

Holiday deadlines

The Free Press will publish one day early next week so the deadline for score sheets and reports will be Monday at 12 noon instead of the usual Tuesday 12 noon deadline. The deadline for the December 30 paper will be Tuesday at 12 noon.

Redmen 'Lords' of lake

Acton proved it's the Lord of the pool when it comes to high school swimming. Last week the Redmen club decimated Lord Elgin 249-130 in a swim meet at Acton Lions pool.

Junior boys Mark Dues was the hottest in the water, winning three races. He was best in the 100 freestyle with a time of 1:06.1; quickest in the 100 I.M. with 1:20.9 and tops in 50 freestyle with 23.7.

Senior Edwin Ninaber was best in two races, the 50 freestyle in 27.8 the 50m butterfly.

Tim Baker was fastest in the 100 individual medley, with his time of 1:20.2.

Norm Bourassa won the 100 freestyle in 1:07.74.

Bev Baker's 1:24.37 was good enough for a first in the 100 breaststroke.

Renata Brillinger captured firsts in the senior girls 100 individual medley and backstrokes with times of 1:22.7 and 1:27.6 respectively.

Karen Coats was fastest in the 50 freestyle with a time of 34.35. Kirsten Jarvis won the 50m fly in 36.7. Heather Thatcher was fastest in the 100 breaststroke in 1:34.0.

Jim McVeigh swam the fastest junior 50m backstroke in a time of 41.32.

Laura Brillinger won the junior girls 50m butterfly in a time of 39.1. Kathy

Coats won the 50 backstroke in 37.8. Andrea Arbic won the 50m breaststroke in 43.2.

Acton also was best in four of eight relays.

The team of Brunner, Thatcher, Coats and Brillinger won the senior girls 200 medley relay, in 2:30.5.

Baker, Ninaber, Dave Quinn and Brian Patterson were fastest in the senior boys version in 2:16.7.

Coates, Arbic, Jarvis and Ula Dues were fastest in the junior girls 200 medley relay in a time of 2:31.5.

Brian Patterson, Bourassa, Dave Entwistle and Ninaber won the 200 freestyle relay in 1:59.24.



Making waves... Acton Redmen's Bev Baker checks out his opponent during a swim meet last weekend. Redmen beat Lord Elgin 249 to 130.

