By Bob Burtt **Sports Editor**

To try to encompass all the various achievements of teams or individuals in Milton and area during the last year would be an exercise in futility. While we don't intend to give play by play accounts of each contest, we do hope to bring back memories of some of the more major happenings during the year.

The winter of 1970 was more cruel than usual to Milton Merchants, who at that time operated a Junior C franchise in the Suburban Jr. C. League.

Best on paper

It was one of those cases where your club is definitely the best on paper but a mixture of things (not the least of which was a lack of desire) saw them crumble in the second round of playoffs against Streetsville.

In the first round Merchants met Thornhill Lions and the series amounted to no more than a light workout for the Milton puck chasers. By the time they got to Streetsville in the second round it was apparent they had been subjected to a very mild workout indeed.

Streetsville was eliminated after bouncing the Merchants. With that sorrowful experience still in mind this fall, Merchant executives looked for a coach they felt could get their message across and be tougher perhaps than Joe Auger had been.

After checking out all the possibilities the executive announced Carl Hymers was their man. The first few months of the season have proven to be hectic for the new coach. Once again the horses are there but the standings won't serve as evidence of the talent on the club.

Future bright

It has taken most of September, October and November for the club to find its way. While they have picked up momentum in the last few games, they are still fighting for third place in the division. If a prediction is in order we

would rather suspect the Merchants to come on like gang busters in the home stretch and reach their peak of proficiency just in time for the playoffs.

Ed's Welding Pee Wees followed true to form in 1970 knocking all sorts of competition aside until they got to the semi-

finals against Stoneybrook and then it was "goodbye Charlie" for the Welders. While the Midgets battled Hespeler in one of the most exciting of the Tri-County series they didn't get far and what glory was left went to the Pee Wees.

The annual juvenine tournament once again brought fans into the rink for one of the best exhibitions of juvenile hockey in Canada. In the final analysis the accolades went to Windsor, Dorset Park and Sutton, in A, B and C divisions.

While most Milton coaches will have better things to occupy their minds, we'll spend a minute on baseball. The Bantams carried Milton to the Ontario semi-finals. farther than any other team got this year. The Bantams lost a tough series to Essex. Suffering from a long layoff, injuries, and cold weather during one game in Essex the Bantams finally bowed in a thriller at Rotary Park.

Lowville still tough In softball Lowville continued to be the team to beat in Halton County. They won first place for the third year in a row and then won the interlocking Halton Rural-Burlington championship. dropping Norton's in the final

Merchants set sights

on second place slot

goaltending duties.

most of the action early in the

season and only recently Trevor

Roberts has helped out on the

Milton will host Burlington in a

very important game New Years'

Day. Fans should take note that

the game time for that contest is

set for 7 p.m. rather than the

A win against Burlington would

bring Merchants within three

points of second place. With

Hespeler 10 points ahead of

second place Burlington and

Oakville nine points behind

fourth place Streetsville, it would

seem certain, Hespeler, Milton,

traditional 8.30 p.m. start.

series. Lowville took defeat at the hands of the Innerkip Club in the ORSA finals when Jacques Paquette and Lee Coulson were ruled ineligible for ORSA action.

Without junior, senior or intermediate ball in Milton a lot of the Milton talent moved to Campbellville and helped fill some gaping holes in the Merchant lineup.

Real drama

With a lot of young help from Milton and a pile of support from Campbellville veterans and a handful of rookies, the Merchants went all the way to the finals and even then it took Corunna 16 innings to dispense with the Campbellville club.

The final game proved to be a real drama and boiled down to one of the toughest, most tense games ever battled on Campbellville soil.

Tennis enthusiasm

In the way of firsts, Milton Tennis Club got underway with tremendous support and enthusiasm from its members at the new location at Rotary Park. We tip our hat to Carl Smith and his band of executives for a job well done in restoring a once active club to a real going

Streetsville and Burlington will

be in the first round of the

Meet winners

run off against the winner from

the other division before a

representative is chosen to meet

Milton will travel

Newmarket Sunday and then to

Streetsville on Tuesday and will

host Hespeler here Jan. 8. In

other remaining games Milton

will meet Burlington twice, Oak-

ville twice and then go against

Hespeler and Streetsville on one

Another hat trick

here Sunday as he recorded one

of several hat tricks he has to his

record this year. The hard

working forward has led the club

Harold Merry, Hugh Marshall

and Greg Chuchmach were up

from the Midget squad, replacing

regulars who were absent over

Milton's next game will see

them go against Burlington

Sunday in what could be

considered a battle for second

ARENA

place. Game time is 7 p.m.

the holidays.

in scoring throughout the year.

Don Hearns was the big scorer

other league representatives.

The winner of this series will

Ontario School for the Deaf came off with another first of their own this summer when they hosted the first International Games for the Deaf in Milton. Representatives from Belleville, Flint Michigan, Rome Rome, New York and Milton competed.

