

Sabres fall behind in series with Crushers

The Acton Sabres find themselves with their backs to the wall after dropping a pair of games to the Orangeville Stonecrushers on the weekend in Junior C playoff hockey action.

The Sabres suffered a 10-6 loss in Orangeville Friday night, and then fell 7-3 on home ice Saturday to go behind two games to none in the best-of-seven divisional semi-final playoff.

In Friday night's contest, the Sabres were outshot by the wide margin of 53-27.

"That tells you their goaltending isn't that good, and we're not doing a lot offensively," is how Sabres' general manager Elmer Dunn summed up the team's performances on the weekend. "We have to cut down on the shots on goal and get more offense going. The more you shoot, the more chances you have of scoring."

Orangeville led 5-3 after the first frame and 9-6 after the second.

In the opening period, the Sabres were down by four goals at one point, but battled back to make it close. Then in the second they came to within one goal before falling back and trailing by three at the buzzer.

"We can't give goals away and expect to be able to keep coming back," Dunn says.

A manpower shortage was part of the problem Friday night. The Sabres went to Orangeville with just 10 skaters and two goalies.

Saturday they were back up to full strength with 14 skaters, which included a midget player added to the line-up.

Mike Ormsby started the game in net for the Sabres Friday but had to be replaced late in the period, when a bout with the flu got the best of him. John McGrath replaced Ormsby for the remainder of Friday's match and went the distance Saturday as well.

Dunn says they are hoping to have Ormsby healthy for the next game of the series tonight (Wednesday) in Orangeville.

Tom Fisher led the scoring attack for the Sabres in Orangeville as he collected three goals. Greg Yates scored a pair of markers, while Peter Cargill added a single.

In Acton Saturday night, Dave Thomas, Steve Wagner and Fisher accounted for the three Sabre goals.

So far in the series, inconsistency has been the big problem for the Sabres, according to Dunn.

"Everybody's showing flashes of playing well, but nobody is doing it on a consistent basis," he says.

Tonight the Sabres again travel to Orangeville where they'll take another shot at trying to beat the Crushers.

The fourth game of the series has been scheduled for Friday back in Acton, beginning at 7 p.m.

Further games, if necessary, have been slated for Monday in Orangeville, Tuesday in Acton, and Wednesday in Orangeville.



The Acton Sabres find themselves trailing the Orangeville Crushers two games to none in a best-of-seven divisional semi-final playoff, after they lost a pair of games on the weekend. Here, two Sabre players attempt to get a shot on the Orangeville goaltender as he tries to gather in the puck during action Friday night in Orangeville. (Herald photo)

Tufford tops in Trojan victory

Boo Tufford scored 32 points to lead the Trojans to a 78-53 win over the Mustangs in Georgetown Ladies' Basketball League action last Wednesday night.

In the other league match-up, the Cougars downed the Capricorns 59-30.

Other high scorers for the Trojans included Judy Thomson with 19, and Tracey Yorke with 16. Corinne Buisman was one of the high scorers for the Mustangs with 14.

In the other contest, the Cougars were led by Anita Stankus with 14 and Kerry O'Neil with 13. Linda Robson also chipped in with eight for the winners.

For the Capricorns, Lorraine Brown had 12 points, and Wendy Moore and Mary-Ann Harrison had six each.

The Trojans and Capricorns are now tied for the lead in the four-team league with 25 points each, on identical records of nine wins and seven losses each.


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