

Snap 12 game winless streak

Sabres blast Gems 9-5, lose to Buffalo Junior Sabres 6-3

Friday night the Acton Junior "B" Sabres showed a lot of hustle and desire and handed the Georgetown Gemini a 9-5 set back at the Community Centre.

Coach Bill Richmond felt the team played well, but could have played better. Richmond had praise for Roy Spear, saying it was the best game he's played all season. Coach Richmond says if they don't skate, they don't play. Bill felt before "tonight's game the veterans weren't working hard enough, but tonight they hustled hard."

General Manager Brian Harrop felt it was a good team effort and that team really needed this win. Brian said the Sabres hit and skated well and that Georgetown lost six players to injuries.

Roy Spear, who was chosen first star of the game, felt sitting out the veterans definitely paid off because they weren't happy sitting and watching the juveniles play in their positions. Roy said the veterans are playing harder and showing more desire.

In the first period Georgetown scored at the 14:36 mark on the power play. At 16:10 Len Pellazzari tied the game for Acton on the power play, assisted by Ken Franklin and Bob Boldt. At the end of the first period it was tied 1-1 and the Sabres and the Gemini were even at eight shots each.

In the second frame Georgetown scored at 1:16 to go ahead by one before Spear scored on a pass from Gord McArthur at 2:30 to tie the score at 2-2. Less than a minute later, at 3:16 Georgetown lit the light again to take the lead. At 8:21 Mike Yalowica scored on a pass from Art Keating to tie the score at 3-3.

The Sabres took the lead for the first time at 14:15 on the power play when Keating lit the light from Spear and Mark Symes. Then, while the Sabres were short handed, Mike Monahan stole the puck and scored a picture goal at 17:54. The Sabres led 5-3 at the end of two periods. Acton outshot the Gemini in the second frame 14-11.

In the third period the Sabres came out flying and Rick Dodds gave Acton a three goal lead at 3:01, assisted by Keating and Yalowica. Symes scored 37 seconds later to increase the Sabre lead to 7-3. Keating and Yalowica picked up aids on the play. Less than two minutes later Boldt scored from Pellazzari and Paul Cargill. At 10:18 and 11:27 Georgetown scored to narrow the gap to 8-5. At 17:35 Monahan scored his second goal of the game on a pass from Denis Kirton and Spear to round out the scoring 9-5 in favor of the Sabres. Acton outshot Georgetown in the final period 18-12 and over three frames 40-31.

Sunday afternoon the Acton Junior "B" Sabres traveled to Buffalo to meet the Buffalo Junior "B" Sabres and the home side doubled Acton 6-3.

Coach Richmond said some of the calls made by the officials and the penalties Buffalo got away with were unbelievable. Bill said the Sabres had a power play and when they stopped in Buffalo's end to set up the play they received a penalty for stoppage of motion. They received penalties for checking from behind and if you happen to skate through the goal crease they would whistle the play dead and face the puck off in your zone.

Bill said he's never seen the Sabres hit like they have the past two games and they look good. Bill felt Buffalo used their sticks like hatchets and they got away with hacking and chopping all game. It seemed Buffalo didn't like being hit and fans had to be cleared away from behind the Sabre bench.

Buffalo scored at 3:28 of the first period on the power play and led 1-0 at the end of one frame. Buffalo outshot Acton 17-8.

Buffalo scored three more unanswered goals in the second period to go ahead 4-0. Buffalo outshot Acton 18-9.



Acton Sabres Mike Yalowica was looking for a rebound from Gemini Mike Steer in action Friday night at the Acton Arena. The Sabres blasted Georgetown 9-5.

In the third frame Acton scored at 9:43 on a goal by Syme, assisted by Cargill and Keating. Less than a minute later, while on the power play, Spear scored to bring the Sabres to within two. Kirton and McArthur picked up aids.

Buffalo went back up by three at 11:16 and then went ahead by four at 17:33. Ken Kavanagh scored

Acton's third goal at 18:52 assisted by Cargill. Acton outshot Sabres in the third period 14-9 and over three frames Buffalo outshot Acton 44-31. Buffalo will be back in Acton on Saturday, January 15.

The Sabres are at home to league leading Streetsville this Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. and play in Milton Friday night.

Minor hockey roundup

Major Atoms win two, lose three and tie one

Rep hockey

The Laing Construction Major Atoms in their first six games have picked up two wins, three losses and one tie.

