



SPORT LITES

By Brian McCristall

ORIGINALLY THIS WEEK'S COLUMN was to be a plea for the mandatory use of hockey helmets in all categories of organized shinny, but after Friday night's performance at the arena, we'd be more tempted to ask for compulsory head examinations for the litterbugs in the stands.

Milton Merchants' 7-2 loss to the league leading Georgetown Raiders was no great disgrace in itself, but the actions of a small number of fans and players didn't do the town any honor.

For two periods it was a hard fought, close checking and sometimes vicious battle — somewhat in the style of all recent Raider-Merchant encounters. In the final stanza however, two Milton players were assessed 10 minute misconducts, while a third received a misconduct and a game misconduct and fourth received what the referee termed, "a five minute match penalty."

After defeating the Georgetown contingent twice and tying them on a third occasion, the Merchants were understandably disturbed when they noticed they were getting their pants kicked off them. Manager Alan Parton summed up the situation by noting, "they were hungrier than us and they beat us to the puck all night — they deserved to win and we didn't."

In defence of the Merchants it must be admitted that the referees weren't any more effective than they were. At times they appeared to be whistle happy while at other times they let even the most flagrant fouls go unnoticed. However, despite the referees' efforts, there was no excuse for the carry on of the four players on the team.

Possibly the most disturbing aspect of the whole game was the performance of the strong armed spectator who insisted on splattering the ice with eggs. On six separate occasions in the last period, arena employees were called onto the ice and the game was delayed while they cleared the ice of debris ranging from an overshoe, to hot dog wrappers to paper cups to eggs. Indeed it looked for a few minutes like a riot was taking place in the short order cook-house, as a steady stream of eggs came pelting down on the ice.

The guardian of the P.A. system — Murray Hood, pleaded with fans on two occasions to stop littering the ice, but it didn't do much good. His warning that, "your own Milton players might be seriously injured," weren't heeded and in desperation he implored, "please stop it, we don't want to be here all night."

Milton manager Alan Parton has been connected with hockey in town for a good many years, but he couldn't recall anything in recent years to equal the Friday night fiasco. "I don't mind them tossing an egg on the ice as long as no one gets hurt — sometimes I think it livens up the game. But when they insist on throwing them again and again, it's going to far. If I could have found the guy I'd have had him thrown out of the rink for the rest of the year — it's stupid," he said.

Merchant coach Murray Grenke was sick at home on Friday night but he heard all about the game. Speaking about the fans, he suggested, "I think it hurts the team. It takes the momentum out of the game. It just seems that you get started when something like that happens."

Assistant coach-manager Elmer Wildfong was handling the Merchants from behind the bench but he had, "no comment" when it came to the subject of the team's performance. "It's water under the bridge — it's all over with now," Elmer said. When speaking about the actions of the fans, he noted, "you can't really fault one without the other. It just shows how the fans felt about the game. They were disappointed and they showed it."

Friday night wasn't a very bright page in the annals of Junior Hockey in town and everyone knows it. "The boys were pretty disgusted with themselves," a dressing room observer noted, "that'll never happen again". To this we can only add, we hope he's right.

TOPICAL TID BITS

While the recent snowy season has proved a pain in the neck — or worse to motorists and snow shovellers, winter sports lovers in the district have been enjoying jaunts to the Kelson Conservation Area . . . Skiing in the area is much improved this year with the addition of the T-Bar at the Glen Eden Ski Club and the many inches of the flaky stuff have turned the hills of the area into a haven for tobogganists . . . While the snow has made these people happy, it has prevented skaters from doing turns on the fast frozen Glen Eden Lake. Conservation Authority workmen have been attempting to clear a large area on the lake for skaters and it wasn't until this weekend that the skating area was ready.

Annual reports can often be very boring items but Bill Richmond of Georgetown, for three years chairman of the Halton County Minors and president of the Halton County Baseball Association, has the happy faculty of making them completely informative and humorous at the same time. Bill's 10 page oracle, submitted at the annual meeting of the County Baseball Association, had the nearly 40 in attendance chuckling throughout the afternoon — but it also made worthwhile reading from a statistics standpoint. During his three years as chairman of the minors, the number of minor teams increased from 24 to 44. He suggested his job was a big one and pointed to the 120 letters he received during the 1965 season and to the over 200 letter which he sent out. Besides this, 2,500 mimeograph copies of notices, meetings and standings were sent. Looking through the standings compiled by the energetic chairman, we see that Milton teams did very well.

