



Sport Lites

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THERE'S ONLY ONE THING better than an O.M.H.A. Pee Wee "B" title and that's an O.M.H.A. Juvenile "B" title five years later. That's what five of the Nadalin Electric Juvenile Flyers have been thinking about lately.

Mrs. Dave Brush, unofficial scrap-book keeper for the Milton Hockey Scene, pointed out this week that five playing members of the Nadalin Electric Juvenile Flyers were in uniform with the Milton Kinsmen Pee Wees when the club captured the Pee Wee "B" crown in 1960-61. Flyer goaltender Phil Brush, defenceman John Forbes and forwards Paul Kitchen, Marty Seeds and Keith Higgs are hold-overs from the '60-'61 Pee Wee titlists. The team, also the winner of the West Metro division championship in the Little N.H.L. Tournament, was coached by Chuck Gervais and managed by Herb Higgs. Other members of that squad were Maurice Cassidy, Gary Andress, Brian Brush, Tom Sargent, Doug Hearn, Doug Naylor, Andy Berry, P. Mountain, Gerry Devlin, Steve Keane, E. McDuffe and Dave Hunter.

Bobby Orr, prize rookie with the Boston Bruins this winter, played in the same Little N.H.L. tourney that year. The Milton team was the first team ever to win the O.M.H.A. championship. It was the second year the Pee Wees competed in O.M.H.A. playdowns, but the first year there were only zone championships.

VETERAN BASEBALL and hockey star Bob Salvisburg of Burlington should add considerable color to the Halton County Senior league this summer. The well known veteran has agreed to manage the Burlington Cardinals in the Halton Senior loop after serving as player-manager of the Brantford Red Sox of the Intercity League for several seasons. Salvisburg is one of the better bench jockeys in the province and despite his considerable ability, he's better known for his cutting quips and red hot temper. Early indications are that the Cardinals will be particularly strong this season — their second in the Halton loop.

FORMER MILTON MERCHANT Intermediate star Jack Price was the chief prize-winner at the Oakville Oak hockey banquet recently. Price, who returned to town to play an exhibition game against the Milton Merchants, was awarded the team's most valuable player award, the trophy for leading the team in scoring and the most popular player award.

PROSPECTS FOR A STRONG Halton Rural Softball League grew brighter, following the league's annual meeting recently. Procor, Halton Hotel, Lowville, Hornby and Palermo have agreed to return for another season and to the surprise of some it is expected a club will be fielded to represent Omagh. The Omagh team dropped out towards the end of last season. "Right now it looks good," secretary Rick Johnson reports.

TOPICAL TID BITS
The bat 'n ball season on the major league level began this week, so undoubtedly it is time to forecast the September finish. Our sentimental favorites, the Boston Red Sox, should be vastly improved and we can foresee with little difficulty at least a second or third place finish in the American league. Cincinnati Red Legs should capture the National League crown and the Baltimore Orioles should be repeaters in the junior loop, although they could get stiff opposition from the Sox and the Detroit Tigers. Top contender in the senior loop will likely be Pittsburgh.

Remember, secretaries of bowling leagues are requested to contact The Champion if they wish a photographer to attend their league banquet. Please let us know well in advance. . . . The annual meeting of the Ontario Hockey Association will be held in Toronto on April 29.

Pros at Hornby Tower and Wyldewood golf courses are hoping the season will officially get underway on Saturday. Both courses will have new pros this year. Hornby Tower, the popular pay-as-you-play course just north of Hornby on the Seventh Line, will have Bill Thompson, a former Ontario Open Champion, as its pro. Some early bird golfers started practicing on the practice fairway late last week, but actual play on the course will not get underway until Saturday. It is expected some temporary greens will be in use for the first few days.

At Wyldewood, Dick Roche, a former pro at Huntington and Bolton will take over as pro. He replaces Bert Long who held the post for four years. An opening date of April 15 (Saturday) is also being planned for this course. Membership fees remain the same as last year and pay-as-you-play fees have been upped 50 cents. "We'll open Saturday unless we get some more heavy rain", as spokesman said.

