

Wendy Hardy thew a few balls in the YBC Bantam league held Saturday morning.



Julianne Watson picked off the head pin in YBC bowling recently.



Heather Fleming rattled a few pins in Bantam YBC league play Saturday.

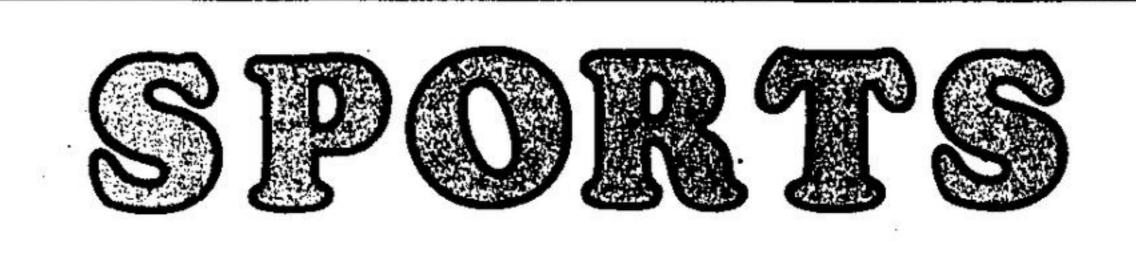


Chris White takes aim at the pins in Bantam YBC bowling.



Kish Killingbeck made a strike with this throw in the YBC Bantam league.







#### Buchanan says

# "Sabres back in cellar because of bad luck"

After a three game schedule last week that saw the Sabres take one win and two losses, the local squad is back in ninth place, tied with the Thornhill Toros.

On January 2 the Sabres lost a much

needed match against Thornhill 6-5. If the local had managed a win they would have left Thornhill at least four points behind, but with the loss the Sabres are back in the basement.

According to Steve Buchanan, the Sabres' assistant coach, it was generally bad luck around the Thornhill goal that caused the heartbreaking loss against Toros.

"The boys played a fairly good game

against Thornhill, but a few stupid penalties and a poor showing in the second period allowed Thornhill a 6-3 advantage," commented Buchanan. "We rallied during the third period and out-shot the Toros 43-30, but bad luck kept us from scoring when we should have."

However, on Friday night the Sabres reversed the Thornhill situation for a 6-5 win against Milton and on Saturday night the local club gave the second place Oakville team a run for their money in a 3-1 decision in favor of the Blades.

"Again we had a lot of trouble getting the puck into the opponent's net," said Buchanan. "The boys played a great game against Oakville, and considering we were playing a team that has chalked up 43 goals in their last three games, I think we did well to hold them to three goals," concluded Buchanan.

Clint Watts opened the Sabres scoring drive against Thornhill Monday night with assists from Rick Chapman and Rick Dodds at 1.41 in the first period.

Thornhill then rallied at 15.11 and 17.27 to take a 2-1 lead at the end of the first period. As the second period opened the Toros grabbed a quick shorthanded goal at 1.57 to increase their lead by two markers, but just moments later Acton's Brian Canary, assisted by Rick Kilpatrick and Paul Barratt, narrowed the Thornhill lead.

The Thornhill team then went into overdrive tallying three more second period goals to leave Acton four markers behind, However, the Sabres refused to accept defeat and again the Toros lead was narrowed when Vince Paradiso, assisted by

Mark Symes and Scott Kennedy, blasted the puck past the Thornhill goalie. Although counting six penalties in the third period, the Sabres managed to take advantage of two powerplays to come within one goal of the opposition. Dodds, assisted

by Barratt and Paradiso nailed the fourth Acton marker and Ken Kavanagh, assisted by Randy Coverdale and Denis Kirton, managed the final Acton goal of the evening. In the Sabres' match against Milton the local squad reaffirmed the fact they are not going to settle for last place in the league.

match that Acton dominated the game and they deserved the much needed win. The Milton game obviously hinged on staying out of the penalty box as eight of the 11 goals scored in the match came on

. There was no doubt throughout the entire

powerplays. Milton was the first to capitalize on a one man advantage to open the scoring at 6.02 in the first period, but moments later the Sabres found themselves even. Dodds, assisted by Barratt and Paradiso, was

credited with the goal. At 9.53 with the Sabres down a man in the penalty box again, the Steamers rushed to take another one goal lead.

Then, at 10.22, the Sabres tied up the game with their only marker of the match that wasn't on a powerplay. Brian Demone, assisted by Kennedy and Roy Spear, one of the Sabres' newest acquisitions, peppered the Milton goaltender with numerous shots until the puck slithered over the Milton goal-

The Steamers managed one more marker in the first period to send the Acton squad into the second period of the game facing a one goal disadvantage.

