



SPORT LITES

By BRIAN MCCRISTALL

BASEBALL RUMBLINGS in the chilly winter air, indicate the possible forming of a new county wide softball league. John Willmott, strong armed hurler for the Hornby Red Shirts and Gord Krantz, president of the Milton Industrial Baseball League, have got together and are starting to lay the groundwork for a county league with possible entries coming from Georgetown, Glen Williams, Milton, Acton, Oakville and Hornby.

At the annual meeting of the Halton Rural Softball League on Monday evening, league officials were dead against the formation of such a league, as it would mean the possible folding of their loop. Some rural followers insisted the town teams would be too strong and some others were adamant that the municipalities would be too weak. Their decision to keep the rural league running however, set the Willmott-Krantz proposal back considerably. "We're still hoping we'll be able to form a Halton league this year," John told The Champion, "but we're not nearly as optimistic as we were before the rural meeting."

"Now the big trouble is parks", the lanky righthander continued. "Hornby park, for instance, is kept busy nearly every night and we wouldn't likely be able to play there, since a rural intermediate team will be operating. For such a league we would need parks with lights since fellows who work on a farm just can't get away early enough to play ball at 6.30. Games can't start after 6.30 if you're playing without lights and fellows like myself just can't make it that early."

In Milton Gord Krantz reports, "there's a good possibility that we'll be able to get a county league together. I've talked to a few fellows and most of them are in favor of it. We plan to have a meeting within the next week and then we'll decide for sure. One of the big things would be lights and I'm going to start pushing for them. I'd like to see a couple of teams from Milton playing in a Halton league, but I don't think we'd have to break up the Industrial league to do it either."

ON THE SURFACE the idea of a county-wide grouping seems very practical, but no doubt unscen problems will crop up, if the league should materialize. However, with the present unbalanced rural set-up (Juniors playing with Intermediates) and the lack of interest in Industrial softball, it appears that a Halton league headed by a strong executive, would be a step in the right direction toward brightening up Halton's softball future.

NOTES: John McLean, secretary of the Tri-County Juvenile Tournament executive, reports this week that accommodations for visiting Juvenile players are urgently needed for the Easter weekend tournament in Milton. Local residents have helped generously in the past and the secretary is hoping for the same type of co-operation this year. Anyone who has a bed to spare should contact John at the arena or phone him at TR 8-3624. The 4-Town Tournament in Acton Saturday provided some really interesting entertainment. Milton was represented by All Star teams from the Novice, Pee Wee and Bantam house league groupings.

Milton Bantam, Pee Wee and Juvenile Tri-County entries are currently busy in Tri-County consolation round play. All three teams reached the league finals this year, but were ousted in close sets with Hespeler. The Bantams are coached by Bob Kanerva and managed by Bill Rowney, the Pee Wees coached by Joe McCann and managed by Al Bessey and the Juveniles are coached by "Hap" Emms and managed by Joe Wilson.

We received a friendly reminder this week from the Brampton Minor Hockey Association noting that the annual Brampton Novice Hockey Week, sponsored by the Brampton Lions Club, would again be held this year, starting March 27 and ending April 4. Milton's Trafalgar Novice contingent will be competing against nine other Novice squads, for the "C" division title. In all, 50 teams will be competing in the tourney.

JUST TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, we wish to make the following corrections of errors which appeared in an area daily newspaper last week. First of all, Stu Hannant, a native Miltonian, will be surprised to read that he was born on the East coast and was "imported from his Atlantic coast home several years ago." Interesting, isn't it Stu?

Another slight blunder that appeared in the Lakeshore daily was the premature retirement announcement of Art Melanson. Evidently the newspaper decided that Art wouldn't be wearing the togs of the Milton Red Sox this summer. We asked Art this week if he wouldn't be back, but he said that he hadn't made up his mind. But he probably will, he hinted.