Leave us not forget the Milton Minor Hockey Association's annual meeting in the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Milton on Sunday afternoon at 2. An executive will be elected for the 1967-68 season. . . . Later on Sunday, there'll be plenty of laughs in store if you hike down to the arena for the Milton O.P.P. vs Milton Firefighters broomball game. Proceeds from the game go to the North Halton Association for Mentally Retarded. Aurora Tigers, who downed the Milton Merchants in the first round of the Suburban League playoffs, are still busy. The Tigers recently ousted Parry Sound from the O.H.A. Junior "C" playdowns, are currently tangling with Napanee.

Minor hockey annual Sunday president reports on season

After nearly seven months of minor hockey action, the season will officially end next Monday at the latest.

But there won't be a rest for hockey buffs. Planning for the 1967-68 season will begin his Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. when the annual meeting of the Milton Minor Hockey Association is held in the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Milton.

At the annual meeting the problems that may have cropped up during the season will be discussed and an executive for the next season will be elected.

Retiring president Jim Murray noted this week, "I think we had a real good season, but it's always disappointing when we hold our annual meeting and very few turn out. It has always been a let-down and this year it would be nice if there was a change."

The season on the whole was tremendously successful, the retiring president believes. Teams representing the town won five Tri-County championships and teams selected from the house league picked up honors at various tournaments.

Three of the town's five "town teams" reached the Ontario finals in their divisions and two — the Juveniles and Pee Wees — are still in contention for crowns.

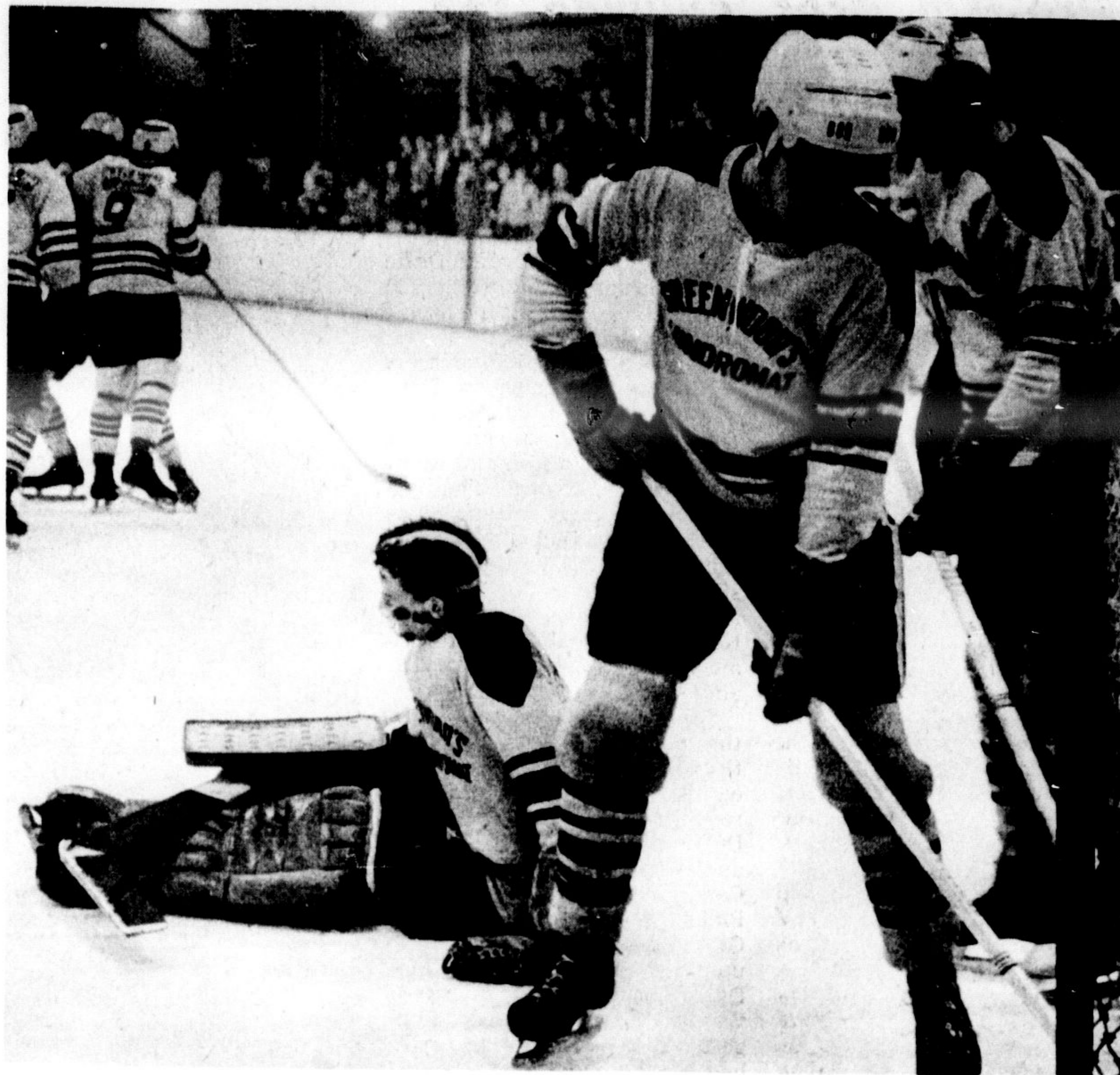
One thing Jim would like to see next year is more ice time for house league teams. "I'd like them to have a game and a practice every week. It would mean we would have to raise the rates, but I think it would be worth it."

