

Sports forum

by bob burtt

If the first two games of the Junior C Suburban Hockey League are any indication of what the winter has in store for the Milton Merchants, it would be safe to predict a successful season.

But coach Stu Hannant isn't letting the two early season victories swell his head. "We played well", the first year mentor said. "But it was really a matter of conditioning, I think. Our boys were in shape and skated away with each game in the third period."

Conditioning and health could be a big question mark with the Merchants this year. Both Don Hearn and Steve Lawrence missed the first two games of the season. Hearn was out because of illness, Lawrence with shoulder injuries.

Lawrence, who seems to be injury prone, missed the playoffs last year with a broken ankle. The husky rear guard (Lawrence) and colorful forward will add a lot to the Merchant roster if they can stay healthy.

Friday night's game took its toll on the Merchants when Rick Cole suffered leg injuries, Ted Hood hurt his back and Rich Clement received a cut over his nose. All three played the rest of the game and none of the injuries were reported as being serious.

Goalie Lloyd Vaughan is sure to be a bright spot in the Merchant line up. Vaughan came to the Merchants after the season opened last year and shared the duties with Robert (Pie) Lee.

The club is young and with the exception of defenceman Kip Tuckwell they are all local boys, which brings us to what would seem to be another bright spot for the year—a local and very popular coach coaching local boys.

Hannant knows the kids he is coaching and knows who needs pushing and who needs the pep talk. No one could know more about the local hockey situation and the game in general than the man running this show this year.

It is rumored that big Jim Chalkley may return to the Merchant line up. Chalkley is presently attending McMaster University and playing football there. Although there is nothing definite yet the Merchant brass will be keeping a close eye on Chalkley. He could help the club.

The question mark is health and the weak spot is still on defence, but with a few more practices and a healthy Steve Lawrence, Hannant should be able to ice a fairly solid defence as well.

All signs would indicate a close and very competitive league. Hannant won't be letting grass grow under his feet. Every game is going to count and the ones they win now they won't have to worry about later on.

Good ice in Milton arena

Perhaps local hockey buffs will think twice about registering any complaints about how cold a fellow gets in Milton Arena this year. With the exception of a fog problem on Friday night the local ice palace has as good a surface as you could expect at any time of the year.

This is contrary to the situation in several of the surrounding towns. Oakville Oaks have had trouble with their schedule because they have no

ice in their rink, due to mild weather.

Acton and Burlington have experienced problems getting a good layer of ice as well. Arena manager Harold Townsley said scheduled practices for the Acton Tanners last week had to be cancelled, as he prayed for a cold snap.

The ice in the new Burlington rink had to be lifted to give the staff a chance to examine faulty floor work.

Soccer championship played this weekend

House league action in the Milton Minor Soccer Association will come to a climax Sunday at O.S.D. at 1 p.m. when the first place Wanderers take on one of four possible opponents for the league championships.

Coach Jim Harking and Les Wilson (centre forward) have guided their team to a first place finish in regular league play, and took a possible seven out of eight points for the season. Wilson, the leading tournament scorer plays on a forward line

with Dave Heaney and Brian Wilson. They are confident of victory.

Doug Waters will miss the action Sunday since he is recovering from a recent operation. The Georgetown Minor Soccer coaches and the Milton Minor coaches will meet in an exhibition game billed as the special feature for the day.

The five teams participating throughout the season are the Wanderers, Thistles, United, Spurs and Falcons.

Pro-Am season underway 103 register for action

Over 100 players have registered for Pro-Am hockey this year at Milton Arena. C.A.H.A. rules will apply with the exception of two rules that forbid the use of body checking and the slap shot.

Once again the league will be divided into two groups, one playing on Thursday and one on Tuesday. Tuesday captains are Doug Peddie, Ken Thompson, Don Wilson and Gord Bell, while Dick Cain, Dan Prestidge, John McLennan and Jack Champoux will captain the Thursday nighters. All games will begin at 7.45 and 9 p.m.

