

Sabres lose and win in weekend action

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The Acton Sabres split their games on the weekend, losing in Goderich 7-3 Friday and winning at "home" (Erin) Sunday 8-3 over Fergus.

Sabre coach Ken Steen said his team's play Friday could have been better, especially in the early stages of the match.

"We were tied 2-2 after one period and we were all over them in the second, but just couldn't score. We outplayed them but they got the only goal."

After that, said Steen, the third period went all Goderich's way, scoring four goals to just one for the Sabres.

Two bright spots in the game were the continued scoring production of Jeff Shevalier, who leads all Acton players in points, and former Georgetown Jr. B player Jim English. Shevalier netted two goals, while English got one.

Shevalier was also involved in some other good news for the Sabres, having been chosen to the Jr. C all-star team Tuesday.

"All the coaches get together every year and pick a line from their team, which are then voted on. Three players from each team are chosen."

This year's Acton representatives are Shevalier, defenceman Matt Markou and assistant captain Mark Broomersma. The team will play against the Jr. B Owen Sound team in Alliston Friday.

Sunday, the Sabres were technically playing a home game, but it took place in Erin,

one of two games designed to develop more interest in the team from the surrounding area.

"We didn't have a bad crowd, there were quite a few people there to see us. We played well, with all four lines contributing, so it was nice to show the crowd a win," said Steen.

The coach said the victory was an important one for the team, since they want to keep pace with the teams ahead of them in the standings. Bradford is four points ahead of fifth-place Sabres, but

the Acton team has three games in hand, and is continuing to score.

"Jim English played another really good game, getting a hat trick. John Van Dam played well too, getting a goal," said Steen.

Other Sabre scorers were Adam Hiltz, Jason Lucas, Jamie Curran and Phil Fraser, all with one goal. Acton's next games are at home, with Alliston visiting Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Walkerton Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

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Hockey tourney

Two tournaments shortly after Christmas will keep the Acton Arena busier than usual. On Dec. 27, the Leathertown West Novices are hosting their first ever tournament. The Nellis Construction Atoms are hosting an Atom tournament on Dec. 28. The tournament will involve seven other teams.

Bowling tournament

Acton Lanes will be the site of the Handicap Doubles tournament on Dec. 2, beginning at 7:00 p.m. There is only room for 18 teams to take part, so early registration is encourage.

Feeder school volleyball

On Nov. 16, Bishop Reding held its annual Royal Invitational Volleyball tournament for local feeder schools.

The schools participating included St. Peter's, Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Victory, St. Joseph's, Holy Cross and St. Francis of Assisi.

Both the girls and boys participated in round robin action, with the top three teams of both pools advancing to the semi-finals.

In girls action, Our Lady of Victory, St. Francis and St. Joe's battled it out. St. Francis knocked out St. Joe's to meet Our Lady of Victory in the championship game.

After two tough and close games St. Francis came out ahead to win 15-12, 16-14. This would mark the fourth year in a row St. Francis has captured the girls' title.

In boys' action, the top three teams also advanced to the semi-finals. With Holy Cross placing first in the round robin and receiving a "bye" to the finals, Our Lady of Victory and St. Peter's remained.

Our Lady of Victory came out on top, which meant they were to meet Holy Cross in the championship. After three action-packed games Holy Cross came out victorious.

Raiders play well, Raiders play awful

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The play of the Georgetown Raiders this weekend has got its coach wondering if some of his players have twin brothers who can't play nearly as well.

Friday, the Raiders defeated Burlington on the road 4-3 and then returned home Saturday, losing 12-2 to Brampton, which has coach Gary McFadyen shaking his head.

"I can't figure out how we can play a good intense game one night and then turn around and get blown away the very next day."

McFadyen said the two games contrasted wildly from each other. Friday saw every player picking up their assignments and digging for the puck, while the Brampton scorers had their way with Georgetown on Saturday.

"The Burlington game was a real character builder. We came back from 3-0 after the first period, tied it with 10 minutes left in the third and then won it with six minutes remaining. Saturday

there was a lack of just about everything."

The coach said he was encouraged by the strong play of a few individuals, such as Charles Officer, who scored the winner on Friday and John Williamson, who has worked hard since he joined the team.

"Officer got the last two goals for us on Friday, which was good because he'd been having trouble putting the puck in the net. Williamson has given a consistent effort in the last five games - 100 per cent every time he's out there."

Blair Catherwood also had a good weekend, scoring a goal in each of the two games. Duane Lewis netted one in Friday's game, while Bill McDonald got one in the shootout Saturday.

"This week is an important one for us, since we play (last place) Peterborough twice (yesterday and Saturday) and Oakville on Friday. We've had three wins in our last five games and if we can win this week, we should be in better shape," said McFadyen.



Raider Marty Savoy, as usual, makes a nuisance of himself in front of an opponent's net, which happened to be Brampton Saturday night at Alcott Arena. The Raiders suffered their biggest setback of the season to the Capitals, losing 12-2. (Herald photo by Colin Gibson)

Police called to prevent brawl

Saturday's game between the Sunny Acre Farms Major Midgets and Milton saw the police being called in to make sure the fights didn't spill into the dressing rooms or the parking lot.



The Sunny Acre Farms Major Midgets and a team from Milton got into some stick swinging during their game at Alcott Arena Saturday. One Milton player who was ejected from the game was given a further suspension when he and his brother entered the Georgetown dressing room to discuss the fight further. (Herald photo by Colin Gibson)

One of the Milton players, Abdulla Hassan, who was ejected for fighting, entered the Georgetown dressing room along

with one of his brothers who attended the game, which resulted in the police being invited.

"The brother jumped down from the stands and headed to the dressing room with the ejected player. As a result, he was removed from the arena, along with the player when he was dressed."

Georgetown Minor Hockey Association president, Hal Peils, said the brother was banned from Alcott and he is hoping the Milton organization will do the same at their rink. The Milton player was suspended one game for the fight, as was Doug Crawford, the Georgetown player. However, for entering the dressing room, Hassan was given a gross misconduct by the referee, the penalty which will have to be reviewed by the league convenor.

"It all started out being a chippy game and the Milton player was playing dirty hockey all game. When he tried to board a guy and missed, he got mad and started the fight," said Peils.

The GMHA president said more harsh words were exchanged, and another fight took place, but more was promised after the game.

"One of their guys was even telling a police officer they'd settle things in the parking lot, whether the police were there or not, but nothing happened."

The Sunny Acre team won the game 5-0.

REBEL REPORT

The winter season of sports for Georgetown District High School's Rebel basketball team got off to a slow start Monday on the road.

The team lost 74-39 at Bishop Reding, a defeat they are looking to forget when they meet M.M. Robinson at GDHS today, starting at 3:45 p.m.

The junior team had things go their way in an exhibition match against Meadowvale Secondary School at GDHS on Monday. The juniors defeated the visitors 39-31. Meadowvale trailed for most of the game, allowing the Rebels to coast through the last half of the match for the victory.

Both teams will be involved in tournaments Friday. The seniors will play at Port Credit, while the juniors travel to Pearson.

The volleyball teams open their season at Acton High School on Monday, starting at 3:45 p.m. and will play their first home game next Wednesday against Milton. On Dec. 8, the seniors will host their own tournament.

The swim team is looking to continue their winning ways this afternoon when they host Oakville Trafalgar in a meet at the Georgetown Indoor Pool. The Rebels won almost all of their races last week against Acton and Aldershot. The Novice team travels to White Oaks on Thursday in a meet that begins at 2:00 p.m.