He is particularly pleased with the efforts of the Milton Referees Association. "I can't ever remember when we had as good and reliable refereeing as we've had this year," he said.

Another pleasant aspect of his last term in office was the increase in co-operation between the Milton Merchant Juniors and the Association. "They looked after the Juveniles this year and there was no problem with raiding the Juvenile team for players. In fact, I think the co-operation of the Juniors is one of the reasons that the Juveniles have reached the finals," he indicated.

This year every player who played on a team in the minor hockey set-up will receive a crest. Previously crests were given only to players on championship or finalist teams.

More house league players than ever before had an opportunity to take part in out of town tournaments and the program worked out well. Players from house league teams took part in tournaments at Newmarket, Bramalea and Fer-



SITTING DOWN on the job is Uxbridge Juvenile goaltender Ted Ballinger. Uxbridge square A crowd of more than 400 watched. Milton ed the final series on Monday night in Milton. players are shown congratulating a teammate in the background while an Uxbridge defender fishes the puck out of the net. (Staff Photo)

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Rally falls short

Uxbridge ties series fifth game on Friday

Too little, too late was the story on Monday night as the Nadalin Electric Juvenile Flyers fell just short in their bid to take a commanding three games to one lead in the championship series against Uxbridge.

A second period let-down cost the Flyers the game by a 6-5 score and deadlocked the series at two games each. The fifth game will be played in Uxbridge on Friday at 8 p.m. Sixth game will be in Milton on Saturday night at 8 p.m. and the seventh game if necessary will be in Uxbridge on Monday at 8 p.m.

Monday's game was really "just one of those games that you see now and then". More than 400 fans in Milton arena hooted, shouted, jeered and cheered the thrill a minute action and despite the costly second period let-down, the Flyers came very close to winning.

In the final minute Flyer coach Stu Hannant replaced goaltender Phil Brush with an extra attacker and the strategy almost paid off. Bob Robson whistled a shot just past

the open corner and on a close in try Uxbridge goaltender Ted Ballinger was out of position but the shot heading for the net glanced off a defenceman into the corner.

The Flyers, trailing 5-3 at the end of the second period, came back strong in the final 10 minutes after Uxbridge received a gifts sixth goal.

Gary Mountain beat Ballinger from 10 feet out at 11:02 with Marty Seeds and Paul Kitchen assisting. At 13:06 the locals moved to within one goal of a tie as Barry McTrach came from behind the net to beat Ballinger with a backhand. Richard Clement assisted.

The Flyers took the lead in the first period as Wayne Arnold's backhand from a scramble in front of the net beat Ballinger. Bob Colbeck and Steve Lawrence assisted. John Noble tied it up for Uxbridge at 14:46, beating Milton goalie Phil Brush with a low shot from close in.

