

Acton's Industrial League definitely a six

Bo Derek may be a 10, but the Acton Industrial Hockey League is at least a six. Four of the six teams scored six markers in action Sunday night.

Acton Travel and Family Cleaners skated to a 6-6 draw.

Bruce Cooksley tallied twice for Cleaners with Mike Morris, Brent Irwin, Russ Van Fleet and Dick Spear counting singles.

Gary Pickles replied twice for Acton Travel while John McCutcheon, George McPhail, John Sykes and Randy McIntyre turned on the red light once each.

Lakeview topped Nielsen's 6-3. Bill Manes fired a trio for Lakeview while Glen McKenzie, John McAdam and Ron Schmidt potted one each. Scoring singles for Nielsen's were Dave Morris, Henry Toebes and Dave Thompson.

ATW downed Heller's 6-4 in the other contest. Mike Petkoff fired a hat-trick for the winners with Ernie Ruck, Clare Snow and Wayne DeForest bulging the twine once apiece. Jim Hurley popped a pair for Heller's with Dan Richards and Wayne Allen also scoring.

This Sunday Cleaners meet Nielsen's at 7 p.m.; Lakeview tackles ATW at 8:20 p.m., and Acton Travel plays Heller's at 9:40 p.m.

Almost champs

Ed's In 'N Out Midgets went all the way to the semi-final of a tournament in Huntsville on the weekend before losing to the hosts by a single marker in overtime.

Acton began the tournament beating

Markham 4-3 in overtime. Brian Canary fired a pair, including the winner, while Wayne McMullan and Randy Coverdale popped a single each.

In their second outing Acton nipped Parry Sound 2-1. Bruce Canary scored the winner and McMullan also turned on the red light for Ed's.

In Hub league play last week Acton slipped past Hespeler 6-5. Coverdale tallied twice with Clint Watts, Paul Cargill, Bruce Canary and Morrison potting singles.

Earn a point

Acton Major Atoms dropped one game last week and tied another in Hub league action.

Acton travelled to Woodstock and the host side blanked the visitors 3-0 Friday. Steve Robertson and Jason Boose turned in solid performances.

Saturday Guelph visited Acton and the contest ended in a 2-2 tie.

Guelph counted the lone first period goal but Acton tied it up with less than five minutes left in the second frame. Boose scored with help from Mike Brouwer.

Just past the midway point of the closing stanza Brouwer gave Acton the lead, unassisted, however Guelph evened things up a few minutes later.

Nip Galt

The Acton Midgets Second Team in the Dougherty Division of the Hub League beat Galt 5-4 last Wednesday night.

The first period ended in a 2-2 draw with Brad Macpherson and Brad Youmans scoring for Ac-

ton. Macpherson and Richard Kilpatrick assisted.

The second frame was scoreless and Acton outscored Galt 3-2 in the final period. Kilpatrick, Jim Richards and David Milne scored for Acton with Brian Demone earning two aids and Youmans one.

Galt weren't exactly saints either, collecting 65 minutes in penalties compared to Acton's 16.

The club's next game is December 27 when they travel to Glencoe for a tournament.

Paul power

Wayne Paul popped a trio for Rochester as they nipped Tidewater 5-4 in pcc wee Legion house league action this week. David Paul and Wayne MacEachern also tallied for the winners. MacEachern collected a trio of aids and Dwayne Avery recorded one bracket.

John Moran bulged the twine twice for Tidewater while Ronnie Barker and Shawn McFadden tallied once each. Jason Henderson earned two assists and Kostas Athanassoulis and Brad Carachi one apiece.

Sean Fitzgerald fired a hat-trick for the winning Cleveland squad and Scott Nellis also recorded a hat-trick for his losing Baltimore club. Cleveland won 6-5. Jeff Jackson scored a pair for Cleveland and Emanuel Kriticos tallied once. Mike Arbic collected two aids and Fitzgerald, Kriticos and Jackson one each.

Mike Peters had two goals and two assists for the losers while Ken Woychesko also picked up a bracket.

Marks finds mark

St. Kitts blanked London 5-0 in atom Legion play. Gareth Marks found the mark three times for the winners with Charles Vanitem and Chad Mance popping one apiece.

In the other atom match Hamilton topped Oshawa 3-1. Sandy Dokis, Danny Robinson and Paul Sankey turned on the red light for the winners with Thang Cao picking up an aid.

Mike Landry scored the lone marker for the losers with Chris Armstrong helping out.

Spears, Gillies strike

Guelph dumped Brampton 4-1 in novice Legion action. Mark Spears and Bill Gillies fired a pair each for the victors with Mike Frizzell and Sean Augar earning brackets. Tom Nolan scored Brampton's only goal.

Oakville shut-out Burlington 5-0. Robbie Harnden potted two for the winners with singles coming from the sticks of Jim Sale, David Patey and Mike Kinnon. Harnden, Shane Caissie, Sale and Patey assisted.

