

Sports

Locals advance to Round Three of OMHA playoffs

M & M squad eliminates Milton

How sweet it is! The Georgetown M & M Sport Major Bantams eliminated Milton by winning two out of three games in the second round of the OMHA elimination playdowns.

The old saying The Playoffs are like a new season was never more true than this year for our local majors. During the regular season the M & Ms could not find the formula to defeat their rivals to the south, although they did manage a pair of ties. But when the chips were down our Pucksters put it all together to take the series with relative ease.

Game one of the series was not kind

to the M & Ms as they came out on the losing end of a 4-3 score. The majors fell victim to some bad luck around their own net and despite outplaying their opponents by a wide margin they could not pull out the win.

The M & Ms jumped into a two goal lead by midway through the first frame as Duane Lewis scored just a minute and a half into the match on a fine threeway passing play with Sean Guistini and Brad Amato. Trevor Elinesky followed up with the second goal of the period with help from Adam Hilts. Milton bounced back with a pair of goals to tie the match at the five minute mark of the second frame

but Rob Lang restored the lead on a fineshot from the point late in the period with Adam Hilts earning the assist.

Despite numerous scoring opportunities in the third period, the M & Ms could not find the mark. Milton tied the score midway through the final frame and scored the eventual winner just two minutes later.

In game two, the M & Ms hosted Milton and were not kind to their guests as they handed them a 7-4 loss. With the memory of game one fresh in their minds our lads left nothing to chance as they came to play hockey.

Milton led off the scoring early in the first but Sean Guistini nullified that marker two minutes later on a fine pass from Duane Lewis. Adam Hagen added a second goal at the midway point of the frame assisted by Hilts and Butt. The second period saw the teams trade goals with Shaun Curry scoring for the M & Ms from Lewis and Kozsinka.

The third frame was all Georgetown as they notched four unanswered goals. Adam Hilts scored just 90 seconds into the period assisted by Elinesky and Duane Lewis found the mark just over a minute later with help from Guistini and McIntyre. The M &

Ms followed with two more goals from Elinesky assisted by Hilts and Hilts with his second of the match with help from Amato to take the win in easy fashion. John Katsilieris tended the nets for the M & Ms and had a strong performance with a number of difficult stops to make. The M & Ms travelled to Milton for the third and final match of the series and came away with a 4-1 victory and the series.

With the first period going scoreless, the M & Ms went to work late in the second with a pair of goals. Trevor Elinesky figured in all the scoring and notched his first of three assisted by Hilts and Amato at the 11:47 mark. Less than a minute later Mitch Butt scored with help from Elinesky.

Milton managed a goal early in the third but the M & Ms notched two more in the period to take the win. The Georgetown goals were both by Trevor Elinesky with assists going to Hilts and Lang. John Katsilieris toiled in the cage for Georgetown and turned in another sparkling performance.

The M & Ms now go on to meet Burlington for the tri-county final and the right to represent the tri-county area in the all Ontario playdowns. Game times for the best of five series have yet to be determined.

Layoff hurts pee-wees in exhibition

The Weldwood Peewee "B" hockey team did not play too well in an exhibition game against the Swiss Chalet team from Chinguacousy.

The long layoff and inactivity showed as Ching ran up a 4-0 score into the third period before Georgetown's Andrew Marshall fired a shot into the top right hand corner of the net assisted by hard work from Ken Brown and Matt Anderson who dug the puck out of a crowd to get it to Marshall. Ching went on to score four more goals before Jeremiah Fendley carried the puck in from the blue line while fighting off two defenders and tucked the puck under the Ching goalie. Assists on the play

went to hard working Shannon Morris and Michael Bahr.

Darryl Casselman had a tough time in the Georgetown net as he was beaten by bouncing pucks, screen shots and absent Georgetown defenders. Seth Homer went into the net for the third period but had to leave the game after about five minutes as he was hit on the inside of the thigh by a hard slap shot.

Michael Travers and Ryan Hay led the team with a total of five take outs each. The team total in take outs was thirty one. Coach Marshall feels this team should be making fifty to sixty take outs per game to be effective.

Coach Marshall feels Jason Quinn could be the team leader in good clean take outs for the forwards on this team.

Other players playing a strong game for Georgetown were Blaine Kennedy, Derek Ruffolo, Charlie Snook and Keith Tippett. The team was happy to see the return of Matt Deruchie who helped to give the team more offence. Matt Anderson made one of the best rushes of the game as he skated

through three players with the puck only to lose it at the last second to a Ching defender to stop the breakaway. Morris broke in on net at one point only to be knocked down from behind.

Coaches Marshall and Hay believe that if this team plays up to its potential which they showed in their 5-2 victory over Milton in the fourth game of the Ontario Playdowns, they can upset a few teams in the Tri-County Playoffs.

Ontario curling report

By BILL LEWIS

First off I must admit that I was wrong. The Eastern half did not come through. However my favorite team did. I did not think that they would be hungry enough which was not the case. The Howard foursome was out to eat any or all that stepped in their way and they did just that. They did let one slip by. That was against the 'Wrench' in the Friday night game. Ed Werenich already had one loss so this game against Howard was really a battle for first place, the winner getting the bye into the final on Sunday afternoon. As you know when two teams are tied for first place the bye goes to the one that won over the other. Werenich got the wave over to Sunday while Howard had to play the semi-final against Dave Merklinger from Ottawa. Howard handled Merk easily.

Now comes the old question, does the layoff really help? It would appear not. Even with the rest from Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon Eddy not only looked tired but he played tired. It was more evident as the game progressed. In the eighth end he missed both shots and Howard stole three. Game over. Ed was held to a deuce in the ninth and Howard had the hammer coming home. In that league what more could one ask for? The final score was 8-5 and Russ Howard is going to the Labatt Briar for the fourth time. That's in Saskatoon starting March 5.

This past Ontario final was probably the best advertisement I have ever seen for the synthetic broom. I started to keep count and gave up. All games were effected by hair and at least three games were lost because of it. The OCA banned the inverted straw brooms several years ago. When will they make the move to ban a broom that is causing much more havoc on

the ice than the inverted straw ever did? Shorty Jenkins the ice maker told me he had never seen so many hairs laying around the hack after a game.

Any OCA reps that read this can do their curlers a favor by raising the question at their next meeting.

The time clock was in use in this playdown and was quite effective. However the only ones that could see their particular clock were the players. In all other sports that run by time the spectators are able to see the time remaining. Not so in Trenton. It seemed to be a big secret. At the five minute break at the end of the fifth end when the ice is swept even the players were not able to find out how much of the five minutes was left before re-starting. I just happened to hear the top official tell a time keeper that he was not allowed to warn the team that the five minute break was near its end.

When I asked him why he replied, and I quote "They all have stop watches and keep track themselves". Well that may be so and it may not be so. Can you imagine time being kept a secret in a sporting event? Another thing that mystified me was the practice period. We all know that there is a time limit on practice, but a time limit on warm up? That's right, players were not allowed to slide prior to their practice time even if the space was available. I know that the event was held close to the Canadian Forces Base but in the Air Force we were never regimented like that. The rules are beginning to spoil the game. Only a few short years ago it took one official to run a playoff. Do you know how many I counted from where I sat? Would you believe 29? It went like this: 10 scorekeepers, four hog line officials, five timers, five percentage

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Loose Ball

Acton High School and Perdue Panther players all reach for the ball during recent East Halton Senior Boys' Basketball League play. The visiting Perdue squad netted a 54-43 win over the Redmen as the home team could only muster three points in the third quarter.

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