

Sabres eyeing Erin

The third-place Acton Nellis Construction Novice I rep hockey Sabres crept closer to second-place Erin last week, but stayed even with Arthur despite beating the No. 1 club.

After beating Arthur 2-1 last Wednesday at the Community Centre, the Sabres did much the same Sunday, but didn't win.

John Field scored from Andrew Pembleton and Sean Kirk.

Arthur tied the game and took the lead at 2-1 with less than four minutes remaining.

They added another to down the 17-6-4 Sabres.

On Friday at Erin, the Sabres

defeated the Devils 6-2.

Scoring for the Sabres were Mike Dube with two, Jon Newby, Shawn Prentice, Chris Jowett, Andrew Pembleton.

Pembleton and David Lyons counted assists.

Sabre goalie Jason Strong lost his shutout after two periods.

Last Wednesday's victory was the Sabres' first against Arthur in five attempts this year.

Pembleton and Dube scored. Jowett, Nick Mastro and Steve Atkinson assisted.

Goalie Max Schaefer held the Tigers scoreless until three minutes into the third period.

AHS Midget cagers lose by 4

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

The Acton Redmen Midget cagers are creeping ever so close to hitting the bench mark of 50 points scored that coach Harvey Lemon set at the outset of the 1993-94 season.

The team still has to shoot more, but an improvement last Wednesday coupled with sound ball control that kept M.M. Robinson off the board, was encouraging in the 49-45 loss in Burlington.

"We played well, I have no complaints," said Lemon, despite seeing his team's record drop to 0-3 "It was the first game where we didn't dig a hole for ourselves in the first quarter."

The home side held quarter leads

of 15-12, 27-20 and 43-31. Stronger in their rebounding and ball control, the Redmen outscored their opponents 12-6 in the fourth quarter to make it close.

What excites Lemon is that his team almost tasted victory, despite the absence of Jamie Birrell. The gritty Birrell, nursing a banged up right ankle, took to the hardwood late in the game.

"He came during the fourth quarter for five minutes and scored four points," Lemon beamed. "If he was healthy, it could have made a difference (in the final score). I held him back and he did quite well."

The Redmen coach also likes the fact four of the team's five remaining games, including to-

day's (Wednesday) match against E.C. Drury, are at home.

"We'll get a chance to win with the backboards that we practice with," said an optimistic Lemon, whose team fell 48-35 to Milton on the road Monday.

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HOUSE LEAGUE HOCKEY

PEEWEE

Craigwood Farms and Acton Auto Tech duelled 4-4 in Peewee house league hockey action at the Community Centre on Saturday.

Bobby MacDougal scored twice for Craigwood, while Greg McMillan notched a pair for Auto Tech.

Other Craigwood scorers were Jeff Garrard and Robbie Laird.

Assisting were Laird with two, MacDougal and Ryan Schmidt.

Rob Bonus and Nathan Irving also tallied for Auto Tech.

Bonus, Irving, Ben Reynolds and Dan Stanhope registered single helpers.

In the other Peewee game, Washington and M & M Pro Sports drew 2-2.

Joey Zinke and Derek Nolan found the net for Washington.

Counting assists were Zinke, Jesse DeForest and Blair Williamson.

Mike Goldwick and David Brown replied for M & M Pro Sports.

Assists went to Brown, Josh Wilson and Bryan McAnsh.

Mike Pawlak was named M & M's player of the game for strong netminding.

ATOM

The Mike and Al's Transport line of Ryan Bowen, David White, Chris Stanhope, Philip Scott and Marty Gordon scored five goals in six minutes to rally their team past Nellis Construction 8-5 in Atom play.

Stanhope, Bowen and White each tallied twice for the winners. Single markers went to Scott and Alex Zinke.

Bowen with three, White and Stanhope

two, Philip Goy and Philip Scott assisted.

Nellis was led by Robbie McMillan, who potted the hat-trick. Bruce Mulligan and Erik Sousa also scored.

Mulligan, Sousa, David Frost, Mike Rowsell and Ryan Sampson assisted.

In the other Atom game, Joey Thompson's three goals powered Mike Luty Transport to a hard-fought 5-3 victory over Mr. Mugs on Saturday.

Adam Durski and Adam Lindsay each scored once and added an assist.

Thompson, Joey McGrath, David McEnery and Nathan Williamson assisted.

Defensively, Michael Lee, Michael Varanelli, Paul Payne and Jonathan Hicks played strong. Eric Gilmour shone in net.

Paul Schiller bagged two goals to lead Mr. Mugs. Jason Bonus had the other.

Assisting were Bonus, Shane Haslam, Simon Drexler and Nathan French.

TYKE

Matt Locke scored three times as McIntyre Fuels doubled Halton Hills Furniture 6-3 in Tyke action on Saturday.

Nick Newby with two and Reid Hendry also added goals.

Awarded helpers were Corey Grace-Wilson with a pair and Gavin Anderson.

In other games, Best Transfer thumped Acton Terminal Warehouse 6-1 on the strength of Tim Pembleton's four goals.

Patrick Glatt added two markers.

Assisting were Brett Manes with two and Michael Kellas.

Joel Graydon scored for A.T.W.