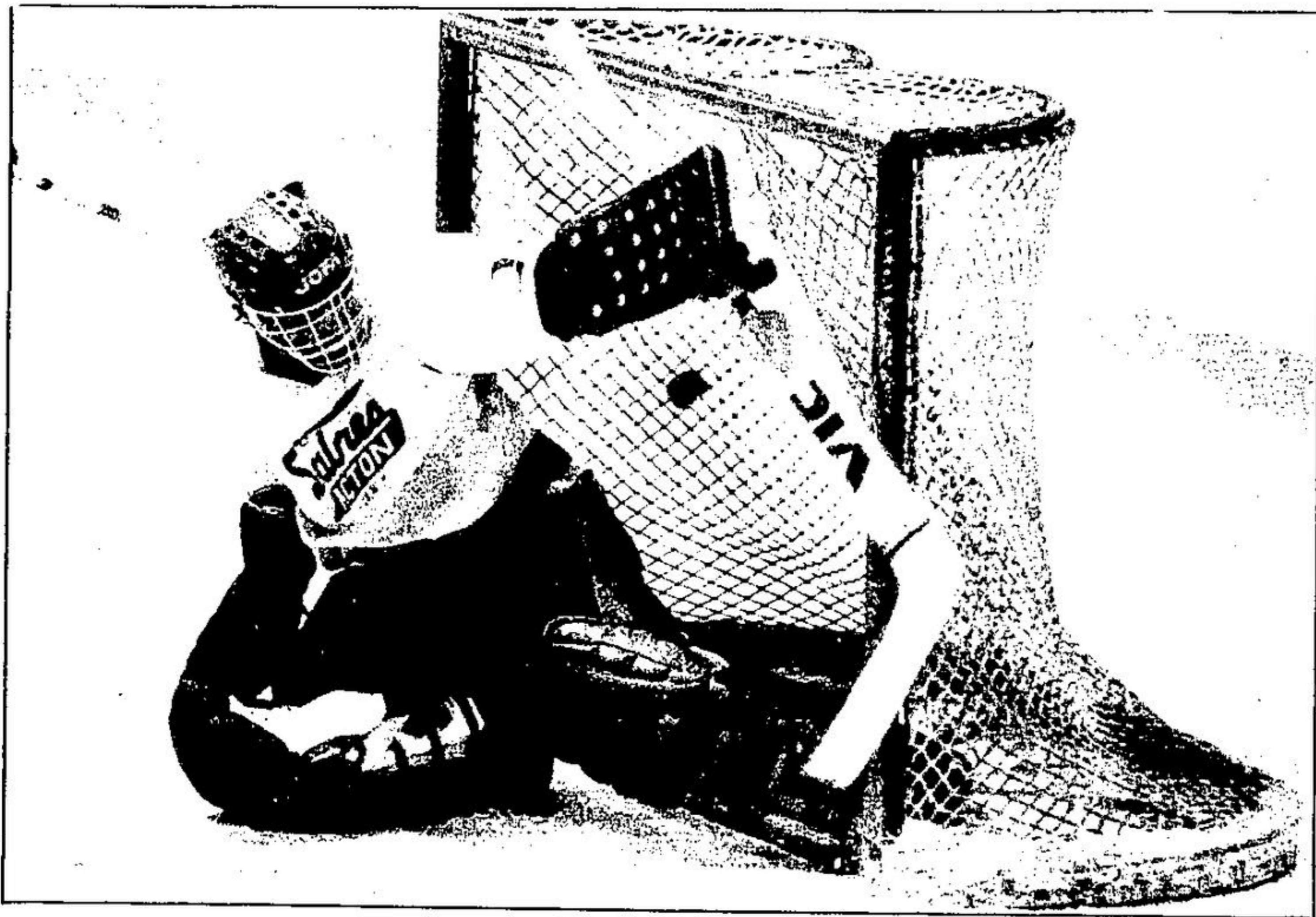
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One that got away... Acton goaltender Les Williams watches as yet another puck slips through his mitts in Sabres 10-6 loss to Barrie Colts. Despite the loss, coach Russiani feels Sabres are about to make a turn for the best.

Russiani is still chasing that old hockey flame

Ever since a trip to Burlington, some two months, two weeks and two days ago, it's seemed Acton Sabres have been battling just to keep their heads out of the Central Jr. B cellar.

Sabres have played 22 games since that fateful season opener—a dismal 13-5 loss to Cougars. They've lost another dozen matches, won eight, tied one and have been out-shelled 116-150. This record gives the Sabres the distinction of being eighth in a league of 12, ahead of such power-houses as Milton, Georgetown and Dixie.

Nonetheless, coach Jules Russiani is chasing the same championship he was at the beginning of the season. Sure, the team's play has gotten him depressed at times, but their rare sparks of brilliance—such as last week—have rekindled the mentor's flame.

Thursday night Sabres travelled to Dixie and stung the hapless Beehives 6-2.

Maturity

"In Dixie we played really well, we controlled the play. I was really happy with the way we played, we showed a lot of maturity," said the mentor. "I don't think we played that fast, but we controlled the tempo of the game."

Sabres' Paul Stark scored early in the opening frame from R.J. Farnsworth and Ken Relf. Dixie came back in the second period to even things up. Wade Vickery found the opening on a pass from Tony Dulisse two minutes later.

Denis Kirton added to Sabres' lead with a goal three minutes into the last period, off a pass from Dulisse. Dixie fired another tally at the 15 minute mark, but failed to find the net after that.

