

# Rotarians Need Victory Tonight Down One Game in Ontario Finals

An accurate timepiece and solid hockey fundamentals will be the chief weapons of the Milton Rotary Midgets when they battle to even their best of three O.M.H.A. series with Huntsville tonight (Wednesday). The second game of the Ontario Midget "B" championship series will get underway at 8 p.m. in Milton arena. Third game of the series will be in Milton at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday.

Down one game to nothing, the Rotarians hope to revenge a tainted Huntsville victory in the opening game of the series. A goal with 25 seconds left in the game enabled Huntsville to tie the score on Saturday in Huntsville and then go on to win 9-6 in overtime, but according to Milton fans, the timekeeper deserved most of the credit for the victory.

"In the last two minutes of play, we lost 45 seconds on every face-off," one disturbed fan reported and another Milton follower suggested, "that timekeeper is nothing but a weasel, we had trouble with him when we played Huntsville for the Pee Wee 'B' championship a few years ago." According to most reports, the timekeeper purposefully neglected to start the clock

properly in the final two minutes and Milton manager Lachie McKersie reports, "the play moved up and down the ice twice and the clock moved a total of four seconds." Milton fans were also quick to criticize the activities of the Huntsville coach, who visited the referees' dressing room between the first and second periods.

Milton took an early lead in the game as Ted Hood tipped in a relay from Jim Cole at 1.15 of the opening stanza. Tim Kelly's unassisted goal at 11.10 knotted the count and Jim Higgs put Huntsville in front 2-1 as he finished off a play with Kelly. A minute and 23 seconds later, Doug Hearn put Milton on even terms as he completed a play with Richard Clement and Craig Brush.

### Two Goals

The second period was all Milton as the Rotarians applied constant pressure and netted two tallies. Ted Hood was again the marksman as he fired the tie-breaking goal at the four minute mark on a pass from Jim Cole and then Craig Brush denied the twine with a sizzling shot to give Milton a 4-2 lead.

In the final stanza, Higgs hit

for goals at 1.42 and 4.40 to tie the score but Craig Brush scored unassisted and Milton was in front again. At 16.02 Kelly tipped in a Higgs relay to notch the count at 5-5. High scoring Brush got his hat trick for the night at 17.45 to put Milton in front by one goal and then, in the final minute, Higgs scored from Buckley to send the game into overtime.

### Misconducts

Misconduct penalties in the overtime session hurt Milton's chances as both Steve Lawrence and Craig Brush were assessed misconducts and then Brush received a game misconduct. Earlier in the contest, Gary Mountain received a 10 minute misconduct.

Kelly's goal at 3.56 from Stinson and another Kelly marker at 4.53 gave Huntsville an 8-6 lead and at 5.18 Stinson closed out the scoring on a pass from Higgs.

## Bantams Ousted In Georgetown

Shots on goal in an overtime session decided the issue on Tuesday as the Milton Legion Bantams bowed from the annual Georgetown Bantam Tournament. Milton won the first game of the two game, total points series 4-3 and lost the second game on the same day by the same score. In an overtime session played after the second game, Lindsay managed two shots on goal to earn the verdict while Milton snipers were unable to get a single shot.

In the first game Ricky Cole scored twice and Don Hearn and Mike McGrath fired single tallies. Don Hearn had a trio of assists and Ted Hood, Kenny Parton and Ricky Cole each earned a single helper.

Lindsay made good use of their power play, scoring twice while Milton was short-handed.

In the second game, two Ricky Cole goals early in the first period put Milton well in front on the round, but Lindsay fought back and scored four goals to go ahead by a single tally on the round, before Cole notched his hat trick for the game and sent it into overtime. Don Hearn earned a pair of assists for Milton and Ted Hood helped out once.

## No Word on Kinsmen Protest Locals Ousted From Tourney

Milton Kinsmen Pee Wees, anxiously awaiting the outcome of their protest against St. Marys, competed in a Pee Wee tournament in Goderich this week and were ousted by the same St. Marys squad in second round competition.

