be overage. Fung, Trood, Kruk, Miller, Roy Dollman, Art Currie and possibly Glenn Murray will be gone. Murray's birthdate falls after the January 1 deadline; he won't be turning 21 until January 1982. Sabres are waiting to hear from OHA. But on the brighter side, Sabres still have McDougall, all of their defensive pairings as well as forwards McGilloway, Mike Monahan, Denis Kirton, and Don Brown. And they still have coach Russiani, who can probably whip any team into the playoffs.

May I have the envelope please for annual Harolds

by Diana Waltmann 'Tis the season for award programs and coast to coast coverage. There's the Oscars, the Grammys, the Emmys, the Genies, the Junos and now the first annual Harolds. We go now to our on the spot reporter for live coverage of this momentous event. "Hello everyone. This is Foster Blewitt standing outside the Royal Cafe, amidst hundreds of expectant and excited fans, waiting the arrival of SuperSabreStars. "What a night this is folks! Rabbits and Hondas are pulling up to the red-bricked sidewalk with various stars inside. "And inside it's even more posh, as we await to hear of tonight's winners. "What a line-up folks! The Georgetown Gemini should be so lucky. Dennis Charbonneau who is up for Another Brick in the Wall award is here. "The Rest of the Wall? Mark Duval is a shoo-in. "We've got a couple of candidates for the Marx Brothers award—Jules Russiani who resembles Harpo and Steve Russiani who lives up to Groucho's image. But our money is with Tony Dulisse, for most comic exit in a fight. "And hey folks, there's Glenn Murray. He'll be honored with the annual Superman award for being faster than a Travelways bus, more powerful than an eight-cylinder Thunderbird and able to

leap small Cougars with a single bound. "Here comes David McGilloway, the favorite to win the Do It One More Time (Once Is Never Enough) award for his magnificent portrayal as the only hockey player in history to score two goals at the same time. "We have a couple of players vying for the Bedtime for Bonzo award given to the player who best exemplifies the moral standards of Ronald Reagan. "But folks, my sources tell me Sabre captain Pat Fung will get it. And never more a deserving recipient. Fung, who drinks milk from time to time has been known to mutter 'gosh darn it' under his breath. He's already won the Lady Byng. "It's a close race between Rob Vermuelen and Denis Kirton for the best of the Young and the Restless Award. Both are here tonight. "Over there I see, yes it is. It is Roy Dollman who's one of the nominees for the Unsung Hero award—given to the one player who sets up more goals, scores a few of his own and saves a few at the other end. "I hear the squeal of young girls. That can only mean one thing, Mike Monahan, who's up for the cutest player on the team award has arrived. "Yes folks, what an evening it's going to be. May I have the envelope please?"