

Trophy time

Acton Industrial Ball players gathered to collect their trophies last Friday night. The league trophy went to Chris Tennant, Keith McKinnon was top pitcher and Gary Mesias top home run hitter. Individual MVP winners were: Roadrunners Keith McKinnon, Metros Dick Spears, Oldtimers Jules Russiani, Unisa's Denis Kirton, Halton Hills Furniture's Al Campbell, Tack and Togs Larry King, North Halton Bears Sid Barans and Halton Hills Electric's Scott Summerville. Roadrunners also claimed their trophy as league champions. Road runners are: coach Ron Hachey, batboy Ken Hachey, Don Richards, Chris Tennant, Keith McKinnon, Kent Kennedy, Mike Coffey, B.J. Legato, Bruce MacPherson, Gary Moore, Dave Black, Terry Holmes, Brian Palmateer, Keith Findley and Bill Rutledge.



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Second Section



Acton's Heather Thatcher runs towards the finish line during the senior girls 5000m event in the Halton Cross-country championships. Thatcher placed fourth with her time of 22:37. (Below) Midget boys Todd Andrews didn't have such a good day, as he finished 38th out of 50 runners. He has a chance to do better next Wednesday, when AHS hosts the Peel-Halton championships at Kelso.

In the numbers

No 'Red' scare in Halton's

Rebels say the "South shall rise again."

In Halton, the north is still supreme, at least in cross-country running. Tuesday Acton High School hosted the annual Halton Cross Country championships at Kelso Conservation Area.

As usual the strong north team of Georgetown dominated in talent and the combined schools of Georgetown, Acton and Milton were also strongest in numbers.

"The number competing was way down, the schools from the south didn't send many numbers, it was mainly schools from the north," said AHS coach Bruce Andrews.

While the North was strongest in numbers, Acton was still hurting from a shortage of competitors. Acton's junior and senior boys both finished in fifth place. Andrews feels the results would have been much better if they were to field a full team.

"I think the kids ran to their abilities, if there were more runners—for the team prizes only full teams can run," he added.

Despite the small Acton Redmen squad, there were still some top finishers.

In the midget girls 3000 Sherry Willisie finished fifth and Pam Manal was 16th.

Doreen Uranick's 16:51 time in the Jr. 4000m was good enough for third spot. Karen Kirner placed 26th.

Acton's Heather Thatcher ran a 22:37 girls senior 5000m to capture

cross-country

fourth spot. Elke Zeizig was 16th.

In the midgets boys 5000m Jamie Thatcher was 19th, Ted Moyses 20th and Todd Andrews 38th out of 50 entrants.

Tony Wright placed ninth in the junior boys 6600m, followed by Redmen's Richard Kilpatrick at 29th, Al Petersen at 30th, Scott Allonby at 35th, Scott McDonough was 38th and Paul Nolan was 40th.

Norman Bourassa was Redmen's quickest finisher in the senior boys 7800m as he placed 15th. Declan Ward was 20th, Rob Arrington was 28th and David Quinn was 27th.

Next week Redmen host the Peel Halton cross-country championships, Wednesday at Kelso. The first race starts at noon.

It's elementary

Georgetown also stole all the laurels in the Halton elementary school cross-country championships at Kelso.

Centennial and Stewarttown captured first place in all four events.

McKenzie-Smith's David Paul was third in the junior boys, to record Acton's only finish of the day.



"I went to a fight and a hockey game broke out," Henny Youngman. Like Henny's immortal line, Acton Sabres seemed to be more interested in boxing than hockey last weekend. Dave McGilloway was suspended for two games for a fight Friday night against Milton Flyers. Saturday was the same story when (above) Sabres Roy Spear tangled with a Georgetown Gemini player. Sabres didn't spend all their time fighting. (left) Don Brown was more interested in scoring goals. (right) a Sabre player battles for the puck behind the net.

Experience...

Discipline dilemma

Talent, speed and desire may win hockey games, but discipline loses them.

Last weekend an undisciplined Acton Sabres squad split a pair of games in OHA Jr. B. play.

The weekend started off terrible for Sabres, as they lost a close 7-6 decision to Milton Flyers in the first game of the fictitious 'North Halton Battle of the Cellar.'

Saturday night at home things were just slightly

...penalizes Sabres

Sabres

better as a still un-controlled Sabres squad dropped lowly Georgetown Gemini 6-4.

Before the weekend all three North Halton clubs shared the honor of a three way last place tie. Sabres win over Georgetown gave Acton a still unimpressive 2-4-1 record good for a two-way sixth place tie with Brampton.

