

Sunny Acre Farms

Milton provides stiff opposition

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Georgetown's Sunny Acre Farms major midgets are finding the last rung on the ladder of success, as the Tri-County Hockey League's representative in Ontario Minor Hockey Association playdowns, is the toughest one to reach - not to mention climb over.

Sunny Acre Farms and Milton are deadlocked at one game apiece in the best-of-five Tri-County OMHA final series with the winner advancing against an as yet to be determined opponent from East Toronto.

The third game in the series was played Tuesday evening at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, at press time, the score was not available.

There is little to choose between the Halton Region rivals and home ice is proving to be no advantage in the series' early going.

Saturday afternoon at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, Milton recovered from a lack-lustre first period to overwhelm Sunny Acre Farms 4-2.

The tables were turned Sunday in Milton as Sunny Acre Farms rallied from a 3-1 deficit to post a narrow 5-4 triumph as Trevor Elinesky was a one-man wrecking crew collecting five points including four goals.

Georgetown finished just two points ahead of Milton - and in first

place overall - during regular season Tri-County Hockey League play.

Milton, however, was impressive in capturing the 24th edition of the Georgetown Midget Hockey Tournament, staged in early January, so no one connected with Sunny Acre Farms could afford to take the team lightly. In addition, Milton captain David McDuffe, was voted the tournament's Most Valuable Player and his leadership was unquestioned.

Sunny Acre Farms were on a playdowns roll, having won five consecutive games while shunting Brampton and Woodbridge to the sidelines.

Sunny Acre Farms dominated first period play in the Saturday afternoon match in Georgetown and courtesy of goals from Rich Bond and Mark Lorito - with assists to Mark McIntyre, Mitch Butt and Ken Kosziwka - headed to the dressing room with a 2-0 lead.

That was all she wrote on the scoresheet for the balance of the game for Georgetown as four unanswered Milton goals (three in the second period and one in the third period) gave the visitors the series opening game win.

Peter Downs was in nets for Sunny Acres.

Sunday in Milton, Sunny Acre Farms fell behind early but then

mounted a rally in the second period, that carried over into third period play to lock the series at a game apiece with the 5-4 win.

The game was tied 1-1 after the first period, with Milton moving in front 3-1 barely five minutes into the second stanza.

Then, Trevor Elinesky decided that enough was enough and led the Sunny Acre offensive charge that blew away Milton.

Elinesky scored the first period Georgetown marker, off passes from Mark Lorito and Ken Kosziwka.

With Milton threatening to run away with the game, he went to work and potted a natural hat trick to move Sunny Acre Farms ahead 4-3.

Kosziwka scored with just over two minutes left in the game - the eventual winner - while the last Milton goal came with just nine seconds left on the game clock and the outcome already decided. Elinesky assisted on Kosziwka's goal.

Lorito had four assists in the game, while Brad Amato had a pair of helpers.

Paul St. Pierre manned the nets for the crucial win in Milton.

The fourth in the series is scheduled for Thursday, 8:30 p.m. in Milton and a fifth game, if necessary, would be played Sunday afternoon, 4 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

Melanie Jans wins squash championship

Melanie Jans of Georgetown won the Ottawa and District Girls' Under-19 squash championship, held Feb. 9-11 at the Queensview Racquet Club in Ottawa.

One hundred and seventy-five juniors entered the tournament (12 in Melanie's division); participants came from Manitoba and Quebec as well as Ontario.

Melanie defeated Carol Anne Rodgers from Ottawa 9-2, 9-4, 4-9, 8-10, 9-4 in the final.

Precision teams skate to glory

On Saturday the Precision teams of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club travelled to Mount Forest to participate in the Cupid's Capers Precision Competition.

The teams were supported by a large contingent of cheering fans, and skated very well. The Novice and Junior teams brought home Bronze medals.

Congratulations to all the skaters and the coaches, Gale Verhaegen and Peggy Ward.

The teams and parents would like to thank the Georgetown Lions Club and the Royal Canadian Legion for their support this year. It is very much appreciated.

The Juvenile and Novice teams will compete again in the Invitational Competition being hosted by the Georgetown Figure Skating Club at the Alcott arena on March 30 and 31.

CUPID'S CAPERS RESULTS

Juvenile Ice Dreamers: Flight A, First: Final, Fourth.
Novice Ice Dreamers: Flight A, Third: Final, Third.
Junior Georgetown Gems: Final, Third.

Raiders face Streetsville

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For better or worse - depending on your view - Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders closed out regular season Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League, West Division play over the weekend with a pair of losses.

Friday night the Raiders trekked to Oakville for a joust with the West Division regular season champion Blades and came out on the very short end of an 11-3 score.

Saturday evening at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, in the Raiders' regular season finale, Milton Merchants played the role of rude visitor and hung a 5-3 loss on their hosts.

The two defeats dropped the Raiders' regular season mark to 6-33-3 in the cellar of the seven-team West Division.

Raiders now prepare to take on Streetsville Derbys, who finished in second place in the West Division standings - 39 points ahead of the Raiders - in a best-of-seven opening round playoff series.

The first game of the series was played in Streetsville Tuesday night, at press time the score was not available.

The next two games of the series will be played in Georgetown at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena this Thursday (tomorrow) and Friday - game time 7:30 p.m.

The fourth game of the series will be played in Streetsville this Sunday.

Despite the fact the Friday night contest was a nothing game, the rivalry that exists between the Blades and the Raiders was evident throughout.

The Blades came out firing salvos while the Raiders, for the most part, were firing blanks.

Curtis Green and Shawn Reis were the sacrificial lambs in the Raiders nets and between the two of them, they faced 70 Oakville shots.

Raiders directed 29 drives in the direction of Oakville goaltender Jamie Cuff.

The Raiders actually led 2-1 after the first period, then the Oakville barrage began.

By the time the ice chips had settled Oakville had scored eight times while blanking the Raiders to hold a commanding 9-2 lead heading into the final frame.

Some calm was restored in the period but Oakville still outscored the Raiders 2-1 to salt away the 11-3 win.

Steve Dubarry, Mark French and Des Brown scored the Raiders goals while Chris Lazarowff had a pair of assists.

Against Milton Saturday night at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, the Raiders offered a bit more protection to netminder Green but came up short in the goal-scoring department.

Milton led 1-0 after the first period and 3-2 after 40 minutes of play.

The Raiders aimed 19 shots at Milton goaltender Jay Evershed in the third period but could only find one chink in his armor as the Merchants outscored the Raiders 2-1 to ice the 5-3 win.

Kevin Brown scored twice for the Raiders with team scoring leader Brent Presswood rounding out the Raider scoring.

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