

Juveniles spanked by Ajax

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The Champion

Milton's juveniles may want to retrace their steps between here and Leamington.

Because somewhere on their trip back from tournament play, the local lads lost a few essentials — including their team work, intensity and scoring touch.

Okay, so none of the above are actually lying along the side of the highway. But by the same token, all three were clearly missing during the club's return to Memorial Arena Saturday.

As a result, the AA Winterhawks took an ego-bruising 8-2 loss to the Ajax Knights — against whom they're now 0-3. The hosts' goals-against total matched that of their entire five-game tournament run the previous weekend.

Granted, Milton was without the services of a few regulars — the most notable of which were Marco Labello and captain Steve Szafer.

However, it was shortcomings surrounding the team's effort and execution that told the tale on this night.

Around the midway mark of the contest — after a Kaegan Sherriff blueline blast goal was called back due to an offside — the locals packed it in and offered minimal resistance the rest of the way.

Sure they outshot Ajax 20-10 in the final frame, but few of those represented quality scoring chances and even less were the product of hard work.

Jeff Mitchell and Rick Nadalin had about the only

two genuinely good opportunities of the periods, and both were turned back by steady opposing netminder Mike Martiniuk.

Milton's performance at the opposite end was — to say the least — dismal. The defense suffered several brain cramps or waves of disinterest, and for the most part goaltender Josh Arnold wasn't there to pick up the pieces.

Terrible finish

The Winterhawks held a lead for a 26-second flash early in the middle stanza before surrendering seven unanswered goals.

Knights Simon Barb and Chris Stewart each delivered a hat-trick while also standing out with a goal and five assists was Chris Mayhew.

For Milton, Jordan Jeans — subbing as captain — buried his own rebound on one knee to get the locals on the scoreboard in the closing moments of the first.

From there, he and Mitchell set up sniper Derek Mewhinney with a nifty tic tac toe play six-and-a-half minutes into the second.

Arnold's second-period interference minor was the only penalty assessed on the night.

Saturday's defeat extended the Winterhawks' regular season winless streak to four games.

Now 6-5-2, Milton has three games to regroup before squaring off with Ajax again. This stretch begins tonight in Peterborough and continues at home Saturday against Newmarket. Game time, as always, is 8:30 p.m.

AA midgets break out of recent scoring slump

Rep Hockey

Running the gamut

Halton's AAA minor atoms have run the gamut through the early part of this month with a win, loss and draw.

Their victory came against Brampton, whom they toppled 5-2.

Another meeting with the Peel Region squad ended up in a 4-4 stalemate.

Meanwhile, the Hurricanes kicked off December with a heartbreaking 3-2 defeat at the hands of Oakville.

Joshua Brittain, Liam Heelis, Daniel Limina and Braeden Tate each scored two goals over this stretch while potting one a piece were Chris Ackroyd, Mark Dunbar and Darcey Mejia.

Strong defensive play was provided by Kyle Andrews and Jordan Doyle, who each had two assists. Steady between the pipes were Duke Reid and Ryan Williams.

Comeback victory

Milton's AA minor atoms donned their rally caps and eclipsed the host Oakville Rangers 6-5 Wednesday.

Trailing 4-1 after the first period, the local lads fortified their efforts and turned the tables in commanding fashion.

Taylor Prestidge offered solid goaltending down the stretch while tallying twice to lead the comeback was Brian Hunter.

Also scoring were Brayden Abraham, Matt Clark, Scott Stover and Mark Thomson.

Milton's AA midgets put the brakes on both a winless and scoreless stretch by doubling up Owen Sound 4-2 Wednesday night at Memorial Arena.

Connor Sweeney gave a standout performance for the Primary Electric Winterhawks at both ends of the ice, delivering dynamite defense as well as the game-winning goal.

He also assisted on a top-shelf deposit by Julian Ricci while other tallies were posted by Paul Szafer and Trevor Martin — whose blueline blast insurance marker absolutely handcuffed the visiting netminder.

Stephano Citton put his stamp on the victory with a pair of assists and some robust play in front of the opposing cage. Single helpers were chipped in by Ricci, Darryl Langstone and Darryl Tielmans.

Between the pipes was Jason Strong.