Barry McTrach's first goal of the night at 2:36 of the second period made it 2-1 for Milton. Keith Higgs and Tom Gooding helped out. Mike Morrison tied the score for Uxbridge six minutes later. Paul

Kitchen was the marksman on Milton's third goal and then Uxbridge scored three in quick fashion after Milton failed to capitalize on a two man advantage. Uxbridge goal scorers were Wayne Foote, Ron Crawford and Doug Barton.

BLUELINE BANTER: Milton missed defenceman John Forbes who was ill and unable to play. . . . Midget star Bob Robson filled in capably. . . . Fans wanting to go to Friday night's game by bus should be at the arena by 4:45, manager Joe Wilson reports. . . . Alan Gilbert filled in briefly for Phil Brush in the second period. . . . Brush hurt his hand and had to leave the game for repairs. He came back to play the third period.

Best effort pays off Pee Wees reach finals

By Ken Young
After dropping the first game to Durham, Milton came back to win two games on Duham ice and move into the Ontario finals against Thornhill.

The Kinsmen climaxed their comeback with a decisive 7-3 victory last Wednesday night. With one of the best team efforts of the season Milton held a 5-0 lead at the mid point of the game on two goals each by Rocky Barker and Joe McCarthy and a single by Jim Robertson. Bryans and McFadden added two markers for Durham late in the second period to keep their hopes alive.

In the third period the Kinsmen outscored Durham 2-1 on goals by Greg Chuchmach and Ricky "Tiger" Bridgman. Dean Neuman scored Durham's only goal. Assists on Milton's scoring plays went to Wade Bekar (2), Mike Kaszycki (2), Brian Williamson and Jim Robertson.

Kinsmen Pee Wees drop first game of final series

"We'll come back and take 'em," Bob Collen, pepper-pot coach of the Milton Kinsmen Pee Wees vowed on Monday night after his team dropped the first game of the Ontario Pee Wee "B" finals against Thornhill.

Trailing 3-0 at one stage in the contest, the locals fought back to tie the game before having another brief let-down which cost them two goals and the game. Final score was 5-3.

Second game of the best of three series will be in Thornhill at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Third game, and Milton supporters are sure there will be,

is slated for 7 p.m. on Monday in Milton.

"We only had one line — our Tiger Line — that was going well tonight," Bob reported. The Tiger line, consisting of Ricky Bridgman, Rocky Barker, Jim Robertson, Wade Bekar and Brian Williamson was in on all three Milton goals.

Ricky Bridgman, the smallest man on the squad, was the big man for the night with a pair of goals. Jim Robertson had the other Milton marker. Robertson and Rocky Barker had two assists each and Wade Bekar and Brian Williamson had one each.

Manager Ken Young suggested, "we've played them now and we know what to look for. Their big gun is Paul Demarco. If we can stop him we should do okay."

Demarco, a rangy, hard skating lad, came up with three goals for the winners. He start-

ed the scoring early in the first period. Nick Bernardi made it 2-0 and John Regan gave the visitors a 3-0 bulge.

Ricky Bridgman narrowed the gap at 14:50 of the period and at the same time in the second period, Jim Robertson made it 3-2. Bridgman's second goal of the night at 3:20 of the third tied the score.

Less than two minutes later Demarco clicked for his second goal of the night and at 12:30 he finished the scoring with an unassisted effort.

The largest crowd of the season for a Milton Pee Wee game turned out for the fast paced affair. Only five penalties were assessed, three to Milton.

Thornhill wanted to play a two-game goals to count series but O.M.H.A. convener Jim Kinkley ruled it was to be a best of three series. Milton won the toss for the third game.

Midgets win tournament

Two wins in a row on Saturday boosted the Milton Rotary Midgets to the championship in the annual Maple Syrup Festival Tournament in Elmira.

Joe McCann's skaters came up with a 6-2 victory over Elmira in their first game. Graham Hern hit for a hat trick and Rich Cole, Don Chuchmach and Martin O'Neill notched singles. Bob Robson, Rich Cole and Phil Martin had two assists each. Ted Hood and Mike McGrath had single helpers.

Terry Cole came up with the big saves in the second game to pace the locals to a 7-4 triumph over Waterloo. Rick Cole and Graham Hern had two goals each for the winners. Don Chuchmach, Martin O'Neill and Don Hearn had single goals. Assists went to Ted Hood (3), Don Hearn (3), Graham Hern (2), Don Chuchmach (2), Jim Cole and Martin O'Neill.

