

Acton Sabres win two straight

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For the first time this hockey season the Acton Jr. "C" Sabres put two wins in a row together.

The wins in the Mid-Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League last week were against Caledon and Grand Valley. Both games were won by scores of 7-6 and were before the home crowd.

For the Sabres the wins were bound to start coming soon. "We've been in every game in the last month," coach Gary McFadyen said. With seven games left the team can only look ahead.

"We're trying to forget the first part of the season. It was a lesson in patience," McFadyen said. "The team has 8 wins and 20 losses.

New players are going to help Acton over the remainder of the season and into the playoffs, as new recruit Trevor Reboil helped out in the two

wins last week. Acquired two weeks ago Reboil had four goals in the two wins. He is a cut from Junior "B".

The Jan. 7 game against Caledon, saw the Sabres come from a two goal deficit in the second period to win 7-6. Acton's goaltending, which has been inconsistent all year, was strong against Caledon, coach McFadyen said. Mike Drmsby was in net.

The goaltending of John McGrath was also strong in Saturday's game against Grand Valley, coach McFadyen said. Acton Midget Dennis Swimmerman came up to play for the Junior club Saturday and was the "best player on the ice," McFadyen said. The 15-year-old Swimmerman scored a goal and did a fine job killing penalties.

Problems with manning the team appear to be over as the Sabres continue to sign players and get others back from injuries. Monday night

the Sabres signed centre Tom Fisher from the Milton Junior "B" club and, from the Gemini, Acton signed defenceman Paul Cargill.

By the end of this week the Sabres hope to have signed two more players, coach McFadyen said. They are also looking forward to the return of Steve Wagner, who will be back in two weeks. Wagner was out for a good part of the season with a separated shoulder.

With the acquisition of the new players and the return of Wagner, McFadyen believes the Sabres will have as many good players as any team in the league. The playoffs begin the first week in February and Acton will be there.

As of Monday the league scoring statistics showed Acton has two players in the top ten. Greg Yates is fourth with 32 goals and 64 points, and Peter Cargill is sixth with 27 goals and 54 points.

Ski success

Despite limited snow, Christmas ski camp at Milton Heights Ski Club was successful and 90 racers took part.

There were a number of Halton Hills participants placing in the top three in their age division.

In a time trial race against Loretto Ski Club Jan. 10, Angela Fitzsimons of Georgetown placed first in the girls division for 13 years and under. She was followed by second place finisher Monique Hoewling of Norval.

In the boys category, 13 years and under, Joey Hertz of Georgetown was third. The final score of the meet was Milton Heights 123, Loretto 62.

The next day the club challenged Skee High and again Milton Heights won the meet. In the Alpine White division (over 13 years) Judy Eaton of Acton was third in the girls category.

Races were also held Jan. 11 at Glen Eden against Kimberley Blue but there were no local winners.

Gemini end unbeaten streak in Barrie

With a win over Mimico and a near victory over league leading Barrie the Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Gemini continued their march up the standings and rise up the stature ladder.

In fact, with the loss 8-6 in Barrie Sunday, Georgetown showed they are beatable, coach Gary Hudson said. It was the first time the Gemini were beaten in Central Ontario Junior "B" play since Dec. 10.

The unbeaten streak was still in tact Saturday night when Georgetown defeated Mimico 7-2. The game in Mimico was never close as Georgetown led the home team 5-0 after the first period.

Scoring was shared by six players with Todd Humphrey getting the pair. The addition of Humphrey and Don Cruise provides the extra scoring punch the Gemini needed. They help take the

pressure off of Wally Petrie and Wayne Morrow, coach Hudson said.

Saturday night in Barrie was more of a contest. The lead shifted from each team and after two periods the score was tied 5-5. Coach Hudson called the contest a funny game.

After scoring three goals in the span of about four minutes in the second period, Georgetown led 5-2. Barrie then scored three goals just as fast and the game tied again at 5-5.

The difference in the game was the power play. Barrie scored four power play goals. Georgetown didn't score one in their three opportunities. The team will be spending more time working on the power play, coach Hudson said.

Georgetown almost tied the game with less than one minute to play. They hit the post. Barrie's final goal making the game 8-6 was into an empty net.



UNDER COVER-Georgetown's Brent Hutt is attempting to beat the double coverage supplied by Perdue opposition. The Rebels were defeated 56-51 by Perdue last Wednesday in Georgetown. Hutt was one of Georgetown's high scorers. (Herald photo)

Rebel juniors and midgets take two from G.E. Perdue

Georgetown took two of three games from Gordon E. Perdue High School last week when all three boys basketball teams were active.

The Midgets won their first game of the season at Perdue in Oakville Thursday with a 39-17 score. GDHS Juniors have a 3-2 record in Halton league play after their 51-43 win in Georgetown Thursday. Wednesday the Senior boys lost a close game 56-51 in Georgetown to Perdue.

To be guaranteed a place in the playoffs, the Senior Rebels will have to win all of their remaining games, said coach Gary Southworth.

The Senior Rebels almost started on that path to the playoffs against Perdue, who they should have beaten, coach Southworth said. At one point in the second half the Rebels were down by 13 points, but were able to climb back to within one.

The team came on strong in the final quarter, but not strong enough to win. High scorers in the game were Mike Hurley, John Waits and Brent Hutt.

Like the Senior team, the Junior Rebels were behind Perdue for most of the game. With five minutes left to

play Georgetown tied the game at 43 and won it by 51-43.

The team was slow in the first half, waiting for the perfect plays which didn't come often, coach Rick Redshaw said. The pace picked up when Mike Dyer and Brent Falcone entered the game. Then the team began to hustle.

The Rebels were able to take advantage of a small Perdue bench. They outnumbered Perdue 13 to 9. By the last quarter Georgetown had all their starters in play again, against a tired first line for Perdue, coach Redshaw said. High scorers for the Juniors were Tim Racinsky with 10, Bloe Kester with 9, and Frank Kataliteris with 8.

Georgetown's Midgets defeated Perdue Thursday in Oakville. The 39-17 score was due to a strong second half by the Rebels. In the team's first victory Dave Steele showed strength in rebounding and Dave Skidi in ball control, coach Bob Morrow said.

"After the first half we couldn't do anything wrong," coach Morrow said. Over 25 of the team's 39 points were scored in the second half. Their record is now 1-3.

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