While the win over Georgetown gave Sabres a lift in the standings, the loss to Milton cost Acton—more than just two points.

Sabres had only 14 minutes in penalties going into the frame. At the 9:16 mark of the period Milton's goaltender Derek Neelands grabbed an Acton player from behind. Sabres retaliated and a brawl started.

Rob Vermuelen, Tony Dulisse, Gary Williams, Mark Duval, Mike Monahan and Dave McGilloway received ten minute majors and sat out the remaining minutes of the game.

McGilloway was the first Sabre to leave the bench, and as a result was suspended for two games—the win over Georgetown and Thursday's game against Dixie Beelives.

Sideline

Coach Jules Russiani had to sit out Saturday's game. In OHA rules, a coach is suspended if one of his players leaves a bench in a fight. President Frank Allsop took over the reins.

On paper the weekend might not have looked very successful, but Russiani wasn't very disappointed, considering the relative youth of the team.

"We've been taking a lot of foolish penalties, it's just immaturity. They can't hold back on their frustrations and it results in penalties," explained the coach. "I think by the first of November it'll be a different club. It'll take until November to get things going. We're moving in the right direction—we've made a big improvement in just the past two weeks as far as our general knowledge of plays."

This improvement will come in handy these next few weeks. Russiani feels the next two games, against Dixie tomorrow (Thursday) and Richmond Hill Saturday could move Sabres into fourth spot.

Last year's club is almost an opposite of the squad this winter.

Lack discipline

"Last year we were a little more disciplined. This team will become more disciplined with the more experience they get," said Russiani. "This team is a little younger, so it's difficult to compare the two teams. This year they're quicker with more speed. They say experience makes up for speed, this year speed should make up for some experience."

While Sabres may mature into a solid team this year, Russiani is looking farther than this spring.

"We've got a good group of kids, we're looking towards the future. We're in a re-building program and you can't rebuild overnight. We have some good young talent here," said the coach.

Last year the coach had to keep air-lifting in new talent. This season Russiani feels he has the makings of a winning club if not this year then hopefully next season.

With experience, Russiani hopes the club will be rid of the problems so apparent last weekend.

Friday night penalties finished the Sabres. In 60 minutes of hockey Acton accumulated 39 minutes in penalties and six misconducts.

Flyers first two goals came on the power-play. Milton went ahead of Sabres at the 7:12 mark of the first frame. Two minutes later Ken Relf found the opening on a pass from Dulisse and Bob Allsop. Milton regained their lead with just two and a half minutes remaining in the period.

It took Milton just 37 seconds to split the pipes in the second period as Flyers took a 3-1 lead.

Dulisse poked in a powerplay marker from a Relf pass to close things up again. At the 11:26 mark Milton again jumped to a lead.

Mark Duval connected with a pass from McGilloway to narrow the lead to 4-3.

Dulisse on mark

Dulisse again was the marksman, sliding the puck past Milton's goaltender for an unassisted goal to tie things up at 4-4.

Milton took the lead once more at the 4:34 mark, but a goal by Relf just nine seconds later put Acton in the points.

They say the last goal of a period gives a team an advantage. Sabres disproved this old line, as Milton came back with two quick goals just two minutes into the last frame.

Roy Spear hit the opening on a power play goal to close the score to 7-6, but it was futile. Acton couldn't tie things up in the five remaining minutes.

Les Martin faced 24 shots on net, while the Milton net-minder stood up to 22.

Saturday Sabres outsho: Gemini, and kept ahead of them on the scoreboard in a 6-4 victory.

Williams halted 20 of the 24 Pucks sent his way. Gemini's crease-keeper was stoned with 36 shots.

Don Brown hit the mesh twice for Sabres, Duval, Gary Williams, Denis Kirton and Relf filled out the rest of Sabres scoring.

Sabres are on the road Thursday to face Dixie Beelives. Friday they're at the Community Centre to host Richmond Hill, in an 8 p.m. contest.

Just the facts

GEORGETOWN IN ACTON

First Period

1. Acton, power play, (Brown, Charbeneau, Stark) 4-56
Shots on net—on Williams 9, on Milton 8

Second Period

1. Acton, Duval, Charboneau, 16:16
2. Georgetown, power play, 16:30
3. Georgetown, 16:39
Shots on net—on Williams 7, on Milton 15

Third Period

1. Georgetown, power play, 5:01
2. Acton, (Brown, Relf) 11:06
3. Acton, (Kirton, Vickery) 14:52
4. Acton, power play, (Relf, Brown, Stark), 16:32
Shots on net—Williams 13, Georgetown 13.

