



SPORT LITES

By BRIAN McCRISTAL

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING, hockey on the Intermediate level in Milton has seen brighter days. It's kind of tough to have much of a bank roll when the fans won't have anything to do with the team. This year the Milton Charles, under the leadership of Enio Scisizzi, have been playing heads up, interesting hockey for most of the season. They have succeeded in staying close to the top of the league ladder, but the people of Milton continue to stay away from the arena on Sunday afternoons.

The simplest explanation for the lack of Sunday admissions is that the local citizens just aren't interested in W.O.A.A. hockey. And if they are, they certainly have a funny way of showing it. Last season when the Charles were losing consistently, club officials maintained, "you have to have a winner to have crowds, if you don't the people won't show up." This year however, the team is winning but the crowds haven't changed, they're still lousy.

Part of the problem might be found in the fact that the games are played on the Sabbath. Several local citizens have indicated they would rather stay at home with the family on Sunday, which is quite logical. Farmers in the district have stated that games Sunday make it difficult for them to attend. "You can't expect the farmers to milk 20 cows after they return from a Sunday hockey game," said one country gentleman. "Heck, we wouldn't be able to eat supper until eight o'clock. When Milton hockey teams were drawing their good crowds several years ago, they played their games on Friday night and most of the farmers in the district attended. I just don't understand why they'd change to Sunday."

Regardless of the reasons why the team isn't being supported, it nevertheless is necessary to have a little bit of money on hand to pay for the expenses that crop up. When the money isn't available, standard procedure is for the club to fold. Chances are the folding process won't happen this year or next, but you never can tell.

When team officials prepare for next winter's schedule, they no doubt will seriously examine the possibility of regaining Friday night for home games. But this alone can't be the problem.

SHADES OF ANCIENT professionalism will grace the Brown St. Gardens on Sunday afternoon when the Milton Charles take on the N.H.L. Oldtimers. The Oldboys, as their name suggests, aren't ready for rocking chairs and canes yet. They've been touring Ontario again this year and have managed to stand some fairly good teams on their ears.

For some of the players on the team, it will be a sentimental return to Milton, but to others, it will be their first visit to our fair town. It might be nice if there was a good turnout of well wishers at the arena. Besides, the whole affair is being backed by the Milton Lions club and proceeds will be returned to the community, through the Lions worthwhile service work.

Some of the N.H.L. veterans who are expected to play include former Detroit, Chicago and Toronto star Bob Goldham who hails from Georgetown, Wally Stanowski, a standout with the Toronto Maple Leafs; Tod "Slinker" Sloan, who spent his best N.H.L. years in Toronto; Gus Bodnar, Cal Gardner and Danny Lewicki, all of whom starred with the Leafs, and many more.

In other centres where the Oldtimers have performed, there was never any doubt of their ability. On Sunday, it might be a good idea for most of us to journey to the arena and take a good look for ourselves.

HOW CAN A TEAM that loses 13-5 on a Friday night, win by a 10-3 count only two days later? It's not an easy question to answer, but the Milton Charles succeeded in performing the trick on the weekend. Travelling to Fergus on Friday night, the locals were humiliated by a 13-5 score by the Flyers, but rebounded less than 48 hours later to down Cheltenham 10-3.

Coach Enio Scisizzi explained it this way, "we simply got more breaks on Sunday. Our goalkeeping was a lot better and the forwards stayed with their checks." The coach continued, "Don Clarkson had a tough night in Fergus, he seems to have lost his confidence, he was fighting the puck something fierce. We weren't outplayed as much as the score would indicate."

SUNDAY'S CHANGE of fortune was also simply explained by the mentor. "Pete Stemmans gave us adequate goaltending and made the big saves when we let down. There's nothing like a big save to pick a team up in a hurry. Our wings played a lot better on Sunday too, they guarded their checks real close and it gave our defence a chance to flatten their centres."

Tonight (Thursday) the locals travel to Erin where they will take on the Cheltenham Harvesters again. In three meetings so far this season, Milton has managed two wins and a tie with the Harvesters.

NOTES . . . Ron Campaigne of Oakville, well known to local intermediate ball followers, lost the sight in his right eye this week following an injury during the Christmas holiday period. Ron, a former Halton County All-Star with the Oakville Oaks, was cut in the face while playing hockey in the Burlington Industrial hockey league. . . Overheard at the hockey game on Sunday, "that's the second penalty for him, he must be in a real bad mood." . . . Milton girls playing hockey each Thursday evening take the game very seriously, but as soon as the final whistle blows, they immediately become young ladies again. . . Last week a photographer had to wait on the ice after the game while the girls on one team rushed into the dressing room to comb their hair, before they had their picture taken. . . Just as enthusiastic as the girls, are the team coaches. At Thursday night's game, coach Bob Watkins shouted, "cover that man, I mean girl, in front of the net."

Volatile Wayne Timbers was assessed a ten minute misconduct and a game suspension for throwing his gloves at a rival player in Sunday's game. Several spectators commented, "he sure loses his temper fast for a referee." Wayne, besides playing hockey, is an active member of the Milton Referee's Association, and officiates for several games each week.