On Tuesday, October 19 at the Acton Arena, Galt defeated Acton 7-1.

Sean Coleman scored Acton's lone goal unassisted.

On October 24, in Preston, Acton defeated their hosts 4-1. Chris O'Neill fired a pair of goals for Acton with Coleman and Rob Lockhurst adding singles. Lockhurst picked up a pair of aids with singles going to Paul Westaway and O'Neill.

On October 25, in Erin, Acton tied their hosts 3-3. Lockhurst led the way for Acton scoring two goals and Geoff Burton added a single. Rob Heagle earned two assists.

On November 6 at Acton their guests Kitchener shut out Laings 6-0.

On November 9 in Acton, Laing's Construction nipped Brantford 5-4. O'Neill lit the light three times for Acton with Lockhurst and Burton adding singles. Burton, Brydon Gillies and Lockhurst collected a pair of aids each.

On November 16 in Woolwich, Acton was defeated 4-2. Lockhurst fired both goals for Acton with O'Neill, Burton and Sean Yamashita earning aids.

Major Pee-Wees Tie and Lose

Acton Lions Major Pee-Wee team hosted Woodstock. Acton had to come up with three goals in the third period to even the final score at 4-4. Dennis Swinamer scored two goals with Carl Yaroschak and Craig Cadenhead scoring singles. Michael Simmons and Greg Leatherland had two assists each with singles going to John Van Dam, Craig Cadenhead and Lee Yaroschak. David Hinz and Scott Williams shared the Acton net.

On November 21 the Acton Lions Major Pee-Wee team travelled to Kitchener and were out hustled by a very good team. Acton came up short losing 6-1, the lone goal coming from Simmons on a nice pass from Van Dam. It was a close scoreless first period, Kitchener got two in the second, Acton scored early in the third, then Kitchener got four unanswered goals.

Next home game for the Major Pee-Wee's is Wednesday, November 24 at 8 p.m.

Minor Atoms drop three

The Acton Minor Atom Hockey Moms dropped three games last week losing in Woodstock 11-0 on Wednesday, Saturday at home they were shut out by Kitchener 3-0 and Sunday in Preston they lost 6-1.

John McLean scored Acton's lone goal assisted by Wayne Bousfield, Sunday in Preston.

Minor Pee-Wees blanked

The Acton Beardmore Minor Pee-Wees were shut out last Wednesday by Woolwich 2-0. The next home game for the Minor Pee-Wees is tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. when Hespeler is in town and on Saturday Acton is back in Hespeler.

Legion hockey roundup

Novice

Oakville nipped Dixie 2-1 in Novice action. Kenny Jaffray and Ian Reid lit the light for Oakville both goals unassisted.

Greg Martin scored for Dixie unassisted. Guelph defeated Weston 7-3 in Novice play.

Steven Turkoz led the way for Guelph scoring six goals. Michael McGrath added a single goal for Guelph. Kent Stuckey picked up four assists and Christopher Muir earned two aids.

David Patey scored a pair of goals for Weston with Morgan Vaughan adding a single.

Burlington clobbered Brampton 9-2 in Novice action.

Bryan Holbiski led the way for Burlington scoring four goals. Brett Newman added a pair of goals and Scott Cripps, Jason McNaught and Bradley Cripps lit the light with singles. Picking up single aids were Ian Munday, Shane Corkum, Newman, McNaught, Bradley Cripps, and Stephen Pontbriand.

Jason Crawford and Kevin Tribe scored singles for Brampton. Crawford assisted on Tribe's goal.

Atom

London shut out Oshawa 2-0 in Atom play.

Wayne Sterritt and Craig Stuckey lit the light for London. Todd Demone played an excellent game in goal to earn the shut out.

Hamilton hammered St. Kitts 11-2 in Atom action.

Kent Petty led the way for Hamilton scoring five times. Sandy Dokis fired the hat trick and Clayton Leys added a pair. Matthew Johnstone lit the light with a single score. Jimmy Sale, Dokis and Johnstone picked up two aids each. Petty and Mike Frizzell earned single assists.

Jesse Forrest and Paul McLeod scored singles for St. Kitts with Forrest assisting on McLeod's goal.

Pee-Wee

Rochester doubled Tidewater 4-2 in Pee-Wee action.

