

General meeting July 5

Acton Sabres: sidelined by lack of manpower



Frank Allsop

Writhing in its death throes, the Acton Junior B hockey club has issued a plea for help.

Financially decimated, the Sabres need an infusion of financial support to start the next season. Added to financial woes is a critical shortage of manpower that, if left unsolved, will spell the doom of the club.

"We are appealing to the conscience of our supporters to come out and help get the team back on its feet," said president of the Sabres, Frank Allsop. "Without additional manpower, fresh ideas and community support the team will be finished," he added.

The Sabres, who have had offers from two men to buy the team, were left holding the bag after both deals fell through.

Godwin Carachi, who had been making moves to take over the organization since last November, pulled out of the deal last month for unknown reasons and Dave Innes, the most recent potential buyer, had to withdraw his offer after a partner included in the deal withdrew.

The present executive of the Sabres, which has been involved with the team for several years, expressed their reluctance to commit themselves to another year's work running the team because they are tired and feel new people with new ideas is the only thing that will save the Sabres from extinction.

"Therefore," said Allsop, "there will be a general meeting for all persons concerned

on July 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Acton Legion.

While the Sabres plight seems hopeless there is light at the end of the tunnel because of Dave Innes.

Innes, who runs a men's hockey league in Mississauga, has offered some financial support for the team and given the support of the community he is willing to extend all the help he can for the Sabres.

"I really want to see the Acton Sabres survive," said Innes, "but I can't do it alone. I really need some responsible, hard working people to help me get the Sabres back in action for the coming season."

The present executive also agreed to help out in any way they can, but stressed that they need to see a good turnout for the upcoming meeting.



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Sabres saga a tale of woe teams almost ready to fold

by Mark Holmes

When Frank Allsop took over the position of president of the Acton Sabres his two biggest concerns were the continuation of junior hockey in Acton and finding a major sponsor, or owner, for the team.

In the past eight months those two goals were almost realized. Then disaster struck.

Last November the Sabres executive received a letter of intent from Godwin Carachi, a private businessman, to purchase the Sabres.

It was understood by the Sabres executive that Carachi was to be the major sponsor of the Sabres for the remainder of the 1983-84 season and at the end of that season he was to take over the team and run it as he wished, said Frank Allsop.

Carachi claimed last spring that he has no intention of becoming the team's sponsor but he did want to see how things were run and he did intend to buy the team at the end of this hockey season.

During the season Carachi said he spread some of his money around paying players and investing in new equipment. Carachi also said he paid for the Sabres' Christmas party.

Allsop maintains that Carachi didn't hold up his end of the financial bargain and as a result the Sabres are now broke.

"We believed that Mr. Carachi was going to spend some money on the Sabres in the 1983-84 season so we (the organization) spent more money than usual on sticks, tape and other related items for the team," said Allsop. "As a result the Sabres organization went through more money than they usually would leaving us without enough funds to start the 1984-85 season."

In speaking to both Carachi and the Sabres executive last February everything seemed to be going well for the team and their potential owner. There hadn't been any real disputes over the contracts, which were floating between Carachi's lawyer and the Sabres' lawyer, Sr. awe Aldo Braida.

At the end of April when the Sabres had finished their season and the final contract was put forth, by Carachi, to the Sabres executive to be signed, the worst problems arose.

Carachi's contract stipulated that none of the present Sabres' executive, nor their children, would be allowed to compete with the Sabres within a 10 mile radius. The way the contract was worded also led the executive to believe that they could have nothing to do with hockey—period—in the designated area.

Unhappy with the contract, both Carachi and the executive agreed to revise it through lawyer Aldo Braida and return the papers to Carachi for signing before May 31.

The contract was in Carachi's hands before May 31 but when no action had been taken on the proceedings two weeks after

the May 31 deadline, the Sabres executive began to worry.

After attempts to contact Carachi failed, the Sabres were provided with another alternative. Dave Innes and Dave Switzer, who were to be named the Sabres' general manager and head coaching positions by Carachi came forward with an offer to buy the team.