Milton Esso Tykes topped their division with 22 points on 11 wins. There were five teams in the Tyke category. Milton Kinsmen Pee Wees finished in a tie for third in their seven team division and the Milton Bantams were fourth in their nine team league. They also went on to reach the Ontario Bantam "B" semi-finals. Milton Midgets finished on top of their nine team league but lost out in the Halton playdowns. Milton Juveniles who went on to an Ontario Juvenile "B" title finished one point behind league leading Georgetown in Halton competition.

On the Major League Baseball scene, the most recent item of real interest was the election of baseball great Ted Williams to the Baseball Hall of Fame. The temperamental former Boston Red Sox great reached the hallowed hall with the largest number of votes ever received — although it was not the largest percentage of votes ever received. Tempestuous Ted might go down in the history of the diamond game as the least liked Hall of Famer but even his most ardent critics must confess the game just isn't as interesting without him.

Win Second Straight

Harvesters Nip Orangeville Enter Finals Against Fergus

Milton Harvester Juveniles came to life in the second and third periods on Saturday night in Orangeville — scoring four goals to wrap up a 4-2 victory and earn the right to enter the Tri-County Juvenile "B" finals against Fergus.

Stu Hannant's hard skating Harvesters had to overcome a 2-0 Orangeville lead to gain the victory. The win gave the Harvesters the best of three series in two straight games. They'll start the league finals on Thursday night in Fergus and manager Bill Rollins is hoping a few car-loads of fans will make the jaunt to Fergus.

Second game of the finals is slated for Monday night in Milton at 10 p.m. with the third game

Merchants Third Here Top Scorer

Milton Merchants are three points off the pace with five games remaining in O.H.A. Junior "C" league play. The Merchants, with 20 wins, six losses and two ties in 28 games, trail league leading Georgetown by three points and second place New Hamburg by two points.

Despite their third place spot in the standings, the locals have scored more goals than any other team in the league — 176, and have had less scored against them—88.

Centre ice-man Joe Hore leads the team in scoring with 28 goals and 23 assists for 51 points.

Craig Brush, the first player on the team to net 30 goals, is second in the club scoring race with 31 goals and 18 assists for 49 points.

Defenceman Bill Currie leads the team in penalties with 123 minutes in the sin bin.

STANDINGS	W	L	T	F	A	TP
Georgetown	22	4	1	168	106	45
New Hamburg	22	5	0	165	104	44
Milton	20	6	2	176	88	42
Hanover	17	7	3	145	112	37
Elmira	13	13	1	109	105	27
Simcoe	13	14	1	131	137	27
Brantford	11	17	0	156	161	22
Paris	11	17	0	119	147	22
Orangeville	10	15	1	110	126	21
Preston	27	8	17	110	150	18
Dundas	7	17	2	98	169	16
Hespeler	3	24	1	99	185	7

Includes games of February 6.

SCORING	G	A	TP	PPM
Joe Hore	28	23	51	31
Craig Brush	31	18	49	68
Roger Wildfong	19	30	49	2
Leon Stickle	18	27	45	35
Brian Bond	14	23	37	43
Doug Hearn	4	33	37	30
Dick Marshall	18	18	36	86
Bruce McDuffie	17	19	36	52
Steve Gervais	11	14	25	55
Bill Currie	5	20	25	123
Paul Legree	3	18	21	53
Alan Reid	2	11	13	31
Renato Bertoli	1	11	12	74
John Forbes	2	5	7	28
John Zoppas	1	2	3	0
Jim Keane	0	0	2	2
Barry Fletcher	0	1	1	2
Frank Marshiori	0	0	0	23

GOALTENDERS	GP	GA	S/O	Av	Svs
F. Marshiori	18	52	1	2.88	476
Bob Lee	9	34	0	3.82	245
P. Stemmann	1	2	0	2.00	24

Includes games of February 6.

