

Merchants blow 2 game lead Mohawks are back in running

By Bob Burt
Sports Editor

After playing a terrific brand of hockey Tuesday and Thursday, Milton Merchants arranged a turnaround and blew the 2-0 lead in games against Burlington Mohawks when they lost 4-3 in Burlington Friday night and 9-6 in Milton Sunday afternoon.

The 1970-71 version of the Merchants has got to be the most inconsistent crew that ever donned blades. In the series opener Merchants clearly outplayed Mohawks and in the second win they were simply outclassing the Mohawk club.

Early finish? With games slated for last night (Tuesday) in Burlington and Friday in Milton both clubs face elimination and an early spring holiday this season. With the series tied at 2-2 a two game sweep this week could declare a series winner.

Other league action this week saw Newmarket beat Toronto 5-4 in overtime to lead the series with two games, a loss and one tie. Meanwhile Oakville lost the first game of their series against Hespeler 6-5 after defeating Streetsville in the special two of three series. The series was ordered when the OHA upheld a protest against Streetsville.

Other league action saw Orillia top Barrie 7-3. They lead the series 3-1.

Mike Craig, the big winger, paved the way for Merchants in the first win in Burlington scoring three goals in the 3-1 Merchant win.

Rick Stillaway was the big scorer of the night Thursday as he guided Merchants to their second win of the series with a four goal effort. The 3-2 lead Merchants ended the first period with, was fairly indicative of the play for that period but the locals rampaged in the second stanza, outshooting Mohawks 26-5.

Merchants ended the second period with a 4-3 lead and the game with a 7-4 win. The second and third periods were dominated by the Merchants. Had Mike Craig had any breaks at all he would have had seven goals himself. For two solid periods Craig popped pucks off the crossbar and goal post and was foiled on a dozen occasions by a persistent Burlington goaler.

Played well

Adding to Stillaway's four goal effort were singles by Randy Parsons, Don Hearn and Mike Sadler. Roberts played well in net but didn't have nearly the load to carry that Burlington goaler Bill Evans had.

Friday night Merchants played without Duane Hay and Keith Bridgman and lost the services of Rick Stillaway when he was ejected for arguing with a referee.

Saying nasty things to fellows in the zebra-striped outfits has caused Merchants more than their share of grief in the series so far. Ken Parton and Bruce Lewis, both defencemen got the gate Sunday for their ill manners. It was Parton's second early trip to the showers in the series.

Milton trailed 3-2 after the first period Sunday. Mike Craig and Don Hearn had fired singles while Elliott, Latulippe and Hargreaves scored Burlington goals. Two of the three Burlington goals were power play efforts.

Out you go

Bruce Lewis took a two minute cross checking penalty at 7:20 of the first period, argued the point and wound up with a 10 minute misconduct and finally a game misconduct.

Parton followed Lewis to the dressing room early in the second

period when he argued a little too strenuously about a disallowed Milton goal.

Turning point

That provided the turning point in the game. Instead of the score being at 3-3 Merchants let up and

Mohawks fired two goals in a minute and a half. Lorne Leust and Charlie Charlebois and Ross Buselle singled during the second period.

Goals by Stillaway and Craig kept Milton in the game with the second period ending 6-4.

Burlington outscored and outlasted the locals in the final period. Thompson, Latulippe and McJanet scored in the final period while Marty Fowler and Mike Craig held the locals in the game with singles.

The game slated for last night

(Tuesday) in Burlington and Friday's game here are both crucial games. During the season and in the playoffs Mohawks and Merchants have battled on even terms. With the series tied at 2-2 one club has only three games to prove their worth.



MILTON MERCHANTS couldn't do anything wrong Thursday night and couldn't do anything right Sunday afternoon as they split home games with Burlington Mohawks. The two clubs are

... tied at two games each in the first round of the OHA Junior B playoffs. Trevor Roberts guards goal in the Milton net. — (Staff Photo)

Snow Jets rap Hespeler club

The Milton Midget club eliminated Hespeler in two straight games in the Tri-County Minor Hockey League's qualifying round to enter OMHA play-offs. The Jim Snow Jets were led to a 4-2 victory on home ice on Monday night by Phil Collen who potted two goals for the win. Marty Cairns opened the scoresheet for the winners as he scored on passes from Rick McTrach and Gary Hunt. Hugh Marshall earned an assist on Collen's first goal while Rick Jubb and Harold Merry helped out on the second one. Harold Merry closed out the scoring on a relay from Wade Bekar.

