

# ACTON MINOR HOCKEY REPORT

## NOVICE 1

The **Nellis Construction Sabres** finished in second-place of the Harrison Division, two points back of Elora with a 22-2-4 mark.

They begin a best-of-five series against **Fergus** tonight (Wednesday, 7:30 pm here) in Round 1 of the OMHA playoffs.

The Sabres warmed up for post-season play on the weekend, winning a tournament in **Arthur**.

The locals crushed **Markdale** 9-1, overpowered the hosts 5-2 and outlasted **Seaforth** for the win.

Andrew Robitaille started the Sabres on Saturday with five of the first six goals against Markdale.

Nick Newby, Patrick Collins, Jesse Sparkes and Kyle Strong added single goals to the win.

Assists went to Robitaille, Sparkes, Kyle Winters, Michael Wood and Chad Artem.

Against Arthur, Strong, Robitaille, Winters, Blake Martin and Troy Ethier scored.

A shootout was necessary in the final with a 2-2 tie after regulation.

Winters notched his hat-trick goal to win it for the Sabres. Goalie Jordan Guindon blanked Seaforth.

## NOVICE 2

They scored three goals in two games last week, but the **Andy's Restaurant Sabres** only allowed two for a win and tie.

Michael Bentley scored from Andrew Marcoux and Brady Masters in a 1-1 draw at the arena against **Elora** on Saturday.

Sabres coach Mike Marcoux says a fine effort in the tight-checking game was turned in by goalie Simon Sharples.

On Thursday, Bentley and Kyle McDonald were the lone Sabres marksmen in a 2-1 edging of **Fergus** on the road.

Fraser Anderson was in on both goals with assists, while Matt Locke and Steve Terry added one.

## ATOM 1

Surrendering a paltry five goals in three games, the **Rotary Club Sabres** strengthened their second-place standing with three victories last week.

The locals begin the OMHA playoffs this Saturday here against **Elora**. Game time is 6:30 pm.

A stellar effort from netminder Max Schaefer resulted in a 2-1 final over **Oakville** on Sunday.

John Field and Michael Borg scored for the Sabres.

Adam Lindsay with two, Sean Kirk and Shawn Prentice picked up helpers.

On Thursday, Jason Strong earned the shutout in the Sabres' 3-0 effort in Oakville.

Scoring were Borg, Field and Peter Glatt.

Lindsay led with a pair of assists. Others went to Kirk, David Lyons, Matt Wolfer and Michael MacDonald.

Lindsay with two, Field, Wolfer, Kirk, Borg, Adam Brouillard and Steve Atkinson scored in an 8-4 doubling of **Milton** last Wednesday at the Community Centre.

Lyons assisted twice.

## ATOM 2

The **Proplastex Sabres** dropped a 4-0 decision to lowly **Arthur** on Sunday.

