

# Senior Redmen are exhibitionists

Acton's senior basketball club really know how to put on a basketball exhibition. AHS Redmen went undefeated in their four exhibition ball games last week, beating Burlington Central 64-43, Milton 57-42, Georgetown Rebels 58-23 and Guelph's Bishop MacDonnell 63-59.

According to coach Dave Boycott, the club has the balance needed for a good basketball team.

"Rob Faber was averaging eight points a game, he was steady, he's good on the boards, our best rebounder. Dana Entwistle averaged eight points a game. His foul shooting was excellent, with about an 80 per cent average. He's one of our top rebounders. I've been using Paul Gorjup as a utility player, as a ball handler as well as a big man under the boards. He's been averaging about 12 points a game. Steve Mangettes is excellent on defence and is one of our main ball handlers. Gord Lirn

has been used mainly as a ball handler, he works hard and plays good defensively," said Boycott.

The coach also has an import on his roster - Tlong Keat Ong - a student from Malaysia. Although the player is a year too old for playing senior ball, he has been playing in some of the exhibition games and will be helping out Boycott as an assistant coach.

**JUNIORS**

Acton's junior club looks like it's setting up well in its effort to capture the title in the Redmen Junior Basketball Tournament for a second year in a row.

The junior Redmen won all three of their games, beating Bishop MacDonnell, Milton and Georgetown.

The junior squad, like the seniors, are relying on a large base of scorers in the double digits.

In the 66-44 romp over Bishop Mac Bob

Little and Mike Smith were the standouts in the scoring department. Against Milton guard Scott Allonby and George Gidman were hottest around the key. Dave Leslie and Guard Paul Nolan proved to be the top shooters on the win over Georgetown.

"We have quite a good combination, no one stood out as a top scorer, but four were in the double numbers, with 10, 11, 12 and 13 points. That is what you need for a good team. If you only have one top scorer he'll just be double teamed. It's great when a team is well balanced.

All this balance will come in handy Saturday, in the annual Redmen tourney.

Acton will face some tough competition against Lester B. Pearson, M.M. Robinson, Stayer, Cardinal Leger, G.E. Purdue, Georgetown and J.F. Ross schools. Acton plays Pearson at 9 a.m. Saturday in the first game of the tourney.

**MIDGETS**

Being midgets doesn't mean your pro-

blems are any smaller.

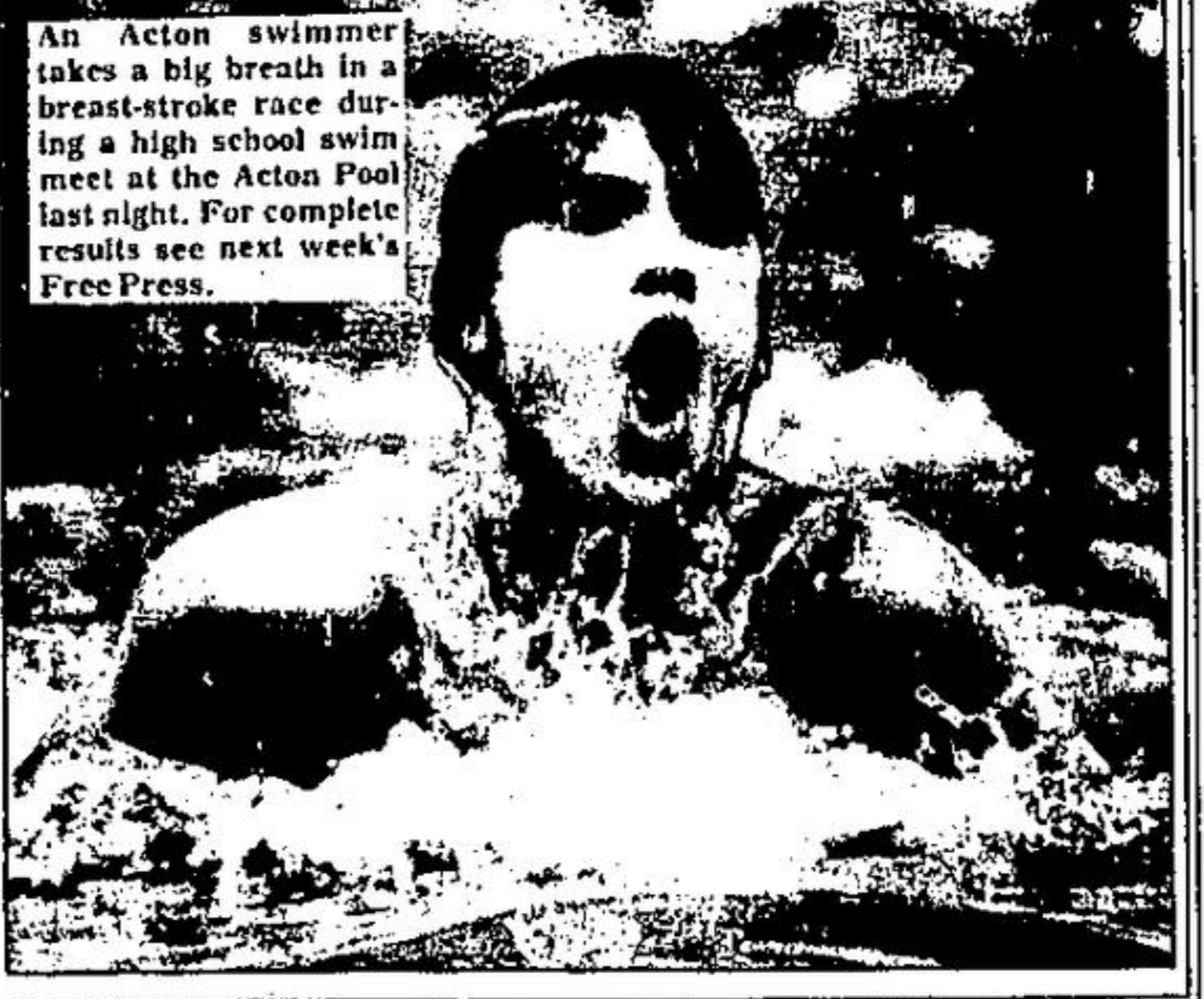
If anything, coaches Blair Lytle and Larry Merrin are facing more problems with their midgets than the two older teams have combined.