Mowettes Even Series Edge Blue Bombers 4-3

Burlington Mowettes evened their playoff series the hard way, as they wrested a 4-3 decision from the Milton Blue Bombers on their opponent's ice. Mowettes outskated Milton for most of the game and deserved the victory on their play.

Burlington burst into a two goal lead in the first period, Gabrielle Brab converting a pass from Lynda Johnstone at 4:45 and then Johnstone scored eight minutes later. As has become their habit in recent games, the Bombers began to roll in the second stanza and tied the score with seven minutes. Liz McLure hit from Jo Ann Durante and Winnie Sosnowski rapped in a rebound from Kay Marsh. Mowettes went one up on Lynda Johnstone's second counter, assisted by Carol Fraser. Milton kept pressing for the equalizer and at 18:10 Durante found the range from Nora Hearn during a goal-mouth scramble.

Agreeing to a sudden death overtime session was disastrous for the Blue Bombers. Brenda Lisson proved her worth as a money player, breaking through the Milton defence to tab the tiebreaker at 1:15 for the jubilant Mowette crew.

Sheer desire, determination and skating gave Hawkettes a clear cut 3-0 win over the Milton Red Raiders in Burlington last Saturday. With the exception of three or four players, the Raiders played a dispirited, deficient and disinterested game, which was evident by the fact that they had only two shots on goal in the entire session, as compared to fifteen by Burlington. Marlene White was the Hawkettes heroine with a hat trick, as she get a goal-a-period pace. Jody Dunn and Barbara Buck gained assists on the scoring plays.

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Hawkettes	2	1	0	1	3
Raiders	2	0	1	1	1

	G	A	Pts
Lynda Johnstone (M)	3	1	4
Marlene White (H)	3	1	4
Jo Ann Durante (B)	2	1	3
Kay Marsh (H)	1	1	2
Jody Dunn (H)	0	2	2

Fergus Tops Pontiacs In Overtime Period

A first overtime period goal enabled Fergus to topple the Milton Pontiacs Juveniles, in a Tri-County consolation round game in Fergus Monday evening. The losers got goals from Bruce McDuffe, Roger Wildfong, Ken Thomson and Jim Keane. Assists went to Roger Wildfong and Tom Ramshaw. There were 22 penalties called in the contest, with each team receiving 11. The Pontiacs will play an exhibition against Alliston in Milton on Friday evening, starting at 8 p.m. It will be their last game before the start of the Tri-County Juvenile tournament on Wednesday evening.



JUVENILE TOURNAMENT OFFICERS for the sixth annual Tri-County Juvenile Tournament in Milton on Easter weekend, were named at a recent executive meeting. Arn McDuffe of Milton was named tournament director. Shown seated are Tri-County president Bob Patterson of Brampton, Mr. McDuffe, secretary John McLean of Milton and treasurer Larry Arbic of Milton. Shown standing are referee-in-chief George Fletcher of Milton, co-directors Al Moore of Guelph, Jim Brockie of Oakville, Fred Hammond of Oakville and registrar Bill Burrell of R.R. 1, Malton.

Bantams Win 3-2 Or Seeds' Goal

Two goals in less than 30 seconds in the final period, enabled the Milton Legion Bantams to edge Georgetown 3-2, in a Tri-County consolation round contest in Georgetown Tuesday evening.

Paul Keilty scored the first goal of the game in the opening period, on a pass from Gary Naylor. Georgetown then scored twice and held the lead on the 12:20 minutes mark of the final period when Keith Higgs tallied unassisted to tie the count. Twenty-nine seconds later Marty Seeds scored the winner on a pass from Gary Naylor.

Bantam officials learned this week that the team had been accepted as a "C" entry in the annual Georgetown Bantam Tournament to be held in the Easter holidays.

Select Hannant, Sales To Loop All-Star Squad

Milton Charles hockey stars Stu Hannant and Bob Sales, were named this week to the Group 1, W.O.A.A. All-Star team which will play two games against a W.O.A.A. Group 2 All-Star team. Hannant, a high scoring centre with the Milton squad, was chosen as the team's M.V.P. during the 1962-63 season. Bob Sales led the Charles in scoring this season, playing on a Milton line with Ron Phillips and Jack Roberts for most of the year.