Individual achievements

There have been many personal and individual achievements accomplished in Milton during the year 1970. Bill Currie and his colleagues at Sheridan will remember 1970 as the year he won the Most Valuable Athlete award at the

During 1970 Joe Wilson was returned for his second year, heading Milton Minor Hockey Association. Murray Whistler returned to Milton junior hockey in the capacity of manager. Al Parton moved up to general manager and to complete the shuffle Carl Hymers was named

Fine hockey men

Two of hockey's most dedicated men passed away during 1970. Bob Collen and Jim Murray both died and carried with them respect as fine hockey

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At this time we also want to extend to everyone best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Curling bonspiel concludes here

Curling enthusiasts will battle in rough competition Jan. 9 to Jan. 16 and the championship rounds will be decided at Milton curling club Jan. 16 followed by a dance and a banquet that evening at the local club.

Prizes will be offered in the Halton-Peel bonspiel for the Kennedy Ford

The tournament will involve 256 curlers from 10 clubs including Acton, Bolton. Brampton, Erin, Georgetown, Hillsburg, Milton, Mississauga, Oakville and Orangeville.

Of the 64 rinks entered 16 will see action in the grand finale in

House leaguers set Jan. slate

Milton Minor Hockey League clubs will roar into the new year with action on Jan. 2 when eight of 16 clubs see eaction. The following is a schedule of minor hockey contests for the month of

SAT. JAN. 2

6.30, Fay vs Local; 7.20, Mc-Cuaig vs Milton Answering; 8.10, Figg vs Porter Marine: 9.00 Brownies vs Bells; 9.50, Hillmer vs Police; 10.40, Mowbray vs\$ Rebekahs: 11.30 Firemen vs Beech; 12.20, Pontiacs vs Dominion Hardware.

WED. JAN. 6

5.30, Hoods vs Beaver Lumber; 6.20 Harris vs Bills; 7.10 Pigment vs Knights; 8.00 Ledwiths vs Scobies.

SAT. JAN.9

6.30 Police vs Beaver; 7.20 Brownies vs Hillmer; 8.10 Beech vs Dom. Hardware: 9.00 Mowbrays vs Firemen; 9.50 Rebekahs vs Pontiacs; 10.40 Answering vs Porter; 11.30 Fay vs McCuaig; 12.20 Local vs Figg. WED. JAN. 13

5.30 Bells vs Hoods; 6.20 Knights vs Scobies: 7.10 Harris vs Pigment; 8.00 Bills vs Led-

SAT. JAN. 16 6.30 Rebekahs vs Dom Hardware; 7.20 Firemen vs Pontiacs; 8.10 Mowbrays vs Beech; 9.00 Local vs Porter; 9.50 McCuaig vs Figg; 10.40 Fay vs Answering; 11.30 Bells vs Beaver; 12.20, Hillmer vs Hoods.

WED. JAN. 20 5.30 Brownies vs Police; 6.20

Bills vs Scobies; 7.10 Pigment vs Ledwiths; 8.00 Harris vs Knights. SAT. JAN. 23 6.30 Fay vs Figg; 7.20 Local

vs Ansering; 8.10 McCuaig vs Porter; 9.00 Brownies vs Hoods; 9.50 Bells vs Police; 10.40 Mowbrays vs Pontiacs; 11.30 Rebekahs vs Beech; 12.20 Firemen vs Dom. Hardware. WED. JAN.27

5.30 Hillmer vs Beaver; 6.20

Cougars lose 3-1

count to 2-1 on a pretty play. Doug Risebrough of Guelph tied it up at 2.45 of the second, but the North Yorkers retaliated with Gallinger Pee Wee B's lost a tough 3-2 decision to Brampton a pair of goals to make it 4-2 at the end of the second. Sunday. Cougars played well but missed Chuchmach converted passes from Mike McCauley of scoring opportunities while the Brampton Burlington and Brian Beaumont of Georgetown to make the squad capitalized on their score 4-3. Ian Wilkie of Hespeler then scored the tying goal on a chances. Steve Hannon scored shot from outside the blueline at 18.50. Teammate Guy Trott twice for Milton.

—Now that everyone is used to writing 1970, it's nearly time to Chinguacousy were both outstanding for the Tri-County stars. switch to 1971. O.M.H.A. 2nd vice-president Jim Kinkley made a double

assisted

-There are some beautiful calendars out for 1971.

Harris vs Ledwiths 7.10 Bills vs Knights; 8.00 Pigment vs

Tempests win tourney three close victories

Milton Tempests established themselves as the comeback kids remarkable odds and came out with the championship trophy from the Bowmanville Juvenile Hockey Tournament.

Milton came from behind in the first game to score four goals in the last five minutes of the game to win 4-2 against Lindsay.

Trail 2-0 through the first two periods and it seemed as if no one was going to crack it. When it finally hockey defeating their hosts from

cracked it broke wide open and the Tempests ripped four fast goals in before the Lindsay defense could adjust to the

Milton Merchants are engaged

in an all-out battle to take over

second place in the Mid-Ontario

Junior B. hockey league.

