



Acton Junior C Sabres were congratulated on their season Saturday night at the Acton Citizens Band Hall. Every player at the awards night and dance received a dark-colored "away" sweater for their efforts. Those singled out for individual excellence were (from left) most improved player Colin Lewis, best playoff performer Tom Fisher, Lady Bing trophy to Rob McPherson, seen here represented by Joe McGrath, sportsmanship, ability award to Pete Cargill and rookie of the year total points Greg Yates. Absent from the photo is Dave Thomas who captured three awards: best team player, best defenceman and most valuable player. (Herald photo)



Acton Sabres Junior C hockey president Ed. Thomson praised his players for a competitive year of hockey. Here, he congratulates one of the top scoring forward lines in the Junior C loop. Seen here are (from left) right winger and captain Dan Curtis - 58 pts, centre Pete Cargill - 68 pts and left winger Greg Yates - 83 pts. (Herald photo)

Sabres seek help for upcoming hockey season

The Acton Sabres will require a transfusion of "new blood" if the team is going to operate for the 1987-88 season in the Mid-Ontario Junior C hockey loop.

The Sabres held their annual awards night Saturday, as the final function of the current hockey season.

President Ed Thomson addressed those present and offered a brief recap of the team's successes and failures through the season.

In an interview later, Thomson made it clear he won't be returning for a third year as president, and as past president he intends to go only as far as to offer his services in an advisory capacity.

Thomson hopes there will be a group of individuals who come forward to carry the weight of running the club for another season.

"Likely, if no one comes forward, it's my opinion and that of others on the current executive that the thing will die, and there won't be a junior team in Acton," he said.

"We need a lot of new blood, and money. We don't want to see it die, but we feel it's someone else's turn to take over."

Thomson was speaking from a personal perspective, but says many other members of the current executive share his sentiments and will not be returning for another term.

These days, the costs of running any junior hockey team can be mind boggling, and Thomson feels there may be a need to seek out a major sponsor for the team in Acton.

That's not meant as a slight against the individual backers who support the team in ways such as program and sweater advertising, but he says there may be room for a combination of both.

"It takes a lot of money to put a junior team through the hoops today, and do it properly. Other teams with major sponsors can afford to do a lot more."

But in retrospect, Thomson is pleased with what this year's executive accomplished. The Sabres

reached a "break-even" point this season after recouping a \$1,000 deficit they faced at the close of the 1986-87 campaign.

Thomson will sit as the club's president until the annual meeting is conducted, at which time he intends to turn over the reins to the new president, whoever that may be.

The registration fee for the upcoming season must be forwarded to the OHA by April 15, so the meeting will be scheduled prior to that date to determine what the future holds.

At the awards ceremony Saturday night, each member of this year's Sabres' squad was presented with a team sweater in the club's away col-

ors. Dave Thomas received three individual honors, as he was named best team player, best defenceman, and Most Valuable Player. Unfortunately though, Thomas was unable to be on hand to accept his awards, due to work commitments.

Colin Lewis was named Most Improved Player; Tom Fisher was honored as the best performer in the playoffs; Rob McPherson won the Lady Byng Trophy; Pete Cargill received the Most Sportsmanlike Player Award and Ability Award; and Greg Yates was Rookie of the Year, and won the award for the most points by a Sabre.

GDHS hockey players wanted

Gordie Howe skated on Gordon Alcott ice recently, which sets the nostalgia for the GDHS Reunion Hockey Tournament.

Wayne Gretzky played in the Bantam Tourney, some time ago, and "old time" high school students are encouraged to get the rust off their blades and play Howe or Gretzky during the GDHS Reunion Hockey Tourney.

The fun night is to be held on Friday April 10 at the Gordon Alcott Arena.

Non-contact and fun are the rule book that will be followed, while the participants either have attended or currently attend "Good Old GDHS".

At least four teams are required to make the fun night a reality, but organizers are prepared to accept more entries if the interest is there. Enter as a team, or be placed on a team by the committee.

It is in the best interest if players of different eras are split amongst all teams, but the committee is willing to keep teams together from certain years.

Get your "old buddies and teammates" and take on the younger students.

Nominal costs will be charged to cover ice time expenses, with the

under-lying theme being "FUN".

T-shirts will cover your old school sweater, and sponsors are requested to supply shirts or tank tops that can be used for this event.

For further information or to register your "dream team" you are invited to contact Wayne King (877-2617), or Neil Cotton or Bill Bingham at the High School (877-6966).

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