

Sabres show signs of being contender after near demise

After facing the possibility of disbanding during the off-season, the Acton Sabres have bounced back and climbed to a prominent position in the Mid-Ontario Junior C Hockey League standings.

With two victories on the weekend, the Sabres boosted their record to five wins against four losses on the season.

At Grand Valley Thursday Rob Wilson scored twice as Acton doubled the Harvesters 4-2, and Friday they downed Schomberg 8-4, aided by the four-goal performance of Tom Fisher.

The club has been climbing steadily in the standings after getting off to a somewhat shaky start, mainly due to the fact that they were without ice for practice time until mid-October.

During the summer, there was a big question as to whether the Sabres would be back for another season, at all. But a new executive was formed and things are beginning to gel for the club both on and off the ice.

Jules Russiani has taken over as General Manager with the Sabres, and says the team is showing marked improvement since they've been able to book practice times.

"We've had three practices, and it's sure made a difference," Russiani says. "We're maintaining control, and not giving the puck away. The team's really come along."

Scoring goals doesn't appear to be much of a problem for the Sabres, and last week they acquired goalie Alec Piazza of Milton, which will

take some of the pressure off senior puckstopper Tom Hill, who has been carrying the weight in net for the team.

Piazza could get his first start with the Sabres this Friday when they play in Orangeville. "We figured we'd give him a chance to start an away game, so he can get oriented to the team," Russiani says.

Gary Hudson is coaching the Sabres, after spending last season as skipper of the Georgetown Jr. B Gemini.

To this point in the season, Russiani says fan support in Acton has been encouraging, and he expects there will be considerable improvement as the team progresses.

"I think the fans are feeling us out right now," he says. "Once they see we have a contender, they'll come out more."

To this point, the Sabres have beaten every other team in the league, except Orangeville and Caledon. They lost to Orangeville 8-4 in Acton, but the game was tied at four after the second period. Against Caledon, they were edged 8-7 in overtime.

Bradford, the cream of the crop in the Mid-Western loop last season, trounced the Sabres in the first meeting of the two clubs. But Acton made amends on home ice when they took an 8-6 decision in a rematch.

Besides the game in Orangeville Friday night, the Sabres host Bradford this weekend for an 8 p.m. game Saturday night at the Acton Arena.

Senior Rebels end season unbeaten; preparing to meet O-T in playoff

The Georgetown District High School Rebels capped off an undefeated regular season in Senior girls' basketball Monday, as they

shaded Acton High School 38-36 in Acton.

The Rebels finish the season with a record of 11 straight wins, and will

have home court advantage through the playoffs.

Georgetown coach Moe Leeking had hoped to get a running game going against Acton, feeling that with his team's potent scoring attack they would have the advantage in a high-scoring game. But Acton was able to slow the pace down and stay within striking distance of the Rebels.

Acton's only loss prior to the game Monday came a week earlier when they dropped a 37-29 decision to Georgetown. For Acton to overtake the Rebels and nail down first place, they would have had to beat Georgetown by more than eight points.

Leeking says with that leeway to play with, the Rebels found things a little more comfortable, despite the close score of the game.

"It was a typical Georgetown-Acton game, very intense," he said. "It wasn't as fast a pace as I would have liked, but we had the eight points to play with, so we just tried to keep it close."

Lisa Mason led the attack for Georgetown as she hit for 13 points. Heather Lawrence contributed 12 to the Rebels' cause, while Jenny Melville had five, and Allison Irvine added four.

Today (Wednesday) both teams head into the Halton East playoffs with home court advantage.

The Rebels host Oakville-Trafalgar in a 3:45 p.m. contest. O-T finished in eighth spot.

Acton will take on Milton District High School in another quarter-final match-up. Milton finished seventh.



The GDHS Rebels wrapped up first place in the Halton Senior Girls' Basketball League, as they defeated Acton Monday afternoon. The Rebels finished with an undefeated record of 11 wins. Above, players from Georgetown and Loyola chase after the ball during a game between the two teams last week, which the Rebels won 32-18. (Herald photo)

Jr. Rebels finish on winning note

The GDHS Rebels defeated Perdue 37-34 Monday on home court to round out their regular season in the Halton East Junior Girls' Basketball League.

The victory gave the Rebels a record of eight wins and two losses, good for third place in Halton East.

Stacey Sproule led the attack for Georgetown with 16 points, while Sarah Broughton contributed eight to the cause.

With the third place finish, the Rebels will now face T.A. Blakelock, who finished sixth in the 11-team division. The four teams to survive the Halton East quarter-final series will play a crossover game with the four remaining Halton West schools Nov. 10.

Earlier in the season, Georgetown had a relatively easy time against Blakelock, defeating them 42-19. But that doesn't mean Rebels' coach

Susan Orchard is taking anything for granted.

"We beat them handily," she says. "But I imagine they'll come up with a number of changes on offence and defence to try and bring the score a little closer."

At the Junior level of competition, Orchard says it's difficult to count on consistency, and therefore, she's remaining cautious.

"Unfortunately, with junior basketball, it's very up and down. We're never sure what the kids will bring to the game."

With a win over Blakelock, the Rebels will most likely face M.M. Robinson in the next round, at Burlington.

The Junior Rebels are to tip off with Blakelock today (Wednesday) at GDHS following a playoff match-up between the Senior Rebels and Oakville-Trafalgar, which begins at 3:45 p.m.



Missed Chance

The Georgetown District High School Senior Rebels found it tough sledging against Loyola in a Tier II Senior Football match-up last week. A sloppy field helped Loyola control the ball with their straight ahead

running attack, and they eventually defeated the Rebels. Here, a pass slips through the hands of a Georgetown receiver during game action. (Herald photo)



Ups and Downs

Juggleknobs, also known as Franklin Hargraves, was at Harrison Public School Oct. 23 to demonstrate the art of juggling to about 20 people. The night of juggling was sponsored by the Recreation Department. Mr. Hargraves also conducts juggling workshops and a circus day. He starts his students off slowly by juggling scarves. Once they've mastered that juggling

students move onto beanbags then balls. Here Mr. Hargraves shows one of his pupils exactly how it's done. (Herald photo)

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Public Information Centre No. 2
Glen Williams Flood Control Project

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has initiated a flood control study to identify flooding potential through the Village of Glen Williams. The study will recommend flood protection of private property susceptible to flooding based on economic, environmental, aesthetic and social factors.

The initial Public Information Centre was held June 25th, 1987 to identify preliminary concerns of residents. This session will deal with review of the recommended flood control alternative as it relates to individual property owners.

DATE: Wednesday, November 4, 1987
TIME: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
PLACE: Glen Williams Town Hall (Corner of Prince and Main Streets)

Representatives of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the Engineering Consultant will be on hand to describe the proposed works and address any queries. Members of the public are invited to drop in at their convenience.