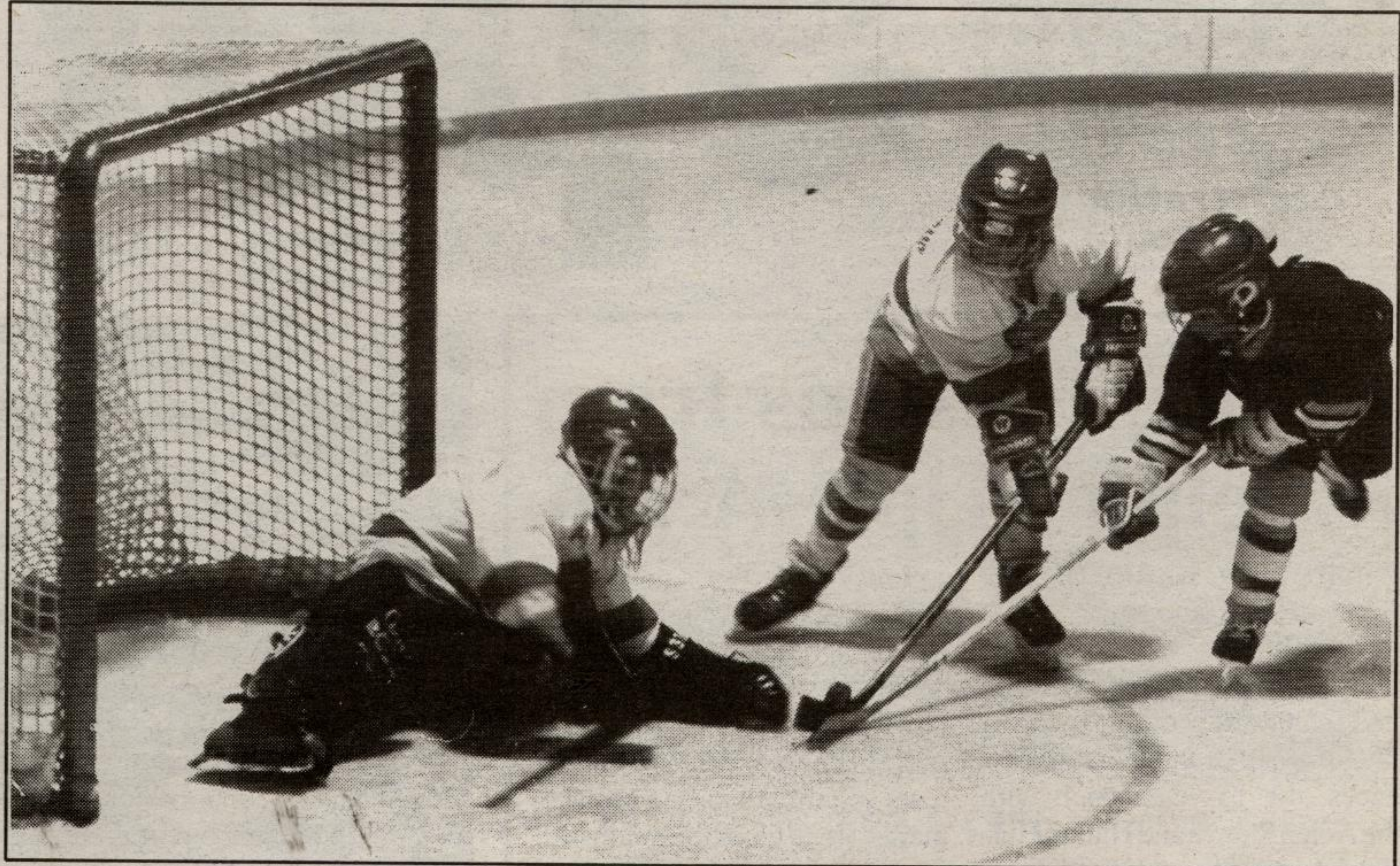
They begin the Tri-County playoffs against third-place **Elora** this Saturday here at the arena.

The Sabres finished the regular season at 18-6-4.

Meanwhile, Colin Sheehan hit for two goals in a 6-2 pasting of **Brampton** during an exhibition game on Sunday.

Darryl Wright, Jon Newby, Shawn Gobin and David Preston also found the net.

Pocketing assists were Jesse Hepburn with three and two each to Wright and Nick Mastro. Newby and Matt Gardener added singles.



## SHARPLES SHINES IN NOVICE 2 TIE!

An **Andy's Restaurant Novice 2** player tries to help his goalie, Simon Sharples, smother the puck during action against Elora at the arena on Saturday. The game ended in a 1-1 tie. (Eve Martin photo)

## 'TEAM OF THE WEEK'

A stingy defence combined with spectacular netminding from Chris Schiller and Neal Dawkins is good enough to recognize the **Atom 2 Proplastex Sabres** as **Team of the Week**.

But you could throw in an 18-6-4 record through the 1995-96 regular season. And 25 and 23-goal seasons by Nick Mastro and Darryl Wright.

Whatever, the locals memorable season was good enough for a second-place standing in the seven-team loop.

The much vaunted defence corps includes Stephen Boychuk, Matt Gardener, Ben Williams, Jon Newby and David Preston.

The accolades continue as Mastro (20), Jesse Hepburn (15), Brian Field (13) and Colin Sheehan (10) were the team assist leaders.

"The coaches are very pleased with the players' efforts over the past month," said Sabres coach **Kent Petty** in reference to the locals championship game appearance in the Acton Christmas tourney (a 2-1 loss to Port Perry).

"The team is ready for both the OMHA playoffs and the Tri-County League playoffs."

