

Merchants down three games

Big clash tonight

The Junior Merchants will be fighting for survival tonight as they meet the Lindsay Cleaners in the fourth game of the semi-finals at Milton Arena. Lindsay leads the series with three victories and the Merchants will wind up the season, unless they garner a victory from the hard-skating Cleaners.

The two teams see-sawed for the league leadership during the regular season and the three games so far in the semi-finals have indicated the strength of both clubs.

A win tonight for the Merchants would just be the beginning of an uphill battle because to get to the finals it will take four straight wins — beginning tonight.

Fan support has mushroomed and a vocal and enthusiastic crowd of home-town supporters is expected to be on hand tonight.

Blow first period lead

Merchants lose 11-5 decision

Despite a first period lead, the Junior Merchants succumbed to the Lindsay Cleaners in Lindsay, reaping the short end of an 11-5 decision in the third straight loss of the four of seven series Monday.

The first four goals in the Merchants column came in the first period while the Cleaners garnered only two, but the locals were held scoreless in the second

Outshoot Lindsay lose 6-4 decision

The Merchants outshot the Lindsay Cleaners Sunday 43-31 and the roaring fans cheered them on, but the Cleaners took home a 6-4 decision to claim the second game in the four of seven semi-final series.

Down one game already in the series, the Merchants were out for the edge as they kicked off the scoring when Rick Cole took a rebound and chipped it past Brian Davidson in the Cleaners net. The hometown crowd went wild but the next three goals were for the Cleaners as Willis tucked in two successive counters and Abercrombie claimed the third while the Merchants had two men in the sin bin.

The second period saw Williams open it up for Lindsay and Chuchmach from Tuckwell and Gagne registered one for the Merchants while the Cleaners were down one. Dave Burns and Al Burns combined to make the Lindsay edge 5-2 by the end of the second frame.

Goals by Tuckwell and Hern in the third for the Merchants and by Willis for the Cleaners wound up the scoring at the 6-4 decision, despite several post shots by the hometowners.

Lindsay net-minder Brian Davidson thwarted repeated attacks by the Merchants as he frustrated their every attempt to even the series.

Two major battles erupted in the second period that saw Chalkley tangle with Jeff Stuart after Stuart hoisted the puck at jeering fans following a whistle. Both drew fighting penalties.

Less than a minute later Don Hearn and Al Burns were tangling and the referees tried in vain for the separation. Burns drew a cross checking minor and both got five minute fighting penalties.

Marty Seeds drew a misconduct for arguing a decision in the final three minutes of the third frame.

9-2, 10-2 victories

Pee Wees in Ontario final

Milton Pee Wees won a berth in the Ontario finals this week as they ousted Strathroy in two straight games—winning 9-2 in Strathroy Wednesday and slamming the visitors 10-2 here Friday.

Bowmanville and Gananoque are playing off in one semi-final round, and Collingwood and Newmarket in another. The Ed's Welding-sponsored Milton club must wait at least a week to meet the eventual winner of those series.

Next week Bob Collen's crew will keep in practice at the annual Goderich tournament. They face Exeter in the opening game Tuesday at 9:20 a.m. and if successful, go on to two Friday games and two Saturday finals. It's a knockout tournament so one loss and the team is out. If the Pee Wees are successful in Friday's games they'll stay overnight in Goderich for Saturday's skirmishes.

Coach Collen and manager Bill Rollins are confident their club will make a good showing at Goderich. They were finalists last year, and the way the entire team has been playing lately they feel they could go all the way in '69.

The defense squad has been

while the Lindsay entry took four counters. Milton counted only a lone goal in the third while the Lindsay team piled up five.

Big scorer for the Merchants was Marty Seeds who counted two of the first period goals. He was also in for an assist in the first. Single goals went from the sticks of Jim Chalkley, Don Hearn and Graham Hern who also counted an assist. Other assists were registered by Ted Hood, John Gagne, Steve Basteard, Barrie Elliott, Rick Cole and Bob Robson.

Jim Crawford was flying for the Cleaners racking up a perfect three-in-a-row hat trick and he was also in on two others. Counting two goals each were Russ Stephens, Jeff Stuart, and Dave Burns. Singles were rolled in by Ron Williams who also figured on three other goals, and by Al Burns.