In Hespeler on Friday night, the Jets flew by their hosts 5-3 to win the series and earn the OMHA play-off berth. Harold Merry scored from Phil Collen

and Rick Jubb to open the scoring. Hugh Marshall teamed up with Jubb to get the second marker. Dave Roberts notched a Wade Bekar pass for the third Milton goal. Jubb counted the fourth goal from Collen and Merry and Rick McTrach got the insurance goal from Hugh Marshall.

The Jets now await word on their opponents in the first round and will likely play more Tri-County games in the interval.

METER GIRLS

High single, Joan Deforest 248; high triple, Joan Deforest 890.
Big five, Marg, Cragg 592, Jeanette Paquette 592, Mary Heipel 590, Linda Coulson 589, Olive Lewis 582, Joyce Schultz 582.
L. Coulson won 7 for 28, Dancocks 4 for 21, Paquette 5 for 18, Casarin 3 for 15, South 5 for 13, Reid 3 for 10, J. Coulson 0 for 5, Rusk 2 for 4.



Game & Fish News

By Arn Coulson

A word to you sportsmen at the age of 65 or over. If you wish to obtain your 1971 fishing permit, which to you gentlemen is free, you do not have to go to Hespeler to obtain it. Just drop your old licence or proof of age in the mail to Department of Lands and Forests in Hespeler, enclose a stamped envelope in the same letter and you will have your 1971 licence.

The 1971 fishing seasons have been announced and there are some of the dates you'll find interesting: Rainbow Trout April 24 to Sept. 15; Brook and Brown Trout April 24 to Sept. 15; Pickerel, Southern Ontario May 8 to Nov. 30; Lake Nipissing Pickerel May 15 to April 14; Lake Trout June 1 to Oct. 10. Rainbow Trout are open in some districts all year. Limits of possession are the same as last year but you should check your map before going into strange territory.

First annual

The first annual awards night was held at the Halton Sportsmen's Club Saturday. Awards followed a pot luck dinner. Paul Coulson was MC for the evening and Frank Kinderly presented the award to Jim Smith for the largest Rainbow. Jim presented the Bob Reid trophy for the largest fish in Ontario waters to Jacques Paquette of Lowville for a 10 pound Lake Trout.

Runners up were Don Kearney and Joe Marshall. Jim Mountain caught the largest Pickerel, Don Marshall got the largest Speckle or Brown in Halton waters. The largest Whitefish was caught by Steve Keene. Dave Tuck won the Robertson and Coulson trap shooting trophy. The award was presented by his father Gord. Paul Coulson was presented with a past president's pin.

Members heard a speech on lampreys by outdoor writer Jim McDonald. The ladies' auxiliary provided food. Dancing and cards followed the regular program.

Fire causes

Millions of dollars were lost in forest fires last year. Some of the causes are lighting 202; smoking 212; camp fires 139; matches 27; brush burning by cottage owners (mostly without a permit) 65; diesel locomotive 34; fireworks on May 24 or July 1 caused 18; overheated brake shoes on locomotives 34; railroad train crews caused 63; hunters caused 15 and fishermen 118.

Does a becoming very heavy with fawn this time of year so please keep your hound tied as even a short run could prove fatal for doe and fawn.

Welders win series OMHA playoffs now

Backed up by the superb goaltending of Kris Munro, the Ed's Welding Pee Wee club eliminated Hespeler in Hespeler on Friday night, taking the game 4-0 and the series in two straight games. The locals had dumped the Hespeler crew 6-1 in the first game of the series at home the previous Saturday as Dave Turner led the Welders with a trio of markers. Steve McCutcheon added two and Eric Ellison fired a singleton. Rod Gooding helped out on two occasions while Perry Caputo, Peter Rota and Eric Ellison added single assists to the scoresheet.

In Hespeler, the two clubs played a scoreless first period and Kris Munro was equal to every shot Hespeler fired his way as they outplayed the locals in the opening stanza. Eric Ellison opened up the scoring midway in the second frame as Milton exploded for three goals.