Allsop called Innes and Switzer a godsend meanwhile neither could possibly run the team.

When arose the next set of problems. Switzer, who was expected to financially help the team, withdrew his offer, leaving Innes to take over the team by himself.

Innes noted that he couldn't run the team by himself. Consequently, the second offer to buy the Sabres fell through.

At this point man-sized problems grew into mountains as an inventory of the team's equipment revealed several missing items tallying almost \$2,000. Allsop said their were no clues to locate the missing items.

Combined with the fact that it would take almost \$13,000 to get the team started for the year both Innes and the executive were left wondering if the Sabres were doomed.

At a meeting on June 16, with most of the executive and Innes present, the two parties came up with a plan of action.

Allsop decided to call a general meeting to inform the public of the Sabres situation and hopefully draw into the arena some new members for the Sabres' executive.

Allsop said he was willing to help out with the team in a small way for the coming season but he, as well as many of the other executive felt that they had been with organization long enough. They were tired, some had health problems and others had other commitments that would keep them from running the Sabres as it should be run with 100 percent dedication.

Innes, who had only commented on his previous intentions, said he was willing to make a financial contribution to the Sabres and the biggest problem now lay with the shortage of executive.

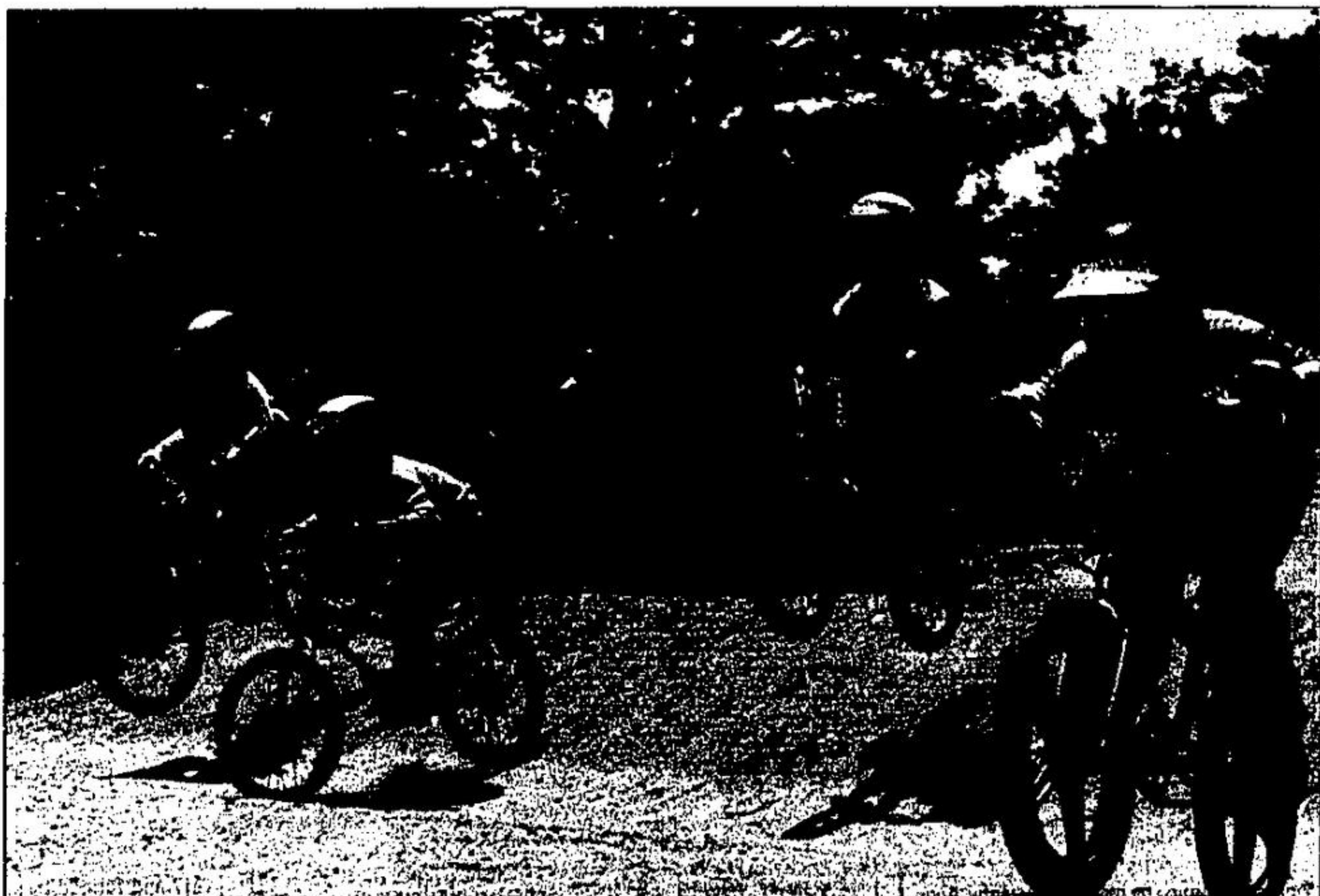
The bottom line now is that if the Sabres can get some new blood into the executive the first major obstacle will be cleared.