Weston and Dixie skated a 2-2 draw. Matt Johnstone and Derek Johnson each scored a goal and an assist for Weston while Anthony Leopardi and Lincoln Caissie replied for Dixie. Danny Jennings recorded a bracket.

Three for Danagher

Terry Danagher fired a trioka for Rockies as they downed Whalers 5-2 in Bantam Legion ac-

tion. Mike Nellis and Ray Authier also tallied for the victors. Ryan Proulx earned one assist. Doug Creighton and David Slaney scored for Whalers and Ron Atkinson assisted.

Doug Richardson fired three and Steve Harkins tallied twice for the winning Jets as they zoomed past Cougars 6-4. Jack Ninaber also tallied for the victors. John Harnden assisted on two goals and Harkins drew three aids. Kri, Wayne Chappel and Richardson earned a bracket apiece. Greg Huir, Spencer Smith, Jeff Scott and Bob Tremblay bulged the twine for Cougars. Richard Garden assisted twice and Tremblay and Scott once each.

Allens sizzle

David Allen and Rob Allen scored twice each for the Vancouver as they skated to a 4-4 draw with Montreal in Midget Legion action this week. Danny Tremblay and Peter Wright assisted for Vancouver. Mark Spintors fired a pair for Montreal as did Steven McGinn. Scott McConough assisted twice and Bill McKenzie and Scott Allonby once apiece.

Ted Lindsay paced Buffalo's attack as they beat Toronto 4-2. Rick Champman and Martin Kreutzberg also scored for the winners. Kreutzberg counted two aids and Champman one. Nasir Saeed and Rob Broulard replied for Toronto. Bob Watson drew an assist.

No games

There will be no Legion hockey again until January 2 and 3.

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Second Section

Early Yule gift — Sabres win two in a row



He shoots, he scores

Rob Vermullen broke in on the Derbys goal and scored on this play Friday night in Sabres' 6-3 victory.

Acton Sabres gave coach Jules Russiani and local hockey fans a welcomed Christmas present over the weekend. For only the second time this season the Junior B squad won a pair of games back to back.

If the pair of victories, 6-3 over powerful Streetsville Friday at home and a same score win on the road over Brampton Saturday, are indeed signs of good things to come for the Sabres then the playoffs could be a pretty exciting time for the team.

Russiani thinks the solid performances over the weekend show his young club is jelling, and at just the right time of the year.

The four points give Sabres 21 so far this season, good for seventh place, one point behind Brampton

in sixth spot and four points out of fourth.

A basically young club with a few veterans sprinkled in, the Sabres' season has followed a predictably inconsistent pattern so far but now the kids are starting to come around, they are starting to develop into front line Junior B personnel. "They're starting to jell, they're coming together." And With 16 games left before the playoffs Russiani feels they're "definitely" coming around at the right time of the season. Sabres are starting to perform well, peak if you will, at the crucial time.

If Sabres can turn the two wins into a hot streak they'll move rapidly up the standings, higher echelons are within striking distance and if they can

keep it up Russiani predicts "a good playoff" season.

Friday night Sabres followed the game plan to a T. In Russiani's opinion: Derbys are tougher than anyone to handle in a small rink like the Acton Community Centre because they are so quick and explosive. "You've got to keep them contained or they'll blow you out quickly."

Sabres employed the same forechecking system against the Derbys as they used against the Blades. Derbys like to eliminate a forechecker by starting plays with the defence behind their net and then use the blueline corps to spring attacks. By putting their wingers on the Derbys' defencemen, sticking their centre on the Streetsville centre and leaving the Derbys' wingers to the Acton rearguards, the Junior Bs shut the visitors down.

As for their own scoring needs, the Sabres concluded if they contained the Derbys enough breaks would materialize for them to win. Russiani observed even more breaks occurred than he expected, the forechecking forced Streetsville to cough-up the puck frequently. Three or four Sabres' goals came as a direct result of Derbys' giveaways.

Acton netminder Les Williams was sharp, stopping all but 3 Derby drives while Sabres peppered the Streetsville goal with 36 shots.

Just a little past the midway point of the first frame Sabres grabbed the lead, and then never trailed the visitors. Roy Spears turned on the red light with help from Gord McArthur and Denis Charbonneau.

Less than two minutes into the second period Streetsville evened the count, but at 4:22 Rob Vermeulen scored, Spears and McArthur assisted.

Sabres went up by two at 10:50 with Mark Duval finding the mark. Newcomer Ken Whetham and



While Les Williams waits for the shot Tony Dulisse mixes up with a Derbys attacker while trying to clear the crease area.

Paul Stark assisted.

Streetsville narrowed the count a minute and 46 seconds later and the middle frame ended with Acton holding a 3-2 margin.

Less than half-a-minute into the closing period a powerplay marker by Charbonneau from Denis Kirton and Tony Dulisse gave Acton a two marker cushion.

Duval's second goal of the night, a shorthanded, unassisted, effort at 4:49 sent Sabres up by three goals and at 7:51 Wade Vickery bulged the twine putting Acton ahead 6-2. Dulisse assisted.