Eight is enough

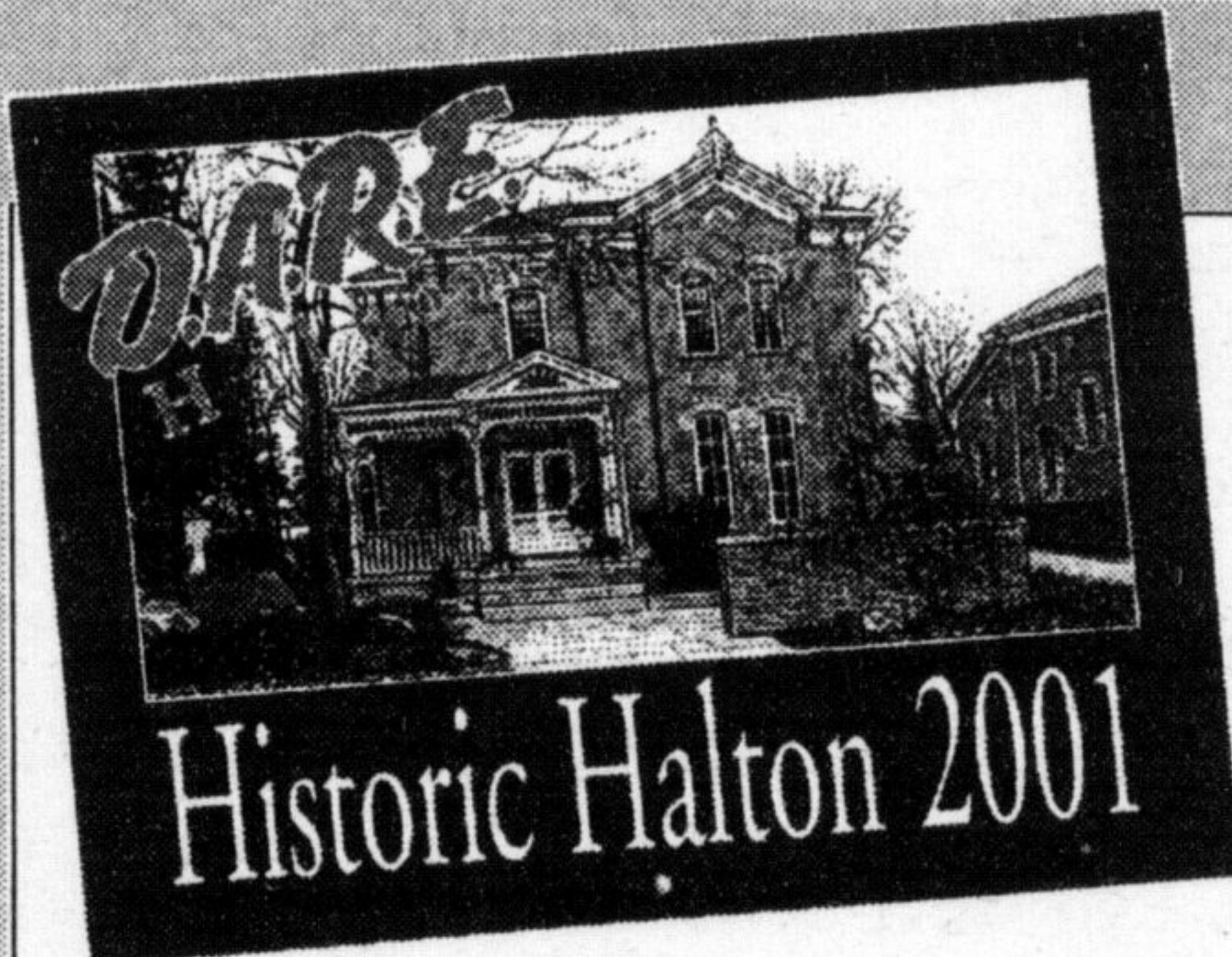
Milton's AA minor peewees now have eight wins after scoring that many goals in a slim victory over Georgetown Saturday afternoon at Memorial Arena.

The Herman Miller Winterhawks' 8-7 triumph came in truly dramatic fashion, with Jeremy Brown completing a hat-trick with just six seconds left to break the tie.

Assisting on the game winner were Ashley Rutz and Jake Demarsh — who tallied twice and assisted on two other goals for a lucrative five-point performance.

Also potting a pair was Connor Mitchell while Kyle Walker scored once and added two assists.

Rutz finished the game with two assists and single helpers were chipped in by Brown and Luc Hartwick.



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5:45 PM	GORRUD'S AUTO	VS	KNUCKLES SPORT SHOP	
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Spaces open for local ski racing team

The Milton Heights Racing Club still has spaces available on its skiing and snowboarding teams.

The organization is looking for racers between the ages of six and 19 years to fill out their ranks.

Weekly practices are held at nearby Glen Eden Ski Area while competition is held at resorts throughout southern Ontario.

Milton Heights welcomes potential skiers from the immediate area as well as those from across Halton and surrounding communities.

Those who'd like to sign up, or obtain further information, are asked to call Lin Leeson at 336-5382.