Kinsmen Win Notch Series

Milton Kinsmen Pee Wees came up with a real team effort on Monday evening and drew even with Fergus in their best two out of three Tri-County Pee Wee "B" playoff series.

The hard skating Kinsmen scored three times in the first period once in the second and once more in the third as they swept to a 5-1 decision to tie the series at one game each.

Harold Merry rifled a hat trick — a goal a period, and Hugh Marshall tallied twice to account for the winners' goals. Richard Murray (2), Joe McCarthy, Rocky Barker, Philip Colen, Jim Robertson and David Hespeler drew assists for the Milton squad.

Kinsmen manager Ken Young described the victory as "a real team effort," and reported, "Bob Colleen moved David Hespeler back from his forward position in an effort to bolster the defence and it really paid off. David did a real good job."

The third and deciding game in the series will be played in Fergus on Thursday night at 6:30 and the boys are hoping for lots of fan support.

Fords Drop Two At Newmarket

Milton Trafalgar Fords journeyed to the Newmarket Novice Tournament on Saturday and dropped two games, but the boys all had a good time.

Milton drew Lindsay in the first game and left Milton bright and early on Saturday morning in order to be ready for the 9 a.m. game. The Fords couldn't get started in this game and in the first two periods Lindsay scored four times. In the third period the locals scored twice with Brent Murray potting a pass from Steve McCann and Mike Kaszycki scoring unassisted. Lindsay then came back to score at 11:15 and with three minutes left in the game Robertson scored from Kaszycki to make the final score 5-3.

In consolation

The loss in the opening game put Milton in the consolation round and after lunch they took on the tournament hosts — Newmarket. Mike Kaszycki opened the scoring at 7:10 of the first period and then Waddington of Newmarket tied the count.

Ricky Bridgman and Mike Kaszycki boosted Milton into a 3-1 lead in the second period but in the third period the Fords fell apart at the seams and Newmarket tied the score.

In the closing minutes Newmarket scored while playing short-handed to win the game. Glen Turner played both games and was a standout for the Fords.

Merchants Thump Chiefs Stay Clear of Penalty Box

Milton Merchants came up with a pair of victories on Sunday afternoon and it was difficult to judge which one was the most important.

The most obvious win was a 10-4 rout over the Brantford Chiefs which kept the locals in contention for the top spot in the loop standings. But Murray Grenke seemed more pleased that his boys played heads up hockey and still managed to stay relatively free of penalties.

In recent games, the team had become penalty-prone — with misconducts being their major sin. Prior to the Sunday afternoon game, coach Grenke talked with his players and "laid some facts on the line."

The facts were, the coach said, "from here on in, if they get any more stupid misconducts or if they start yelling at the referees, they're not going to be playing on this team." He said he has been worried about the number of misconducts the players have been picking up, and that the

trouble in the game on Friday night made it clear that he had to lay down a definite policy.

Milton entered the Sunday afternoon game at a decided disadvantage with defenceman Paul Legree out of the line-up because of an injury and rearguard Renato Bertoli out of uniform following a match penalty on Friday night.

Mid-way through the first period, the situation became even more serious as Steve Gervais, a third defenceman, slid into the boards and re-injured his ankle. He was later taken to the hospital and a cast was put on his ankle. He'll be out of the line-up for at least two weeks and probably longer.

Milton's first goal of the game came at 3:25 when Bill Currie lofted a long shot at the Chief goal. The puck, shot from just outside the Milton blueline, hit the goaltender's stick and skidded into the net.

The Merchants held the 1-0 lead until 9:38 of the second period

when Brian Bond picked up a stray pass from in front of the Brantford goal and rifled it into the unguarded net. Bond, playing probably his best game of the season, caught the Chief netminder napping and he seemed more surprised than anyone when he was politely given the scoring opportunity.

Craig Brush's first goal of the game at 11:15 boosted Milton into a 3-0 lead and 11 seconds later, Brantford scored with McInnis rifling the puck past Bob Lee. Brush's 30th goal of the season at 14:48 gave Milton a three goal lead once more. John Zoppas netted his first goal of the season at 15:13 after Eric Pass had made it 4-2. Pass' second goal at 19:03 narrowed the gap once more.

