

ACTON MINOR HOCKEY REPORT

NOVICE 1

The **Nellis Construction Sabres'** playoff troubles continued last week in the Tri-County loop.

Acton allowed **Erin-Hillsburgh** to stay in the game after jumping into a two-goal lead in the first minute of the game.

Kyle Winters put the Sabres up 1-0 with an unassisted goal and Andrew Robitaille gave them a two-goal advantage scoring from Daine Kuiken-Rogers.

Erin-Hillsburgh held tough and potted a goal in the final 60 seconds of the opening frame.

Kuiken-Rogers restored the two-goal margin early in the second period with a goal from Robitaille. But Erin bounced back and scored two of their own in less than a minute to knot matters.

Winters scored his second goal of the game, assisted by Chad Artem and Kyle Strong to pull Acton into the lead at 4-3 with eight minutes left.

Erin scored with three minutes remaining as the game ended in a 4-4 draw.

Acton has a win and tie in Tri-County round-robin play.

NOVICE 2

An excellent display of goaltending by Josh Locke inspired his **Andy's Restaurant Sabres** teammates to paste **Arthur** 6-1 here on Sunday in Tri-County playoff action.

Kyle McDonald with two, Scott Timmings, Michael Bentley, Matt Locke and Patrick Glatt scored for the home side in a strong defensive effort.

Locke, Gavin Anderson, Ryan Winters, Kyle Marshall and Fraser Anderson set up two goals apiece. Timmings and Andrew Marcoux added one each.

McDonald was the lone Sabres goal-scorer in a 7-1 setback last Wednesday on the road in **Grand Valley**.

ATOM 1

Scoring a well-played 4-1 win on Saturday, the **Rotary Club Sabres** lead their OMHA playoff series 2-1 against **Oak Ridges**.

Sean Kirk scored the only goal of the first period here at the arena just 16 seconds after the faceoff.

Matt Wolfer and Adam Lindsay drew assists on the play.

Lindsay then pulled the trigger a little over two minutes later, converting a three-way passing play with Shawn Prentice and Steve Atkinson.

Kirk, with his second of the game, made it 3-0 Sabres at 3:17 of the final period.

Setting up the play were Michael Borg and John Field.

Field completed the Sabres' scoring taking a feed from Mark Pawlak.

Last Wednesday, Adam Brouillard notched the lone local goal in a 2-1 loss.

Field grabbed the only helper.

ATOM 2

Neal Dawkins played an exceptional game against **Fergus** on Saturday, especially in the second period when he stopped 12 shots, but the **Acton Proplastex Sabres** had trouble finding their opponent's net in falling 3-2.

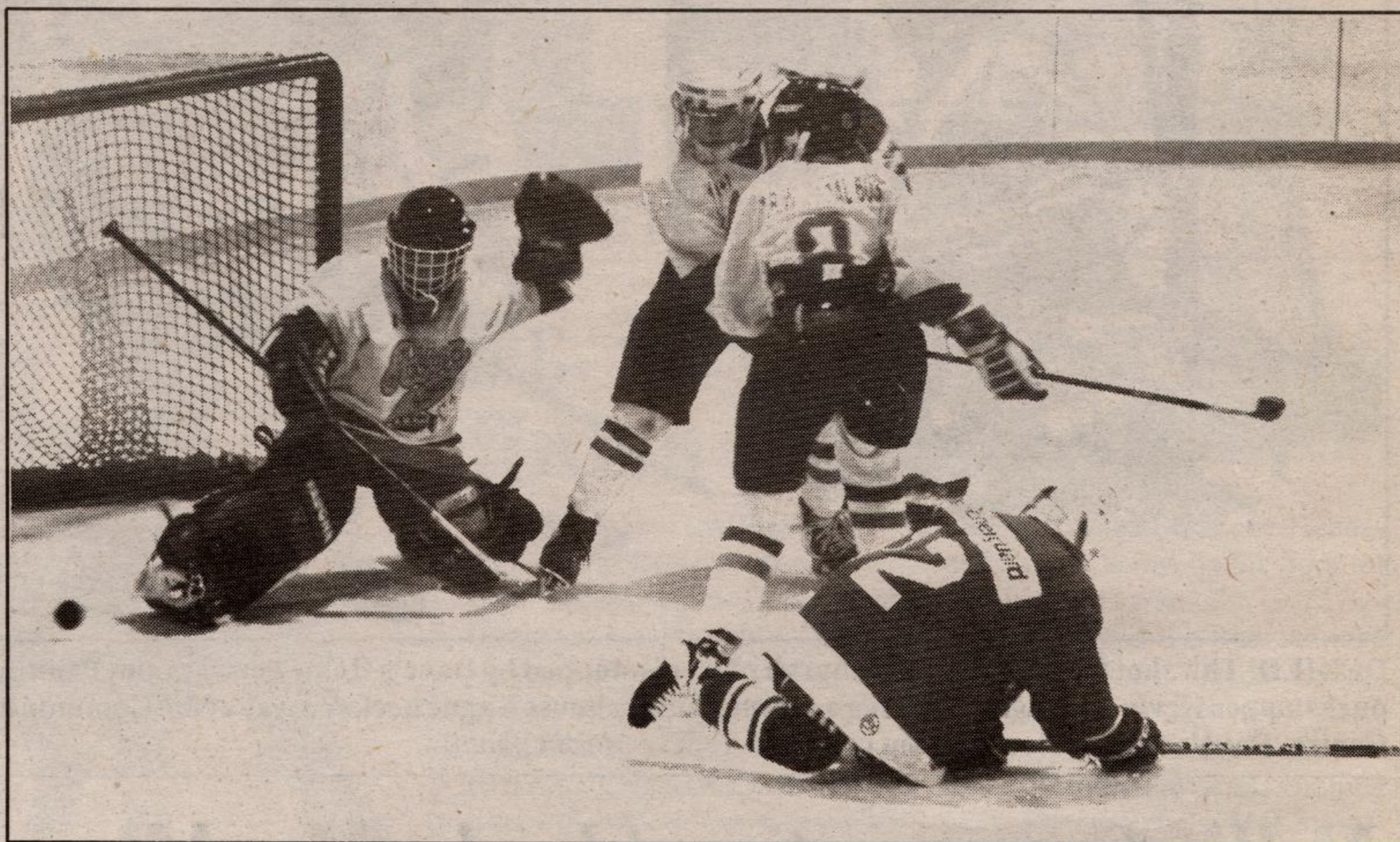
Fergus actually turned the tables on Acton, which outshot host Fergus 12-1 in the opening period.