Kyle Winters recorded the shutout as A & S Engraving buried Al and Al's Red Brand Meats 6-0.

Chad Artem scored four goals. Michael Kuiper and Steven Terry added singles.

Adam McDonald with two and Greg Henry chipped in with assists.

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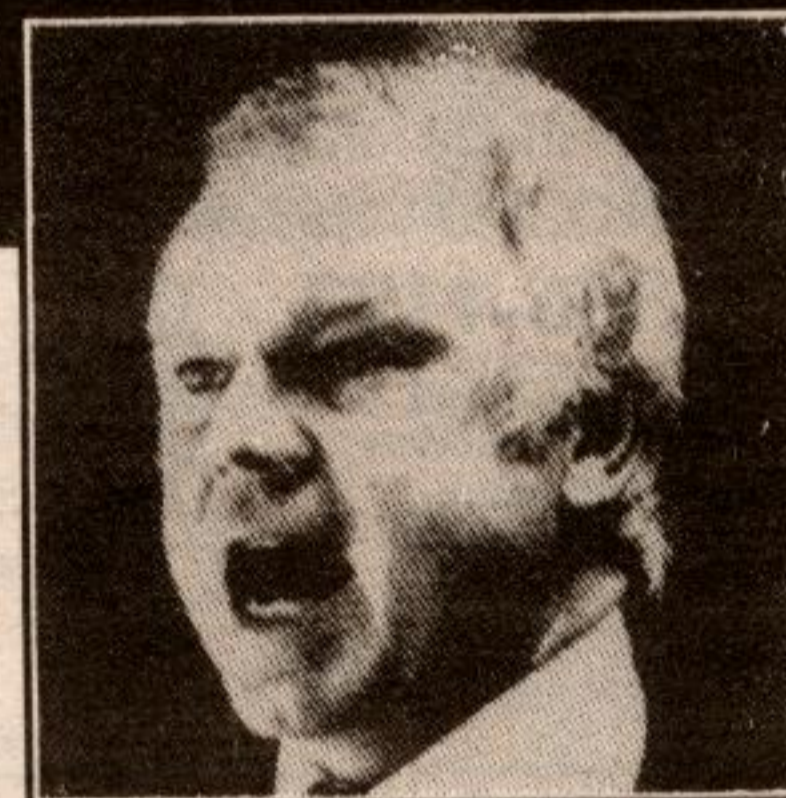
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THE WRATH OF GRAPES

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Eddie Shore: a real tough guy

I remember the story Eddie Shore told me about the time he had his ear almost sliced off and it was hanging by a thread. Two doctors told him there was no chance in saving the ear. Eddie wouldn't believe them, so he put a bandage on the ear and drove around until he found a doctor who would sew it up.

He was as tough as they come and colourful. When he was introduced at the Gardens, he would come out of the chute wearing a cape. The fans would go wild.

Eddie Shore had a dark side. It seemed he didn't mind his own pain and so he loved to dish out pain.

For instance, one night in Boston Gardens, the Bruins were playing the Toronto Maple Leafs. Eddie was knocked down in the Leaf's end by King Clancy. Eddie got up and came up behind a Leaf player named Ace Bailey. Eddie knocked the feet from under Ace and Ace fell back and hit his head.

Bailey fractured his skull and was given the last rites, as he was expected to die. This was not to be tolerated by the Leafs. A big tough *hombre* called Red Horner came over to Eddie and decked him, knocking him out cold. The fans couldn't believe it. Two guys being carried off the ice at once!

Ace survived and lived to be a ripe old age. He died only a couple of years ago.

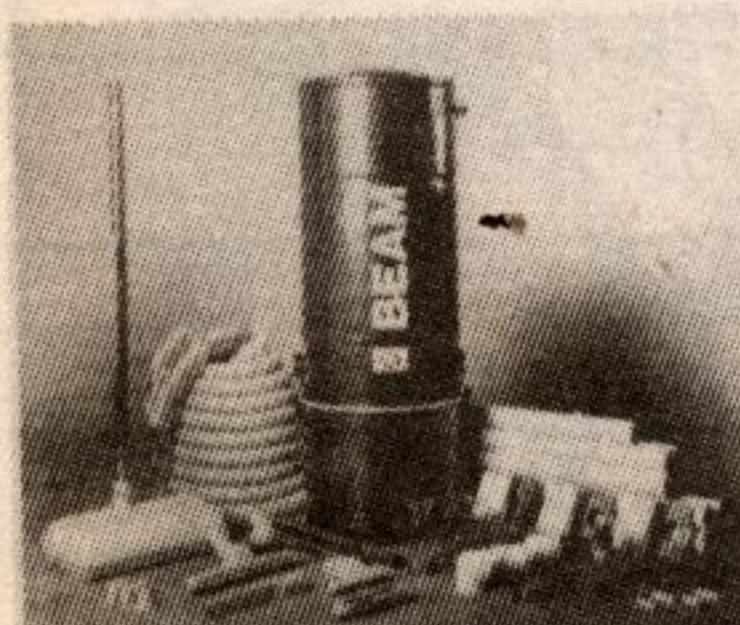
A little sideline to this story is that this is where the All Star game started. The NHL got together and had a game to benefit Ace and presto - the All Star Game!



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