The first 13 minutes of play saw the Merchants out front with three goals before the Lindsay boys came back for one. Milton reciprocated and Lindsay closed off the period as Jim Crawford counted his first. The second period he opened with two more. Jeff Stuart and Russ Stephens counted two more.

Graham Hern opened the scoring in the third period for the Merchants at the mid-period mark and this seemed to trigger the Lindsay club as they pushed in five successive goals to add up the commanding 11-5 victory.

Netminder Brian Davidson of the Cleaners was injured in the first period and Ron Wardlaw replaced him for the remainder of the game, filling the net in fine style to beat off the Merchants.

The 21 minor penalties saw the Merchants claim an unhealthy 14 to the Cleaners' seven. Barrie Elliott drew a five minute stint and Ken Parton picked up his second misconduct in two games.

Hawaii film shown Lions

Five members of Brampton Lions Club visited their Milton affiliates last week, to enlist support for Russ Grafton in his race for the zone chairman's seat for this area.

Highlight of the meeting was a film on Hawaii, shown by Frank Chorley of Canadian Pacific Airlines. New members Bill Casson and Jim Langedyk were welcomed, all past presidents were named as a nominating committee, and reports

indicated a portable TV has been presented to the Children's Ward at Milton Hospital and a club trophy was presented at the recent Highland Dancing Association competition.

Fertilizer blitz chairman Albert Schouten and Lion Chief George Clements announced all was in readiness for the sale at the end of this month, and said they could arrange earlier delivery for anyone wishing to get the jump on the growing season.

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Others on the Milton squad included goalie Terry Fitzpatrick, Don Riddell, Greg Emms, Richard Northcott, Pat Haggart and Danny Saliba. Coach was Joe Wilson, manager Bill McGinnis. The locals picked up one of the two penalties assessed in the first game, and none in the final compared to Georgetown's two misdemeanors.

Others in the Milton lineup were Glenn Turner, Martin Cairns, Ken Austin, and Darryl Graham. The team was coached by Ted Kennedy and managed by Ron Phillips.

Semi-final opener 8-4 Lindsay win

The Lindsay Cleaners took an 8-4 decision over the Milton Merchants as the teams entered the semi-finals of the Suburban League in Lindsay on Friday as the locals failed to match their opponents after a week-long wait for opposition.

Handily eliminating the Georgetown Raiders four straight, the Merchants had to wait out the Lindsay-Ajax contest that ran to eight games. The Merchants' power play was in fine form, accounting for the four goals; but the hard skating Cleaners gained an edge in the first frame that they never lost. Counting for the Merchants were Marty Seeds, Graham Hern, Rick Cole and Don Hearn.

Two goal scorers for the Cleaners were Dwight Blewett and Jeff Stuart, with singles registered by Dale Linton, Jim Crawford, Russ Stephens and Al Burns.

Scoring opened in the first with Seeds and Hearn combined at the 1:27 mark but the Cleaners came back at 6:23, 8:27 and 8:40 to take the lead. Hern recaptured one in the first frame and Cole opened up the second in the first minute and a half. Lindsay was back with two more in the second. They continued with two more in the opening of the third and while Hearn scored another, Lindsay closed it off in the last minute of play.

Late in the second period, with the Merchants down 5-3, a goal by Graham hern was disallowed as the referee judged he had been in the goal crease.

Manager Alan Parton handled the team while Coach Stu Hannant soaks up some South Carolina sunshine.

Lindsay had the edge on the play as reflected in their 37 shots on goal to the Merchants' 26. Penalties were evenly divided at 13 each. Only majors were to Hern and Blewett in the third for fighting.

Rotary hosts Midget squad for cup film

The Rotary Midget were guests of the Rotary Club of Milton last week for a program that included a color film of highlights from the 1968 Stanley Cup playoffs.

Representing the Maple Leafs were Richard Cromwell and Terry Gerus, who awarded Leaf pucks to Ray Tonelli, Stewart Robertson and Pat Devlin. An autographed hockey stick went to Garry Young and sets of photos of Leafs went to Jim Marshall and Mike Frame.

