

# Sabres boosted to eighth spot

For the first time this season the Acton Sabres are no longer in last place as they walked over the Mimico Monarchs for a 7-3 victory at home Friday night.

After last week's dismal showing against Streetsville, the Sabres got back into winning form to pull ahead of the Thornhill Thunderbirds by two points.

This week's game against the Thunderbird's Monday night, January 2 will be an important one for Acton because a win will ensure at least a four point lead in the standings.

In Friday night's game Mimico did their best to intimidate the Sabres and fortunately the local squad held their penalties to 30 minutes compared with Mimico's 40

minutes. Acton received one game misconduct and Mimico chalked up two.

According to general manager Frank Allsop the Sabres were instructed to stay out of the penalty box as much as possible, but soon tactics and intimidation from Mimico had the local team taking a few bad penalties.

Ken Kavanagh opened the Sabres scoring drive midway through the first period with assists from Paul Barratt and Randy Coverdale.

Then, at the end of the first period the Sabres took a three goal lead as Scott Kennedy and Clint Watts pounded the puck past the Mimico goalie. Kennedy and Watts were assisted on the plays by Brian Demone, Denis Kirton, Rick Dodds and Vince

Paradiso.

Coming into the second period tempers flared and the Sabres found themselves at a disadvantage for at least 10 minutes. Mimico took advantage of the Sabres trips to the sin bin and scored two powerplay goals.

With the scoreboard reading 3-2 the Acton squad got back to work pounding in goals at 10:25, 17:34 and 18:34.

Scoring for Acton were Dodds, Paradiso and with his second goal of the evening, Watts. Assisting on the plays were Watts, Barratt, Coverdale, and Barratt again. Paradiso's goal was unassisted.

At the 13:40 mark Mimico recorded their final goal of the evening.

After the second period brawling the Sabres got back to playing hockey and kept the Monarchs out of goalie Fred Fess's hair.

The last Sabres goal was just icing on the cake as Barratt, assisted by Kavanagh and Mike Yalowica, wrapped up the game at 19:22.

Fess stopped 30 of 33 shots on goal while the Mimico goaltender fended off 28 of 35 shots.

"The boys played well and did their best to stick to the game plan," said Allsop. "They stayed out of the penalty box as much as they could under the circumstances."

The Sabres next home game is this Saturday night against the Oakville Blades at 8:30 p.m.

## Pee-Wees top Fergus 5-0

On December 21 the Acton Minor Pee-Wees played their best game of the year to defeat Fergus 5-0.

Gerry Huribart opened the Acton scoring drive with a marker assisted by Robbie Heagle and Marty McAfee. Robbie Lockhurst then blasted in a pair of markers with assists from Paul Westaway, Kelly Jupp and Brydon Gillis. Jupp then took his turn driving the puck past the Fergus goalie with assists from Gillis and Lockhurst. Heagle punched in the final Acton marker with an assist from Sean Yamashita.

The shut-out was the third this season for Paul Glass.

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The Bantam Champions in the Charlie Thompson Memorial Tournament held in Acton last week are: back row, Dennis Swinamer, Todd Lazenby, Lee Yaroschak, Phil Pumphrey, Greg Leatherland, Rob Murray, Evan Hayter, Troy Foster and John Van

Dam. Front row: David Roden, Vince Rogers, Scott Williams, Mike Simmons, Arthur Mitchell, Frank Katsillieris and Carl Yaroschak. The coaches are: Rick Smith, Pat Kirton, Steve Marshall, David Anderson and Dennis Kirton.

## Rotary Bants sweep Thompson tourney

The first annual Charlie Thompson Tournament was held at the Acton arena last week for Bantam and Pee-wee rep squads and the local Bantam reps managed to sweep their division for top honors.

Unfortunately the Acton pee-wee reps met up with some tough competition and in two quick games were eliminated.

In the Minor Bantam division two teams from Brampton and single billings from Burlington, London, Bowmanville and Acton competed. In the the Minor Pee-wee categories, squads from Guelph, Streetsville, Acton, Georgetown, Port Credit, Byron, London, Burlington, Erindale and Oakville participated.

In round one Pee Wee action Guelph and Streetsville opened the tournament with a 10-1 drubbing in favor of Streetsville.

Next on the agenda was Acton going down to defeat against a powerful Georgetown team 5-0.

The end result was a contest between Acton and London who were both defeated in the two day tournament.

In a no contest match, Acton stomped all over London for a decisive 8-0 victory.

Rob Murray and David Roden struck for a hat-trick each in the match and Carl Yaroschak and John Van Dam recorded singles. Assists were credited to Carl Yaroschak, Van Dam, Greg Leatherland and Frank Katsillieris.