The Steamers failed to add to their lead throughout the second period, but the Sabres, taking advantage of another powerplay, tied up the game for the third time. Demone, racking up his second marker of the night, was assisted by Spear and Symes

for the much needed goal and it was a tie game going into the third period. Deciding not to take any chances the Sabres, started their third period rally at 1.36 with a goal by Symes with an assist by

Kennedy. Sticking to their game plan and staying out of the penalty box the Sabres broke up many Milton rushes and although two goals by Milton at 6.06 and 8.47 almost cost Acton the game, Dodds was assisted by Coverdale

assisted by Demone and Symes. "Spear played a tremendous game for us," said Buchanan, "and because the boys stuck to the game plan we kept the Steamers from following theirs. Hard work and good

and Brad McMeekin and Coverdale was

In the Oakville-Acton match, Saturday, the Sabres showed improvement unequalled anywhere in the Central Junior B league. While the Blades have humiliated four

is the first period Cakville pipered in their first two goals at 3.45 and 5.15 to take a

two goal advantage that they held for most of the match.

The local club surprised the hometown spectators by holding off the second place Oakville club on many of their plays during the second period and even dominating the game at times.

Acton goalie Rick Landry played a fantastic game in net and at one point, facing a two on one situation, robbed the Blades of a fourth goal.

As well, Spear proved himself instrumental in the game as he shook up several Oakville players with devastating checks and an incredibly long reach left several marauding Blades without a puck to shoot.

The Blades final goal of the evening came early in the third period and then Acton grabbed their chance to get on the scoreboard.

Coverdale, assisted by Kavanagh, rushed, two on one, on the Blades goal. Coverdale, crossed the blue line and let go with a shot that was over the goalle's shoulder and into the net before Oakville knew what hit them.

Unfortunately a strong team effort by Oakville kept any more Acton goals from accumulating and the final result was a 3-1 decision for Oakville.

Buchanan commented after the game that the Sabres are still eyeing a couple of additional players and practices stressing better physical condition should improve the local team's performance even more.

"I'm really pleased to see the support the community is giving the team now," said Buchanan. "I think that the home support is helping the team morale and other than bad luck around the opposition's net, the team's improvement has been outstanding."

"Mark my words," concluded Buchanan, "the fans better get to future games early because we're going to fill the stands with people who are going to see a winning Acton

team." Tonight (Wednesday) the Sabres will take on Mimico on the road and Friday night the local squad will host Thornhill at 8 p.m. On Saturday the Sabres will be in Georgetown at 7 p.m. for the first of two back to back games against their Halton Hills rivals.

#### Sabres change for the better

Since the Acton Sabres started their 1983-84 season there has been a great deal of change. First the team received a new sponsor, then a new coaching staff. Suddenly, the local squad is winning hockey games.

Many of these changes include new faces on the team and in some cases old faces are

returning. One of these faces is Steve Buchanan, a junior hockey veteran and a former resident

of Acton. Buchanan has sald he is going to turn a losing club into a competitive and winning team and already it can be seen he's as good

as his word. The Sabres started with the competent goaltending of Fred Fess. Fred is a rookle in

the Junior B ranks and according to coach Buchanan, Fess, with a little work, could be a top notch goalie. A few weeks ago the Sabres increased

their goaltending strength with Rick Landry, a veteran goalie from Milton. Landry has proven himself a tough customer when it comes to keeping the puck out of the net. Brad McMeekin is another new face on the team. McMeekin has spent the last three

seasons with the Georgetown Gemini and this season he has come to Acton with those years of experience on defence. One other player, the newest on the team, Is Roy Spear. Spear was traded to Georgetown earlier this year and last week.

through a series of trades, he found himself back in his home town. According to Buchanan the Sabres made two cash deals with Streetsville in which they acquired players Monahan and Switzer. Acton kept: Switzer's card and traded

Monahan to Georgetown for Spears. Unfortunately, because of school and family commitments Switzer will not be playing for Acton this season, said Buchanan. "We are still looking at a couple more

players," said Buchanan. "We still need a team leading influence," he continued, "a good instinctive forward and a goal scorer." "Right now we are working on getting the

team into better physical condition and as far as game plans and plays are concerned there is still some work to be done but these things are coming along," concluded Buchanan.



Paul Cargill gave goalie Rick Landry a hand as several marauding Oakville Blades keep an eye on the puck. Acton lost the match 3-

1 against the second place Oakville club.

# Cleaners on top in Industrial league

Family Cleaners came back from the Christmas holidays to beat ATW 6-4 and remain in top spot in the Industrial League. Acton Travel also came back from the holidays on the winning track as they reaffirmed their second place status with an 8-3 win over Heller's.

