

Sports Outlook



A REAL LIFT-Mark Pries (in white) of the Georgetown Gemini is pinned against the boards by J.P. Hatala of the Oakville Blades during a Central Jr. B hockey game at the Alcott Arena Saturday. Pries was expected to sit out the contest, but was pressed into action when the Gems found themselves with only three extra skaters to start the second, after three player ejections. The Blades won the game 9-6. (Herald photo)

Sabres win opener

The Acton Sabres took a one game lead in their best-of-seven opening round playoff series with the Caledon Flyers Tuesday, as they registered a 5-3 victory.

After leading 1-0 at the end of the first period, the Sabres rattled off four straight goals to take a commanding 5-0 lead, in the second, and coasted from there.

Despite the fact that the Sabres are returning to home ice for Game 2 this Friday, Acton general manager Jules Russiani wasn't altogether happy with what he saw in Caledon.

"We played well enough to win, that's about it," he said.

But a win's a win, and Russiani can at least be pleased that the gamble of giving the Flyers the first home game didn't backfire.

Tom Fisher had an outstanding game for the Sabres, scoring three goals and assisting on another. And his efforts didn't go unnoticed. "He works his tail off every time he's on the ice," Russiani said of Fisher's performance.

Todd Cull scored from Fisher with just 33 seconds left in the opening period Tuesday to give Acton a 1-0 lead, while they enjoyed a man advantage.

The Sabres broke the game open in the second with four goals in a six-minute span.

Chris Turner opened the barrage at 7:51, when he scored on a Steve Wagner set-up.

Then Fisher connected for a powerplay goal at 9:44 from Cull, and scored again at 11:32, assisted by Greg Yates and Paul Hartley to make it a 3-0 Acton-lead.

Fisher rounded out his natural hat-trick with another market at 13:33, set up by Cull and Rod McClure.

The Flyers tried to get back in the game with a goal by Pat Daly at the 19-minute mark of the period, and another by Eric Ursk at 16:41 in the third. But the Sabres had the game well in hand by that point. Lee Irwin scored the final Caledon goal on the powerplay with just four seconds remaining in regulation time.

Tom Hill earned the win in net for the Sabres, while netminder John Catton took the loss for Caledon.

Friday, the Sabres will host the Flyers for an 8 p.m. contest at the Acton Arena, looking to take a two-game lead in the series.

Game 3 is in Caledon Tuesday at 8:15 p.m., and the fourth game of the set is back in Acton next Friday at 8 p.m.

If necessary, Game 5 is Sat., Feb. 13 in Acton; Game 6 will be Tues., Feb. 16 in Caledon; and Game 7 is Wed., Feb. 17 in Acton.

A Look Back

QUESTION

What was the name of the Acton youth who captured fourth place at the Canadian Men's Junior Figure Skating Championships held in Victoria, B.C. in 1976?

ANSWER

Kevin Parker.

Sweetheart swim

Bring a Valentine for your favorite lifeguard and if you're wearing red, we'll let you in free at the Acton and Georgetown Pools on Sunday, February 14 from 2 to 4 p.m., for the annual Sweetheart Swim.

Ski workshop

Here's a chance to give those new cross country skis a workout under the professional tutorage of Bill Cook, Outdoor Education Instructor for the Peel Board of Education.

This workshop will be held the weekend of Saturday, Feb. 13 and Sunday, Feb. 14, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Jack Smythe Field Centre, Terra Cotta (weather permitting) and promises to be quite beneficial and a lot of fun. For further information on how to register, call 877-5185 ext. 260.

Memories of '87

There were plenty of great sports moments in 1987. Among other top events:

- Baseball: Paul Molitor hitting in 39 consecutive games, and Benito Santiago in 34; Don Mattingly homering in eight straight games; bat corking, ball scuffing, bean-brawling.

- Basketball: The Los Angeles Lakers dominating the Boston Celtics in the NBA Championship; Julius Erving retiring.

- Hockey: A great two-game series between the Soviets and the NHL All-Stars; also, the Edmonton Oilers reclaim the Stanley Cup.

- Track and Field: Jackie Joyner-Kersey dominates the heptathlon in brilliant performances, and takes control of the women's long jump, as well.

- Diving: After losing three titles, Greg Louganis returns to form at the U.S. Olympic Festival and Pan Am Games, winning multiple golds at both.

- Bowling: Pete McCordic rolls a 300 on national television.