Flyers Whip Milton 13-5 Bob Dobbie Scores Four

A Friday night trip to Fergus for the Milton Charles proved anything but enjoyable, as they returned home with a 13-5 loss tagged onto their record. The locals scored two goals early in the first period, with Ron Phillips cashing in Don Wilson's pass and Bob Sales netting up Jack Roberts', but from then on it was all Fergus.

Fergus tied the score with two quick goals and added another only 13 seconds later, to take the lead. With the buzzer not sounding at the end of 20 minutes of play, action continued and Dobbie netted a pass from Larmer and Denny, to give the Flyers a two goal lead. Milton officials protested that the clock indicated 20 minutes of play, but the buzzer had not sounded. The referees agreed, but nevertheless allowed



NEW FLAMING RED JACKETS arrived this week for Milton Red Sox ball players and club officials. The jackets, "in striking red," are the first for Sox players in several years. Team mascot Mark Hyatt is shown helping club president Elmer Hornby try on his new jacket.

N.H.L. Oldtimers Here on Sunday

Stars from the N.H.L.'s past will be in Milton on Sunday to take on the Milton Charles. Former big top greats such as Gus Bodnar, Wally Stanowski, Long John Henderson, Gary Collins, Ron Hurst, Brian Cullen, Bob Goldham, Ivan Irwin, Murray Henderson, Tod Sloan, Sid Smith, Dan Lewicki, Murray Ezzard and Cal Gardner are expected to be on hand for the game, sponsored by the Lions Club of Milton.

Proceeds from the game are to go towards the club's community projects. Game time is 2.30. Be sure not to miss it.

Juveniles Lose

Burlington Juveniles erupted for three second period goals on Tuesday night to down the Milton Pontiac Juveniles 4-1, in an exhibition game played in Burlington.

Burlington opened the scoring in the first period, with Duvall netting Statia's pass at 4:50. At 2:30 of the second frame, Wayne Brush cashed in Roger Wildfong's pass to tie the count, but for the rest of the period, the hosts carried the play, scoring three goals. Raspon, McCormack and Statia were the marksmen.

In the third period, Milton improved its checking game and carried the play throughout, but were unable to find the net.

Fletcher Top Marksman Maroons Trounce Greens

The Maroons displayed their power in Pro-Am action Tuesday evening, bombing the Greens by a whopping 16-2 count, in the final game of the evening. In the first game of the night, the Whites downed the Dark Blues 9-3 and the Orange defeated the Yellow 8-5 in the second game. In Friday night action, the Light Blues edged the Orange squad 7-6.

Friday Nite In the Friday night game, Doug Burnside scored and assisted twice to lead the Light Blues to victory. Dave Phillips had a goal and two assists for the winners. Bill Taylor a goal and an assist, Ray Wallis, Larry Coulson and Jim Soanes all had single goals and Wayne McConnell and Dick Cain each had single assists.

Bruce Bell and Bob Schutts had two goals and an assist each for the losers and Don McEachen and John White had a goal each. Don Joyce and White each drew an assist.

In the Tuesday night opener, Larry Arbie and Nip Gervais each had hat tricks as the Whites downed the Dark Blues 9-3. Gerry Timbers had two goals for the winners and Don Aikenhead one. Larry Arbie had two assists and Ted Price and Gerry Timbers one each.

For the losing Dark Blue squad, John Nicholson, Bill Elliott and Bob Stark each counted one tally. Jim Gildea had an assist.

Charles Bomb Harvesters

Rookie Pete Stemmans Stars

With juvenile netminder Pete Stemmans leading the way, the Milton Charles trounced the Cheltenham Harvesters 10-3 on Sunday afternoon, to take a three point second place lead over the third place Acton Tanners. Less than 200 supporters saw Stemmans turn in a standout performance in his second intermediate game this season. Stemmans was replacing Don Clarkson who had a tough night in Fergus on Friday evening, when the locals lost 13-5.

The Charles took command of the contest from the outset, scoring six goals in the first period,

two in the second and two in the third. Cheltenham scored the first goal in the game at 1:14, but their lead lasted less than five minutes. Glen Judge was the Cheltenham marksman.

Hard skating Ron Phillips put Milton on the score sheet, tying the score at 2-2. Less than two minutes later Ken Pollock combined with linemates Bud McKay and Bob McKay, to put Milton in front to stay.

Stu Hannant netted the third Milton tally only 22 seconds later on an unassisted effort. At

12:50, Don Wilson's long shot from the point increased the Milton lead. Hannant and Jack Roberts assisted. At 13:07 Phillips scored his second unassisted goal of the game and at 13:23 John Heipel closed out the period's scoring, netting relays from Gord Bell and Jim Forbes.

First Goal Bud McKay netted his first goal of the game at 9 minutes of the second period, combining with Ken Pollock and Bob McKay. Cheltenham finally got on the ledger again at 12:08 of the second period with F. Marshall scoring on a pass from Glen Judge. The Milton lapse, however, didn't last long. Jim Forbes ended the scoring for the period at 13:53.

