



ACTON SABRE netminder Jim Mantione smothers a Caledon Flyer's scoring chance during play in the Mid-Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League first round playoff series. Caledon eliminated Acton from further season play with a 5-4 sudden-death overtime victory Tuesday at Mayfield Arena. (Herald photo)

### Sabres season ends

# Flyers eliminate Acton

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The party's over. For the Acton Sabres, it's time to back up their pads and skate home for the season.

The Sabres lost the fifth - and deciding - game of their Mid-Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League first round best-of-five playoff series 5-4 to Caledon Flyers, in sudden-death overtime, Tuesday evening at Mayfield Arena.

The loss put a damper on a rousing Sabre comeback in the series that nevertheless should be regarded as a high water mark for the Leathertown team.

Flyers won the first two games of the series and even the staunch Sabre supporters were hard put to find encouraging signs in the defeats.

The series turnaround began last Saturday when the Sabres dropped the Flyers 5-3 at Mayfield Arena.

Then last Sunday, in the friendly confines of the Acton Community Centre, the Sabres rallied to post a thrilling 4-3 sudden-death overtime win over Caledon to set the stage for Tuesday's deciding game that went in the Flyers favor.

Sabre coach Ken Steen, while disappointed, was philosophical about the season-ending defeat.

"What goes around, comes around," said Steen, "and I guess it just wasn't in the cards for us to win. I'm disappointed for the players, because the way they played and the character they showed throughout the series, they deserved to win. The guys really dug down deep, they've got nothing to be ashamed of. I'm proud of them. What it came down to was just too many missed scoring chances."

Caledon led 2-0 after the first period but the never-say-die Sabres rebounded to score three

times in the second stanza, to a single reply from Caledon, to enter third period play with the game tied 3-3.

The teams matched single counters in the third to set the stage for overtime.

A scoreless 10 minute overtime ushered in the sudden-death period. The Sabre series death was recorded by the Caledon goal 6:48 into the period.

Jim Mantione once again was solid in the Sabres nets.

Team scoring leader Jeff Shevalier had an excellent game, scoring three times and picking up an assist. Mark Brommersma had a goal and two assists while Bob Gagnon had three helpers.

The season-ending loss notwithstanding, 1989-90 has to be considered a success from the team and organizational point of view.

During the 1988-89 regular season, Sabres finished with a 6-29-1 record and were ousted unceremoniously from post-season play in straight games by eventual Junior "C" provincial champion

Bradford Bulls.

Sabres posted an 11-24 regular season mark during 1989-90 league play and their gutsy efforts against Caledon have to stand the team in good stead looking to the future.

"From an organizational point of view," said Steen, "the season has to be viewed as a success. I think the Sabres regained credibility as a hockey team and that the interest we created in the Acton community should carry over to next year. Hopefully, the interest created will result in more people getting involved actively with the Sabre organization."

"As far as the team is concerned," continued Steen, "I'm hoping to return and right now, we would lose only one player (Peter Cargill) to overage. We should have a solid nucleus of 10 returning players and we can work from there."

The Acton Sabres are out for the 1989-90 season, but definitely not down. That's as it should be.

## Rebel Spikers crowned queens

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The Georgetown District High School Rebels' senior girls volleyball team can take a bow. They deserve it.

The GDHS girls received the crown of belles of volleyball, in East Halton Senior Girls Volleyball League regular season play, by crushing Oakville-Trafalgar High School 15-6, 15-6 and 15-0 Tuesday at GDHS to finish the regular season in first place atop the East Halton League standings.

It was a must-win situation for the Rebels as entering the match both teams had a chance of finishing in first place.

The Rebel match win tied GDHS with OTHS in the point standings but because of the head-to-head triumph by the Rebels over OTHS the local spikers were awarded first place.

Against OTHS, the Rebels appeared to be an entirely different team than the one that squeaked past Bishop Reding High School of Milton in a league encounter last week.

The Rebels played with poise and confidence against OTHS, in stark contrast to their often tentative approach to the match against Bishop Reding.

In addition, the Rebels displayed the killer instinct against the Oakville team - never allowing the visitors to get back into the match.

According to team assistant coach Neil Cotton, "We deserved the win. The team was strong in all

areas and any time OTHS looked to be mounting a comeback, the girls rallied and closed the door."

The Rebels now cross over to take on Halton West Division opponents in playoff rounds.

The Halton championships are scheduled for Feb. 27, with the winner advancing to the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference championship tournament scheduled for the first week of March.

The GHAC tournament is the qualifier for provincial play.

## Duplicate Bridge

The team of Mike Lorusso and Blayne Hillock claimed the Number One winners spot in Duplicate Bridge competition, Monday at Georgetown Branch 120 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Judy Rivers and Earl Ryder latched onto the Number Two winners position while the team of Harry Arbic and Rene March finished in the Number Three winners spot.

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