

# Sabres lose two out of three on weekend



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Acton Sabres broke a two game losing streak Sunday against Grand Valley, keeping the team above the .500 mark during their three day "road" trip.

Sabres (now 13-11) technically were at home Saturday against Bradford but played in Hillsburgh, the organization's second game of the season designed

to draw fan interest from the surrounding area.

Coach Ken Steen said turnout for the game against the Bulls was good, considering the poor weather that evening.

"It was a decent sized crowd, especially since it was a pretty snowy night. They definitely saw a good game, going into overtime as well."

Steen said he would have preferred to win the match, but also indicated the goal scoring for both teams was well executed and his players didn't miss many of their assignments.

"Bradford went up 2-0 due to a couple of penalties that went

against us. I'm not always happy with the calls the referees make, but our guys kept us in the game by killing off most of them."

Jason Lucas and Jeff Shevalier notched one goal apiece in the third to tie it up, forcing the Bulls to get the winner midway through overtime.

Friday, Sabres visited Orangeville, which hasn't lost to Sabres this season and currently leads the league. Acton kept things close early, entering the second period tied 0-0.

Crushers opened things up shortly after, scoring four successive times before Adam Hills got one shortly before the end of

the second.

"Orangeville tends to score in bunches, which they did against us. With us missing a couple of guys due to injuries and Mark Broomersma and John Van Dam out due to suspensions, it was tougher keeping them out of our end."

Steen said goalie Greg Powell played well, but acknowledged Orangeville is a tough competition, particularly at home. Jim English and Jamie Curran scored for Acton in the third, but Crushers scored three to take the win 7-3.

Sunday, Sabres came back with a 10-6 victory in Grand

Valley, led by Jeff Shevalier with four goals.

Paul Larsen, formerly a Jr. B player from Brampton, scored two goals for his new team, followed by Jim English, Adam Hills, Jamie Curran and Rich Bond, each with one goal.

"It was fairly close in the first period, with us leading 3-2 at the end of it. We opened it up 8-2 after two and got two more in the third for the win," said Steen.

Sabres play another three game weekend starting Friday against Grand Valley and Saturday against Alliston at home. Sunday, Acton travels to Bradford.

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### Squeeze play

Acton goaltender Greg Powell and assistant captain Jamie Curran wedge the puck between them during play Friday in Orangeville. Sabres lost to the league leading Crushers 7-3, were defeated the

following night to Bradford 3-2 in overtime and won their final game of the weekend 10-6 in Grand Valley. (Herald photo)

## Midget tournament trophies won by Red Wings and Terriers

Midget Halton Hurricanes came close during Georgetown's 24th annual tournament on the weekend, but lost the annual championship to Toronto Red Wings at Alcott Arena.

This year marked the first time both AA and AAA teams were put into the same tournament, which worked out well, according to organizer Dave Martin.

"With just double 'A' we had a 12 to 16 team format. This time we had 20 teams, so we used Memorial Arena as well. The tournament was also extremely well attended."

Georgetown's Sunny Acre Farms hosted the event, finishing first in its division. However, the team was defeated in the semi-final 2-0 by Royal York.

Friday, Georgetown defeated

Port Perry 9-4, lost 7-3 to Streetsville and beat Acton 4-3. Both Georgetown and Port Perry finished the preliminary rounds with the same 2-1 record, but the hosts advanced, based on the tie breaking formula used.

Mississauga Terriers won their division and played Waterloo, the wildcard entry. Mississauga won the game 6-0, advancing to play Royal York in the AA final. Terriers won the Sunny Acre Farms trophy by managing a 5-4 victory.

In AAA, Halton went undefeated in its division, beating Richmond Hill Vaughan Kings 4-2, Barrie 5-1 and Mississauga Black Hawks 6-1.

Hurricanes won the semi-final game against Minnesota North Stars, fighting back from a 2-0 deficit to win 5-3. Halton's Trevor Elinsky earned first star honors

for his hat trick.

Toronto Red Wings won their division by beating Mississauga North Stars 5-2, Whitby 7-4 and Sault Ste. Marie Elks 4-1. Mississauga Black Hawks put up a fight in the semi-final, forcing Red Wings to win the game 4-3 in overtime.

Martin said the calibre of the play kept things interesting for the fans, as well as the 23 hockey scouts that were taking notes.

"The comments from the scouts were very favorable. They were pleased we were able to bring in teams from further away, like Sudbury and the Soo."

Martin said the AAA coaches were also happy the organizers were able to put on a quality tournament with only a few month's notice, with many indicating they would like to return next year.

## Last place Peterborough defeats Georgetown 2-1

Georgetown Raiders were defeated by Peterborough for the first time this season on Friday, dropping a 2-1 decision on the road.

The win was the third of the season in 32 games for the basement dwelling Petes, who sit 11 points behind sixth place Georgetown.

Peterborough continued to surprise the opposition, tying third place Oakville 6-6 on Sunday. Raider coach Gary McFadyen said it was hard to say what has brought a change to Peterborough, but knew why Georgetown lost.

"We simply didn't put the puck in the net. We played well enough to win, outshooting them, but we couldn't get the goals."

Peterborough led for most of the match, scoring their second goal with six minutes remaining. After three minutes, McFadyen pulled goaltender Jason Nicholson while Peterborough was trying to kill a penalty.

"We scored pretty quick and

we got what we thought was the tying goal, but it was disallowed by the referee. Some of our guys saw it was in before the ref blew the play dead, but the point is we should have won the game earlier and not have to rely on a last minute play."

McFadyen said management will be looking at a few new faces Tuesday (yesterday) during practice at Alcott. With three import cards open, the coach said a number one goaltender and another scorer are at the top of the shopping list.

"We'd like to get an experienced goaltender who can take the number one position. Paul (St. Pierre) has been injured, so we could use some help."

McFadyen said when Acton Sabre's sniper Jeff Shevalier plays, there is "that little bit extra" the team needs on the attack. Since Shevalier can't play every game, the coach said another full-time scorer should make a big difference on the scoreboard.



### Quick draw

Halton Hurricane Midget goalie Pete Downs holds onto the puck as two Toronto Red Wing players stand on his doorstep during tournament play Sunday at Alcott Arena. The two teams met in the AAA championship final, which was won by Red Wings 6-2. (Herald photo)