The seniors and juniors all pick up experienced players from the leagues below them. Lytle and Merrin are facing a rebuilding year with some good, but inexperienced talent.

"I don't know how competitive they'll be, but if we just prepare them for junior then we'll be doing something," said coach Lytle. "We're just rebuilding this year."

There are some bright and promising spots on the team said the coach.

"We have a sensational guard in Pete Jones, everything will be revolving around him. Ken Jespersen is a good athlete, he really impressed me with his running and jumping, we have to work on his skills," he said.



An Acton swimmer takes a big breath in a breast-stroke race during a high school swim meet at the Acton Pool last night. For complete results see next week's Free Press.

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## Russiani is at a loss, and so are his Sabres

There's a first time for everything.

For the past six winters—since Acton Sabres' introduction into the Jr. B loop—Thornhill Thunderbirds have been witness under the roof of the Community Centre.

This season the only winning streak hapless Sabres have been able to keep—unless a two-gamer counts—was this one. Friday night Sabres trademark of sporadic play ended even this streak, as T-Birds beat Acton 9-6.

"It's the same old story, there's not enough scoring when we need it," explained Russiani.

Sabres are also lacking solid net-minding when they need it.

In the first period keeper Les Williams was colder than the ice he was playing on. He faced 14 shots and allowed five goals. In the second frame Williams stopped eight of the ten pucks fired his way. The third period was the same result, as the goalie blocked three of the six shots aimed his way.

Coach Russiani doesn't feel the blame should rest on the ex-Brampton Jr. A. tender, but on his bum knee and some bum defence.

"Mainly his knee just wasn't functioning the way it should, but once he loosened up he didn't play too badly. The defence is allowing good quality shots too, without any interference they're hard to stop. With the small size of the arena, once you step over the blue line you're not far from the net," said the coach.

T-Birds jumped to a 5-1 lead by the end of the first frame. By the end of the next period Sabres were down 7-2. By the final stanza Acton finally decided to play hockey, opening the scoring just 50 seconds into the third, but another in the 11:40 mark, Birds came back with a pair and Sabres ended the scoring with a short-handed tally.

Paul Stark had two of Sabres' goals and an assist. Mike Monihan, Gary Williams, Don Gaudreault and Dave McGilloway scored one goal each.

Dennis Charbonneau, Ken Helf and Tony Dulisse had two assists each, Monihan and McGilloway had one.

Russiani is beginning a policy of benching anyone who he feels isn't playing smart hockey.

"I don't know what else to do. I've exhausted everything I know. The only other alternative is to bench people—even if I have to go with only two lines," said Russiani.

Thursday three players, including goal scorers Gary Williams and Don Gaudreault will be sitting in the stands when Sabres face Dixie Bees.

The coach said the three will have even more company if the rest of the club continues its poor showing and lack of ability to follow the game plan.