Innes said he was surprised at the response from the players which indicated most of them were willing to come back for another season with the Sabres.

Innes also said he was willing to try and come up with sponsors to help pay the team's expenses and at the same time find a coach who could possibly help the Sabres become a contending team.

However, future of the Sabres lies in the hands of the public. If there isn't a positive response at the general meeting scheduled for July 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Acton Legion, the Sabres may be finished.

The Sabres saga may or may not, continue.



BMX races are held every Saturday at the BMX track in Ponderosa Park. Scott Rowsell (far left, number 63), Tod Demone (number 2), his brother Ricky Demone (number 840), and Troy Winters (number 22) all from Acton, raced last Saturday.

Pineview pasted 2-0 by Tuitman Gold

In G.I.R.L.S. Soccer this week R. Krist Pineview succumbed to Tuitman Gold 2-0 and Cheers from Milton edged Acton Red 2-1.

An exciting game was played between Tuitman Gold and Pineview with a good team effort from both teams.

Tuitman goals were scored on impressive plays by Eileen Campbell and Sarah Williamson. Other outstanding efforts were made by Tina Morgan and Rebecca Van-Klink.

Acton Red players also showed a great deal of effort in their match with Cheers and special mention goes out to Sarah Dunn, in goal, and Katherine Kellough.

Good efforts for Cheers were supplied by Lisa Prueter, Beth Anderson and Amy Beaulieu.

In other G.I.R.L.S. soccer play the Royal Trust Stingers travelled to Milton for their first out of town game and came away with a 3-2 win.

Angela Priestman opened the Acton scoring drive early in the game by bouncing the ball off of a Milton defender. Of the match and the winning marker was pegged by Amy Newman who blasted the ball past the goalkeeper with just two minutes left in the game.

Tough competition was the name of the game in last week's G.I.R.L.S. soccer as Acton Red clipped Tuitman Gold 1-0 and Krist Painting matched Cheers 1-1.

Outstanding play for Acton Red was delivered by Carry Johnson and Michelle Pilgrin and the winning marker was recorded by Shari Patenaude.

Tuitman's Gold also played well with Carolyn Montgomery, Sarah Williamson

and Jenny Goy sharing honors as the game's top players.

Cheer's Janissa Bailey scored her second marker of the season against Krist Pineview and her teammates Mary Wilen Caronne, Courtney Fisher, Michell Warren and Carolyn Kinnon played exceptionally well.

Krist Painting showed considerable effort as well with Karen and Kelly Sullivan giving a good

Foodland Atoms axe Ponsonby for 23-9 win

Starting off with a home run the Acton Foodland Atoms dominated Ponsonby to come out on top 23-9, June 28.