Also in Industrial League action Nielsen's

dumped Acton Jug City 7-2. In the Cleaner's-ATW match Chris Row-

### Bants take tourney win

The Acton Rotary Bantams have continued their winning ways this season by trampling Bowmanville 7-3 for their second consecutive tournament win.

After having to play only one game in the Darlington tournament, the local squad made a tremendous showing to win the tournament and two MVP awards. Mike Simmons was named the MVP for

the championship game and Frank Katsilieris received the MVP award for the et tournament.

David Roden led the Acton assault with a pair of markers and John Van Dam, Mike Simmons, Todd Lazenby, Carl Yaroschak

and Rob Murray shared one goal apiece. Van Dam opened the Acton scoring drive after Bowmanville launched a two goal lead early in the first period. Simmons then blasted in the tying goal and Roden with two Lazenby and Carl Yaroschak followed suit to put the local team ahead 6-2. Bowmanville managed one more goal late in the second period to narrow Acton's lead, but a final marker by Murray clinched the game.

#### Pee-Wee's lose 8-2

On January 8 the Acton Minor Pee-Wees lost a tough decision in Waterloo to their bosts 8-2

Seen Vankesteren scored both Acton goals with assists on both markers from Sean Osieman, Seep, Yamashita also assisted on Validationes's first goal.

sell performed well to record a hat-trick while Gary Moore tallled a pair and Brad Buchanan managed a single for the Cleaner's. Cleaner's assists were credited to Don Thornhill, Buchanan, Tim McIntyre,

Gary Moore and Steve Bennett. Randy McIntyre, Kent Kentner, Mike Morris and Jeff Townsley tallied the ATW goals with assists from Rob Evans, Kentner, Jim Haggett, Townsley and Mike Morris.

Scott Withers added up a hat-trick for Acton Travel and Floyd Hillier racked up a pair of markers. Randy Van Fleet, Gary Williams and Bruce McPherson all managed singles and assists came from Lloyd Smallwood, McPherson, Williams, Hillier,

Lorne Gordon and Terry Winters. Wayne Allen, John Toches and Bill Severinski scored once each for Heller's with assists from Jim Hurley, Steve

McIntyre, George McPhail and Allen. Andre Patkos and Murray McNabb scored a pair of goals each for Nielsen's as they overwhelmed Jug City 7-2. Bruce McPhail, Henry Toebes and George Artem also tallied goals and assists were credited to McPhail, Toebes, Patkos, Rusty Miller, Steve Brunelle, Jim McNabb and Murray

McNabb. Bruce Cooksley and Russ VanFleet scored the only two Jug City goals with assists from - Mike Coffey and Cooksley:

## Atoms win final pair

The Glenlea Minor Atoms finished the league season in style with two wins, beating Fergus at home 7-1 and Kitchener 3-2.

Derrick Robson and Brad Haytor managed two markers each in their effort against Fergus while Philip Williamson, Chris Shannon and Bill Gillies added singles each. Brett Wilson, Chad Rowsell, Mark Sears, Ian Reid, Matthew Robertson and

Haytor recorded assists. In the Kitchener game Robertson tallied two markers and Haytor grabbed a single for the win. Haytor was also credited with am assist.

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Jake Kulken drew the winning number at the Hockey Lottery Draw last Saturday. Reg Broomhead of Georgetown won the \$1,000 first prize with a ticket sold by Carol Robinson. This week's draw will be held tonight (Wednesday) at 6 p.m.

The Nellis Construction Major Atoms had only one scheduled match this week and they tied Brantford at home 1-1.

John McLean, assisted by Denis Hosdil and Chris VanDam, scored the only Acton marker in last Tuesday's game.

Nellis' next home game will be January 17 against Galt at 7 p.m.

#### **Major Bants** dump Hespeler The Acton Firefighter Major Bantams

managed as win and a tie in their two scheduled matches this week.

On January 7the Firefighters tied Elora 8-8 at home and on January 8 the locals dumped Hespeler 10-4.

In the Elora-game Peter Cargill led the Acton assault with three markers and Darryl Bartlett chalked up a pair. Sean Fitzgerald, Mike Howarth and Mike Baker added singles and assists were credited to Rodney Marchand, Howarth, Kevin Toal, Cargill, Paul Riipatrick and Barilett.

In Sunday's game against Hespeler Kilpatrick, Bartlett, Baker and Haynes tailled two goals each while Gord Taillefer and Cargill added singles. Assists were credited to Baker, Haynes, Fitzgerald, Corgill, Hop Burley, Kilgetrick, Ross Bobbsand And Saynes " "

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teams in their past four games, they found stiff competition against the Sabres.