

Sabres sold

Sabres' future looks very good — Carachi

Following a meeting December 3 between the Acton Sabres Junior B Hockey Executive and a Midas Muffler franchise owner, Godwin Carachi, the local club now has a new sponsor, owner and chairman of the board.

According to both Carachi and the Sabres General Manager, Frank Allsop, the Sabres can expect several changes for the better in the near future.

Allsop, commenting before the decision to accept Carachi's offer was made, said a sponsor would give the team the funds to import hockey talent so they could be more competitive with the larger centres like Streetsville. "It's something we've never been able to do before," stated Allsop.

Carachi, a 38-year-old entrepreneur, remarked after Monday night's meeting that the Sabres' management were already looking into a few deals regarding new players and he wants to bring back some of the local talent that has been traded to other teams in the past.

"My main objectives," explained

Carachi, "are to develop a winning hockey team and increase community support for the club."

Carachi also stressed he doesn't want to step on a lot of toes just because he's the new owner. "I'd like to see what kind of team the existing management can put together," he added, "so there won't be a lot of major changes in the executive or the coaching staff right away."

"Mr. Allsop and I will be working together for the next few months," continued Carachi, "and hopefully by the end of January all the legal problems and paperwork will be solved."

"You should see an improvement in the team before the season is finished," commented Carachi, "and when the team improves I think the increased community support will look after itself."

Carachi owns three Midas Muffler franchises and is currently running a cattle and horse farm just south of Acton on Highway 25. He said he felt the purchase of the

Sabres would be good for the community and since it's the first team he's ever owned he hopes for a lot of community support.

Carachi also added he hopes to transfuse some new blood into the Sabres' executive and if anyone is interested in a position on the board they should contact him.

Allsop also commented on the sale after the meeting saying when he took over as general manager he had three goals in mind. One was to keep major hockey alive in Acton, two was to pay off any debts incurred by the club and thirdly to find a major sponsor for the team.

"All my objectives have been fulfilled," said Allsop, "and I think the team will be in good hands with Mr. Carachi."

According to Carachi the hockey players he has talked to feel, for the most part, the sale will mean new life to the team which so far this year has won only three games.

Carachi concluded his statement saying he is looking forward to running the team and he hopes to fulfill his obligations to the team.



Frank Allsop (left) and Godwin Carachi are heading the Acton Sabres in the right direction. Both executive members are pushing for a few more players and a chance at the play-offs this season.

thruway

347 South St. Georgetown

FREE MUFFLER INSPECTION

377-8178

VISA

SPORTS

EXPERT PAINT & COLLISION REPAIRS
FRAME STRAIGHTENING
EQUIPMENT
LATEST TECHNOLOGY

BAZ MOTORS LTD.
AUTO BODY SHOP

180 GUELPH ST. GEORGETOWN

877-5286



Gary Dunn goes up for a basket and an Orangeville player tries to knock the ball away from the net in the first match of an exhibition tournament at the Acton High School last Saturday. Orangeville won the match 49-33 and went on to take top honors in the tourney.

Orangeville takes Redmen tournament

On Saturday, December 10, the Redmen Senior Boys Basketball teams hosted a number of Halton region schools in an exhibition tournament that saw the Orangeville Bears take top honors and Georgetown capture the consolation.

Because one entry was unable to show, Acton sent two teams into the tournament, but was unable to thwart their powerful opponents for a top spot finish.

The best showing was made by the Acton 'B' team which dropped their first match to Perdue 36-30. Sandy Monro led the Acton attack with 11 points and was followed closely by Les Dobix with eight points.

In their second game of the tournament the Redmen 'B' team took on Pearson and downed their opponents 33-31, assuring themselves a spot in the consolation finals. Dobix had another tremendous game, chalking up nine points.

From there the 'B' team went on to battle Georgetown, but their opponents rallied during the last half of the game to win 48-38.

The Acton 'A' squad however didn't do as well, dropping their first match to Orangeville 49-33. John Kwiatkowski played well for the local team and was rewarded with 10 points and Terry Clafarani also had a good

game sinking several baskets for seven points.

In their final game of the tournament the 'A' squad was eliminated by Georgetown 48-34. Kwiatkowski had another terrific game racking up 12 points.