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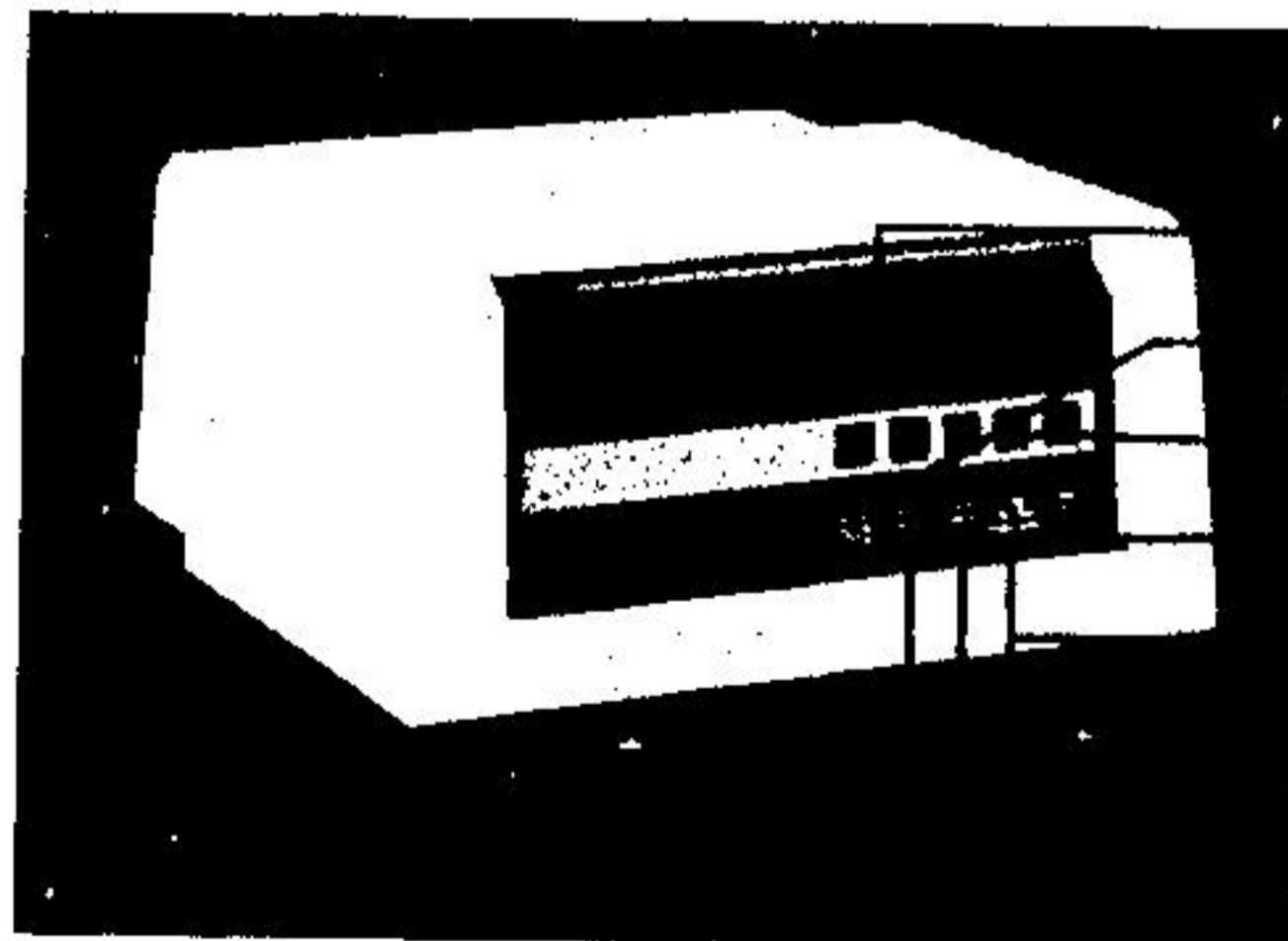
The Georgetown Lions Club is again looking for the "Citizen of the Year"; someone who has given unselfishly to the community.

The Lions Club wants help in picking our most deserving citizen or group for 1987. Nominations are now being received for Georgetown's Citizen of the Year.

Please mail nominations with supporting resume no later than Feb. 9th, 1988 to: C. Stan Callaghan (chairman), Citizen of the Year, Georgetown Lions Club, P.O. Box 73, Georgetown, Ontario L7G 4T1.

This year's citizen or group will be honoured at a dinner to be held on Tuesday, March 22nd at the Lions Club Hall, Mill Street.

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