Dave McGilloway scored a pair and Gary Williams had a single to give Acton the 6-2 win. Mike Monihan, Charbonneau, Don Brown and Mark Duval had the assists.

Near the end of the game Dixie started getting

scrappy, said coach Russiani. Two brows broke out and Sabres' Ken Relf and Monihan were thrown out of the game and given suspensions for the next night's game against Barrie Colts.

Friday's match could hardly be described as inspired hockey, as Sabres fell heavily in a 10-6 loss to Colts.

"I thought we came out and played really well for the first eight minutes of the first period. The players got a little discouraged after they had plenty of chances, but didn't capitalize. In the beginning it looked like we were going to blow Barrie right off the ice," said Russiani.

It was Sabres who were eventually blown off the surface of the Community Centre pond, Acton got off to a lead a minute and a half into the game when Paul Stark scored off a pass from Don Brown. Barrie hurt Sabres' keeper with four tallies on 11 shots to take a 4-1 lead going into the dressing room at the end of the frame.

Charbonneau took advantage of a powerplay opportunity to close Colts' lead just 44 seconds into the second stanza. Acton's fire again died as quickly as it started. Colts scored a powerplay goal. Sabres replied, then Colts broke loose with another pair.

Net-minder Williams was pulled after facing five shots and allowing two goals in the second period. Chris Martin came in and turned back 15 of 16 shots.

In the third period Sabres and Colts traded each other goal for goal to end the game at 10-6.

The games may not have inspired the fans, but coach Russiani feels his club has turned yet another corner in the goal to post-season success.

"I've really felt strongly about the last two practices and the last two games. The players have shown a lot of confidence and their immaturity is vanishing—it's going to be taken over by confidence," he said. "I think they're becoming self-motivated, so I won't have to get on them now."

Sabres left Gary Williams and Don Gaudreault

sitting in the stands in the Beehive game. The coach thinks both players have been playing much better since their short rest.

"Don is very young and very good, it's just a matter of him gaining experience. Some day he's going to be a good all round hockey player. He has a tremendous future, he's got all the equipment to be a good hockey player."

Russiani feels Williams might just have been trying too hard.

"He tries to do everything perfectly, it's slowing him down, he's becoming self-conscious. He was just being a little over-cautious. Gary is a very strong individual, he's the type of person when you tell him to do something it's done—he has a lot going for him."

Physical

The coach said Williams may be teamed up with defenceman Roy Spear, to add a little punch to Sabres defence. Both are capable and physical players.

Sabres are probably going to be seeing a new face on the squad when Acton hosts Streetsville Friday night. Left winger Ken Whetham is going to be trading his Derby jersey for one of the Sabres said Russiani. The Acton coach guided Whetham when he played on the All-Ontario Midget team. He's played with Streetsville for the past couple of seasons and Russiani said he picked him up for "future considerations."

Another player, a Hillsburgh native, was to attend practice with Sabres Monday night. The coach said he didn't show, but will be contacting him to see if he'll sign with Sabres. The player was with Markham Waxers of the Tier II A league, but retired this season.

Sabres host Streetsville at 8 p.m., then meet Brampton Saturday night in an away game. Monday they play Milton at home at 8:30 p.m.

Sears makes a high scoring Mark

Being a novice doesn't mean you can't make your mark on the ice.

Guelph's Mark Sears made his mark in the Legion novice hockey league last week when he fired five goals to lead his club to a 7-2 win over Burlington. Derreck Robson scored Guelph's other pair. Chris McGeragie had two tallies for Burlington.

Tom Nolan found the opening four times as his Brampton club edged Dixie 5-4. Chad Rowsell rounded out the Brampton scoring. Troy MacDougall had two, Lincoln Cassie and Danny Jennings one each for Dixie.

Craig Stuckey and Robbie Harden each had two markers as Oakville beat Weston 4-1. Derek Johnson scored the lone Weston goal.