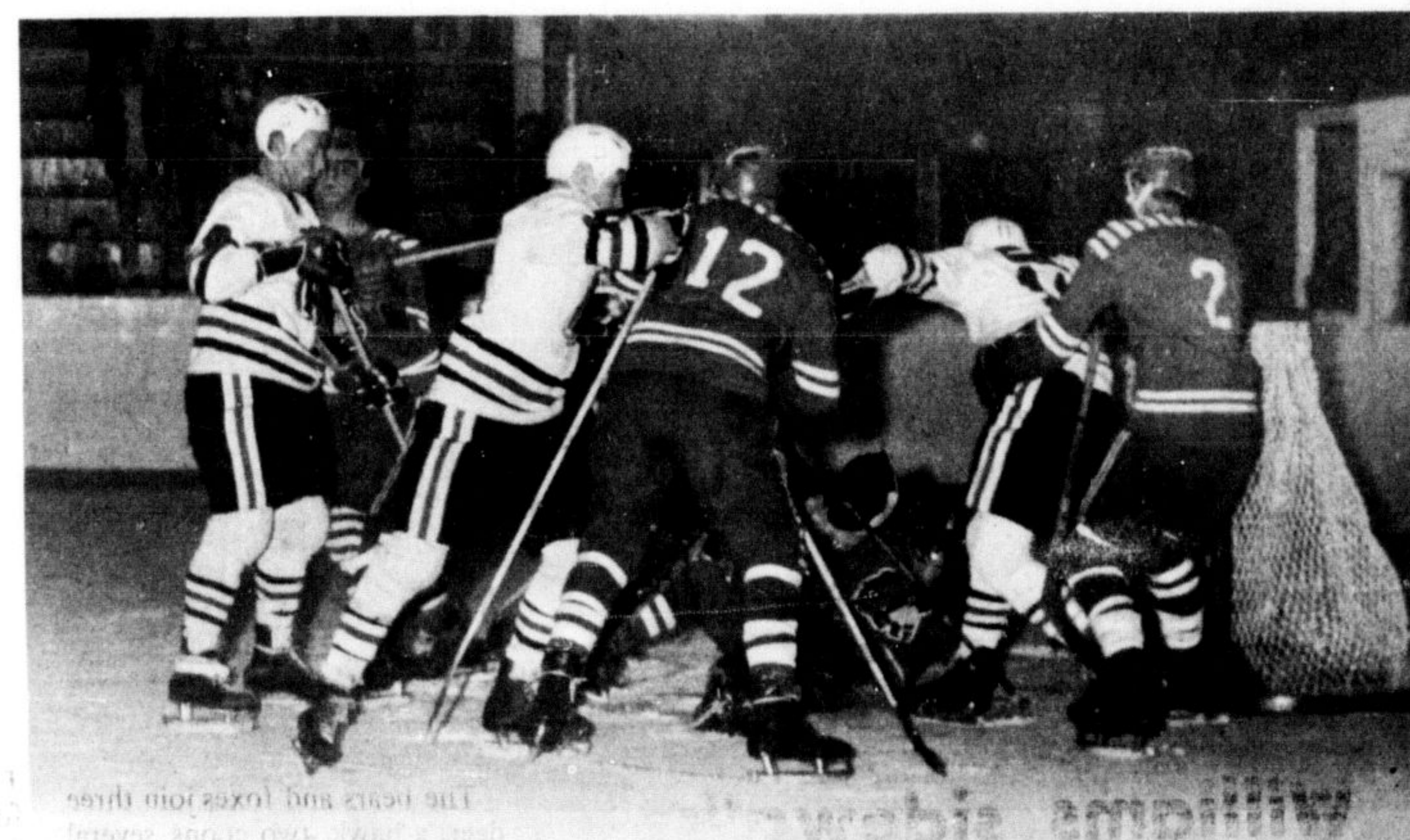
The schedule for the first part of the year is as follows:

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Oct. 22. Peddie vs Thompson Wilson vs Bell	October 24 Cain vs Prestidge McLennan vs Champoux
Oct. 29. Peddie vs Wilson Thompson vs Bell	Oct. 31. Cain vs McLennan Prestidge vs Champoux
Nov. 5. Peddie vs Bell Thompson vs Wilson	Nov. 7 Cain vs Champoux Prestidge vs McLennan
Nov. 12. Bell vs Wilson Thompson vs Peddie	Nov. 14. Champoux vs McLennan Prestidge vs Cain
Nov. 19. Wilson vs Thompson Bell vs Peddie	Nov. 21. McLennan vs Prestidge Champoux vs Cain
Nov. 26. Bell vs Thompson Wilson vs Peddie	Nov. 28. Champoux vs Prestidge McLennan vs Cain



A BRAND NEW Junior 'C' Hockey season got underway here Friday night. Milton Merchants President Dave Brush drops the puck to open the season. Newmarket captain and scoring ace Les Chaisson faces off with Milton captain Rick Cole. Milton won the opener 6-4. (Staff Photo)

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SOMEPLACE DOWN THERE is a goaltender and a puck. Newmarket Redmen and Milton Merchants crowd around the Newmarket net in Friday's home opener for the Merchants as tempers flared momentarily. The Merchants never scored on this play but did so on six others to win the game 6-4. (Staff Photo)

Tri-County rosters for coming season

Milton will definitely have five Tri-County teams in action this year, Milton Minor Hockey Association President Bill Rowney said yesterday.