In the final stanza, Milton scored five times with Dick Marshall, Brian Bond, Craig Brush, Bill Currie and Roger Wildfong doing the honors. Brantford's fourth and final goal came at 19:21.

Bill Currie and Brian Bond had two goals and two assists

each. Craig Brush had three goals. Roger Wildfong and Dick Marshall had a goal and an assist each and John Zoppas had one goal. Leon Stickle earned three assists while Joe Hore, Bruce McDuffie and Doug Hearn had a pair of helpers each. Alan Reid had a single assist.

Bob Lee was in the net for Milton and made 29 saves. Mudford of Brantford made 36 saves.

Blueline Banter: Just over 500 attended the game . . . It was delayed on two occasions while the net at the west end of the rink was placed back on its moorings . . . Milton was assessed six penalties — several of a cheap variety . . . Milton's next home game is on Friday night at 8:30 against Dundas . . . On Sunday, they travel to Simcoe . . . After Steve Gervais left the game on Sunday, only two regular defencemen, Bill Currie and John Forbes were in uniform. Joe Hore did double duty on forward and defence and Brian Bond also took a few turns on defence . . . It is hoped Paul Legree will be back in uniform for Friday night . . . Coach Grenke is considering borrowing a player or two from the Juvenile team if it can be arranged . . . Bill Currie, Craig Brush and Bob Lee were selected as the three stars of the game by Bob Colleen.

Novices Top Acton Play Hespeler Next

Milton Novice Fords made it two wins in a row and eliminated Acton on their own ice last Wednesday. Ricky Bridgeman — his usual rugged fast style, scored the first goal of the game. Three minutes later, Brent Murray soloed and just as time was running out in the period, Steve McCann broke loose and sunk marker number three for the Milton team.

Acton came on a little stronger in the second period and scored twice before Bruce Ellison took a pass from Mike Kaszycki to give Milton a two goal cushion again.

Brent Murray tallied unassisted in the third period, to make it 5-2, but Acton kept trying and made the game interesting. The Fords, however, were still on the offensive and with only a minute and a half left on the clock, Bruce Ellison knocked in Norm Mowbray's pass, to make the final score 6-2.

Glen Turner and Kurt Smith shared goal duties for Milton and let in a goal each.

The Fords are now preparing for a real tough series with Hespeler. The first game is in Milton on Monday at 6 p.m. The second game is in Hespeler on Friday, February 18, and the third game if necessary is in Milton on Monday, February 21.

It is expected the Fords will be at full strength for the Hespeler series.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9
2-4 p.m. — Adult and Pre-School Skating — 25 cents and 10 cents
5:30-9 p.m. — Minor Hockey

THURSDAY, FEB. 10
4:30-7:30 — Figure Skating
8-10 p.m. — Pro-Am Hockey
8 p.m. — Willmott vs Hiltz
9 p.m. — Rowley vs Cain

FRIDAY, FEB. 11
8:30 p.m. — Junior Hockey
Milton Merchants vs Dundas Merchants

SATURDAY, FEB. 12
6:30-1 p.m. — Minor Hockey
2-4 p.m. — Public Skating
25 cents
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50 cents

SUNDAY, FEB. 13
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MONDAY, FEB. 14
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4:30 - 7:30 p.m. — Figure Skating
8 - 9 p.m.—Pro-Am Hockey
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9 p.m.—McConnell vs Brush

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16
2-4 p.m. — Adult and Pre-School public skating — 25 cents and 10 cents



MILTON HARVESTER JUVENILES open a best of three series with Fergus tomorrow night in Fergus and the winner of the series will be able to claim the Tri-County Juvenile "B" Championship. The Harvesters, sponsored by Halton Truck Sales, ousted Acton and Orangeville to gain the right to advance to the finals. Shown kneeling in the front row are Gerry Devlin, Garry Mountain, Richard Clement, Jim Cole, Jim Caughill, Jim Ervin, Tony Barr and Tom Sargent. Standing in the back row are manager Bill Rollins, assistant coach Alan Reid, Ron Paterson, Rupert Coffen, Jerry Duncan, Maurice Miljour, Mike McGrath, Bill Anderson and coach Stu Hannant.

Raiders Topple Merchants

Milton arena took on a carnival type atmosphere on Friday night as 1,200 hockey fans turned out and watched the Georgetown Raiders topple the Milton Merchants 7-2.