Derbys closed out the scoring at 14:18 with a powerplay goal.

Still high from their big win Friday, Sabres went to Brampton and repeated the performance. "We had momentum," Russiani also feels the Sabres went on the ice figuring they owed Brampton something after being blown out at home by the club, which is now just a point ahead of Sabres 10-6.

Except for a slight mental breakdown at the end of the second period Sabres were in control for the entire contest.

A pair of powerplay markers sent Acton to the dressing room at the end of the first period with a 2-0 lead.

At 9:30 Dave McGilloway pumped a shot in with help from Duval and Mike Monihan. Monihan sent Sabres two up at 17:25. Duval and R. J. Farnsworth, one of the Sabre rookies who Russiani notes are starting to shine, assisted.

Brampton narrowed the count 19 seconds into the middle stanza with a powerplay goal but Duval restored Sabres two marker lead at 12:52. Acton's third powerplay score. Whetham and McGilloway assisted.

Then came the let-down. In the last minute of play Brampton counted a pair 20 seconds apart, one with a man advantage, to send the two sides to the dressing room even at 3-3.

The third period was all Sabres'. Monihan scored twice to complete his hat trick, at 9:53 and 18:39. McGilloway assisted on both scores and Vickery and Dulisse also helped out. Monihan's second goal came on the powerplay.

In the last minute Vickery scored Acton's final goal on a pass from Monihan.

Russiani was pretty pleased with newcomer Whetham, "he fits in real good." He played for Russiani in Streetsville and was unhappy with his lack of ice time with the Derbys and jumped at the chance to come here when the coach secured his release. "He's an important addition, I've been looking for a left winger."

Russiani's wooing of Hillsburgh's Kelly McArthur, another left winger, hasn't been as successful. The coach just doesn't know if the prospect, another "good, tough, left winger", wants to play hockey. His joining the Sabres isn't "out of the question" yet, but he hasn't been signed.

Sabres' Monday night match with Milton was postponed until December 30. Acton meets Burlington at home Wed. evening, Dec. 23.



Matt Vuk soars through the air to make a pass to Rob Faber in action against Orangeville in the Redmen senior basketball invitational tournament. AHS won the consolation crown.

Acton High School senior Redmen cagers won the consolation crown of their own tourney Saturday.

After losing the opener to eventual champions, Orangeville, Redmen went on to defeat Assumption and Goderich to take the consolation title.

Orangeville clobbered Redmen 60-42 despite strong efforts by Paul Gorjup and Rob Faber who hopped 14 and 13 points respectively. Glenn Scott counted five points.

Redmen were strong against Assumption, winning 54-35. Gorjup paced the attack with 20 points, Faber netted 15 and Matt Vuk 3.

In the consolation round final Acton slipped past Goderich 59-54. Dave Entwistle hooped 20 points for the Redmen while Faber scored 13 and Gorjup 12.

In other tourney action Monarch Park dumped Assumption 68-43 in the preliminary round and Milton thrashed Georgetown 58-39. Midland beat Goderich 45-40 in the other preliminary round match. Goderich thumped Georgetown 64-32 in a consolation contest while Milton nipped Midland 26-25 in the championship round before losing to Orangeville 64-57.

In league action the seniors won one and lost one last week.

Friday the seniors met Oakville-Trafalgar and won 51-45. Faber scored 13 points, Scott hooped 10, Entwistle 9 and Gorjup 6.

But on Wednesday the senior Redmen came out short by 20 points, 58-38, against Queen Elizabeth Park. Entwistle counted 12 points, Gorjup 10 and Faber 4.

The seniors have a record of two wins and two losses and stand third behind powerhouse Queen Elizabeth Park and Blakelock.

The junior Redmen went to a tournament at Pearson in Burlington on Saturday and started on a winning note with a 46-22 drubbing of Goderich. Paul Nolan scored 18 points for the Redmen and George Gidman 14.

Juniors didn't do as well in their second tourney match, losing to Chinguacousy 51-44. Gidman and Bob Little counted 14 points each.

Friday the juniors beat Oakville-Trafalgar 47-37. Nolan scored 12 points and Scott Allonby hopped 8.

Wednesday wasn't as kind to the juniors as they lost 57-37 to Queen Elizabeth Park. Little scored 10 points in that match and Nolan 8.

Midgets dropped both of their games last week. Friday they lost 68-24 to Oakville

Trafalgar because they couldn't break the opponents' press, coach Blair Lytle said. Pete Jones scored 12 points in the losing effort and Nick Fyers and Ken Jespersen 5 each.

Wednesday the midgets lost 71-39 to Queen Elizabeth Park. Ian Sawden earned praise from the coach.



David Entwistle and John Kwiatkowsky battle for the ball in Redmen tourney action on Saturday at AHS.

Late sports next week

Some sports reports, such as rep hockey and bowling, weren't submitted to the Free Press in time for this week's earlier than usual deadline. Late sports reports will be published next week.