Acton's Junior Beaumont will coach the Group 1 squad. Players on the team include goaltenders

Sports

Novice Fords Win Once, Lose In Mount Forest Tournament

By Ken Young

Playing in the Canadian Legion Novice Tournament in Mount Forest on Saturday, the Trafalgar Fords put on their finest display of teamwork and their passing plays were beautifully executed. As a result they had little

trouble in eliminating Goderich 5 to 1.

Leading the attack for Milton was Billy Clarke with three consecutive goals for a hat trick. Jim Sales and Harold Merry added the other two markers. Drawing assists were Jim Robertson, Hugh Marshall, Harold Merry and Kevin Smith. The Goderich goal came on a penalty shot on a questionable call for tripping at centre ice.

Murray Scores

In Milton's second tournament game against Collingwood, Milton continued to impress the crowd and to carry the play with a neatly executed passing attack. A Richard Murray from Harold Merry combination netted a first period goal for Milton.

In the second and final period while Milton was serving a penalty, Collingwood scored and the game ended in a tie 1 to 1.

To settle the tie the shots on goal were the deciding factor and to the surprise of everyone, the goal judges awarded the decision to Collingwood by one shot. Since all games were sudden death this concluded Milton's participation in the tournament.

The next games for the Trafalgar Fords will be a home and home exhibition series with Brampton before moving into the Brampton Novice Hockey Week Tournament commencing on Good Friday. In the exhibition series Milton will play in Brampton on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and then back in Milton on Tuesday at 5:30.

Charles Play Pro-Am Stars

With revenge in their hearts (probably) the Pro-Am League All-Stars will take on the Milton Charles in an exhibition hockey tilt at the arena Sunday afternoon. Game time for the contest is 2:30. This is the second meeting for the two clubs, with the Charles copping a 12-4 win in the first game.

The Charles ended their regular season on Monday evening in Orangeville. The team, coached by Enio Scisizzi, finished second in the seven team grouping, but were eliminated from the playdowns by Acton and Orangeville.

This is the first year of operation for the Pro-Am league. It started with four teams and has now grown to eight teams. Players in the league play strict international rules (no body-checking).

Receive Applications For Halton Rural Ball Loop

Palermo, Hornby, Omagh and Lowville will be represented in Halton Rural Softball League play this summer. Applications for entries from these communities were received at the annual meeting of the league at McCurdy's School on Monday evening. Palermo, Hornby and Omagh will be represented by Intermediate teams and Lowville will field a junior contingent in present plans for the four team grouping. However it is possible that other entries will be received from an Omagh junior team and from a Lowville senior squad.

In a discussion concerning the possible formation of a Halton wide softball grouping, rural followers stated they would not go for such a proposal. The meeting attempted to elect a Halton Rural executive, but no one was willing to stand for an office. Finally it was decided to name four directors and they will try to name an executive in the near future. Gordon Sinclair, Doug Le Riche, Wil Inglehart and Dave Leslie were named as directors.

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Dufferins Win Title

Charles Drop Consecutive Verdicts

Milton Charles ended their second season in the W.O.A.A. group this week, losing two consecutive decisions to the Orangeville Dufferins, in a best of three series for the W.O.A.A. Intermediate "B" Championship. A 9-6 loss to the Dufferins in Milton on Sunday put the Enio Scisizzi coached Charles behind the proverbial "eight-ball" and when the locals travelled to Orangeville on Monday for the second game of the set, they dropped a 14-4 verdict to the Dufferins.

The Charles were never really too far out of reach in the Sunday contest, trailing 5-2 at the end of the first and 6-5 at the end of the second, but the powerful Dufferins managed to score when they really had to. Les Solomon and Paul Courtney each hit for two Dufferin markers and Bob Smith, B. Montgomery, R. Little and Reg Dowdall each tallied once.