In the Minor Bantam's previous match Leatherland scored twice, and Dennis Swinamer, Katsillieris, Roden and Vince Rogers tallied singles against Burlington with assists from Mike Simmons, John Van Dam, Leatherland, Troy Foster and Rogers. In their match against Brampton, Simmons led the Acton assault with two markers while Carl Yaroschak followed suit with a pair as well. Van Dam, Leatherland and Todd Lazenby tallied the remaining Acton markers. Acton assists were from Van Dam, Roden, Leatherland, Simmons, Cadenhead, Lazenby, Murray, Rogers and Swinamer.



David Roden accepted the MVP award, for the Bantam division, from Ray Graham at the Charlie Thompson Memorial Hockey Tournament.



Ray Graham presented London's Chris Dusky with the MVP award in the Pee-wee division.



Dan McGilloway presented the London captain Jeff Alward with the Pee-wee Championship trophy at the first annual Charlie Thompson Memorial Tournament.



OMHA representative Jim Pollard presented the Rotary Bantams Captain, Mike Simmons, with the Bantam Championship Trophy at the first annual Charlie Thompson Tournament.

In the second round of Pee Wee action, Port Credit doubled Byron 4-2, London blitzed Burlington 5-1 and Erindale edged the second team from Burlington 3-2.

In fights for the consolation round Guelph downed Acton 7-4, Burlington blanked Byron 7-0 and the second Burlington squad upset Oakville 3-1.

The end result in the consolation round was a match-up between Guelph and Burlington in which Burlington managed a 4-2 victory for the consolation trophy.

In the race for the Pee Wee finals championship Georgetown nipped Streetsville 3-2 for a berth in the championship and London creamed Port Credit 6-2 for their match-up with Georgetown. London then overpowered Georgetown 4-2 for the crown.

In Bantam action Acton doubled Burlington in their opening bid in the tournament, London edged Bowmanville 6-5, Burlington blitzed group one Brampton 9-1 and London dumped Brampton group two 8-2. Acton then returned to the ice and defeated Brampton group one 7-4 and eliminated their opponents from the tournament.

In the final round of round robin action Bowmanville slipped by Brampton group two 5-4, but because Bowmanville had a loss they were eliminated from the champion-

ship.

"Everything remained on schedule, we didn't have any foul-ups and everyone was treated to two days of superb hockey," said McGilloway.

Sixteen teams showed up for the tournament, 10 pee-wee and six Bantam.

The tournament itself was named by one of the Pee Wee players, Marty McAfee.

"The Tournament's namesake used to live out on the Fifth Line," said McGilloway, "and his dedication to sports in Acton prompted us to name the tournament after him."

"Mr. Thompson used to walk in from his home almost every day," continued McGilloway, "and that kind of dedication deserves some kind of recognition."

"All in all," concluded McGilloway, "the tournament was a complete success and next year we're going to try and have a four day tournament with twice as many teams."

## Charette's edged out in Flamboro tourney

After chalking up two wins and tie in the Flamboro Tournament, Charette's Major Pee-Wees were edged out of the finals by Rochester on a last minute goal.

Charette's bombed Chinguacousy 7-1 in round one, tied London 3-3 in game two, nipped St. Catharines 2-1 and then lost to Rochester 2-1.

In Acton's game against Chinguacousy, Steve Fleet led the local squads assault with a hat-trick while Jason Boose, Mike Brouwer, Rene Vankesteren and Donnie Guest tallied singles each for a 7-1 win.

Paul Coverdale, unassisted, led off Acton's scoring drive against London in game two and Fleet and Steve Robertson racked up singles for the tie. Robertson's goal was the result of a penalty shot in the third period. The lone Acton assist came from Guest.

Tim Tibbits and Brouwer tallied the two goals for Acton as the local team ousted St. Catharines 2-1. The lone St. Catharines goal was recorded early in the first period.

With two wins and a tie under their belts, Charette's were assured their berth in the semi-finals in the National division.

For the entire first period neither Rochester or Acton could get on the scoreboard, but midway through the second period Rochester took a 1-0 lead.

Then, in the third period, Fleet, assisted by Mike Williams and Sean Sears, managed to tie the match with a much needed goal.

With only 35 seconds left in the game Rochester poured on the steam and grabbed the win.

Rochester eventually went on to win the tournament against Galt 4-3.

# Girls breaking hockey's male tradition

by Mark Holmes

Traditionally hockey has been a male sport and figure skating, a female pastime, but in recent years more and more of the female gender have been breaking tradition and have traded their figures for sticks and pucks.