A Ron Halliday goal at 9:39 made the count read 8-3 before Stu Hannant's second goal of the contest at 9:39 from Sales and Jack Forbes and Bud McKay's second marker at 19:12 from Don Wilson and Bob McKay closed out the scoring.

Referees Barney Reid and Doug Simpson of Guelph called 21 penalties in the contest, including 10 to Milton. Wayne Timbers of Milton was assessed a 10-minute misconduct.

Milton travels to Erin tonight (Thursday), to play Cheltenham.

Blue Bombers Edge Red Raiders Jo-Ann Durante Notches Winner

By Bob Watkins Last Thursday evening the Milton Blue Bombers edged the Milton Red Raiders 4-3 in a see-saw battle that hung in the balance until the premature final buzzer.

Raiders opened the scoring in the first period with Jill Bailey's solo effort. Two minutes later, Marsha Waldie waltzed through the Red defence to tie the count. Raiders took the lead again early in the second, as Shirley Bridgman deflected a pass from Peg Marsh into the corner of the net.

Kay Marsha put the Blues on top again, as she hit twice on breakaways, taking a pass from Janet Smith for the first one and then capping a combination from Liz McLure and Nora Hearn. In the final frame, Peg Marsh completed a relay from Shirley Bridgman and Mary Ann Hutchinson to deadlock the game once more. With three minutes to go, Jo Ann Durante poked home a rebound from Kay Marsha to gain the decision for Blue Bombers.

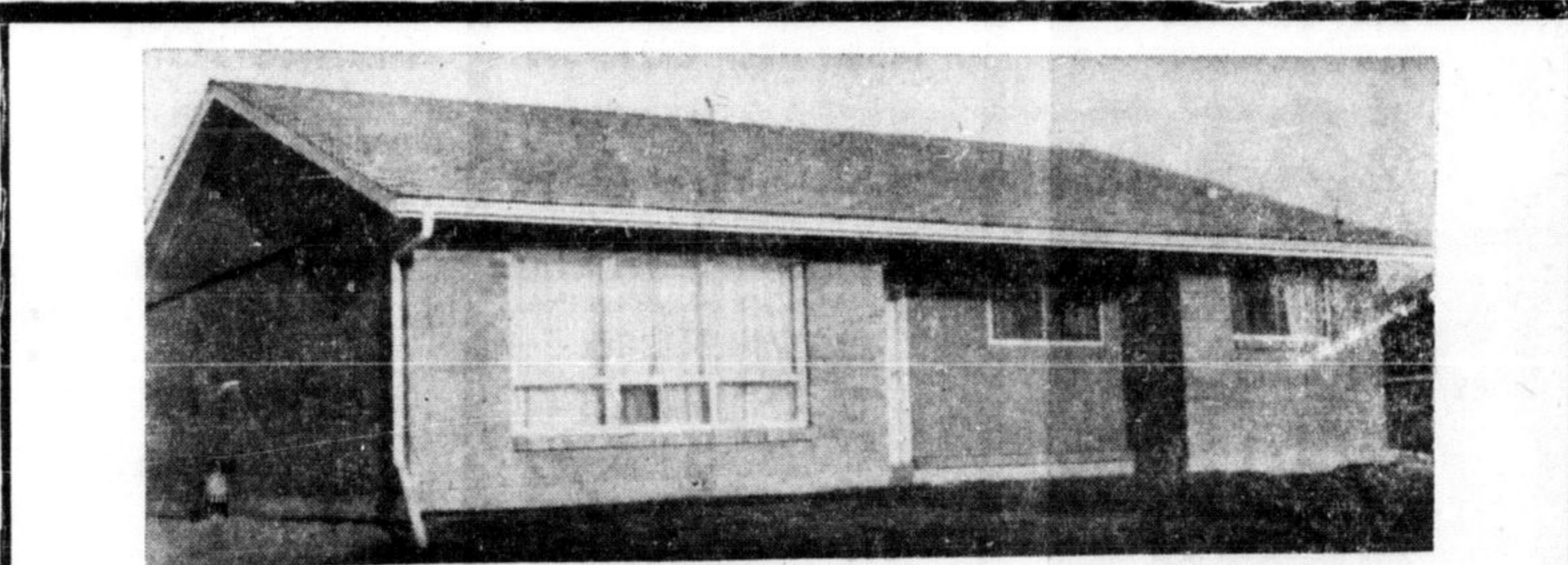
In the Saturday tussle at Burlington, Mowettes and Hawkettes fought to a 1-1 draw in a fast paced contest. Marlene White soloed for the Hawkettes, while Brenda Lisson was the Mowette markswoman.

Standings

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Bombers	2	2	0	0	4
Mowettes	2	1	0	1	3
Hawkettes	2	0	1	1	1
Raiders	2	0	2	0	0

To-night the Blue Bombers host the Burlington Mowettes for their first meeting, and Saturday morning the Red Raiders visit the Hawkettes in Burlington. All Raider players are asked to meet at Milton Arena by 10:00 a.m. at the latest.

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