Lighting the light for Rochester were John White, Phillip Pumpfrey, Shane Adams and John Beaulieu scoring singles. Sean Letendre picked up one assist.

Jason Henderson and Sylain Aubrey tallied for Tidewater with Tim Oakley earning one aid.

Baltimore edged Cleveland 3-1 in Pee-Wee play.

Derek Bottomley fired a pair of goals to lead Baltimore with Shawn Armstrong adding a single score. Kevin Blakeman, Doug Wilson, Armstrong, and Phillip Landriault picked up single assists.

Paul Campbell scored Cleveland's lone goal unassisted.

Bantam

The Cougars nipped the Whalers 5-3 in Bantam action.

Spencer Smith and Richard Voskamp led the way for the Cougars scoring a pair of goals each. Michael Arbic added a single goal. Voskamp, Smith and Jeff Scott picked up single aids.

Steve Parker lit the light with two goals for the Whalers with Bob Tremblay adding a single. Parker and Tremblay earned single assists.

The Rockies blasted the Jets 8-2 in Bantam play.

Leading the way for the Rockies was Brad Demone scoring the hat trick. Paul Dodds and Rob Leopardi scored a pair of goals each. Paul McLelland added a single goal. Rick Smith picked up two assists with singles going to Jeff Knaphan, Dodds, Demone and Jim Aldrich.

Fred Shea and Sean Fitzgerald scored singles for the Jets. Desmond Durose picked up one aid.

Midget

Buffalo clobbered Toronto 7-0 in Midget play.

Nick Fryers led the way for Buffalo scoring the hat trick. Ted Lindsay added a pair of goals. Andrew Ferguson and Jack Ninaber lit the light with single scores. Picking up single assists were Ferguson, Chris Stewart, Tom Van Der Eyken, Andrews and Kent Hurst.

Vancouver nipped Montreal 4-3 in Midget action.

Dan Tremblay lit the light with two goals for Vancouver with Greg Malby and Doug Richardson adding singles. Dave Thomas collected two aids and Victor Hinojosa earned one.

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Free Press

Sports

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Wagner suspension controversy rages on

Sports comment

Facts are facts, there were no fabrications in article

by Dan McGilloy
Free Press Sports Reporter

I am writing this article in response to the letter written by Steve Yaroschak, president of the Acton Minor Hockey Association (AMHA). Mr. Yaroschak feels my knowledge of the suspension is "obviously vague" and the term "goon town" was my own fabrication.

To start I'd like to say that my knowledge of hockey and the rules of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) are up to date, since I've played hockey in Acton for 20 years, coached and been a director on the AMHA for the previous four years.

The example used by Steve was fine if it had happened on the ice and there had been a game report handed into the OMHA.

First it was not a game situation, he did not receive a match penalty and there was no referee's report handed in on this situation. If it

had happened on the ice Wagner or any other player would have probably received two to four games at the most from the OMHA, not two months.

The term "goon town" was no fabrication, it was a quote from Steve Yaroschak in a telephone interview. I am not in the habit of writing fabrication, just facts.

I still feel the suspension was too stiff and since the AMHA changed their stand on the suspension and lowered it to one month and have allowed Wagner to start practicing at once, I have to assume they too felt the suspension was too severe.

Just to let you know I do know the rules, and if you're going by "the book", an OMHA suspended player is not allowed to practice with his team, until the suspension is over. Steve is practicing.

Father unhappy with appeal

This letter to the OMHA was filed with the Free Press for publication.

I would like to appeal the ruling handed down by the Acton Minor Hockey Association Executive concerning the suspension of Steven Wagner. We appealed their ruling, and the Hearing took place in Acton on Tuesday, November 9, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. At this hearing, the Executive was represented by Steve Yaroschak, Robert Smith and Herb Dodds.

Mr. Dodds was highly audible in his opinions and views concerning the suspension. However, I understand that Mr. Dodds is not an elected member of the Executive.

Originally, Steven was suspended until January 1, 1983. The suspension was shortened to December 1, 1982, with Steven being allowed to practise with his team at the present time. It

was voiced at the hearing that the December date was more acceptable because Acton will be finished playing Galt by that date, Galt being the team which was involved in the infraction.

This ruling seems to me to be unjust. The Executive in effect is saying that if Acton was through playing Galt for the season then the suspension would have been lifted. The Executive has found Steven guilty to a degree, he has paid the price by being suspended for a time, but because of the dates of the schedule he has to sit out more games because of a possibility of another confrontation with Galt. That's being punished for what may happen in the future.