In the past many parents, coaches and the OMHA have frowned upon girls joining the boys on the ice, but despite criticism eight local girls have found places on Novice and Pee-wee teams. One of the girls even leads her league in points.

Diana Frehs, who is in her first season of hockey, leads her league with 22 assists and numerous goals.

"At first I don't think the boys accepted me as a player," said Diana. "They wouldn't pass the puck to me if there was someone else around, but now I'm treated as an equal."

Diana said she became interested in hockey watching NHL action on television and when her brother, who also plays Novice, signed up, Diana decided she would like to try the game as well.

Diana is no stranger to ice sports either as she has had three years with the Acton Figure Skating Club, but, "hockey is my favorite sport now," she said.

Diana's mother, Joyce Frehs, said she is

pleased to see her daughter playing hockey, but the frustration of dealing with rules that don't allow girls bothers her.

According to Mrs. Frehs, Diana was asked to try out for the Novice rep team and after a few practices she was asked to join.

"Unfortunately for Diana," said Mrs. Frehs, "there is an OMHA ruling which says no girls are allowed to play rep. I think that rule is a little discriminatory and because of that rule the Acton Novice reps lost a really good player."

Diana said she likes playing with the boys' teams, but an all girls team is something Acton should really have.

As a matter of fact, all the girls who play hockey in Acton would like to see a girls' team established locally. Both Milton and Georgetown have girls' teams and hundreds of others across Canada.

"In Acton, without a girls' league, any girl playing hockey has to quit at Bantam age because the game changes from a non-contact to contact sport."

While some parents felt the no contact rule for girls was acceptable, others have complained that it should be left up to the girls whether or not they wanted to play contact.

Jody Coleman, another Novice hockey player, said she became interested in hockey the same way Diana Frehs did, her

brother was playing and she wanted to try it too. Although she isn't as high a scorer as Diana, Jody felt that when she is good enough she would like to play rep. hockey.

"I'd like to keep playing as long as I can," said Jody. "Maybe someday I'll even play in the NHL."

Jody's mother, Heidi Coleman, said she has been, and always will be in support of girls playing hockey.

"I find the OMHA ruling that doesn't allow girls in contact hockey or rep. a discriminating and sexist ruling. Players should be judged on ability not sex for rep. hockey and if a girl wants to play contact, let her. They have equipment to protect them as well as the boys," she said.

Ann Marie and Caroline Kinnon are two sisters who also play hockey and were placed on the same Novice team.

Ann Marie is in her first year of the sport and she said "It sure is better than playing with dolls or something."

Ann Marie has been figure skating for four years and although she still belongs to the Acton Figure Skating Club, she said she prefers hockey to figure skating.

On the other hand however, Ann Marie's sister, Caroline, says she won't be using the pads and sticks next year.

"Hockey is all right I guess, but I like

figure skating better. If there was a girls' team I would play with them but I don't think I like playing with the boys."

In a counter point of view Terry Coleman, Jody's father, said he doesn't mind seeing girls play hockey, but boys should play with boys and girls should play with girls.

"It's not too bad when girls play hockey with boys in the Novice and Pee-wee leagues, but when they get into contact hockey it would be too easy for girls to get hurt."

Susan Appleyard is a three year veteran in both girls' and boys' hockey.

"Obviously I really like the sport," said Susan. "I play on four different teams, The Milton Junior Girls, The Milton Junior Girls' rep. team, the Brookville Public School team and in Acton Legion Pee-wee."

Susan said she also figure skated for three years and she prefers to play with and against girls.

"I really wish there was a girls' team in Acton because travelling to Milton several times a week gets to be a little too much."

Susan was ready to move up to Bantam next year, but because of the OMHA ruling not allowing girls to become involved in the boys' contact hockey she has to remain in Pee-wee.

Susan said the ruling doesn't really bother

her because she'd rather not play contact hockey.

Bev Appleyard also remarked she thought girls' hockey is great for the girls.

"Although I think when the kids become involved in contact hockey the sport loses something. The kids would rather take out their opponent than go after the puck," said Mrs. Appleyard.

Kim Hagan is another aspiring hockey player and is in her second season of the sport.

"I really enjoy playing hockey," said Kim, "and I hope to continue playing for a long, long time."

Kim is also the only girl playing hockey in Acton who has never figure skated.

Kim continued that she didn't think she'd mind playing contact hockey, and as far as the boys on the team were concerned, she's treated the same as anyone else.

"With one exception of course," laughed Kim, "I'm not allowed in the changeroom."

Kim's mother, Nancy, said it took her quite a while to get used to the idea of girls playing hockey, but now she thinks it's great because it keeps them in good physical shape and out of trouble.

"I'm totally against girls playing contact hockey though," said Mrs. Hagan. "There

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