Russiani brought back Rob Vermeulen from the juveniles and is playing him with youthful Gord McArthur and Denis Kirton—as a "semi-kid line." In practice Monday night the threesome impressed the coach to the extent he's giving them the next two games to prove themselves under the gun.

Russiani feels the line could be promising if they play to their capabilities.

Another hopeful is an 18-year-old Hillsburgh left winger, who has spent two seasons in the Tier II Jr. A ranks.

Russiani feels the boy could be a big addition to Sabres roster. The boy has quit hockey this year, but practiced with Sabres Monday and should be out next week as well. Russiani said the boy wants to play for Sabres, but isn't sure if he wants to spend another winter playing hockey.

If these shake-ups don't start working then Acton's Sabres will be getting out the golf clubs while there's still snow on the ground.

"It's going to be early retirement this year the way these boys have been playing," said the coach.

The coach might not be over-joyed to finish this season in mid-February, but then he wasn't grinning too much last Friday night either.

Between his team and the men in the zebra stripes, Russiani was fuming.

"The refereeing was outrageous, the worst we've had all year," said Russiani.

Since the Jr. B league is lowest on the three junior loops, they have to get the left-over refs after the Major and Provincial A leagues take their picks. Russiani feels there are only a couple of good men wearing those stripes.

The two weren't working in Acton last Friday. As a result the coach had to suffer through a number of bad calls, including a Sabres goal the ref and a 15-year-old goal judge didn't even notice. When Russiani sent his captain, McGilloway, out to protest, the ref threatened to penalize him for being unsportsman-like. Then the coach became vocal.

Russiani said the only recourse he has is to complain to the league, but that is "like spitting into the wind."

Sabres have a chance to break their two game losing streak Thursday night when they travel to Dixie to play Bees. Friday the club hosts Barrie Colts, 8 p.m. at the Community Centre.

...tricks Galt



Jules Russiani (bottom) shows he still has enthusiasm for his Acton Sabres, despite their dismal record and inconsistent play so far this year. Sabres played their usually sporadic selves Friday night and lost a 9-6 decision to Thornhill Thunderbirds.



John's hat...

# Van Dam breaks into a scoring flood

Acton's minor pee-wee reps may soon be known as the "Van Dam Busters".

Last week John Van Dam found the opening three times as Acton came back with just three minutes left in the game to salvage a 4-4 tie with Galt. Carl Yaroschak scored Acton's other tally.

Yaroschak, Todd Lazenby, Greg Leatherland, Craig Cadenhead and Lee Yaroschak had assists.

David Hinz was absolutely flawless between the pipes as Acton blanked Guelph 6-0. Leatherland and Van Dam both scored two goals, Carl Yaroschak and Cadenhead were good for singles.

Vince Rogers had a pair of assists, Evan Hayter, Van Dam, Carl Yaroschak and Lee Yaroschak had one each.

Carl Yaroschak, Troy Foster and Leatherland shared the work as Acton edged Galt 3-2. Lazenby, Rogers and Mike Simmons recorded assists.

Van Dam scored two goals to lead Acton to a 4-1 win over Waterloo.

Foster and Simons had the others. Rogers, Leatherland, Foster and Phillip Pumphrey had the assists.

Van Dam had Acton's lone tally in a 2-1 loss to Kitchener.

**Concrete problems**

Wayne Bousefield connected twice, but it wasn't enough as Acton Alton McIsaac Concrete novice reps lost a 3-2 squeaker to Woolwich. Derek Martin had assists on both tallies, Jason Piper also aided on one goal.

Martin scored Acton's lone tally in a 1-1 exhibition draw against Hillsburgh. Greg Vadner scored for Hillsburgh, Donny Burt had the assist.

Dixie's Lincoln Cassie and Troy MacDougall teamed up to give Oakville their first loss of the novice Legion season.

Cassie found the opening three times, MacDougall was accurate twice in the 5-2 win. Robbie Harden and Mike Klmann scored Oakville's markers.

Weston needed only one goal to beat Guelph in a 1-0 game, Derek Johnson scored for the winners.

Tom Nolan was good for a troika of goals as Brampton beat Burlington 5-3. Shawn Mance and Jason Crawford had one goal each. Chris McGeragle, Errol Cowan and Brian Holbiski shared the scoring for Burlington.

## hockey

McGeragle, Cowan and Ian Reid helped out with assists.

**Drawing blanks**

Kelly Jupp, Andy Smith and Phillip Landriault made good with singles as London blanked Oshawa 3-0, in atom play.

