



Wendy Hardy threw 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.

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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.

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.

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."

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 goalie'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.



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-

sell performed well to record a hat-trick while Gary Moore tallied 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 Haggatt, 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 Toebes 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.

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 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 hosts 8-2.

Sean Vanbesteren scored both Acton goals with assists on both markers from Sean Oshman. Sean Yamashita also assisted on Vanbesteren's first goal.

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 Phillip Williamson, Chris Shannon and Bill Gillies added singles each. Brett Wilson, Chad Rowell, 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 an assist.

The Glenlea squad finished the season with 17 wins, two ties and three losses.



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.

Nellis ties

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

John McLean, assisted by Denis Hodill 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 a win and a tie in their two scheduled matches this week.

On January 7 the 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 Kilpatrick and Bartlett.

In Sunday's game against Hespeler Kilpatrick, Bartlett, Baker and Haynes tallied two goals each while Gord Taillefer and Cargill added singles. Assists were credited to Baker, Haynes, Fitzgerald, Cargill, Sean Barber, Kilpatrick, Ron Robinson and Haynes.

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 said 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 rookie 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.