With 10 games left in the schedule

the Merchants hold third place by

one point but have played one

more game than fourth place

here Sunday with a 9-5 victory but

lost a crucial game to Burlington

Wednesday. Burlington won that

Two in goal

with two goaltenders in the last

two contests. Randy Simpson saw

Coach Carl Hymers has gone

Merchants handled Streetsville

Streetsville.

game 6-4.

Milton's win in the second game came on much the same type of development. Tempests trailed Brooklin 3-1 going into the third period and startled the Brooklin club with a three goal barrage late in the game.

Chips down the pressure was on, the Tempests played heads up

Tri-County stars win, tie

Tri-County midget and juvenile all-star teams gained

three points out of a possible four in the annual dream games

Juvenile all-stars avenged last year's 8-7 loss, pinning a 7-2

defeat on the North Yorkers in Doublerinks, Saturday af-

ternoon. Down 4-2 with five minutes left in the game, midget

all-stars battled back to tie North York 4-4 in Bramalea,

Juves take charge

in 'three second period goals and adding four more in the

third. Craig Fendley of Chinguacousy and Dave Beatty of

Burlington fired a pair of goals apiece for Tri-County. Benny

Heppes of Georgetown, Eric Duncan of Burlington and Tom

Charters of Brampton netted singles. Top playmakers were

Duncan with three assists, and Ken Orr of Brampton with two.

Jerry Heintzman of Aurora' scored both goals for North York.

Pepsi-Cola trophy from O.M.H.A. 3rd vice-president Bill

Chuchmach stars

early 2-0 lead, before Greg Chuchmach of Milton narrowed the

With only three minutes and 16 seconds left in the game,

Goalies outstanding

presentation of the Tri-County trophy to McCauley and Gary

Mart of North York following the game.

Goalies Keith Mills of Oakville and Terry Mastine of

Sunday night in Bramalea North York midgets grabbed an

Following the game Brad Timbers of Acton accepted the

After a scoreless first period, juveniles took charge, rattling

against the North York league, on the weekend.

Sunday night. North York won last year's game 9-2.

against North York's best

Bowmanville to win the trophy. Terry Cole played sensational

hockey in the final game, blocking everything that came his way to earn his shutout. Buddy Thomas, Richar Murray

and Nigel Ferguson all scored in the final game. "The boys have been playing really good hockey these past few weeks," manager Vern Gooding said.

"There were times during the Lindsay had earned a 2-0 lead When the chips were down and tournament when we had our doubts but when it came to the final game we controlled the play and never fell behind," he said.

Fords whip Hespeler

The Trafalgar Fords kept their winning streak alive on Dec. 21 when they downed the Hespeler team 6-1. Steve Blair put Milton ahead at 10.37 of the first period scoring unassisted, from then on the Fords never looked back.

In the second period Wally McKay put the Fords ahead 2-0, scoring unassisted at the 3.39 mark. Also scoring in the second period were John Loeprich with assists going to Steve Blair and Jim Cartwright, Jim Cartwright assisted by Steve Blair and John Loeprich.

Steve Blair scored his second goal of the night assisted by Jim Cartwright. Billy Lyons scored the lone goal in the third period with Randy McDonald assisting. Mike North, the Hespeler captain scored their lone tally in the second period. Seven penalties were called in this hard hitting game with the Fords picking up three, one a double minor to Kevin Smith in the third period. The Fords have entered in the Novice tournament at Ingersol.

-Peter Curtis of Mississauga was the winner of a new snowmobile in the Halton Junior Farmers' annual draw.

THURSDAY, Dec. 31 Public Skating 1.30 - 3.30 - 25c Figure Skating 3.30 - 6.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, Jan. 1 Junior Game - 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, Jan. 2

Public Skating 2-4 p.m. - 25c Tri County Hockey Pee Wee 4.45 p.m. Bantam 5.45 p.m.

Public Skating 8.15 - 10.15 - 50c

M.M.H.A. - B Games 3 to 7 MONDAY, Jan. 4

SUNDAY, Jan. 3

Tri County 7 - 10 p.m. Novice, Juvenile & Midget

TUESDAY, JAN. 5

Figure Skating 4.30 - 7.30 p.m. Pro-Am 9.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6

Public Skating 2 - 4 p.m. - 25c and M.M.H. House League 5.15 - 9.00

defeat Hamilton In recent action Milton

Juvenile Tempests scored a 5-3 win over Hamilton in exhibition play. Buddy Thomas led the attack with two goals. Richard Murray, Nigel

Ferguson and Jim Sales all counted for Milton while assists went to Raye Evans (2), Rick Gooding, Jack Durante, John Arnold, Rich Murray, Andy Trencs and Stewart Robertson. Hamilton scorers were Marcel Ruzetti, Paul Gervese and Ron



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