The following is the team roster for the Bantam, Midget, Novice and Pee Wee teams. The Juvenile roster has been held off until the team can be straightened away. Joe Auger will coach the Nadalin Juvenile Electric Flyers this year and Reg Woolsey has been named manager.

TRAFALGAR FORDS NOVICE

Coach—Vern Gooding, manager—Dawson Ellison, assistant manager—Joe Wilson, Rod Gooding, Tim Pearson, Steven McCutcheon, Stephen Hannan, Scott Seene, Roger Delnin, Guy McGinnis, Douglas Strath, Eric Ellison, Joe Saliba, Perry Caputo, David Turner, Gary Dance, Brian Wilson.

ED'S WELDING PEEWEES

Coach—Bob Collen, manager—Ken Young, assistant manager—Gary Young, Ken Fay, Brent Murray, Scott McKenzie, Bruce Ellison, Paul Sprout, Norm Mowbray, Pete Chuchmach, Dave Robertson, Rick Bridgman, Craig Jubb, John Tonelli, Steve Marshall, Andy Wyseman, Tony Saliba, Ron Twiss.

MILTON LEGION BANTAMS

Coach—Glen Dance, manager—Bill Rowney, assistant manager—Erik Hansen, Hugh Marshall, Phil Collen, Rocky Barker, Harold Merry, Rick Jubb, Gary Hunt, Greg Chuchmach, Mark Grenke, Kerry Kitchen, George Hood, Dave Roberts, Garry Gooding, Brad Evans, Wade Bekar.

MILTON ROTARY MIDGETS

Coach—Joe McCann, manager—Ken Marshall, assistant manager—Jim Murray, Terry Cole, Roger Rowley, Keith Bridgman, Nigel Ferguson, Gary Young, Rick Gooding, Raymond Tonelli, Richard Murray, Randy Hannan, John Arnold, Ben Nijholt, Jim Marshall, Dave Heipel, Stuart Robertson, Bill Wilson, Michael Frame, Pat Devlin, Trevor Roberts.

Mustangs win beat O.T.H.S.

Travelling to Perdue, Milton ran into a fierce Perdue Junior football team and found themselves two touchdowns behind after the first half of the game. Milton failed to score even though they had two interceptions in the first half.

Paul Perrott broke the ice for Milton, scoring in the third quarter, and they went into the final quarter of the game losing 27-6. Milton fought back with two touchdowns in the final quarter but Perdue was too strong and pulled ahead to win the game 34-18.

Milton Mustangs picked up a win at home against Oakville—Trafalgar High School. They picked up a 12-8 lead in the first quarter and went ahead to finally win the game 30-20. Paul Perrott was the standout in both games.

Mohawk open

Local horse racing fans are getting a chance to win back some of the money they lost or for the lucky ones, to win some more money. Action resumed at Mohawk Raceway near Campbellville Monday evening and will continue to November 30.

Baseball club holds dance

Milton Red Sox Baseball Association will be holding a dance Saturday night at the Legion Hall in Milton. All proceeds will go towards the Association and the preservation of baseball in Milton. Tickets are available at several local merchants' and at the door. A limited number of tickets have been printed.

MILTON ARENA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
Pro-Am — 7.45 Cain vs Prestidge; 9.00 — McLennan vs Champoux.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
8.30 p.m. — Junior Game Milton vs Richmond Hill

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
6.30 a.m. — Milton Minor Hockey
8.30-10.30 p.m. — Public Skating 50c

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28
4.30-6 p.m. — Monday Nites
6-10 p.m. — M.M.H.A. Tri-County Games

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29
Pro-Am: 7.45 p.m. — Peddie vs Wilson; 9 p.m. Thompson vs. Bell

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30
5.30-9 p.m. — Milton Minor Hockey House League

Looking for action?



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Vaughan sparkles Merchants win season opener

What has been described as inexperience on the Milton Merchants was evident in some of the plays in both Friday's home opener and Sunday's game in Bowmanville, but in both instances it never showed on the scoreboard.

The club, composed largely of Juvenile graduates, turned the Newmarket Redmen away 6-4 here Friday and then scampored to an 11-5 win in Bowmanville, a new entry into the league.

Gary Naylor, playing on a line with Ted Hood and Marty Seeds, sparked the Merchants' third period rally Friday night. Naylor gave Milton a 4-4 tie on a goal from Hood early in the third period. Naylor and Robson assisted on Marty Seeds' winning goal. Naylor then scored once more before the game was over for the final goal and the 6-4 win.

Merchants took an early 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Graham Hern and Ted Hood. Hern opened the scoring at 4:15 from Don Chuchmach and Rick Cole. At 6:48 Hood pushed Marty Seeds' rebound in after he had been knocked to the ice.