Second goal

Dave Turner and Rod Gooding also scored before the period ended. Gooding scored his second goal of the game in the third

period to give the Welders the 4-0 triumph and assists were credited to Eric Ellison, Dwayne Hamilton and Steve McCutcheon.

The Welders have now won the right to represent the Tri-County Hockey League Pee Wee 'A' division in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association play-offs. Meanwhile they are still playing in regular Tri-County action and

travelled to Oakville on Sunday night for a game. The locals came home on the short end of a 5-2 count however as only Kevin Howden and Dave Turner were able to get the puck past the Oakville netminder. The game was very roughly played as Milton picked up 27 minutes in penalties while Oakville got caught for 35 minutes.

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Fords upset Streetsville win novice tournament

When the chips are down and the pressure is on, Milton Trafalgar Fords work and work hard. The Novices came up with a surprising upset when they eliminated Streetsville from the Novice Tri-County qualifying round with a 4-3 win this week.

Fords lost twice to the same club in regular season play but came on with the real effort in the third game of the series for the win.

Tourney Champions

Fords had enough energy left to win the Newmarket tournament, defeating some pretty stiff competition this weekend. They defeated Thornhill, Newmarket and Bowmanville to win the tournament.

Bill Lyons scored twice and assisted on a third goal leading Milton in the 4-3 victory over Streetsville. Jim Pearson and Ken Black singled while K. Smith and John Loerich assisted and Stephen Blair had two assists.

Marc Sinclair scored twice and Glencross singled for Streetsville. Streetsville played part of the game without Clark, one of their leading scorers.

30 stops
Goaltender Dave Toletzka stopped 30 shots for the Milton club.

The Novices thrilled fans in each of their three contests in Newmarket Saturday. At the end of three periods of regular play they were tied with Thornhill 2-2 on goals by Jim Pearson

Lyons, Pearson and Blair scored on shots in the overtime effort. Thornhill scored twice in the penalty shot affair but missed on their initial effort and lost the game on account of it.

Randy McDonald, Jim Cartwright, Jim Pearson and Brian Turner scored for Milton in the 4-0 win against Newmarket, while assists went to Don Habbirk (2), Brent Arpa and Wally McKay.

Break deadlock

In the championship game Milton went through three scoreless periods and tipped the scales in their favor when the game was decided on free shots in the overtime session.

Bill Lyons and Jim Pearson

were the goal scorers. Novices will meet Orangeville, Elmira or Fergus in the next round of OMHA playdowns which is anticipated for Feb. 20 or thereabouts.



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BOWLING

48 ALLEY ROCKERS

February 1
Ladies' high single, Judy Thring 283, ladies' high triple, Marlene Speck 695.
Other good singles, Marlene Speck 272, Rose Shannon 255, Helen Burns 254.
Other good triples, Marlene Morton 667, Judy Thring 666, Rose Shannon 652.
Bonnie won 2 for 73, Karen 5 for 73, Marilyn 5 for 71, Millie 2 for 71, Muriel 5 for 70, Judy 2 for 69, Marg 5 for 67, Grace 2 for 66.

WEDNESDAY-NITERS

February 3
Ladies' high single, Leone Flarity 244; ladies' high triple, Dawn Tindale 589.
Other good singles, Gail Coulson 213, Elizabeth Moir 218, Judy Duffield 215, Pat Van Derycken 221, Cheryl French 221.
Other good triples, Linda Dunne 547, Sylvia Pewtress 550, Pat Van Derycken 546, Faye Dredge 546, Gail Coulson 534.
Sylvia won 7 for 23, Lynda 5 for 21, Gail 2 for 16, Leone 7 for 15, Mary Ann 0 for 12, Lucille 0 for 12, Shi'ley 7 for 11, Helena 0 for 2.

Canadian Meter Girls

Feb. 4
Ladies' high single, Mary Heipel 324; ladies' high triple, Mary Heipel 889.
Other good singles, Linda Coulson 288, Marcella Fisher 283, Mary Heipel 283.
Other good triples, L. Coulson 723, M. Fisher 696, P. Cannon 661, K. Coates 648, J. Deforest 638.
L. Coulson won 7 for 33; Dancocks 2 for 23, Paquette 4 for 22, South 5 for 18, Reid 7 for 17, Casarin 0 for 15, J. Coulson 3 for 8, Rusk 0 for 4.

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