Sales Gets Hat Trick
High scoring Bob Sales notched a hat trick for the Charles and Stu Hannant, John Heipel and Gord Bell each blinked the light once for the losers. Ron Phillips and Jack Roberts helped Sales score two markers and Jim Forbes, John Heipel, Ken Pollock and Bud McKay each assisted once.

Despite the score the Charles impressed the crowd of more than 200, with their tenacious checking. The locals outshot the visitors 31 to 29. Referees in the contest called 15 penalties, seven to Milton.

In the final game of the series in Orangeville, the Dufferins broke loose for six goals before Milton got on the score sheet, mid-way through the second period. Scrapy Bud McKay had a good night in a losing cause, scoring three times for Milton and drawing an assist on the fourth Milton marker, scored by Bob McKay. The Charles were shorthanded for the game, with only 12 players dressed. Milton assists in the game went to John Heipel with two,

Gord Bell, Ken Pollock, Gord Hasselfeldt and Jim Forbes with one each.

MILTON ARENA

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
4:30-7:30—Figure Skating
7:30-8:30—Girls' Hockey
Burlington vs Milton

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
8 p.m. — Juvenile Game

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
7 a.m.-1 p.m. — Minor Hockey Playoffs
2.4—Public Skating — 25c
4:30 — St. Marys vs Milton Midgets
O.M.H.A. Semi-Final Series
8-10—Public Skating — 50c

SUNDAY, MARCH 22
2:30 — Pro-Am vs Milton Charles
8-9 — Final Sunday Night Skating Club

MONDAY, MARCH 23
4:30-10 — Minor Hockey Playoffs

TUESDAY, MARCH 24
No-Figure Skating
5:30 — Brampton vs Milton (Novice)
7:30-11 — Pro-Am Playoffs (2 Games Total Goals)
Crows (Lt. Blues) vs Owls (Orange)
Parrots (Green) vs Eagles (Dk Blues)
Vultures (White) vs Hawks (Yellow)
Falcons (Maroons) vs Ravens (Crimson)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
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Rotary Midgets Win Semi-Final Game 4-2

Milton's fighting Rotary Midgets moved one step closer to an Ontario Midget 'B' Championship last night (Wednesday) with a 4-2 victory over St. Marys in a semi-final series.

Second period goals by Dick Marshall from Doug Hearn and Bill Weston and Doug Hearn from Bill Anderson, gave the Miltonians a 2-0 lead, to take into the third and final period in the game played at St. Marys.

In the final frame, St. Marys hit for two quick markers and tied the score. The Miltonians, however, earned the victory on Doug Hearn's second goal of the night at 14:47 on relays from Bill Weston and Dick Marshall.

Leon Stickle netted an insurance tally on a pass from Craig Brush, with less than a minute left in the game.