Trusting to hear from you, I remain,
Sincerely yours,
Andrew T. Wagner,

Appreciate article — father

Dear Dan:

I am writing this letter in appreciation to your article concerning Steven Wagner's suspension by Acton Minor Hockey Association.

The story was unbiased and highly factual. It

was a truthful accounting of the situation to date. I admire your integrity to write the story as it happened.

Thanking you, I remain,
Yours truly,
Andrew T. Wagner.

Tired of parents' "crap"

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to the Acton Free Press because I cannot tolerate the "crap" that goes on in the Acton Minor Hockey System. As the wife of a coach, the mother of two hockey players who also referee the so-called "game" of hockey, I would like the parents of all hockey players to read this letter.

A coach gives up many hours of his time which ends up costing him money out of his pocket to try and teach boys or girls the "wonderful" game of hockey. This supposedly includes skating, hockey skills and sportsmanship. A hockey player is supposed to have respect for his coach and team staff, try his hardest and for the "rep" players, represent the town of Acton. A referee is a person who has passed examinations set down by the "system" and is given a crest, rule book and a card. He is supposed to keep the game clean and legal and use his judgement to the best of his or her ability.

What qualifies a parent? Does he or she have a rule book? Does he or she have respect for the team staff? Does he or she help develop hockey skills? Does he or she help develop sportsmanship?

As a life-long resident of Acton and being proud of it, I am disgusted by the attitudes of some of the Acton parents. In reply to "An Irate Parent" who says the coach and Acton Minor Hockey Association should back players for fighting, this statement just boggles my mind. Do these parents realize that if this Wagner incident had happened on the main street of Acton, it would be a criminal offence. But, because it happened in an arena, this is supposed to make it all right. People, where are we headed?

If parents want something to complain about perhaps they should enquire as to how many "match" penalties (what is a match penalty

parents?) have been called since the beginning of the hockey season. This shows the referees are trying to do their part to clean up the game of hockey, but the hockey players are not cooperating.

In reply to the statement of the coaches and team players working together, I agree. If the parents would also work together instead of constantly complaining about one thing or another, the hockey players' attitudes might have a chance.

I realize this letter will do absolutely no good to change any parents' attitudes because 10 years ago this was going on and probably 10 years from now it will still be continuing.

Can any Acton Hockey Player ever have a chance to survive this system and reach NHL? By the time an Acton player reaches Midget or Juvenile age, the parents are frustrated, the players are frustrated and inevitably the coaches from the past 10 years of that player's career are to blame. I mean somebody has to take the blame. It certainly wasn't the parents, right? Come on parents, get off the soapbox, get out the rule book, your skates or a hockey skills development book (we have a library).

Do something constructive. You have just about worn out another year's coaches, are you ready to move into their spots by teaching your players the skills they need?

Just ask any person from a past or present executive or coaching position what a wonderful lot parents really are. I'm sure they'll tell you. I realize not all parents condone unsportsmanlike conduct, but it is a lways the squeaky wheel that gets the grease.

And so on, and so on, and so on. God Bless our wonderful game of hockey.

Respectfully submitted by
Mrs. Ann Norton
207 Mill Street East.

Reader not taking sides in suspension dispute

Dear Sir:

Subject: S. Wagner Incident

I have read the articles (and letters) over the past weeks published in the Free Press, and heard second, third and fourth hand stories from a variety of sports people, etc. I am happy that I didn't have to make the decision as a result of what happened.

There seems to be a lot of finger pointing as to what should have, or should not have been done. One thing that seems to be missing in all of this is the fact that as you go through life,

and you break the rules, you pay the price. Whether it is hockey, in everyday life or wherever. Someone then has to make a decision as to what punishment is handed out. Whatever the decision, it will be an unpopular one, but it must be made.

I'm not taking either side in this dispute because I don't know the facts. Perhaps this will be a learning process by both parties.

Let's look at the outcome as a positive move and strive to make hockey better in Acton.
Rick Smith

Meet the Sabres



Gord McArthur, 18, a five foot, eleven inch, 175 pound; centreman with the Acton Junior "B" Sabres last season is back again this year wearing number 9.



Acton High's Mard Phillips sunk this shot last Thursday against White Oaks in quarter final action. Acton won the game 50-31.