It was a bleak night from start to finish for the Merchants and the general attitude after the game seemed to be, "let's try to forget it, if we can."

The Merchants first wrong move on Friday night was putting on their proper uniforms. As it turned out the Raiders brought their wrong uniforms and the locals were ordered to switch to their traditional road outfits.

The Raiders didn't waste any time taking over the lead as they popped in a goal in the first five minutes of play. Throughout the first stanza Milton defencemen persisted in giving the puck to Georgetown forwards and only the brilliant work of Frank Marshiori kept the score close. Nine penalties were called in the first frame and on four separate occasions a team was forced to play two men short. Georgetown penalties to Hartley and Riddall at 3:58 gave Milton the first golden opportunity, but the Raiders killed off the threat.

Renato Bertoli was sent to the penalty box at 8:21 and Steve Gervais followed him at 8:57 and Georgetown had a two man advantage. At 14:09 both Bill Currie and Dick Marshall were sent off and Milton again successfully ward off the potent Raider attack.

At 16:29 Morrow was given a charging penalty and Milton had a one man advantage and 27 seconds later Levellyn was chased from the ice leaving the Raiders two men short again, but Milton was still unable to score.

Milton finally found the scoring range in the second period as Brian Bond and Roger Wildfong set-up Joe Hore at 8:31 for the tying marker. Six more penalties were assessed during the second period, including the first one of the season to Roger Wildfong.

The Merchants grabbed the lead for the first time in the game when Craig Brush rattled in Leon Stickle's rebound, to make it 2-1 for Milton. Lane's goal from Dwyer and Robinson at 1:07 tied the count and Robinson gave the Raiders the lead for good at 6:16 as he split Frank Marshiori's pads with a low drive.

Dwyer's goal at 8:16, Presswood's second goal of the game late in the period sewed up the victory for the Georgetown crew.

Egg Tossing Antics

The final period was marred by the egg tossing antics of a Milton fan as well as misconduct penalties to Frank Marshiori, Dick Marshall and Craig Brush. Brush also received a game misconduct and Renato Bertoli received a

Rotarians Win "B" Final Opener

Bob Colbeck, John Ervin, Ted Hood and Marty Seeds fired single goals on Monday evening as the Milton Rotary Midgets downed Hespeler 4-1 in the first game of a best of five series for the Tri-County Midget 'B' championship.

The Rotarians, winners of the Midget 'B' crown for the past four years, trailed briefly in the first period, as Peddigrew put Hespeler in front at 1:30. Bob Colbeck's marker at 5:45 on a pass from John Ervin tied the score and Wayne Arnold passed to John Ervin at 8:30 as the Midgets moved into the lead for keeps. Ted Hood tipped in a Ricky Cole pass at 10:45 for the third Milton goal of the period.

The only other goal in the game came at 9:25 of the third period when Marty Seeds finished off a play with Paul Kitchen. Thirteen penalties were assessed, seven to Milton.

Milton's next home game of the series will be played on Monday at 9 p.m.

Bruce Hood To Get Trial As N.H.L. Ref

Bruce Hood of Milton, who refereed the American Hockey League game televised on Channel 11 on Sunday evening, will soon be working several National Hockey League games on a trial basis.

The strapping six foot two, 217 pound Heslop Road resident, received word recently that he will be given several assignments in the N.H.L.

Now in his fourth season as a professional referee, he is looking forward to the opportunity of officiating in the big time. So far this season he has handled 50 games, mostly in the American league.

After refereeing in the International Hockey League in 1962-63, Bruce joined the N.H.L. pool of referees. In 1963-64 he worked in the American and Central league games and in 1964-65 he handled American, Central and Western league games. This year he has been officiating American and Central league games again. As well as the 50 league games this year he has worked eight exhibition games — several between N.H.L. teams.

The announcement of his big league trial was made early this week. Another official — Bob Sloan who started refereeing professionally the same year as Bruce, will also be given a trial.

"I'd hoped I'd get a trial this year, but I didn't know whether I would or not," Bruce told The Champion this week.

Bruce, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Hood of Milton, was born in Frelton and then lived in Campbellville before moving to Milton.

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