Fergus leads the best-of-five (or six points) series 1-0. Game 2 went Monday night in Fergus.

The Sabres opened the scoring as Colin Sheehan took a pass from Nick Mastro and beat the Fergus goalie at the 9:20 mark.

Fergus scored the only goal of the middle frame and proceeded to score two more to go up 3-1 early in the third period.

Mastro closed the gap with a goal at 3:48 from Joe Brunelle.



MAKING THE DIFFERENCE!

URW Local 603 Sabres goalie Chad Greenwood was the difference on this play and in Sunday's 3-1 win over Milton in Game 3 of an OMHA playoff series played here at the Community Centre. That's teammate Jeff Young (8) eyeing Greenwood's save. (Eve Martin photo)

'TEAM OF THE WEEK'

Though they lost their first game of the OMHA playoffs to **Milton**, the **URW Local 603 Peewee 2 Sabres** are starting to pull together, having defeated their Hwy. 25 neighbours the last two matchups.

After amassing a 21-5-2 regular-season record in which they finished a comfortable 14 points ahead of second-place **Fergus**, the Sabres are just now starting to play to their capabilities after a lacklustre start to the post-season.

While waiting for Milton and Fergus to playoff in the OMHA playdowns, the locals seemed to slump, but through hard work and determination they are coming out of it and have been named this week's **Team of the Week**.

"Our team is not loaded with superstars," comments Sabres head coach Sid Bares, "but with

the combined effort of all the players, we have the ability and heart to be a super team."

In all, the Sabres have played 44 games during the 1995-96 season and achieved a 28-12-4 mark.

Jeff Young is the club's top scorer in Tri-County play, scoring 33 times and adding 15 assists for 48 points over 28 games.

Steve Monaghan follows with 18 goals and as many assists in 35 games. Rounding out the top five are **Jordan Zukowski** - 26 (10, 16 in 34 games); **Matt Hebden** - 22 (8, 14 in 34 games) and **Jason Bonus** - 22 (15, 7 in 30 games); and **Paul Schiller** - 17 (8, 9 in 33 games) and **Andrew Forbes** - 17 (6, 11 in 34 games).

Mike Forbes is Bares' assistant. **Kurt Durski** is trainer and **Wayne Hebden** is manager.

THIS WEEK AT THE ARENA

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

7:30 Atom 2 vs. Fergus (OMHA Game 3, Round 2).
8:30 Peewee 1 vs. Oakville (league playoff).

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

4:30 Novice 1 vs. Georgetown.
5:30 Atom 2 vs. Fergus (OMHA Game 5, Round 2, if necc.).

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

12:30 Atom 1 vs. Erin-Hills (league playoff).
1:30 Bantam 2 vs. Grand Valley (league playoff).

MONDAY, FEB. 26

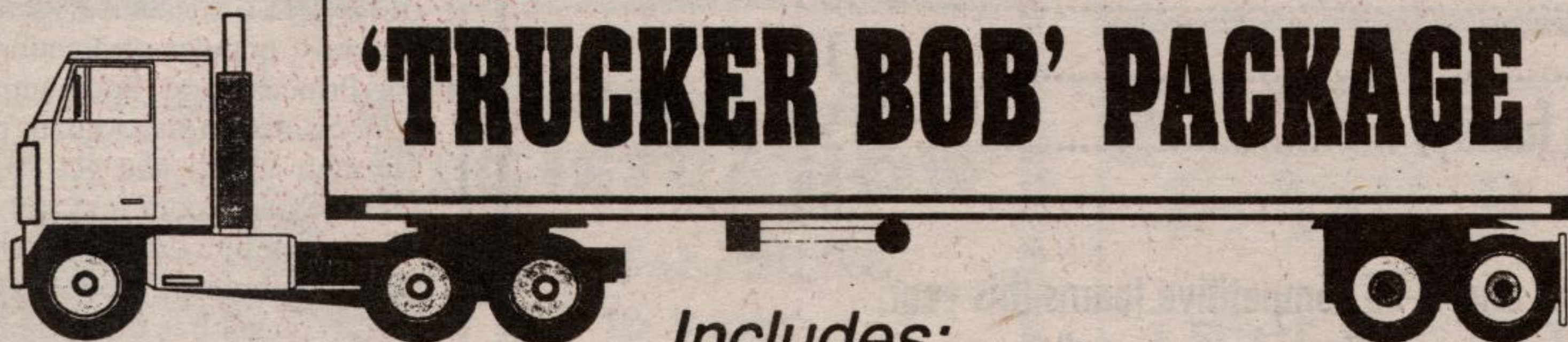
9 pm Midgets vs. Arthur (league playoff).

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

7 pm Novice 1 vs. Orangeville (league playoff).



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