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Double Jr. B hockey affiliation on the horizon for Acton Sabres

By ROBERT RISK

The Acton Jr. C Sabres and the Georgetown Jr. B Raiders are scheduled to sign an affiliation agreement today, giving the Sabres two affiliations in less than three weeks.

Earlier this month, Sabre owner Mitch Lajeunesse and the Milton Jr. B Merchants affiliated their organizations, a move which was allowed by the Ontario Hockey Association due to the re-emergence of Fergus in the Mid-Ontario Junior C loop.

"They were drawing players from Wellington County, which is an area we had been getting people

from in the past. Now that we need to get a new source, so we were able to sign with Milton," said Lajeunesse.

The Milton team is affiliated with the Kitchener Rangers Jr. A team, which has already resulted in benefits for Acton said the Sabre owner.

"We got Michael Rusk, a left winger and Jason Sawyer, a defenceman, from Milton since they were sent down when Kitchener made some cuts from their team and Milton had to make room. Rusk will help with our scoring and Sawyer will be a real asset to our defence on the right wing

along with John Van Dam."

Lajeunesse was confident the deal will pay dividends throughout the season, since they will be able to fill some positions with the more experienced Jr. B level players.

"It will make a difference this season. We seemed to be a line short last year, especially against the stronger teams like Orangeville and Bradford. Our defence will be stronger and now we should be able to score more goals."

The affiliation between the Raiders and Sabres marks the second straight year the two organizations have collaborated,

an arrangement Raider General Manager Joe Walsh said ran smoothly for both sides.

"It allows us to carry some extra cards. After January 10, we're only allowed 21 cards, but the affiliation enables us to go beyond that number. It's sort of like an insurance policy if we run into a number of injuries just before the playoffs."

Lajeunesse said the affiliation system also benefits the players, since they will remain with an organization, such as the Kitchener Rangers, even if they are moved to the Jr. C level for a period of time.

Sabres suffer exhibition game setbacks

By ROBERT RISK
 Herald Sports Editor

The Acton Jr. C Sabres are taking a little more of the bad than the good in pre-season hockey so far this year.

After losing their first two games 4-3 and 8-1, the Sabres dropped last Thursday's game against Flamboro 9-8, won Friday's game against Stayner 3-2 at Alcott Arena and were overpowered 7-3 by Schomberg on Monday.

Their woes didn't end there either Jason Sawyer, a recent acquisition from the Milton Merchants Jr. B team, their new affiliate, suffered a partially separated shoulder in Schomberg.

Sabre owner Mitch Lajeunesse said Sawyer is one of his team's defensive cornerstones and hoped for a speedy recovery, since his player had to be taken to hospital for observation.

"It doesn't seem to be as bad as we first thought. His shoulder went back into place on its own, but we'll have to see how things go."

Lajeunesse said his team has no problems playing a physical game, but criticized the officials for letting the game get out of hand.

"That was definitely the worst officiating I've seen, including all the games we played last year. The guy who hit Jason from behind

wasn't even given a penalty and he was put into the boards from five feet out."

Both Lajeunesse and coach Ken Steen said they are more interested in looking for some big players this week to help keep the other teams "more honest". The owner said he is also looking forward to his team's next meeting against their rivals from Schomberg.

In Thursday's game against Flamboro, the Sabres came back from a 7-1 deficit in the second period to tie it up 8-8 late in the final frame. A Flamboro goal at 3:55 proved to be the winner, however.

Sabre player Shawn Hassel felt had a productive night, scoring two goals and assisting on three others. Hassel felt notched the first Sabre marker on a powerplay in the first period, the only Acton goal until the final six minutes of the second period.

Four quick goals by the Flamboro team in the second period didn't help Acton's chances for winning this match, especially two shorthanded efforts that they gave up just 22 seconds apart.

Acton turned things around in Friday's game against Stayner, playing a tighter checking game, which resulted in a 3-2 victory.

The Sabres got two quick markers to open the third period, taking a 3-0 lead on goals by Jason Lucas and Mike Brooks. Jamie Curran assisted on both of the plays, which came just over a minute apart.

Stayner fought back with a powerplay goal with six minutes remaining, due to a double minor

butt-ending penalty by goalie Jim Mantione. Stayner managed one more after pulling their goalie, but were unable to tie it up.

