

Schomberg scores late goal to ice Acton in O.T.

# Frustration continues for Jr. C. Sabres

If you were looking for one word to describe the 1988-89 season for the Acton Sabres, that word would have to be, "frustrating."

"It's been frustrating," said Sabre general manager Robin Inscoe on Monday. "We don't quit, but we're only winning for 40 minutes and then we're losing big in the other 20. We're not getting any points."

A heartbreaking loss to Schomberg Cougars last Friday in Acton provided a good indication of the kind of season it's been for the hard-luck Sabres.

Sabres came back from a 4-0 first period deficit to force overtime at 5-5 only to have the visitors score the winning goal with 36 seconds remaining in the extra period.

That loss followed a disappointing performance at home last Wednesday night as the Sabres suffered an 8-3 drubbing at the hands of last-place Grand Valley Harvesters.

"I think it was a case of thinking we'd won the game before we hit the ice," said Inscoe of Wednesday's loss to Grand Valley, which marked only the third win of the season for the lowly Harvesters. "We just couldn't get anything together."

**SCHOMBERG 6  
SABRES 5 (OT)**

Down 4-0 after 20 minutes, Acton rebounded to outscore the Cougars 2-0 in the middle frame. Sabres roared out of the gate in the third period, scoring three goals in the first seven minutes to command a 5-4 lead.

Schomberg tied it up with 11 minutes to go in regulation time.

The two teams played almost 30 minutes of scoreless hockey before Schomberg scored the winner with just 36 seconds left on the overtime clock.

With Schomberg on the powerplay, a Cougar point shot took a weird bounce off the end boards and an opportunistic visitor

popped the puck past Sabre netminder Jim Mantione for the win.

"We took only three penalties in the entire game but one of them had to be in overtime," lamented Inscoe.

Wayne Rivers had two Acton goals, one of them on an unassisted shorthanded effort, while singles went to Kevin Elkins, Troy Foster and Todd Shimirak.

Brett Burrows had two assists with helpers also going to Steve Wagner, Rivers, Elkins and Shimirak.

Dean Bower started in goal for Acton with Mantione taking over for the remainder of the contest in the second period.

**GRAND VALLEY 8, SABRES 3**

Sabres never got out of first gear as they trailed 3-1 after 20 minutes and 4-1 after 40.

Jason Lucas, Derron Bain and Kevin Elkins were the only Sabre sharpshooters to solve Grand Valley's Derek Devill.

Bob Watson earned two assists and Rob Wilson, Todd Shimirak and Bain had singles.

Jim Mantione started in goal for Acton with Bower replacing him in the second frame.

**SABRE RATTLINGS:** Acton closes out its regular season home schedule on Friday against Alliston Hornets before travelling to Orangeville on Sunday.

Inscoe says it's a good bet the Sabres will meet Bradford Bulls in the first round of Mid-Ontario Jr. C league playoffs which get underway Feb. 5.



Devill of a time

An Acton Sabre bangs away at the puck while Grand Valley Harvester goaltender Derek Devill covers up during Mid-Ontario Jr. C Hockey League play at Acton last Wednesday night. Sabres never got out of first gear as the cellar-dwelling Harvesters recorded an 8-3 win. Sabres host Alliston Hornets on Friday at Acton Arena in their final home game of the regular season schedule. (Herald photo)

## Fuelers mix their moods

By RON KERSLAKE  
Herald Special

Most teams have ups and downs and some teams have Jekyll and Hyde personalities. The Star Fuels Minor Atoms managed a strong effort against league leading Flamborough on Jan. 21, and then on Jan. 22, went flat against a Streetsville team they can beat.

According to spokesman Bill Briggs, although there wasn't a lot of scoring to report on in the Flamborough contest that ended 2-1, the boys covered their defensive roles very effectively to limit the opposition opportunities. The Fuelers had few chances too, but

Ryan Taylor made the most of his breakaway to score the lone marker. The goal was a come-from-behind as the boys didn't let up.

The next day was all opposites as the Streetsville team seemed to be loose all the time and the puck didn't even bounce let alone go our way very often. Jamie Briggs was at his best trying to make things happen. On one play, he took a pass from Ryan Taylor and moved the puck in close for Pete Mashinter to bash at it and Andy Kerslake get the goal. Later Andy fed Ryan Taylor in the slot for a sure score. Not enough as Streetsville ran away to a 6-2 win.

## Dance leads Raiders

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the other Georgetown goals. Assists went to Brent Presswood (4), Shannon Storr, Cole, Cruise, Latour, Loreto, and Mark Pries - all with two each - and Brian Gendron and Kelly Foster.

Curtis Green, fresh from his major junior debut on Thursday in Niagara Falls with Guelph Platers, faced 31 Streetsville shots and surrendered seven goals before being replaced by Todd King in the third frame.

**RAIDER RAMBLINGS:** Two names were added to the Raider play roster last week as defenceman Kevin Burrows and right winger John Williamson sign-

ed with Georgetown.

Also set to join the Raiders is Guelph Platers defenceman Brian Drury, a 6-foot-1, 180-pounder that would fulfill the OHL club's promise of a rearguard to Georgetown made earlier this season.

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