

Minor bantam Hurricanes hold first place

After a tie and two victories, the JDP Computer Minor Bantams stretched a 10 game undefeated streak to maintain first place in the 8 team OHA Central League AAA standings. In second is Chinguacousy with Burlington in third.

The tie was against a much improved Oakville team and Halton

need a last minute goal to do it. Oakville took a one goal lead into the second period. Early in the second, Darin Finlayson flipped a cross ice pass to Justin Davis who popped in Halton's first goal. Oakville went ahead with a power play effort, before Danny Haw banged in a Davis rebound to tie it up. Oakville then went ahead 3-2

on another power play goal in the third. Finlayson however jumped on a rebound from Matt Vervoorn and buried a backhand in the top right hand corner with 17 seconds left to go to square the game.

On December 11 at Mainway Arena the Hurricanes battled Burlington to a 6-3 victory. Halton fell behind as Burlington took an

early lead but Halton evened things on a power play effort by Tom Baynton who threaded the needle on passes from Davis and Peter Mashinter. Burlington quickly banged in 2 power play goals to take a 3-1 lead in the second and Halton's chances looked dim. Curtis Carr ignited the comeback, however, as he one-timed a perfect backhand from Davis 13 seconds after the Burlington marker. Three minutes later, Steve Roy found the net with help from Finlayson and Robert Haringa to even the game and end the period.

Assistant coach, Kevin Elkins, who was handling the team this evening, must have said something between the second and third periods since the Hurricanes came out flying to score three unanswered goals. Davis found the net for the go-ahead goal with less than a minute gone with assists from Baynton and Haringa. Danny Haw scored on a shorthanded effort in the middle of the period. The sixth and final marker was a spin around backhand by centre Doug Janjevich off passes by Mashinter and Ryan Taylor. Victory was important since it kept both Ching and Burlington at bay. Defencemen Taylor, Richard Trotter and Haringa did a great job of clearing their zones and protecting Geoff Beauparlant who as usual was exceptionally strong in net.

Next day's game in Erin against Oakville again found the Hurricanes flat after the previous night's valiant effort. Oakville took an early power play lead after the first. In the second on another power play, Haringa, with his seeing eye slapshot, found the net for the lead with assists going to

Mashinter and Vervoorn. Davis with just over a minute left, slipped in a goal assisted by Baynton to give Halton a 2-1 lead. In the third, Davis passed to Mashinter who, with a great second effort goal from beside the net, made it 3-1. Oakville, with power play opportunities near the end of the period, scored one more against a steady Ian McGill in goal. Halton has one more league game before Christmas when they participate in the Oakville tournament and tangle with the highly touted Toronto Marlies on December 29.

Howell finishes first at Toronto wrestling meet

Georgetown District High School's Chris Howell improved his record to 11-0 so far this season en route to capturing top honors in the junior boys class at a high school wrestling tournament last weekend in Toronto.

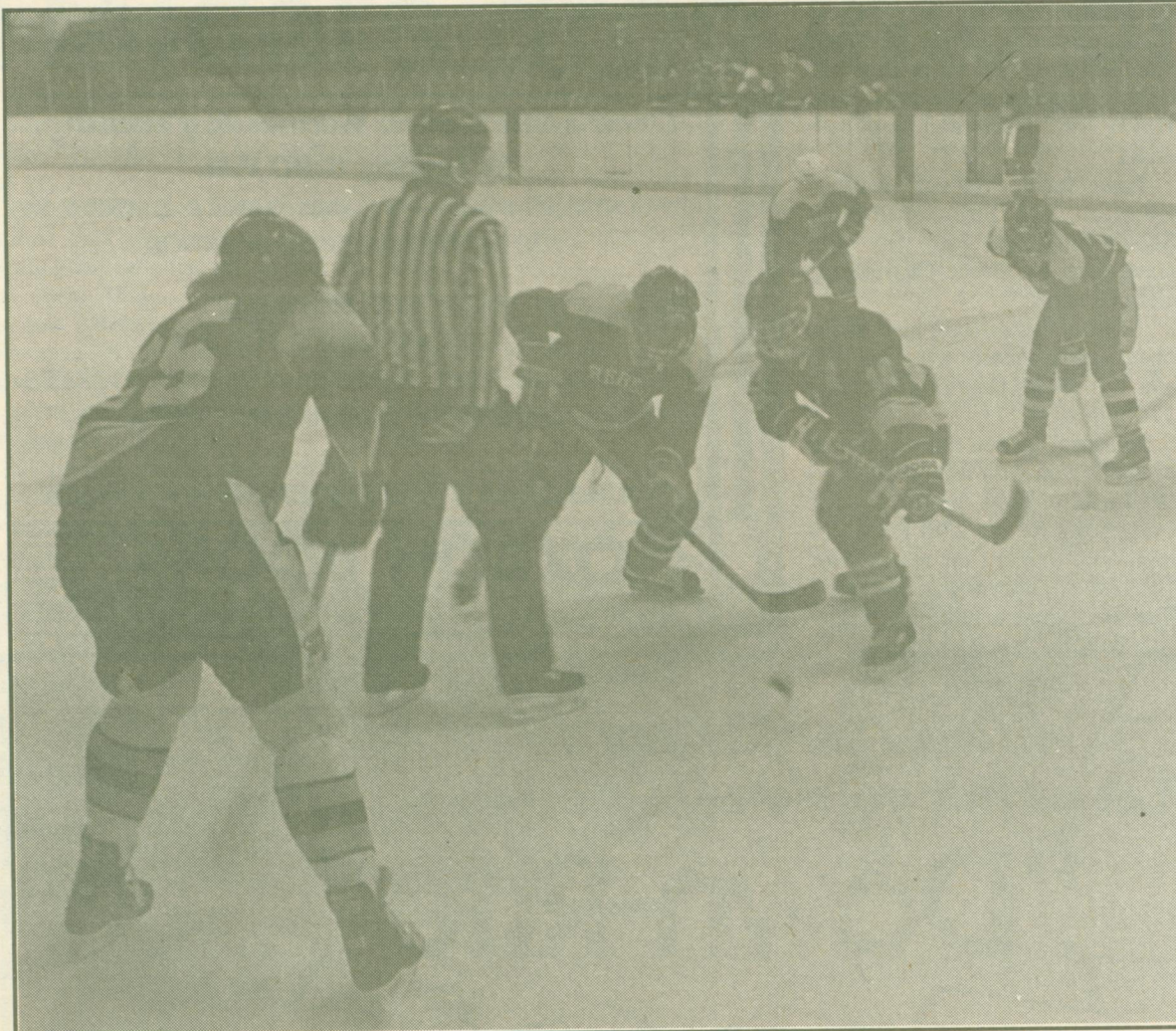
No weight classes were available.

Jason Titus and Ken Armstrong each returned with a silver medal in junior boys competition and Mike Row was the runner-up in a senior event. Ian Cox was third in a senior boys category and Rob Topping had a similar finish in a junior class.

Capturing fourth-place finishes were juniors Doug Dutchburn, Chris Goodhew and Tyler Patriquin as well as seniors Colin Kay and Sean Goodwin.

The four-man senior squad was fifth overall in the 16-team field.

Also competing were Mike Large, Jason Baker, Phil Elliott, Rick Malbeuf and Nick Deely.



Notre Dame's David Masters wins a face off during Monday's Halton High school hockey game at Memorial Arena against the Georgetown District High School Rebels.

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