The Kinsmen, eliminated by St. Marys in the O.M.H.A. semifinals, protested the use of a St. Marys player who lives outside their drawing area. So far no decision has been handed down by O.M.H.A. officials, but O.M.H.A. representative Bill Burrell and Kinsmen manager Ken Young travelled to St. Marys on Sunday and verified mileage statements acquired previously by the manager's wife. If the protest is upheld, it is expected that the whole series will be tossed out and Milton will be sent on to the O.M.H.A. finals.

In their second game in the tournament, the Kinsmen battled on even terms with their arch rivals throughout the game and with one minute and 38 seconds remaining, the game was tied but Milton led in shots on goal. However, Ken McCutcheon scored for St. Marys to give them a 6-5 win.

Milton scorers in the game were Gary Young from Ray Tonelli, Gary Young from Jim Marshall, Jim Marshall from Nigel Ferguson and Bill Wilson, Jim Marshall from Nigel Ferguson and Ray Tonelli from Nigel Fer-



—Staff Photo

OLDTIME HOCKEY HEROES showed the young bucks how on Sunday afternoon, as a band of Milton Oldtimers topped the Milton Merchant Juniors 10-9 in an exhibition game at the arena. Enio Scisizzi and Murray Grenke, coaches of the Merchant

Juniors, were in uniform with the Oldtimers and played important roles in the victory. Shown getting set to blast shots past Merchant goalie Pete Stemma are Enio Scisizzi, Murray Grenke, Gord Bell, Glen Dance and Pete McDuffe.

### Veterans Win 10-9

## Oldtime Heroes Surprise Merchants Enio Scisizzi Scores Four Goals

Heroes from Milton's not so distant hockey past surprised the Milton Merchant Juniors in an exhibition game at the arena on Sunday afternoon. Just over 200 paying customers were treated to a high class contest as the Oldtimers, paced by Merchant coach Enio Scisizzi, wrapped up an impressive 10-9 win.

The addition of Junior "B" stars Ross McKersie and Bill Currie to the Merchant line-up was not enough to tip the scales in favor of the youngsters as the veterans scored seven unanswer-

ed goals in the first period. In the second and third frames the Oldtimers started to fade, but nevertheless they held on to capture the win.

Veteran professional star Enio Scisizzi had a field day against his young proteges as he scored four goals for the Oldtimers. Stu Hannant and Gord Bell each had doubletons for the winners and Brian McDuffe and Bill Brush chipped in with a single goal. John Heipel notched four assists for the Oldtimers and Bill Brush had three. Art Melanson, Don Wilson and Stu Hannant each set up two markers and Larry Arbic and Nip Gervais figured in one scoring play each.

### Scoring

The Merchants, held scoreless in the first period, scored five times in the second stanza and four more in the third to make the game close. Leon Stickle and Merv Fletcher each scored twice and singles went to Brian Bond, Roger Wildfong, Paul Legree, Dick Marshall and Joe Hore. Roger Wildfong had a trio of assists and Alain Bouchard had a pair. Single assists went to Dick Marshall and Joe Hore.

Pete Stemma was in goal for the Merchants and St. Catharines Junior "B" ace Pete McDuffe was in the net for the Oldtimers.

### Line-Ups

Included in the Merchant line-up coached by Alan Parton were Roger Wildfong, Dick Marshall, Joe Hore, Alain Bouchard, Dave Prentice, Leon Stickle, Renato Bertoli, Merv Fletcher, Pete Stemma, John Forbes, Brian Bond, Paul Legree, Ross McKersie, Bill Anderson and Bill Currie. Dave Brush and Bob Brush were in charge of the Oldtimers. They included Enio Scisizzi, John Heipel, Art Melanson, John Bell, Gord Bell, Don Wilson, Bill Brush, Glen Dance, Nip Gervais, Brian McDuffe, Larry Arbic, Murray Grenke, Stu Hannant and Pete McDuffe.

Wayne Timbers and Cliff Houston were the officials for the game.

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## SPORT LITES

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WITH TWO SEASONS UNDER HIS BELT in the semi-pro ranks, Miltonian Don Currie is all set to hang up his blades as far as hockey as a living is concerned. Don returned to town last week after completing his second and probably final season with the Toledo Blades in the top calibre International league and he reports, "as far as I can see now, there's no future in hockey for me anymore."