The tournament marked the close of the season for the Rotary Midgets. Joe McCann coached the club. Ron MacKay was manager and Bob Stark was assistant manager.

Rich Clement's fourth goal gives Flyers 8-7 win Friday

Richard Clement notched his third goal of the night early in the third period, but it was his fourth one with less than two minutes remaining in regulation time that made the difference.

For the second time in a week the Nadalin Electric Juvenile Flyers invaded Uxbridge Arena and for the second time they came home with a victory. The Friday night win moved the locals into a one-game lead in the best of seven series for the O.M.H.A. Juvenile "B" championship.

Pacing the victory was Richard Clement and his most important move of the night came at 18:38 of the third period. With a teammate sitting in the cooler Clement stole the puck inside the Uxbridge blueline and rifled a hard shot past Ted Ballinger to give Milton an 8-7 win.

marker less than a minute later. John Forbes and Paul Kitchen assisted.

At the 45 second mark of the third period Clement tied the score with Forbes and Lawrence assisting. Barry McTrach scored at 6:35 to give Milton the lead for the first time. Tom Gooding and John Forbes assisted.

Noble's goal at 13:19 deadlocked the score again and two minutes later McTrach had his hat trick and the Flyers had the lead. Gooding and Keith Higgs assisted. The luxury of the lead didn't last long as Ivan Geer scored 25 seconds later to make it 7-7 and set the stage for Clement's winner at 18:38.

Steve Lawrence picked up a misconduct penalty at the 20 minute mark of the third period.

Manager Joe Wilson described goaltender Phil Brush's performance as "great".

Banquet

A wind-up banquet for the Milton Merchant Juniors and Nadalin Electric Juvenile Flyers will be held in the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Milton, on April 26.

At an executive meeting of the Junior Club on Sunday it was decided to hold the banquet on that date and invite juvenile players and any others who played with the team during the season.

At that time awards will be presented to the most valuable player, to the most sportsmanlike player, to the top goal scorer and to the rookie of the year. Pucks will also be presented to players who scored their first junior goal this season.

In an effort to balance the budget, the Merchant executive is planning a \$10 dinner for June 14.

Flyer manager Joe Wilson reported "all the boys played well. A couple of more performances like that and we'll be the champs."

Cheered on by a bus load of supporters plus several carloads of fans the Flyers had to come from behind on several occasions they did.

Ivan Geer put Uxbridge in front at 6:07 capitalizing on a penalty to Steve Lawrence of Milton. Milton's power play took over at 8:18 as Clement scored with assists going to Marty Seeds and Paul Kitchen. John Noble put Uxbridge back in front at 9:53 and about 9 minutes later Barry McTrach scored his first of three goals to tie the count again. Tom Gooding assisted. Ron Crawford's goal at 19:23 gave Uxbridge a 3-2 lead as the period came to a close.

Noble's second goal of the night gave Uxbridge a two goal bulge at 10:43 of the second stanza, before Marty Seeds finished off a passing play with Clement and Steve Lawrence. Noble's third goal at 16:36 was off-set by Clement's second

MILTON ARENA

THURSDAY, APRIL 13
7:45 p.m. — Pro-Am Hockey

FRIDAY, APRIL 14
8 p.m. — Hornby Night

SATURDAY, APRIL 15
8 a.m. — Milton Minor Hockey Finals

2-4 p.m. — Public Skating 25c
8 p.m. Public Skating 50c or Juvenile Sixth Game of Ontario Finals

SUNDAY, APRIL 16
7 p.m. — Broomball Game Firemen vs O.P.P.

Pennants on display

Colorful pennants signifying the five Tri-County "B" championships won by Milton teams this winter, are now on display in Milton Arena.

Three pennants are pinned on the north wall of the arena and two are on the elevated press box. Sponsors of the teams, Trafalgar Motors (Novec), Milton Kinsmen Club (Pee Wees), Milton Legion (Bantams), Milton Rotary Club (Midgets) and Nadalin Electric (Juveniles) paid for the pennants.

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