Rotarian Dick Farley reported on the team's 35 game schedule and paid tribute to Manager Ken Marshall, assistant Jim Murray and coach Joe McCann.

A telegram from Timmy was also read during the meeting, announcing the March 5 opening of the Easter Seal campaign conducted locally by the Rotary Club, and urging all members to work to reach the \$1,900 objective.

Milton, Georgetown share Four Town Tourney honors

Milton and Georgetown entrants each took home two championship trophies from the annual Four Town Tournament held in Milton Arena Saturday. Milton claimed top honors in the Pee Wee and Bantam series, and had finalist contenders in the Novice and Midget classes, both of which were won by Georgetown.

Action entrants were held to two consolation wins in the Novice and Pee Wee divisions, while Georgetown captured the consolation laurels in the Bantam division. Fergus, the fourth entrant, emerged winless from the day's activity.

Convener Herb Higgs, who headed up a hard-working staff of Milton Minor Hockey Association workers in hosting the all-day tourney, judged it a

huge success when the day's 13 games were over.

"The purpose of this tournament is to give the boys of Novice, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget age bracket who have not played out of town an opportunity to be involved in a tournament. Just because a player shows exceptional potential at this age, it does not always mean he will be a top hockey player. Many boys have not been an all star down in their early years, but have gone on to top flight hockey later in life," explained the convener. All teams entered in the tourney had to be drawn from the local house leagues.

The crowd, the smooth organization and the gate receipts all surpassed previous records. For most of the day a

horde of cheering fans shouted encouragement to the players.

Advance ticket sales had a lot to do with the excellent attendance, and the top salesmen in each town were each presented with a watch for their efforts. Brett Legate of Acton was the best salesman, going through 49 books. Jeff Foran of Milton sold 45, Bill Bradley of Georgetown 37, and David Graham of Fergus 35. Admission tickets were also good for the draw on a portable stereo phone set, won by Tony van Leeuwen of Georgetown.

During the noon hour, the Rebekah Lodge served delicious hot roast beef dinners to the players at the I.O.O.F. Hall.

Referee-in-chief Glenn Dance supervised the officiating staff and reports only minimal

problems. Just one player was banished with a misconduct.

Referees, who all worked the games without remuneration, included Gary Masales and Barry Inscow from Acton, Gerry Perkins and Mike Bowden from Georgetown, and Murray McConnell, Leon Stickle, Gord Hasselfeldt, Gary Nayler, Ted Hood, Trevor Houston, Bert Dancocks and Wayne Timbers from Milton.