In the final match of the tournament, Orangeville was pitted against Burlington Central and the final result was a 61-59 victory for Orangeville. According to Acton's coach, Dave Boycott, Orangeville won the match by sinking the last basket of the game.

Also on the agenda this week, the Senior and Junior Boys teams were at White Oaks for their first league games of the season, December 7.

The Senior Redmen started the season off on the right foot downing White Oaks 53-44. Kwiatkowski was again the team leader as he collected 22 points in the match. Clafarani also played well for the Seniors, chalking up 10 points.

The Junior team didn't do as well though, as White Oaks managed to edge the Redmen 45-32. Peter Jones played exceptionally well on offense, collecting eight points, and Chris Stewart managed to grab six points.

Tie Colts 5-5, lose to Blades 5-3

Sabres competitive against top teams

The Acton Sabres were on the road this week battling Barrie to a 5-5 tie and bowing to Oakville for a 5-2 decision.

On both occasions, according to general manager Frank Allsop, the Sabres played excellent hockey, proving that they intend to make the play-offs this season.

On December 9 the Acton squad was hosted by Barrie in a match that kept both the players and the fans on the edge of their seats.

The Sabres took the initiative midway through the first period by opening the scoring with a marker by Denis Kirton. Assisted by John Turner and Brian Demone, Kirton took advantage of a power-play situation and belted the puck past the Barrie goalie.

Moments later however Barrie returned fire to tie up the game at the 19 minute mark, while shorthanded.

Then with just 15 seconds remaining in the opening period, Kirton put the Sabres ahead again, with help from Demone and Scott Kennedy.

Early in the second period Mark Symes surprised the Barrie squad with a quick goal at the 5:51 mark. With both teams sporting a full compliment of players Mike Yallowica and John Turner handed over the puck to Symes and the Sabres were rewarded with a two goal advantage.

However, a two goal lead was not a comfortable enough gap between the two opponents, so at 11:24 Kirton assisted by Kennedy and Demone, counted his third marker of the evening.

As the Sabres enjoyed a healthy three goal advantage the Barrie Colts got their offense together, and with a one man advantage, narrowed the Acton lead at 12:43.

Then, just minutes later, the Colts struck again, this time on equal terms.

At the end of the second period it was the Barrie Colts with three goals to their Credit and the Acton Sabres with four.

For the first five minutes of the third period neither team could rally for another marker, but at 5:29 the Colts tied the game. With the Sabres tiring the Colts grabbed at every chance to take the lead, and at 11:13 they did just that.

After enjoying a lead for most of the game the Sabres found the tables turned. Battling the second place team in their division, the Acton club truly outdid themselves by blasing in the tying goal at 16:26. Demone, assisted by Ken Kavanagh and Paul Cargill, capitalized on a power-play situation to tie the game.

Allsop remarked that it was probably one of the best games the Sabres have played this season.

"They're learning that they have to stay out of the penalty box to win games," said Allsop.

In the Barrie match Acton spent only 11 minutes in the sin bin.

"On Friday night," continued Allsop, "the boys played another good game but I think they were a little tired from the last night's game in Barrie. They didn't get home until 1 a.m. and most of them had to get up to go to work or school the next morning."

For most of their match against the third place Oakville Club, the Sabres were at a loss in the goal scoring department.

Oakville opened up the first period with a goal at the 19:12 mark and in the second period of the match they managed another marker.

"Excellent goaltending by both Fred Fess and Rick Landry kept the score respectable in the first two periods," said Allsop.

In the third period it was a different story altogether. Kavanagh, assisted by Randy Coverdale, cracked in the Sabres first goal of the evening at 1:17 and then just a minute later, Acton tied the game.

Yallowica, assisted by Symes, gave the Sabres a morale boost with the tying marker.

For the next 10 minutes each of the opponents shut down any offensive plays.

Then unfortunately for the Sabres, the Oakville team managed two quick goals to clinch the game.

Allsop also said, "The team has really come a long way since the first of the season. They're playing good hockey and proving themselves competitive against the top seated teams."