Two years ago the burly Milton native graduated from Junior "B" play and earned a key spot with the champion Toledo Blades and although he was back in uniform with the same team this year, he was considerably less successful. During regular season play he notched 12 goals and 30 assists but it wasn't good enough, he feels, to earn him a promotion in the Chicago Black Hawk chain next season. "If I'd got 20 goals or more I might have had a chance to move up. But now I think I'll quit while I'm ahead, hockey's all right to play for fun but it's too risky to try to make a living at," he told The Champion.

### GOT A COOL RECEPTION

Throughout his career in Milton, Burlington and Toledo, hockey fans usually took a liking to the friendly giant but this year the Toledo customers were just the opposite. "Sure, they really loved me, they tried to boo me out of the rink", Don reported sarcastically. "I had it a lot easier on the road than I did at our home rink, they were always hollering," he said.

Although Don is sure that hockey as a living is "definitely out" for next year, he does hope to catch on with some Senior team in the province, preferably the Oakville Oaks, league finalists this year. "I don't want to give up hockey completely but I've got a fairly good job in town and I think I'll keep it," he smiled, "but I wouldn't mind picking up a few dollars playing hockey on the side."

### SHORTS IN SPORTS

Elmvalle Currie Pontiacs, winners of the "C" division of the Juvenile Tournament were busier than the average bears on Saturday as they took part in tournament games at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. and then travelled to Plattsville where they captured the Ontario Juvenile "D" championship. Following their 6 p.m. victory in Milton, the boys barely had time to get their skates off before boarding a bus to head to their next game. Speaking of the Juvenile Tournament, this year's affair was the best yet. The behaviour of the players in almost every game was better than good as compared to several rowdy displays in the 1964 tourney. Goadtending appeared to be particularly good this year and the fellows we noticed the most were the men between the pipes for Weston and Mount Hamilton.

More than a few tears were shed last week when PUNCHY Imlach's boys bowed from the Stanley Cup scene. It isn't a nice thing to say, but we told you so. We weren't quite as clever in the Chicago-Detroit series as we selected the Wings, who pulled a late Swan dive and faded from view. In the finals we verbally backing Montreal and financially keeping our hands in our pockets. Just thought we'd remind you that the Boston Red Sox are clinging close to first place in the American Baseball League. It must be spring!

### SHOWS HIS BOYS HOW

Fans at the Juvenile tournament on Saturday night crowded into the arena lunch room to take a peek at the N.H.L. game and while the commercials were on they took time to watch the tournament championship contests. Sunday afternoon the Milton Oldtimers and Merchant Juniors got together for an interesting affair with the Oldtimers finishing with the long end of the stick. Enio Scisizzi showed his players exactly what he was trying to teach them all season — put the puck in the net. The ex-professional star scored four goals as the Oldtimers won 10-9.

Campbellville Merchants got together for their annual banquet recently and presented club mentor Len Andrews with a pair of binoculars — all the better to criticize the umpires with. Len ranks as the league's best umpire baiter and according to up to date statistics, he's won more arguments than he's ever lost. "Mr. Facts and Figures," as his teammates call him, once again compiled complete statistics for the players on his club. Oakville Oaks of the same league have decided to try home games on Sunday evenings this season. In the past few years the Oaks' fan following has continued to shrink and club officials are hopeful that the change in game times might bring a few more people to the ball park. According to Milton Red Sox manager, attendance in Milton has been just as bad. Only twice last year was enough money collected at the gate to pay the \$15 for the umpires.

### PROTESTING POPULAR THIS YEAR

Protesting defeats has been more popular this year than usual. A quick recap shows two protests in the Milton Merchant Orangeville Hornet series, a protest by the Milton Kinsmen Pee Wees following their elimination by St. Marys and the lodging of a complaint by the Milton Legion Bantams after being eliminated by Elmira. In all the instances the Milton squads had plenty of room to beef. In a complaint from outside of town, we understand the Acton Tanners of the W.O.A.A. league considered protesting a game against Durham. Acton, trailing the best of seven championship series two games to none, lost again on Friday evening but one referee was a little more than tipsy. Obvious to the players on both teams, one of the officials had been bending his elbow at a rapid pace and was barely able to skate. When Acton officials told Durham the game might be protested, they replied, "we'd do the same thing if we'd lost."



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