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BODANIS BRUINS Major Peewees steamrolled Stoney Creek 5-1 Saturday afternoon at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, to win the OMHA best-of-five playdowns series 3-0 with one game tied. The win over Stoney Creek ran the Bruins' unbeaten streak to 16 games and the Georgetown crew now await the winner of Milton-Burlington in further OMHA playdowns action. (Herald photo)

Major Peewees

Bodanis Bruins showing claws

October and November saw the Georgetown Major Peewee "AA" Bodanis Bruins play inconsistent hockey as they adjusted to the relatively complex system instituted by coaches Chris Milne, Dan Curtis and Wally Petrie.

The period of adjustment can be said to have ended Dec. 5, the last time the Major Peewees tasted defeat.

After being eliminated by Georgetown in Ontario playdown action, the Brampton coach was quoted as describing the Bodanis Bruins as "an awesome offensive machine."

Stoney Creek's coach may now be added to the list of those impressed by the play of the Major Peewees.

The string is now 16 games without a loss, after Georgetown steamrolled their hosts 5-2 in Stoney Creek on Thursday night, and 5-1 at Alcott Arena on Saturday to capture the best-of-five series, three wins with one game tied.

Significantly, in the two games this past week, the Bodanis Bruins added stingy and smart defence to their already established offensive repertoire.

Outstanding goaltending was provided by John Waller on Thursday night, and Chad Hughes on Saturday to complete the picture of a solid and successful hockey team.

On Thursday night, in Stoney Creek, the first and second periods were typical of the previous two nailbiters as the stanzas ended with scores of 2-2 and 3-2.

Gavin Glaser and Jim Katsilieris scored the Georgetown first period goals with assists earned by Doug Sheppard and Duane Erler.

Katsilieris' second goal of the game was the lone second period score. Mark Aldridge and Duke Bouskill earned helpers on the goal.

The Bodanis Bruins dominated the third period, allowing Stoney Creek only one shot on goal over the first 13 minutes of the period. Meanwhile, the Major Peewees got goals from Sheppard and Erler to pull into a comfortable three goal lead. Aldridge, Katsilieris and Jamie Stephenson earned assists on the goals.

Georgetown continued their dominance over their foes on Saturday and skated to an early 3-0 lead. Blaine McCauley counted the first goal of the game and Bouskill then added two in a row.

Stephen Onoprijenko and Glaser with one each, and Sheppard with two, earned assists on the goals.

Second period penalty trouble allowed the visitors to gain some momentum and score their lone goal of the game. Again the third period belonged to Georgetown. Sheppard scored two goals, the first assisted by McCauley and Stephen Yurichuk, and the second by Erler and Glaser.

The Bodanis Bruins now await the winner of the Milton/Burlington series. It is likely that the final series to determine who will represent Tri-County in the Ontario playdowns will begin Monday.

Meanwhile the team took time to celebrate after the win Saturday, as sponsor Dan Bodanis very graciously treated the team to supper at the Timeout Roadhouse.

Sabres flash steel

Flyers cut down by Acton

By COLIN GIBSON
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Acton Sabres had a pair of choices over the weekend with disaster facing them square in the face-masks in their opening round best-of-five Mid-Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League playoff series against Caledon Flyers.

Take the low road and bow out meekly or take the high road and if worse comes to worst, go down battling. To the Sabres credit, the team elected to take the high road and fought back from the brink of elimination.

Flyers took the first game in the series 5-2 last Tuesday (Feb. 6) at Mayfield Arena.

Friday night at the Acton Community Centre, home ice didn't help the Sabres much as Caledon posted a 7-5 win to take a commanding 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series.

Fish or cut bait time and according to Sabres coach Ken Steen his charges prefer to fish.

"We were going back to Mayfield Arena Saturday," said Steen, "and I just told the guys, this is it. I told them that if we play our game the way we can that we were a better team than Caledon but it was up to them. We could either keep playing, or be finished for the year."

Steen is not one for locker room speeches, but his words had the desired effect.