The Sabres play Flamboro on Friday night at Alcott Arena. Their last exhibition match is in Mount Forest on Sept. 30, before they begin the regular season on Oct. 5 in Alliston.



Acton Sabre defenceman, Matt Marcoux struggles to keep a Stayner attacker out from the front of goalie Jim Matinuck's crease during an exhibition game at Alcott Arena on Friday evening. The Sabres played a physical game, earning themselves a 3-2 victory. (Herald photo by Robert Risk)

Georgetown soccer player off to Halifax to play in Over-18 National Tournament

By ROBERT RISK
 Herald Sports Editor

A Georgetown soccer player is representing her province for the second time in a row at the Canadian championships, but in two different age categories.

Julie Ross, a member of the Oakville Polydrain women's over-18 rep soccer team, was a player for the Polydrain under-18 squad last year, which won the national championship in Edmonton last September.

Since she turns 19 this November, she became a part of the over-18 team, which defeated St. Catharines for the Ontario Cup title in Hamilton this past August.

Ross will be heading to Halifax on Oct. 5 to try to make this year just as successful for her team, which she said will be in for some tough competition, "especially from British Columbia and Quebec."

She is currently attending her first year of a Physical Education

program at McMaster University and is also playing soccer for the school's varsity women's team.

After the nationals on Canada's east coast, Ross will be travelling to another familiar competition, an invitational tournament in Miami during Christmas break.

"The Ontario champion usually gets asked to play in it every year. The team members fundraise to pay for the trip, like holding bingos or raffles," explained Ann Ross, Julie's mother.

Being a member of a successful soccer team has its privileges. Along with the two Christmas trips to Florida and visits to Edmonton and the upcoming Halifax date, Julie travelled to Europe with the Ontario team for a 10 day tour of the continent last year.

While Mrs. Ross wasn't sure if Julie would return for her fourth year with the Oakville rep team, she said her daughter would likely continue to be a member of the McMaster team until she graduates.



Georgetown native Julie Ross, currently studying Physical Education at McMaster University, is hoping to assist the Oakville Polydrain women's over-18 rep soccer team to win the Canadian championship, which is being held in Halifax on Oct. 5. Ross was a member of the Oakville Polydrain under-18 squad which won the Canadian title last year. Ross, pictured on left with friend Sumoy Chan, posed for a picture taken during an invitational tournament in Miami during last year's Christmas vacation. (Photo submitted)

SPORT SHORTS

Football banquet

The Georgetown Men's and Lady's Flag Football Leagues will be holding their annual awards banquet and dance at the Acton Legion on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Members of note from the season will be recognized at the event, as well as the two champion teams, Burns Transport of the lady's league and the Dawgs of the men's.

Field hockey tournament

The Georgetown District High School is hosting a senior field hockey tournament this Saturday. The games will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will end with the finals at 4:00 p.m. All games will be at the GDHS or Neilson Fields. Teams from St. Catharines, Clarkson, Bolton, Hamilton and Milton will be taking part in the event.

GBA meeting

The Georgetown Baseball Association will hold its annual general meeting early in November. This is a month's postponement from the original Oct. 1 meeting.

The November meeting will elect the 1991 executive, as well as serve to receive reports from the past season.

The GBA thanks all those who supported the organization of baseball in Georgetown this season and invites all interested persons to the November meeting. An exact date has not been set at this time.

Ladies' Basketball

The McCauley Ladies Basketball League begins its season on Oct. 3 at Cedarvale Community Centre at 7:00 p.m. Games will be played every Wednesday between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Organizer Alice Ogden said interested people can still join up for the league, which currently has five teams ready to go. Cost to register is \$80 for the season, which runs from October to mid-April. For more information, call Alice Ogden at 877-4400 or drop by Cedarvale on Oct. 3.

Martial Arts

The Halton Hills Yoshinkan Aikido Association is presenting an Aikido Yoshinkan demonstration/clinic at the Georgetown District High School on Oct. 5, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This new form of martial arts will be demonstrated by Sensei Yasuhisa Shioda, the son of Gozo Shioda, founder of the new physical arts form.

The first 45 minutes at GDHS will be free to all spectators, with the remaining hour containing the clinic, which is offered for \$15. Another clinic will be given the next day at Joseph Gibbons Public School from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at a \$15 cost. The two clinic package costs \$25. For more information, call Fred Haynes at 873-1295 or Alister Thomson at (519)853-2040.