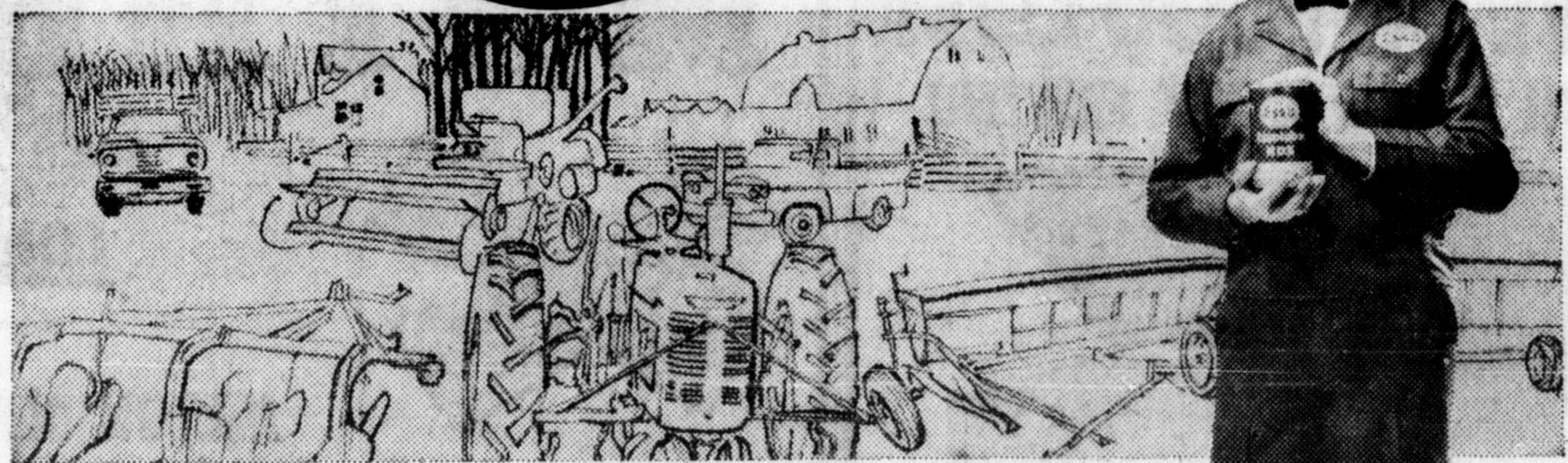
The second game of the best-of-three series is slated for 4:30 p.m. in Milton on Saturday. Should the Rotarians win (and they probably will), they will advance to the O.M.H.A. finals.

Bantams Win

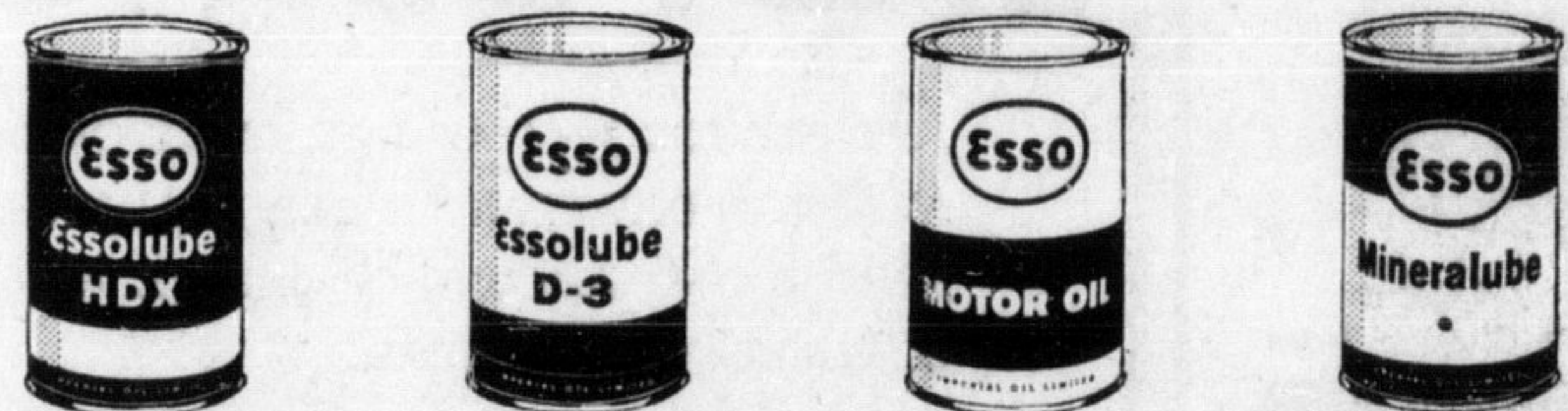
A three goal third period enabled the Milton Legion Bantams to cop a 5-3 win on Thursday evening, in a Tri-County consolation round contest in Oakville. Gary Naylor was the top shooter for the winners, scoring twice in the final frame.

Don Hearn tallied from Steve Lawrence in the first frame, Rick Cole notched on Keith Higgs' pass in the second period and Paul Kitchen scored unassisted for the other goal in the final stanza.

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