

Sabres overtime win moves team into third



victory against Bradford on Sunday at Acton Arena.

Previous to this week, Bradford had been third, but the loss to Acton and two wins by Alliston recently set the Bulls down to fifth spot. Sabres and Alliston each have 22 points, but Acton has played one less game.

Sabre coach Ken Steen said the win in extra time Sunday has shown the team's depth, which has increased as the season has worn

on. "We were leading 4-2 in the second when Bradford scored four straight goals. Instead of giving up, the guys dug in and came back to win it. Jeff Shevalier (recently chosen as the league's all-star game MVP) got the winner for us."

Steen said the main factor for the team's continued success is scoring, which is third highest in the league. Also helping is the team's goals allowed total of 87, the third lowest.

"The scoring is spread out amongst just about everybody. All the lines are scoring, not just one or two, which makes it really tough for the opposition to shut us down."

Friday, Adam Hills got a hat trick, followed by Jim English with two, Phil Fraser with one, as did Jason Lucas, Dale McNiven and Mark Brommersma.

Hills continued to fill the net, repeating his hat trick performance Sunday, while Shevalier, who has been playing

for the Jr. B Georgetown Raiders on his off days, scored two. Jason Lucas and Rich Bond each scored once.

The two victories have now given the Sabres a record of 11-8. Sabres now have a five game winning streak, something Steen wants to continue.

"We play Hanover next who we just lost by one goal to (back on Oct. 26) and then Schomberg, the team just ahead of us (by five points). I'd like to have a 13-8 record for Christmas."

By ROBERT RISK
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Acton Sabres took command of third place in the Central Ontario Jr. C league with a 7-6 overtime

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Two more losses for Raiders

By ROBERT RISK
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Georgetown Raiders lost both weekend games, their first Friday at Milton 9-4 and Saturday at home 7-2 to Brampton, leaving the team with no wins against any opponents save last place

Peterborough since Nov. 23. Raiders could continue that dubious streak since they travel to Peterborough Friday. However, coach Gary McFadyen said he hopes to turn things around Dec. 15 when first place Milton visits.

"We played Milton pretty close Friday, going into the third period tied 3-3. It was 6-4 with about four minutes left before they potted the others."

McFadyen said the key to turning the tight games into victories was getting another sniper - something general manager Joe Walsh is working on, but nothing has developed.

"We've got three cards left to sign people up with. We've been having a lot of trouble getting goals when we're behind, so if we can give other teams more pressure, it'll help improve things for us."

McFadyen said he was sure his players have been putting in the effort, and was confident they could play on the same level as top ranked Milton and Brampton.

"We have to tighten up defensively, especially late in the game. With some more scoring, I'm looking to catch Burlington and Streetsville and take some games from Milton and Brampton as well."

The coach said even though his team lost 7-2 to Brampton, one of his main objectives was achieved - that of neutralizing their main scoring line.

Canadian Junior team invites Bennett to camp

Former Georgetown hockey player Adam Bennett, now playing hockey for the Sudbury Wolves of the Ontario Hockey League, was selected to try out for the Canadian junior team last week.

Bennett was drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks two years ago in the first round, sixth overall and is a force to be reckoned with on the ice.

Sam McMaster, director of operations for the Wolves, said Bennett is an integral part of their defensive unit. With 12 goals and 16 assists in 30 games, his contributions to the scoresheet are also noteworthy.

"Adam is a very fine hockey player and does an excellent job for us on defence. I strongly believe he would make a great addition to the (Canadian junior) team."

Bennett was invited to the national junior camp last year, but was one of the team's last roster cuts.

Having won the championship last year, the Canadian team is defending the title at home in Saskatoon Dec. 26-Jan. 4. Bennett begins training at the junior camp Dec. 13 in Kindersley, Saskatchewan. The final roster will be decided Dec. 18.



Getting set

Rebel junior volleyball player Darby Erier sets up the ball during one of their games at Georgetown District High School, during tournament play Saturday. The Juniors didn't make it to the finals, but accounted well for themselves against the senior teams. (Herald photo by Robert Risk)

Gerry Perkins chosen as Hockey Heritage recipient



Gerry Perkins, involved with local hockey since 1957, was chosen as the 1991 recipient of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award last Thursday. He has also been a referee for just as long, still taking to the ice three times a week and also completing his duties as referee-in-chief for the Georgetown Referee's Association. (Herald photo)

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For all the people who ask (nicely or not) where Gerry Perkins learned to referee, the answer is Georgetown. After more than 30 years of donning the zebra stripes, saying he doesn't know the rules is also ridiculous.

Though people may not agree with Perkins' decisions on the ice, not many doubt his dedication to local hockey. The truth of that was shown Wednesday when he was chosen to receive the 1991 Georgetown Heritage Hockey Award by the group's selection committee.

Perkins started his involvement with minor hockey in 1957 when his son Paul started playing house league. Though he wasn't allowed to coach his own children, Perkins stayed behind the bench as three other sons and three grandsons graduated through the minor hockey ranks.

His involvement with hockey didn't end as a coach. That same year, he started refereeing, giving a hand to the recently created Georgetown Referee's Association.

"I remember when there were just six of us in the organization. Now there are 32 referees that I assign about 1,200 games for every year, since I'm the referee-in-chief (for the last 25 years). It's a lot of work - about 20 hours a week."

Perkins, known as "Perkie",

has also been involved with the organization of many tournaments, including the Georgetown International Bantam Tournament.

"I've been in every one of them since it started 28 years ago. Tournaments are a lot of fun, especially some of the bigger ones, like the time the Bantams went to Sweden in 1985."

Perkins said the tournament was played on an outdoor rink just outside of Stockholm. There was so much snow that play had to be stopped to clear the ice surface.

"I still write to one of the guys in Sweden I refereed with. Just a while ago, he sent me a picture of the new arena, which is right over top of where the boys had played."

Though there are a lot of good times, Perkins said some games have gotten ugly, with the occasional police escort required to leave the arena.

"I don't like to remember those kinds of things. That doesn't happen often, but there is almost always somebody yelling at you from the stands."

As a result, he tries to help referees just starting out by telling them to give a deaf ear, pretending they're not there.

"I know it's hard sometimes, and some kids have quit over it, but I really enjoy the job. To me, hockey is the best game in the world - there's nothing like it."

REBEL REPORT

Georgetown Rebels junior and senior volleyball teams lost their first games of the season at Bishop Reding Monday. Seniors won the first set 15-10, but lost the other two 15-9, 17-15. Juniors lost two games to one, but scores were unavailable.

The loss for the seniors brought the team back down to earth, having won their own invitational tournament Saturday, which included the same Reding team. Seniors took heart in the fact they were the defending champions of the tournament, and didn't lose a single set.

Juniors also did well in the tournament, managing a 5-5 record against the senior teams and finishing in fourth place.

In basketball, Rebels continue to struggle, especially seniors who are winless in five games. Their most recent loss was at home Monday against Bishop Reding, which won 73-59. Juniors also lost to Reding, but scores were unavailable at press time.

On a positive note for basketball, Rebel senior Sheri Nairn, chosen as Georgetown's representative in the all-star game, helped the Richardson division team defeat Volpe 71-70. Nairn mainly played guard in the match, played Dec. 3 at Lord Elgin.