Les Chaisson banished the lead with two goals only two minutes apart. With only 32 seconds left to play Hugh McEvoy beat Vaughan on a shot from the point.

The second period was the scrappiest and much of the play was contained between the blue lines and at centre ice.

Lloyd Vaughan held Milton in the game in the first period when he was subjected to several effective Redmen power plays. By the time the game was over Milton had outshot Newmarket 39-28.

Both coach Stu Hannan and manager Al Barton noted the team's inexperience and need for some beef on defence. But this was due partly to the absence of Steve Lawrence and Ken Parton. Parton was serving a one game suspension and is now back in the line-up, and Lawrence is recovering from an injury. He is expected to be back this week.

Coach Hannant said Vaughan had come up with some big saves and held the Merchants in the game. He was especially pleased with the line of Ted Hood, Gary Naylor and Marty Seeds.

Together they accounted for four of the six Merchant goals.

FIRST PERIOD
1—Milton—Hern (Chuchmach, Cole) . . . 4:15 2—Milton—Hood (Seeds) . . . 6:48 3—Newmarket—Chaisson (Alcorn, Rennie) . . . 8:45 4—Newmarket—Chaisson (Alcorn, Shropshire) . . . 10:51 5—Newmarket—McEvoy (Scott, Hanyo) . . . 19:24 Penalties: Alcorn (NM) 5:19; Cole (M) 7:25; Naylor (M) 12:00; Kane (NM) 17:37; McEvoy (M) 19:55.

SECOND PERIOD
6—Milton—Cole (Hern, Robson) . . . 1:15 7—Newmarket—Widdifield (Alcorn) . . . 2:09 Penalties: Seeds (M) 2:07; Hanyo (NM) 6:47; Tuckwell (M) 7:50; Skilling (NM) 12:46; Widdifield (NM) 13:41; Seeds (M) 13:41; Rennie (NM) 17:16.

THIRD PERIOD
8—Milton—Naylor (Hood) . . . 1:48 9—Milton—Seeds (Naylor, Robson) . . . 9:15 10—Milton—Naylor (Seeds, Robson) . . . 17:51 Penalties: Alcorn (NM) 7:43; Kitchen (M) 7:43; Naylor (M) 11:03; Tuckwell (M) Widdifield (NM) (double-minors) 16:40.

Tuckwell has good second period Merchants win game number two

Milton Merchant coach Stu Hannant instructed his boys to stick to hockey during their game in Bowmanville, and that is what they did, winning their second game of the season Sunday afternoon. Milton players refused to retaliate against the chippy Bowmanville team and played much of the game with a man advantage, whipping Bowmanville 11-5.

Manager Al Parton was both pleased and a little surprised with the Merchants' tactics. "Bowmanville played a rough, dirty game but our boys stuck to hockey this time," Parton said.

Marty Seeds squared off with Brown of Bowmanville with only a minute left in the game and came out the victor in that bout. Parton acknowledged the fact Bowmanville could have a good club if they settled down to play hockey.

Graham Hern, Marty Seeds and Paul Kitchen scored for Milton in the first period, sending them into the second period with a 3-3 tie. The officials cracked down on Bowmanville in the second period and Milton went ahead and never looked back.

Kip Tuckwell must have set some kind of record for a defenceman in the second period, scoring a hat trick.

"Everything he did seemed to go right for him," Parton said.

The club was able to make more use of their point men Sunday than they had in Friday's game at home and the play paid off in flying colors.

Barry Elliot scored Milton's fourth second period goal. Bowmanville scored twice and Milton rallied for four goals in the third period to put the game well out of reach for Bowmanville.

Keith Higgs, Graham Hern,

Marty Seeds and Paul Kitchen scored for Milton in the third period.

Ricky Cole assisted on three goals, Clement, Hood and Naylor all assisted twice and single assists went to Don Chuchmach, Kip Tuckwell, Bob Robson, Graham Hern, Ken Parton and Paul Kitchen.

Milton will see action against Richmond Hill here Friday night and then travel to Ajax Sunday night.

Curling begins soon open house all week

Milton Curling Club opened their season this week with an open house. The open house began Monday and will continue through until Saturday with a costume dress Halloween dance planned for Friday night.

Phil Garber, publicity director for the club said efforts were being made to encourage members to use the lounge more than has been their habit in the past few years. The idea would be to drop into the club, have a game of cards and socialize, instead of just curling and heading home again.

Actual curling begins Monday Oct. 28. Schedules will be posted in the club soon. Mr. Garber said the club had planned one social evening per month for dances.

A. R. Coulter is president again this year and will get help from his assistant Mel Phelps. E. R. Reed is Past President and presently the secretary for the club. E. R. Harrison is the club treasurer.

Both the women's and the men's divisions welcome all new members to the curling club.

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