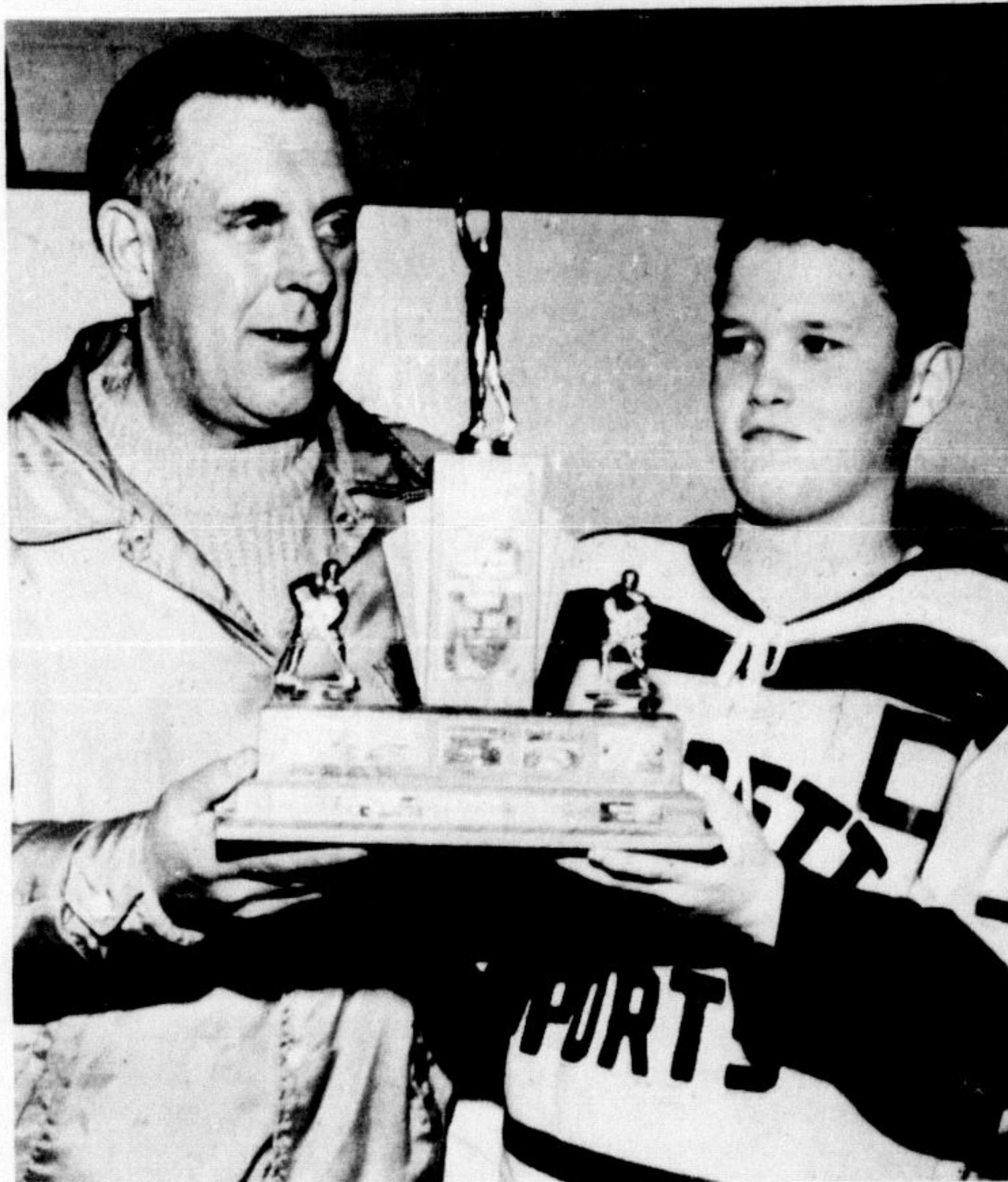
Milton's St. John Ambulance brigade was on hand all day and reported just one injury needed attention. Saturday night Mrs. John Edgar of Georgetown was hit by a stray puck and received a nasty cut over her eye. She was rushed to Milton District Hospital for treatment.

Here are the scores of the day's games:

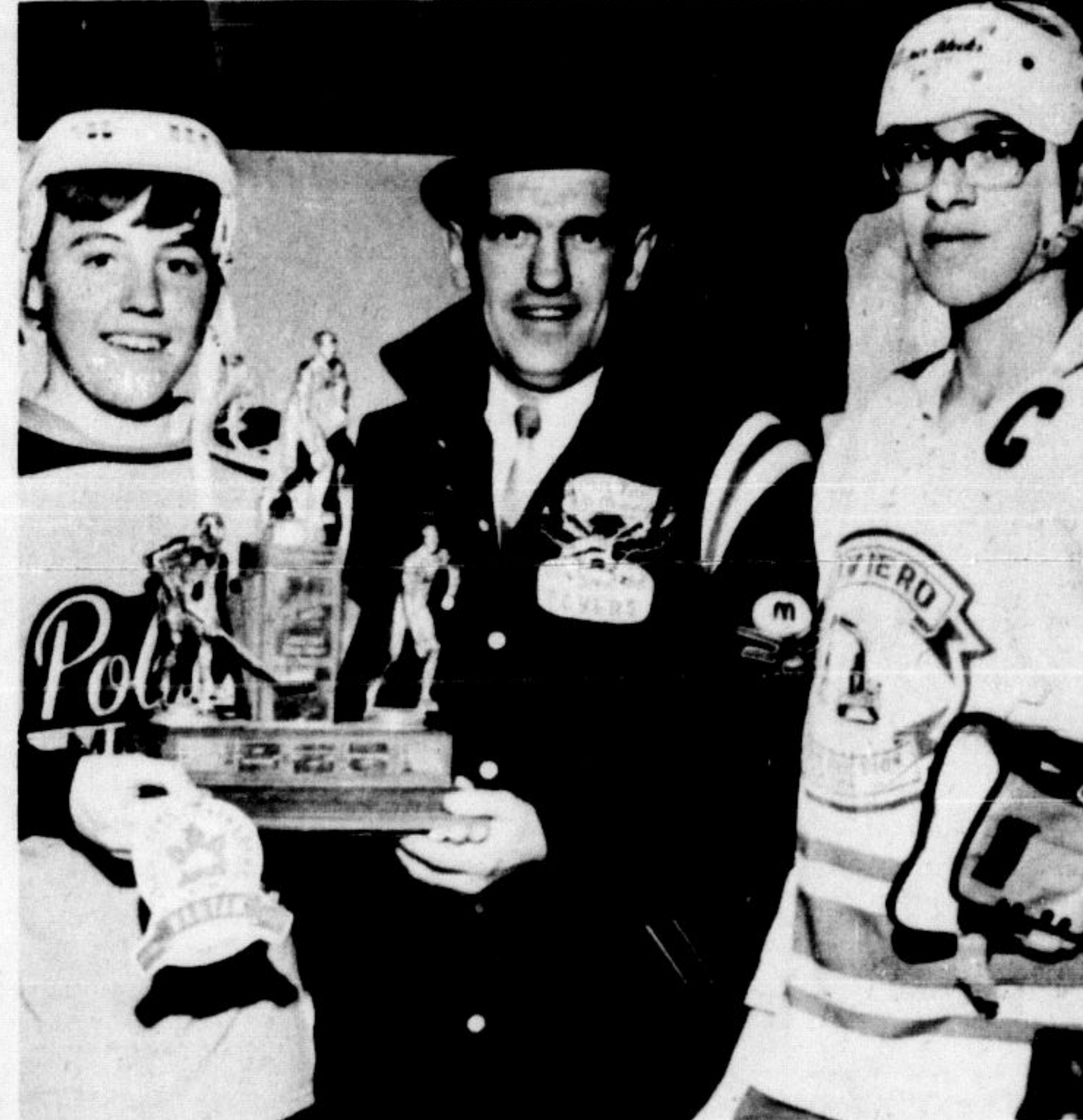
NOVICE
Milton 12, Fergus 0; Georgetown 4, Acton 1; consolation winners Acton 4, Fergus 2; championship Georgetown 4, Milton 2.

PEE WEE
Georgetown 7, Fergus 0; Milton 3, Acton 0; consolation winners Acton 9, Fergus 0; championship Milton 3, Georgetown 1.

BANTAM
Milton 4, Georgetown 2; Acton 4, Fergus 1; consolation winners Georgetown 6, Fergus 0; championship Milton 5, Acton 1.



MILTON PEE WEES dumped Acton and Georgetown teams to claim their division's championship in the Four Town Tourney on Saturday. Jim Murray, past president of Milton Minor Hockey, presents the award to captain Steve Marshall.—(Staff Photo)



ACTON AND MILTON BANTAMS squared off in the Bantam championship game at Saturday's Four Town tournament in Milton, following earlier victories over Georgetown and Fergus. The Milton crew won the free-wheeling final 5-1 and claimed the trophy. Joe Wilson, first vice-president of Milton Minor Hockey Association, presents the Georgetown Legion trophy to Milton captain Martin Cairns, while Acton's captain Randy Coker looks on at right.—(Staff Photo)



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All finalists in tourney

Milton teams take two trophies

Milton teams fared well, putting all four teams into the tournament championships and emerging with two trophies in Saturday's Four Town Tournament in Milton. Here's a rundown on how the Milton teams did in their games.

NOVICE

A 12-0 victory over a weak Fergus team started the day off right for the Milton Novices. But they lost 4-2 to Georgetown in the championship final.