Sabres won 5-3 Saturday then edged the Flyers 4-3 in sudden-death overtime Sunday afternoon at the Acton Community Centre to turn the series around.

The fifth and deciding game of the series was played Tuesday night at Mayfield Arena, at press time, the score was not available.

The Sabres 7-5 loss Friday night saw both teams lose their composure as scrambly, chippy hockey took centre stage.

Both teams scored four power play goals and Caledon added a

short-handed marker.

Flyer goaltender Greg Powerll was taken from the Community Centre by ambulance after falling ill in the second period and his replacement Joe Valenti attacked Sabre rearguard Claude Begin with just 15 seconds left in the game forcing the Flyers to play without a netminder for the brief balance of the game.

Sabre goalie Rob Pentesco sat out a portion of the second period because of a slight injury and Jim Mantione filled in while Pentesco recovered.

Caledon led 2-1 after the first period and extended the lead to 6-4 after two periods. The team matched single markers in the third frame to allow the Flyers to escape with the 7-5 win.

Tim McDonald collected the hat trick for Acton with singles going to John Van Dam and Claude Begin, who also added two assists.

Jeff Shevailer and Peter Cargill each picked up a pair of assists.

Saturday at Mayfield Arena the Sabres played a more disciplined game and it paid dividends.

Sabres led 3-2 after the first period but the contest was tied 3-3 heading into the final frame.

Gut-check time saw the Sabres outscore Caledon 2-0 over the final 20 minutes for the satisfying 5-3 triumph.

Jason Lucas potted a hat trick for the Sabres with Jamie Curran and Peter Cargill adding singles.

Mark Brommersma had three assists while Bob Gagnon had two helpers.

Jim Mantione earned the win in the Sabre nets.

It took 13 minutes of sudden-death overtime Sunday afternoon at the Acton Community Centre before Jay Jasper, on a pass from Kevin Burrows, shot down the Flyers 4-3 to breathe new life into the Sabres and deadlock the series at 2-2.

The game was tied 1-1 after the

first period but Caledon jumped ahead 3-2 heading into the final period of regulation time.

Sabres rallied for two third period goals, while holding Caledon off the scoresheet to send the game into overtime.

A 10 minute regular overtime period failed to resolve the issue, as itchy trigger fingers suddenly went numb, and sudden-death overtime was invoked.

Jim Mantione in the Sabres nets held off the Caledon gunners, allowing Jasper to don the hero's mantle.

Jamie Curran, with a pair of goals and Jason Lucas rounded out the Acton scoring.

John Van Dam had three assists.

If the Sabres scraped through to eliminate the Flyers in the Tuesday night game, their immediate future is up in the air as a number of possibilities and second round playoff opposition exists.

A Sabre win, according to Steen, would result in an Acton home game sometime this weekend at the Acton Community Centre.

SABRES SCORING

| | G | A | PTS. |
|-----------------|----|----|------|
| Jeff Shevailer | 28 | 32 | 60 |
| Bob Gagnon | 21 | 22 | 43 |
| Jason Lucas | 17 | 23 | 40 |
| Pete Cargill | 10 | 19 | 29 |
| John Van Dam | 7 | 15 | 22 |
| Mark Brommersma | 6 | 13 | 19 |
| Vince Rogers | 2 | 14 | 16 |
| Jamie Curran | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Steve Locke | 0 | 13 | 13 |
| Bob Watson | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Adam Hills | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| Tim McDonald | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| Dale McNiven | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Jay Jasper | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Mike McElroy | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Claude Begin | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Mike Hunchuck | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Mark Guardino | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Welcome addition to sports section

The Sports and Recreation section of the Halton Hills Herald is pleased to welcome a new and additional feature which will run on a weekly basis.

Chuck Hennessey, retired from McDonnell Douglas Aircraft in Toronto, and a Georgetown resident for over 35 years as well as a noted local cartoonist and caricaturist, will be offering his sporting views in a different and artistic manner.

The Herald welcomes Chuck to the fold.



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