Following is the Sabres' player roster: **Neal Dawkins, Shawn Gobin, Stephen Boychuk, Jesse Hepburn, Matt Gardener, Brendan Dick, Joe Bruhelle, Nick Mastro, Brian Field, Michael Gerrow, Darryl Wright, Colin Sheehan, Ben Williams, Jon Newby, David Preston and Chris Schiller.**

**Trefor Gardener** assists Petty, while **Randy Gerrow** is trainer and **Rick Boychuk** manager.

## THIS WEEK AT THE ARENA

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

7:30 .... *Novice 1 vs. Fergus (OMHA Game 1 of 5)*

8:30 *Peewee 1 vs. Fergus (OMHA Game 1 of 5)*

### SATURDAY, JAN. 27

5:30 *Atom 2 vs. Elora (league playoff)*

6:30 ..... *Atom 1 vs. Elora (OMHA Game 1 of 5)*

7:45 ... *Bantam 2 vs. Erin-Hills (OMHA Game 1 of 5)*

### MONDAY, JAN. 29

9 pm ... *Midgets vs. Fergus (OMHA Game 1 of 5)*

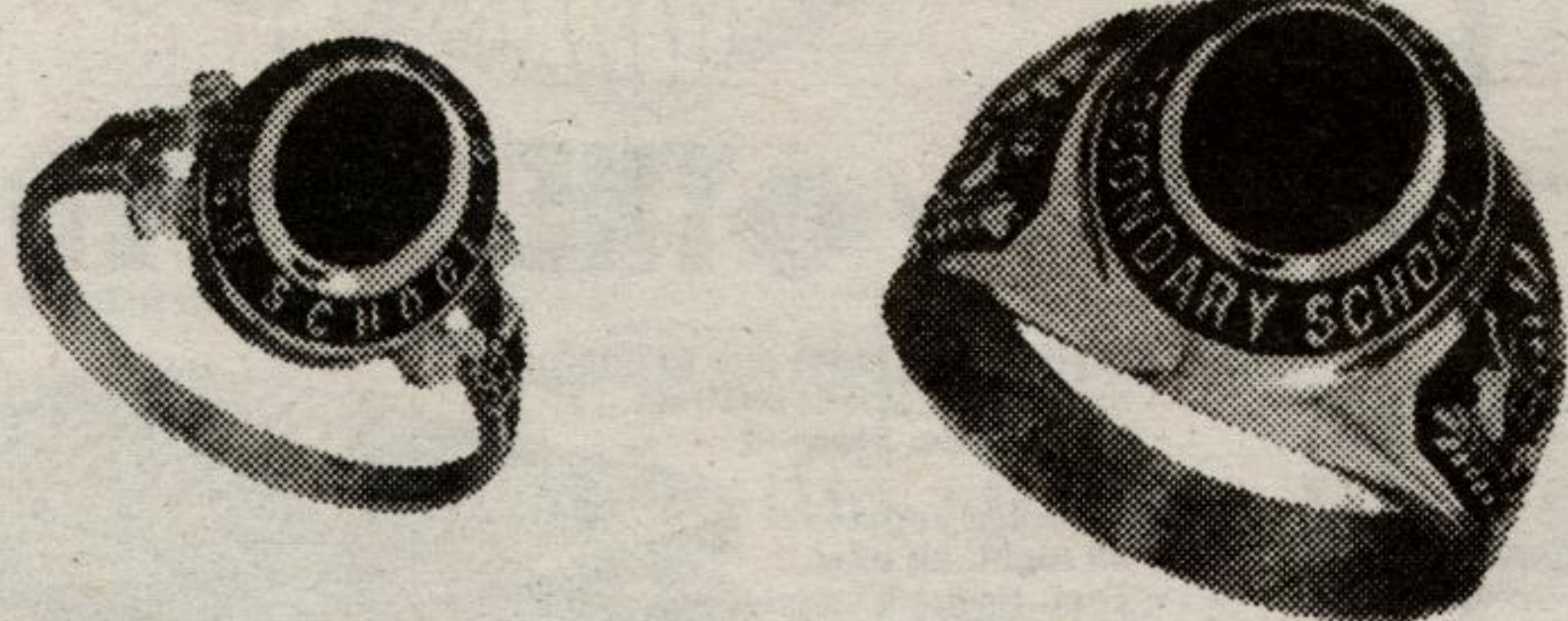
### TUESDAY, JAN. 30

7 pm ..... *Novice 1 vs. Fergus*

8 pm ..... *Bantam 1 vs. Elora*

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