Two Kevins led the Milton scoring, Kevin McCoy firing three goals and adding two assists in the Fergus game. Kevin Howden had a trio of scorers plus an assist, Roger Delnin two goals two assists, Paul McCann a goal two assists, David Low and Kevin Smith a goal and a helper apiece. Michael Stafford and Kevin Kitchen had three assists each, Peter Rota and Derek Griffiths one apiece.

In the final game, Howden fired one from Rota and Low, and Delnin added one unassisted.

Others on the Milton squad included goalie Terry Fitzpatrick, Don Riddell, Greg Emms, Richard Northcott, Pat Haggart and Danny Saliba. Coach was Joe Wilson, manager Bill McGinnis. The locals picked up one of the two penalties assessed in the first game, and none in the final compared to Georgetown's two misdemeanors.

PEE WEE

Milton's Pee Wee squad blanked Acton 3-0, then dumped Georgetown 3-1 to win the Pee Wee championship.

In the Acton game Jeff Smith had two goals and Ron Rowley one, with Allan MacKinnon registering one assist and Kim Jensen two. Milton was assessed four penalties to Acton's one.

Mike Leslie fired a hat trick,

counting all three Milton goals in the championship. Assists went to Jensen (2), Jeff Smith and Brad Smith. Just one of the game's six penalties was levied against the winners.

Milton line-up also included goalie Doug Thomson, Doug Brown, Robbie Frame, John Roskam, Robert Langridge, Paul Stover, Steve Marshall, Dan Ervin and Ron Cole. Art Brooks was coach, Dave Leslie manager.

BANTAM

Their opening 4-2 victory of Georgetown was a quiet game, compared to Milton's 5-1 victory over Acton in the final. The championship was a chippy, penalty-studded game and Milton picked up eight of the 14 assessed. One Acton player, Roger Swan was banished with a misconduct.

Rick McTrach led the attack in the win over Georgetown, firing two goals and adding one assist. Tom Mills and Bill Clarridge added single goals while Bob Rusk and Garry Lawrence had a pair of helpers each. In the final Randy Howden, Jim Robertson, Gary Hunt, McTrach and Rusk fired singles while assists went to McTrach, Lawrence, Mills, Howden and Dave Roberts and Maurice Curtis.

Others in the Milton lineup were Glenn Turner, Martin Cairns, Ken Austin, and Darryl Graham. The team was coached by Ted Kennedy and managed by Ron Phillips.

MIDGET

Milton's 4-3 loss to Georgetown was a close one. The teams had entered an earlier round robin series and eliminated Fergus for the right to enter the final.

Georgetown led 1-0 at the end of the first period and fired two in the second before Milton got

on the scoresheet with a pair. The visitors' winning goal came at the 8:40 mark. Milton came back in the third but could only score once. Milton picked up five of the eight penalties.

The game was only 15 seconds old when Phillips popped one in for Georgetown. Milton's second period tallies were by Randy Hannon from Ben Nijholt, Bud Thomas from Wayne Emms, James, Findlay and Damphouse counted for Georgetown.

Bob Thomas added Milton's third, unassisted, in the final stanza.

Milton lineup also included Harley Pickering, Bob Mannerow, Steve Smith, John Hopkin, Steve Clarke, Jack Durante, Rick Mitchell, Rick Arnold, Andy Trencs, Jim Sales and Dave McKee. Vern Bridgman was coach, with Tom Mitchell as manager.

MILTON ARENA

THURSDAY, MARCH 13
4:30 - 7:30 — Figure Skating
7:45 — Pro-Am: Prestidge vs. McClelland; Cain vs. Champoux.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. — Milton Minor Hockey House League.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15
Figure Skating Carnival

MONDAY, MARCH 17
2:00 - 4:00 — Public Skating 25c.

4:30 - 7:30 — Milton Minor Hockey.
8:30 — Junior Hockey: Milton vs. Lindsay.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18
2:00 - 4:00 — Public Skating 25c.

4:30 - 7:30 — Figure Skating.
7:45 — Pro-Am: Peddie vs. Wilson; Thompson vs. Lawrence.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
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5:30 - 9:00 — Minor Hockey House League.

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