

1970 championships were few
1971 prospects seem brighter

By Bob Burt 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.

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.

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.

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 Tri-County series they didn't get far and what glory was left went to the Pee Wees.

The annual juvenile tournament once again brought fans into the rink for one of the best exhibitions of juvenile hockey in Canada.

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.

Lowville still tough In softball Lowville continued to be the team to beat in Halton County.

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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.

With 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.

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concern. 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.

Individual achievements There have been many personal and individual achievements accomplished in Milton during the year 1970.

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.

Fine hockey men Two of hockey's most dedicated men passed away during 1970.

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.

256 curlers Prizes will be offered in the fourth annual Halton-Peel bonspiel for the Kennedy Ford Trophy.

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 action. The following is a schedule of minor hockey contests for the month of January.

- SAT. JAN. 2 6:30, Fay vs Local; 7:20, McCuaig 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 Bells; 7:10, Pigment 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, Bells vs Ledwiths. 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, Bells vs Scobies; 7:10, Pigment vs Ledwiths; 8:00, Harris vs Knights. SAT. JAN. 23 6:30, Fay vs Figg; 7:20, Local vs Answering; 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

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- Harris vs Ledwiths 7:10 Bells vs Knights; 8:00 Pigment vs Scobies. Of the 64 rinks entered 16 will see action in the grand finale in Milton.

Cougars lose 3-1

Gallinger Pee Wee B's lost a tough 3-2 decision to Brampton Sunday. Cougars played well but missed good scoring opportunities while the Brampton squad capitalized on their chances.

—Now that everyone is used to writing 1970, it's nearly time to switch to 1971.

—There are some beautiful calendars out for 1971.

Merchants set sights on second place slot

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 Streetsville.

Merchants handled Streetsville here Sunday with a 9-5 victory but lost a crucial game to Burlington Wednesday. Burlington won that game 6-4.

Two in goal Coach Carl Hymers has gone with two goaltenders in the last two contests. Randy Simpson saw

Tempests win tourney three close victories

Milton Tempests established themselves as the comeback kids Sunday as they battled 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.

Lindsay had earned a 2-0 lead through the first two periods and it seemed as if no one was going to crack it. When it finally

Tri-County stars win, tie against North York's best

Tri-County midget and juvenile all-star teams gained three points out of a possible four in the annual dream games against the North York league, on the weekend.

Juvenile all-stars avenged last year's 8-7 loss, pinning a 7-2 defeat on the North Yorkers in Doublerinks, Saturday afternoon. Down 4-2 with five minutes left in the game, midget all-stars battled back to tie North York 4-4 in Bramalea, Sunday night. North York won last year's game 9-2.

Juvs take charge After a scoreless first period, juveniles took charge, rattling 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.

Chuchmach stars Sunday night in Bramalea North York midgets grabbed an early 2-0 lead, before Greg Chuchmach of Milton narrowed the count to 2-1 on a pretty play. Doug Risebrough of Guelph tied it up at 2-2 of the second, but the North Yorkers retaliated with a pair of goals to make it 4-2 at the end of the second.

Goalies outstanding Goalies Keith Mills of Oakville and Terry Mastine of Chinguacousy were both outstanding for the Tri-County stars.

most of the action early in the season and only recently Trevor Roberts has helped out on the goaltending duties.

Milton will host Burlington in a very important game New Year's Day. Fans should take note that the game time for that contest is set for 7 p.m. rather than the traditional 8.30 p.m. start.

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,

Another hat trick Don Hearn was the big scorer here Sunday as he recorded one of several hat tricks he has in his record this year. The hard working forward has led the club in scoring throughout the year.

Milton's next game will see them go against Burlington Sunday in what could be considered a battle for second place. Game time is 7 p.m.

MILTON ARENA 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 SUNDAY, Jan. 3 M.M.H.A. - B Games 3 to 7 MONDAY, Jan. 4 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 10c M.M.H. House League 5.15 - 9.00 p.m.

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.

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.

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

Tempests 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 Buist.



We hope the coming New Year starts off on a happy note which continues each day. Now, a hearty thank you. J.C. and the SQUIRES 878-2452 MUSIC FOR ANY PARTY

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