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# ACTON MINOR

## NOVICE 1

The **Nellis Construction Sabres** showed off their deep scoring attack heading to the playoffs as four different players found the net in a 4-2 doubling of **Guelph** here in an exhibition match last Tuesday.

Acton led 2-1 after the opening period thanks to Mark Pawlak and Joe Brunelle goals.

Brendan Dick and Matt Gardener drew assists.

With the score knotted at 2-2 heading to third period play, Acton scored two unanswered goals — Michael Gerrow and Kyle Strong — to salt the game away.

Brunelle set up both markers.

## ATOM 1

While goalie Jason Strong looked to be in playoff form when the **Acton Rotary Club Sabres** opened their first round series in **Elora** last Wednesday, the club's forwards were unable to muster any offensive game plan in the locals' 2-0 loss.

Sabre coach Pete Cargill hopes his team can generate more offence in Game 2.

"We just didn't control the play enough to get good scoring opportunities," he says.

The Sabres' defence, though, was stingy against Elora, which dominated the league this season with a 27-0-1 record.



## SKATING WITH THE OPPOSITION!

Andy's Restaurant Novice 2 forward Alex Dube, left, will be counted upon to lead his team against Milton in Round 1 of the OMHA playoffs. He had three points in two exhibition games last week.

## NOVICE 2

If **Andy's Restaurant Sabres** can carry their play from exhibition action last week, they may just make quick work of **Milton** in Round 1 of the OMHA playdowns.

The locals open the playoffs against Milton this week after edging them 4-3 in a practice game here recently.

They followed that game with an impressive 5-3 victory over first-place **Grand Valley** (23-3-2) in another exhibition tilt at the Community Centre on Saturday.

Tim Pembleton and Jesse Hepburn each fired goals for the home side.

Andrew Robitaille, who also added an assist, scored the other.

Also posting helpers were Patrick Glatt, Brett Manes, Sean Brophy, Chad Artem and Alex Dube.

Dube, by the way, notched the game winner against Milton at the Community Centre.

Hepburn, Robitaille and Kyle McDonald had a goal apiece.

Setting up goals were Kyle Winters with a pair, Dube, Glatt, Brophy and Nick Newby.

## COACHES!

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## ATOM 2

The first-place Acton **Proplastex Sabres** rested last week awaiting the start of the OMHA playdowns.

Meanwhile, the Sabres travelled to **Flesherton** and **Markdale** for tournament play recently.

In their first game, they battled **Wellesley**, but fell 3-2 in OT.

Steve Atkinson and Sean Kirk scored in a losing cause.

Adam Brouillard assisted twice.

In Game 2, the Sabres again were on the short end of a 3-2 decision against **Brantford**.

Nick Mastro and Brian Field potted unassisted goals in the Sabres' second loss.

**NOTE:** Results from the Sabres' first game of Round 1 of the OMHA playoffs on Saturday against Arthur were not available at press time.

## 'TEAM OF THE WEEK'

On paper, the first round OMHA matchup pitting the **Bantam 2 United Aggregate Local 488 Sabres** against heavily favoured **Fergus** would seem like a laugh.

One just needs to look at the final regular season records of the two teams — Fergus ran roughshod over the competition with a 20-4-3 mark, while Acton occupied the basement in the five-team loop with a paltry 5-22-1 performance.

But it's the local squad that is getting the last laugh early in the playoffs, a time when the old adage "anything can happen in the playoffs" rolls off the tongues of the underdog.

So, with virtually nothing to lose, the Sabres quietly walked into the Fergus arena and played their opponents tough in Game 1, nearly grabbing the upper hand in a 3-2 loss. But it was good enough to cop **Team of the Week** honours.

And creeping ever so close to victory against a team some would say only had to show up on the ice

to win, was enough to tell Sabre players anything could happen in Game 2 here on Saturday.

Buoyed by Adam Petch's two goals, they proved the critics wrong and skated to a 3-2 win to even the series 1-1.



## THIS WEEK AT THE ARENA

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1**  
7:30 pm .... Atom 2 vs. Arthur  
8:30 pm .. Peewee 2 vs. Elora

**SATURDAY, FEB. 4**  
9 pm ..... Peewee 1 vs. Elora

**MONDAY, FEB. 6**  
9 pm ... Bantam 2 vs. Fergus

**TUESDAY, FEB. 7**  
8 pm ..... Bantam 1 vs. Fergus

**NOTE:** Andy's Restaurant Novice 2 Sabres open Round 1 of their series against Milton this week at the arena.

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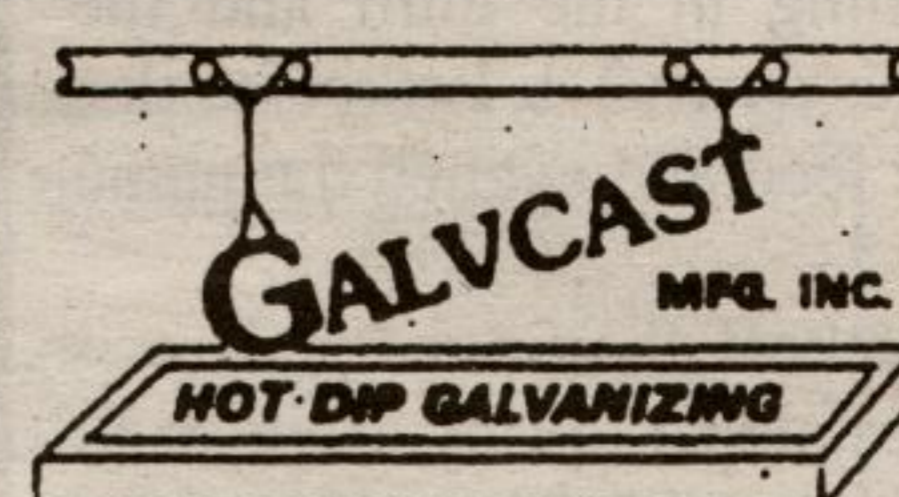
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