**Tip-top**

Baltimore owes a tip of the hat to marksman Mike Peter. Peters scored three goals as his Baltimore club doubled Rochester 6-3 in pee-wee play. Wayne MacEachern scored a pair and David Paul had one for Rochester. Joshua Caswell scored two and Ken Woycheko one for the winners.

Caswell, Dave Roden and Kevin Blakeman assisted for the Baltimore side.

Tidewater's John Moran and Brad Carachi were just two too many for Cleveland.

The pair scored two goals each as Tidewater beat Cleveland 6-3. Tim Oakley and Shawn McFadden had singles. Dennis Swinamer had a pair and Paul Campbell one for Cleveland.

Carachi, McFadden, Moran, Oakley and Kostas Ahhanassowis tallied helpers.

**Four score**

Terry Danagher's four goal game held Rockies in a 5-5 tie with Jets in bantam Legion action. Shawn Cote had Rockies' other marker. Doug Richardson and Steve Harkins were good for a pair, John Hadon a single for the Jets side.

Jack Ninabar, had two assists, Wayne Chappel and Doug Richardson one for Jets. Rick Smith, Chris Stewart, Shawn Cote, Mike Nellis and Todd Andrews helped Rockies' scoring.

They say two heads are better than one.

Whalers Eddie Wilson found two hat-tricks are best of all.

The marksman scored six goals to lead his side to a 6-4 win over Cougars. Richard Gardin, Jeff Scott, Gary Coverdale and Dan Wood scored for Cougars.

Richard Voskamp, Bobby Tremblay and Richard Gardin had assists.

**Dan the man**

Dan Tremblay did all the scoring as his Vancouver club beat Montreal 4-2 in Legion midget play.

Guy Maltby and Scott Allonby had singles for Montreal. Scott McDonough and Ken Morrison had the assists.

Martin Kreutberg led a goal scoring stampede as Buffalo ran over Toronto 4-1. Rick Chapman and Ted Lindsay also scored for Buffalo. Mike Brouillard scored for Toronto.

Mike Shubert, Mike Stedman, Nick Fryers and Mike Chapman had the assists.

**Tie one on**

Acton's Ed's In and Out Midgets were just fit to be tied.

The rep hockey club tied Waterloo 4-4 last week. Paul Cargill, Gino Fronteddu, Bill Morrison and Blake Norton scored for Acton.

Brian Canary, Bruce Canary, Stan Smith, Randy Coverdale, Clint Watts and Rick Dodds had the assists.

**Mad hatter**

Steve Wagner was good for a hat-trick as Acton beat Preston 8-5 in minor bantam rep play.

Kevin Lobsinger had two goals, Brad Demone, Steve Wagner had a hat-trick Scott Phelan and Randy, scored singles. Brent Connon played well in the Acton net.

Wagner, Lobsinger and John Lloyd had singles in Acton's 4-3 loss to Waterloo. Mike Cunningham, Warren Blain and Brad Demone had the assists.

**Clean sweep**

A.T.W. took them to the Cleaners.

The Acton Industrial Hockey League team trounced Family Cleaners in a 6-1 romp. Wayne DeForest had a hat-trick, Ernie Ruck scored a pair, Mike Petkoff, Bart Jacobs and Chris Tennant had one goal each for ATW. Bron Irwin put one marker on the Family side of the scoreboard.

George is no McPhail-ure.

McPhail scored a goal with just five seconds left

in the game to give his Acton Travel a 8-0 tie with Nielsen's Clothing.

Randy McIntyre had three goals for Acton, Bruce McPherson had two, Jeff Townsley and Sid Barnes were good for one each.

Dave Morris and Dave Thompson scored doubles for Nielsen's, Gary Moore, Randy Van Fleet, Henry Toebes and Cliff Britton had singles.

Lakeview edged Helliers in a close 6-5 win.

Ron Schmidt and John McAdam scored two goals each for Lakeview, Bill Manes and Glen McKenzie had a pair each.

Scott Malcolm and Wayne Allen had a pair each for Helliers, Jim Hurlley was good for a single.

This week Nielsen's meets up with Helliers at 7 p.m., Family Cleaners face off against Lakeview at 8:20 p.m. and ATW plays Acton Travel at 9:40 p.m.

**In the Green**

Acton's second midget rep team tied Kitchener Green 4-4.

Lorenzo Civiero scored a pair of goals, David Milne and Craig Johnson had one each. Milne and Richard Kilpatrick had the assists.



He scores! An Acton Ed's-In-and-Out midget raises his arms as the puck finds an opening in rep play last night. Eds came close, but ended up on the bottom of a 6-5 decision to Preston.