Chad Rowsell recorded a first inning homer to start Acton on their way to victory and Kenny Jaffray, Kyle Thomson, Graham Ruse, Steven Slaney, Troy MacDougall, Scott Rickerby, David Deforest, Chris Schick and Jeremy Marsh added first frame runs.

Rowsell and Jaffrey knocked out base hits to record their second runs of the game and Michael Schell, Troy MacDougall, Christian Schroeder and Andy Brouwer notched singles in the second inning.

Third inning runs were credited to Jaffrey, Deforest, Schick, Dunn and Brouwer to round out the score.

Acton pitching duties were shared by March and Rowsell who combined efforts to strike out 13 Ponsonby batters.

In a cliffhanger of a game the Tri-County Foodland Atoms were clipped 5-4 by Eramosa Red last Tuesday.

After Acton established a two run lead and with only one inning to play, Eramosa

rallied for three runs to edge the local squad.

Jason Dunn put Acton on the scoreboard in the first inning after singling to first and then moving to second when Chris Schick was walked. After stealing third Dunn went home on a fly ball.

Meanwhile, Eramosa also launched their scoring drive in the first inning notching two runs to take an early lead.

In the second inning both adversaries were scoreless but in the opening half of the third frame Acton got their bats swinging to score two more runs.

Steve Slaney walked to first and then rounded the bases on a triple by Dunn. Dunn zipped across home plate on a single by Chad Rowsell.

Acton retained their lead in the fourth inning after managing to shut down the Eramosa offence and then they came up with a fourth run to extend their lead to three. Deforest tripled to third and then went home on an error by Eramosa.

However, Acton's victory was snatched when Eramosa chalked up three runs in the bottom of the fifth to edge the local boys 5-4.

A's crush Cambridge

The Acton Junior A's notched another win on their belts this week as they defeated Cambridge 10-6 June 25.

Cambridge got on the scoreboard first collecting two runs in the opening inning and then Tim Baker and Mark Symes returned fire to tie the match.

Rob Vermulen rounded the bases safely in the second frame to give the A's the lead and Glen Scott increased Acton's advantage with a fourth run in the fourth inning.

Cambridge poured on the steam in the fifth frame rounding the bases three times to edge past the local team and then Kent McArthur pegged a single to retie the match.

The sixth inning saw Vermulen, Duval and Dave Quinn cross home plate and two homers in the eighth inning by Symes and Duval clinched the game for Acton.

Cambridge tallied a final run in the ninth. Dave Wilson was credited with the win on the mound throwing 10 strikeouts.

Next week the A's will be competing in double knockout Canadian Elimination rounds in Grimsby.

The 21 team tournament will decide who has the right to represent Ontario in the Canadian Games in August.

Firestone streaks to two league wins

The Halton Hill Firestone Ladies are on a winning streak.

Starting with a second place finish last weekend in the Glen Williams tournament the Acton Ladies have tallied a 7-3 win over Eden Mills and a 9-6 thrashing of Glen since.

On Tuesday, June 26, the Acton ladies were hosted by Eden Mills and leading off the Acton scoring drive was Natalie Russiani. Also banging our first inning hits were Tracy Clarke and Teresa Dunn.

Suzie Tufford and Sandra Brundle were bought safely in from a two base hit by Susan Poulsen.

Another Acton run was chalked up in the third inning with a great triple batted out by

Patty McClure.

The last three runs gained in the second inning were credited to hits by Russiani, Clarke, Marion Case, McClure, Tufford and Brundle.

Pitching duties were shared by Jan Inglis and Marion Case and MVP of the game was the back catcher Susan Wilson.

Poulsen led off the Acton attack against the Glen running across home plate on hit by Susan Wilson.

Going into the last frame of the game Acton was behind 6-3 when a six run rally by Case, Wilson, Brundle, Dunn, Clarke and Natalie Case brought home another victory. Inglis and Case shared the pitching duties.



Holland Shop and Gordon Dave team members battled each other for possession of the ball in boys' soccer action on the M.Z. Bennett playing field Monday night. Both teams played well in an exciting match which saw Holland Shop come out on top.