

Flyers meet Hespeler finish in fifth spot

Alec Ovenden couldn't possibly have realized the significance of the goal he scored in the Brampton game here Friday night. The goal gave Nadalin Electric Flyers a 3-3 tie with Brampton and avoided a three-way tie with Preston and

Streetsville for the sixth and final playoff spot. Flyers played one of their better games of the season Friday and definitely one of the best in the past 10 or 12 games. While the club was still caught making some mistakes, they

came off with some plays that at least followed a pattern. **Looked sharp** Wingers held on to the puck when they got in the opposing zone instead of scooping blind passes onto the sticks of the opponents, made use of the point

men and had a man in the slot when they could. Rick McTrach, up from the juveniles opened the scoring for Milton from Jeff Lockridge and Hugh Marshall. McTrach was one of three brought up for the game. Bill Presniak also plays for the juveniles and saw action with the Flyers Friday. Rick Gooding filled another vacancy in the lineup.

Frank Ptashnik and Alec Ovenden fired third period counters to even things up Friday night. Ron Scholl, Buddy Thomas, Brad Butterworth and Glenn Robinson picked up assists.

Press hard Flyers fell behind 1-0 in the first period on a goal by Ken Orr. Vic Wright and Chuck Williams scored in the second period for Brampton. Flyers pressed to even things up in the third and held Brampton scoreless.

The Gooding, McTrach, Presniak trio proved to be a tremendous help. Flyer coach Vern Quigley figures on having everyone back for the playoffs except John Arnold who is still in hospital and possibly Keith Bridgman.

There has been some consideration to Bridgman playing with a special cast on his two broken fingers, but no decision had been made a press time.

Go with Hulme Dennis Dufour and Terry Mastine are on the mend and expected to be dressed for the playoffs in Hespeler Wednesday and home again Friday. Quigley figures on going with Dave Hulme rather than Mastine in the first game anyway, because of Mastine's sprained finger on his catching hand.

Flyers play in Hespeler Wednesday at 8 p.m., at home Friday at 8.30, in Hespeler Sunday at 7.30 and home Tuesday at 8.30 if a fourth game is necessary in the three out of five series. The fifth game is in Hespeler, if necessary, Thursday at 8 p.m.

Flyers lost to Dundas last Tuesday and to Oakville Sunday night. Dundas won 7-3 and scored three goals with Milton a man short and two with Harold Merry in the sin bin working off a 10-minute misconduct.

Scorers Jeff Lockridge, Mitch Lajeunesse and Harold Merry fired counters for Milton. Tom Packham scored a hat trick and led Dundas to the win. Wayne Urban scored twice for the Dundas club while Brian Jones and Jim Vanni singled. It was the second win the Blues picked up against Flyers in their last two meetings.

Flyers skated with the Blades from Oakville in the first period Sunday and came out with a 1-1 tie at the end of the first period. Blades burst things open in the second with a five goal scoring rampage.

Flyers were left shorthanded in the second when Hugh Marshall drew five minutes in the sin bin for butt ending and Mitch Lajeunesse went off for five minutes for his part in a fight with Brian Bennett.

Alec Ovenden and Harold Merry scored for Milton while assists went to Robinson and Gene Inglis.

Dave Sherlock piled in five goals and two assists while Greg Post scored twice and Brian Bennett and Kerry Davidson singled.

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Cougars oust Hespeler in a thrilling series

Milton Gallinger Minor Pee Wees ventured into Hespeler Saturday to garner their second victory in as many starts in their best three out of five series. Captain Don Habbirk led Milton with a hat trick in the hard fought game. At the 12 minute mark Habbirk potted his first goal, assisted by Champoux.

Billy Goencz scored late in the first assisted by MacDonald and Black to give Milton a 2-0 lead going into the second period. Hespeler closed the gap in the second period with a score by their top goal getter Gilmour.

Tied game Gilmour tied the game when he scored his second goal of the game in the dying minutes of the contest. Milton was playing shorthanded when the second goal was scored and the game

tied up. Don Habbirk fired his second goal of the game in overtime to put the locals ahead once again. Champoux and Arpa assisted on the winning goal. Habbirk fired the winner when the overtime period was a minute and 30 seconds old.

Habbirk went in alone with 30 seconds left in the clock to score his third goal of the game, for a final score of 4-2.

Mike Hyatt played an outstanding game for Milton between the pipes and the remainder of the locals played their best hockey of the year to come up with the win.

Stubborn club Coach Kent MacIntosh had his boys up for the final game of that series in Milton Sunday to subdue a stubborn Hespeler team that

was fighting to stay alive. Once again it took the locals until the dying minutes of the game to come up with a 3-1 victory. The Cougars put out a good team effort to earn the win.

Milton opened the scoring at the 11:30 mark of the first period with Brent Arpa clicking on a three way pass play from Habbirk and Bell. After a scoreless second period Hespeler started putting on the pressure and finally paid off with Hart finishing off a play from Hagey at 9:35.

Late break Cougars went ahead on a goal by Champoux with 40 seconds left in the game and Habbirk potted the third Milton goal into the empty net.