"We're looking at a few new players to add to the lineup and I think that with three more good players we'll be right up there with Streetsville and Barrie," continued Allsop. "We're looking to make it into the play-offs this season and if we can beat Thornhill we should be contenders in the finals."

The Sabres next game will be at home December 15 as they host the Georgetown Gemini at 8 p.m. The following night, December 17, the Sabres will also be at home, taking on Milton at 8:30.



A.T.W. goalie Charlie Payne covers up the net as an Acton Jug City player tried to cram the puck into the net.

Cleaners lead league

In Industrial League action Family Cleaners are now the undisputed leaders in the league with seven wins, four losses and no ties.

On December 11, Acton Travel matched Nielsen's Clothing 4-4, Family Cleaners took Heller's to the cleaners 10-4, and A.T.W. rallied for a 7-4 victory over Acton Jug City.

Kent Kentner led the A.T.W. attack with two markers and Randy McIntyre, Gary Pickles, Mike Morris, Jeff Townsley and Rob Evans tallied the remaining goals. A.T.W. assists were credited to Kentner, John McCutcheon, McIntyre, Pickles, Morris and Townsley.

Acton Jug City markers were counted by Mike Coffey, Mike Miller, Bill Manes and Russ Van Fleet with assists coming from Bruce Cooksley, Mike Petkoff and Coffey.

As Family Cleaners blitzed Heller's, Bill Fields and John Snow racked up a hat-trick each and Gary Morre was good for a pair. Brad Buchanan and Don Thornhill managed singles each and assists came from Tim McIntyre, Buchanan, Chris Rowsell, Brad Manes, Thornhill, Steve Bennett, Moore and Snow.

Heller's goals were chalked up by Steve McIntyre with a pair, and Jim Hurley and John Toebes with one each. Heller's assists were credited to McIntyre, George McPhail, Dave Morris, Chris Tennant, Bill Severinski and John Ashley.

Henry Toebes managed a pair of markers for Nielsen's Clothing as they tied Acton Travel, while George Artem and Murray McNabb tallied the remaining goals. Nielsen's assists were from Steve Brunelle, John Sykes and Toebes.

Bruce McPherson tacked up a pair of markers for Acton Travel and Randy Van

Fleet and Floyd Hillier were good for one each.

Van Fleet also assisted on two plays and Lloyd Smallwood, Gary Williams and Terry Winters were credited with assists as well.

After three more rounds of Industrial League play December 4, Acton Travel dropped from a first place tie to third spot in the league standings.

Acton Jug City claimed top spot in the league, followed closely by Family Cleaners in second.

Family Cleaners dumped Acton Travel 5-3, Acton Jug City blitzed Heller's 13-2 and Nielsen's Clothing doubled A.T.W. 6-3.

In the Nielsen's A.T.W. match, Andre Patkos led the Nielsen's offense with a hat-trick and Bruce McPhail racked up a pair. Jim McNabb was good for a single and Nielsen's assists were credited to Rusty Miller, Scott Timbers, McNabb, Patkos, McPhail, George Artem and Murray McNabb.

Jeff Townsley chalked up two goals for A.T.W. and Mike Morris was good for one. A.T.W. assists came from Ted Saitz, Gary Pickles and Morris.

As Jug City destroyed Heller's, Russ Van Fleet, Jim Rogers and Gary Lumbers chalked up a hat-trick each and Bruce Cooksley managed two goals for the cause. Mike Petkoff and Rick Miller managed one goal each while Mike Coffey, Clair Snow, Cooksley, Rick Miller, Bill Manes, Petkoff, Lumbers and Van Fleet assisted on the plays.

Heller's two goals were scored by Dave Morris and Chris Tennant, with assists from Steve McIntyre and George McPhail.

In Family Cleaners 5-3 with over Acton

(Continued on page 14)

Hudson quits

Acton Sabres coach, Gary Hudson, quit his position with the local Junior B hockey club after a meeting Monday night.

So far no explanation has been given as to why Hudson has left, but just before the coach quit, Steve Brunelle, former Junior B hockey player, was named assistant coach.

For more information on the Sabres, call the Acton Sabres office at 377-8178 or write to: Acton Sabres, 347 South St., Georgetown, Ontario.