ATOM

The St. Kitts atoms are no Saints in the eyes of

Oshawa after winning a 4-1 decision. George Auger, Shawn Dryden, Paul Simmons and Gareth Marks scored for St. Kitts. George Georgawis had the single for Oshawa.

It was a Sandy-storm. Sandy Dokis scored four times to lead his Hamilton club to a 9-3 win over London. Danny Robertson had a pair, Paul Sankey and Jay Hunter scored one goal each.

Wayne Sterritt, Gerry Hurlburt and Phillip Landriault scored for the London side.

PEEWEE

Brad Carachi tallied three times to help his Tidewater club beat Baltimore 4-1. Ronnie Baker had the other goal, Mike Peters scored for Baltimore.

Duane Avery was good for a hat-trick as Rochester thumped Cleveland 7-1. John Beaulieu had a pair, Wayne Paul and David Paul scored one each.

Sean Fitzgerald had a single.

MIDGETS

Ted Lindsay had two goals, Martin Kreutzber, Darren Edmunson, Mike Phelon, and Nick Fryers had singles as Buffalo thumped Montreal 6-1 in midget action.

Danny Tremblay, and Rob Allen had two goals each as their Vancouver team beat Toronto 6-5. Ray Gibb and Vince Danager had the other pair. Bob Brouillard had two goals, Troy Naught, Mike Chapman and Bob Watson scored singles for Toronto.

BANTAMS

Eddie Wilson didn't do anything unusual, at least not for him.

The Whaler's bantam scored his usual four goals to help in an 8-1 win over Jets. Ron Atkinson had a pair, Richard Lilly and David Slaney scored one goal each.

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Can't win 'em all

Senior Redmen find b-ball lows with the highs

About the only thing worse than agonizing through a tight game is suffering through a humiliation.

Acton High School's senior Redmen had both last week. Last Wednesday the Redmen edged White Oaks in their own court in a nerve-wracking 58-57 decision.

Paul Gorjup hooped 22 points, Dave Entwistle had 18, Bob Faber scored eight, Glen Scott had four and Matt Vuk a pair.

Things didn't go as well for the Redmen the next night, as Acton was thumped 68-29 by Blakelock. Things were so bad coach Dave Boycott put in the second string after the first fifteen minutes. John Kwitowski had nine points, Faber also had nine.

Seniors have a heavy week ahead of them. Today they play at Q.E. Park, Friday travel to Oakville-Trafalgar. On the weekend they host the annual Redman Invitational Senior Basketball Tournament.

Acton battles teams from Orangeville, Monarch Park, Assumption, Milton, Georgetown, Midland and Goderich. Acton faces Orangeville at 9 a.m. then play at either 2 or 4 p.m.

JUNIORS

Acton junior Redmen tried to capture the laurels of their own Redmen Invitational Junior Tournament for the second year running, but came up on

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the bottom end of a 49-37 decision with J.F. Ross in the finals.

George Gidman and Bob Little each scored 15 points for Acton.

In the opening round Redmen beat Lester B. Pearson 38-21. Gidman and Paul Nolan had seven points each, Cliff Nibbs scored six.

In the second round junior Redmen beat Georgetown Rebels 43-36. Little had 12 points and Mike Smith scored eight.

M.M. Robinson bettered Pearson 52-45 in the consolation finals.

In regular Halton play Redmen juniors beat Blakelock 58-42 and dropped White Oaks 58-46.

MIDGETS

Acton's midget Redmen continued to have their problems, but coach Bob Lytle feels the club is improving.

Redmen lost a 43-21 game against Blakelock.



Acton Redmen's Bob Little jumps up to block a Georgetown Rebels shot in the annual Redmen Junior Basketball Invitational last weekend. Acton beat Rebels 43-36 in the second round, but lost to J.F. Ross 49-37 in the finals. This weekend it's the senior Redmen Invitational. Acton meets Orangeville in the opening game 9 a.m. Saturday.