Nadalin picked up an assist on the last goal and Habbirk and MacDonald assisted on the second goal of the game.

Cougars will await word about their next opposition.

Ski racing class full

Glen Eden Ski Club's new youth ski racing program is so successful, organizers have had to close off registrations at 80 and further applications are being refused.

Brian Hadfield of Milton, one of the parents involved in organizing the Nancy Greene and Alpine ski leagues, said the young skiers had a great time on the past weekend, training Saturday and Sunday with a qualifying slalom course race against time. There are three Nancy Greene groups (aged eight to 13) and two Alpine teams (14 to 19 years) and they plan competition both at their home club and against skiers from the two other ski areas later in the season.

Coaching is being handled by Mike Weiss, John Schreiber and Mike Clements.

Wins \$237

Gus Mowbray of Milton was named winner of the Optimist Club of Milton's January 50-50 draw last week.

His ticket, Number 402, was worth \$237. Half the proceeds of the draw go to the winner, the rest to club youth work, reports draw convener Charlie Thomas.



FLYERS HUSTLED around the Brampton here. Bill Presniak (2), and Rick McTrach try net Friday night but were robbed on several occasions. Ron Scholl tries to set a man up

Quigley optimistic Flyers face big task

When you're going against a club that has manager to beat yours quite consistently during the regular schedule, it's hard to be optimistic. While Flyer Coach Vern Quigley isn't kidding himself or anyone else, he is taking an optimistic outlook, or at least as optimistic as the facts will allow him.

Bantams defend title

Milton Legion Bantams will meet Paris in the first round of OMHA Bantam playoff action in Paris Friday, and return to the comforts of home ice for the second game of the series Saturday at 5.30.

Manager of the Milton Club Bill Rowney said the club is in good shape, looking forward to the series and all ready to go. Rowney said the series might be a best of five bout but that has yet to be decided.

The provincial winner will see action in four series. Milton has the honor of being defending champions. Their objective of course is to defend that honor and keep the provincial hardware in Milton.

Lowville duo race winners

Lowville Racing Team continues to pile up trophies and cash awards on the weekend snowmobile racing circuit. Chris Brading and Wayne Auckland won several prizes at races in Oakland, Georgetown, and Acton on the past two weekends.

Chris took a first prize in the modified "A" class at Oakland while Wayne claimed three firsts, including two for higher powered machines than his 400 series. At Georgetown's sanctioned meet on the weekend, Chris was second in his heat and fourth in the feature race.

They also spent some time at Acton Sunday, where Chris claimed two first place trophies and three seconds. Wayne took two first prize trophies there.

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Figure skaters pass tests

Twenty one out of 27 members of Milton Figure Skating Club have passed examinations. In the preliminary dances, Lana Ellison did the Dutch Waltz, Cindi Hood and Joni Parton did the Canasta Tango and Christal Cnuchmach, Lana Ellison, Sandra Gunn and Karen Vickery did the Swing Dance.

In the Junior Bronze competition Marilyn Hood and Kathy Russell did the Fiesta Tango, and Judi Hood did the Willow Waltz. Jean Blacklock, Merri Griswold and Kelly Vickery did the Ten Fox.

Figures Joni Parton, Lana Ellison, Karen Vickery, Sandra Gunn, Cindi Hood, Patti Hood and Stephen McCutcheon did their preliminary figures. Kim Strath passed her silver free skating at a previous test day held at Burlington Figure Skating Club.

Go with Hulme Quigley figures on going with Dave Hulme in the first game of the playoffs anyway, to allow Terry Mastine time enough to have his catching hand healed. "Let's face it, it is his catching hand and he has a long career ahead of him. I wouldn't want to see it hurt any worse than it is now."

"The club still isn't aggressive enough in the corners. I've got a few guys that back off. If they beat you to the puck, you're dead."

Minor Bantams bounce Hespeler

Steve McCutcheon paced Delnin Bros. Minor Bantams to two wins over Hespeler Sunday. McCutcheon scored two goals in each game, continuing a productive streak. It is the fifth game in a row that McCutcheon has scored two goals in each game.

Dan Zanatta and Perry Caputo scored singles in the first game while Len Brown and Pete Rota

earned two assists each and Guy McGinnis helped out on one goal.

Single for Strath Doug Strath added one goal to Steve McCutcheon's two goal quota Sunday. Len Brown assisted twice and Pete Rota once in the Sunday game.

The club will wait further word about who their next opposition will be.

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THURSDAY February 10 4.30 to 7.30 p.m.—Figure Skating Club.	SUNDAY February 13 2.30 to 6.30—Tri-County Hockey
FRIDAY February 11 2nd Game 3 out of 5 series 8:30 Milton Jrs. vs. Hespeler	MONDAY February 14 4.30 to 6 p.m.—Monday Nighters 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.—Tri-County Hockey
SATURDAY February 12 9:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.—Toronto District Deaf Hockey League Tournament 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.—Public Skating (25c)	TUESDAY February 15 4.30 to 7.30 p.m.—Figure Skating Club

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