



COACH KENT McINTOSH gives the Milton Pee Wee team a few tips before the start of Wednesday's opening game with Saltfleet. (Photo by D. O'Reilly)

# 550 boys on 27 teams in Minor 'A' tournament

About 550 boys from 27 novice, pee wee, bantam and midget Minor "A" hockey teams converged on Milton Arena for a four-day, 33-game hockey tournament during the Christmas holidays.

Milton Minor Hockey Association sponsors were ecstatic about the tournament's success when the affair ended Saturday night. "It was wonderful, just fantastic," summed up a tired tourney convener Joe Wilson. It was the first Minor "A" tournament in Canada, and to the best of Wilson's knowledge and although it represented a lot of work on the part of the tournament committee, all were well satisfied with the outcome.

**Good hosts, lose**

Four Milton teams entered in the tourney played the "perfect hosts" and let their visitors take home all the trophies. Only the Milton Pee Wees made it to the championship finals, and Newmarket put them out. The Milton Midget and Novice clubs were consolation finalists, each losing their first game and winning their second, but both lost the finals. Milton Bantams won their opener but lost in the semi-finals of the championship series.

Championship trophies went to Stoneybrook Novices, Newmarket Pee Wees, Grimsby Bantams and Collingwood Midgets.

Kingston Township teams took

both the Novice and Pee Wee consolation series, while Ingersoll ended up on top of the Bantam consolation round and Napanee won the Midget consolation title.

**Praises Auxiliary**

Wilson said he and his committee, including John McLean, Jack Duimstra, Don South, Don Wilson, Wayne Arnold and John Penson received "fantastic" help from the whole minor hockey organization and many helpers. He especially praised the Minor Hockey Mothers' Auxiliary headed by Millie Dance for arranging billeting of players, and the Milton Referees Association which officiated at all the games and handled the timing chores as well all at no charge.

Six teams of players were billeted in town Friday evening. Two midget teams stayed at the Ontario School for the Deaf dormitories and four other teams of younger boys went to private homes in town. "We had more offers of homes than we needed," said John McLean.

The tourney started with six games Wednesday evening, continued with three more Thursday, then went all day Friday and Saturday with 11 Friday games and 13 on Saturday.

The Auxiliary fed all the players billeted at OSD a big breakfast at the Legion Hall Saturday morning. Mrs. Dance,

Rose Shannon, Doreen Vaughan and Anne Newell handled that feast.

**Nine penalty shots**

Tie games (and there were six of them) were settled by five minute overtime periods. If that failed to resolve the stalemate each team was given three penalty shots on goal. One game took nine penalty shots to break the deadlock.

**Championship and consolation**

teams were awarded trophies and each boy in the tournament also received a crest. Wilson said all the visitors were impressed with the town, the hospitality and the way the tournament was handled. "I strongly recommend we hold another tournament next year," the convener said.

Minor "A" teams comprise only boys playing their first year in that class of hockey.

Trophies and crests were presented to the champions and consolation champions by Herb Higgs, Martin Saliba, Rusty Twiss, Bill Rollins, Bob Dance, Jack Duimstra, Don South and Gus Mowbray.

Crests for runners up in both divisions were presented by Wayne Arnold, Harold Ferguson, Barry Rollins, Bill Presniak, Dave Smith, Hap Oates, Jim Eige and John Perrott.

Following are the results:

**NOVICE**

Streetsville 4, Newmarket 3; Bay Ridges 5, Milton 5 (PS 2-0 for Bay Ridges); Saltfleet 4, Grimsby 1; Stoneybrook 6, Kingston Township 1. Consolation series—Milton 2, Grimsby 0; Kingston Township 5, Newmarket 2; final, Kingston Township 4, Milton 1. Championship series—Bay Ridges 2, Streetsville 1; Stoneybrook 5, Saltfleet 0; final, Stoneybrook 5, Bay Ridges 3.

**PEE WEE**

Milton 2, Saltfleet 0; Grimsby 1, Streetsville 1 (PS 5-4 Grimsby); Newmarket 4, Kingston Township 1. Consolation series, Streetsville 5, Saltfleet 2; Kingston Township (bye) 4, Streetsville 2. Championship series—Milton 6, Grimsby 1; Newmarket (bye) 6, Milton 0.

**BANTAM**

Ingersoll 4, Streetsville 1; Grimsby 5, Bay Ridges 1; Milton 5, Saltfleet 2. Consolation series—Ingersoll 2, Streetsville 2 (PS 3-1 for Ingersoll); Bay Ridges 3, Saltfleet 1; Ingersoll 6, Bay

## Abrupt end for Pee Wees

Milton Pee Wee Optimists got the Milton Beaver Minor "A" Tournament off on the right foot by defeating their counterparts from Saltfleet 2-0. It was a fast-moving, rousing game with the play shifting from end to end as each team tried for that first marker.

John Loeprich opened the scoring when he took a pass from Doug Dorsey, went up the ice and blasted a shot past the Saltfleet goalie. Norm Flemington rounded out the scoring, netting a goal on assists from John Loeprich and Rick Aselton. The locals produced a fine team effort in registering their win.

The Optimists continued their winning ways on Friday by downing Grimsby 6-1. Duane Stark led the scoring with two goals while singles came from Ian Wanless, Rick Aselton, Bob Benton and Steve Blair. Assists went to John Loeprich (2), Ian Wanless (3), Rick Aselton, Mike Murray and Duane Stark.

The tournament came to an abrupt end for the Optimists as they were defeated 7-0 by a strong Newmarket team in the battle for the Pee Wee championship.

Ridges 0. Championship series—Kingston Township 4, Ingersoll 3; Grimsby 5, Milton 1; Grimsby 4; Kingston Township 0.

**MIDGET**

Grimsby 4, Milton 3; Bay Ridges 2, Streetsville 2 (PS 2-0 for Bay Ridges); Napanee 7, Collingwood 0. Consolation series—Milton 3, Streetsville 3 (PS 1-0 for Milton); Collingwood 5, Milton 3. Championship series—Bay Ridges 1, Grimsby 0; Bay Ridges 10, Collingwood 1. (Note—Napanee was forced into the consolation series when it was discovered, after their initial win over Collingwood, that several second year players were on the team. They played the consolation final with just seven eligible players. Collingwood was then sent into the championship final against Bay Ridges.)

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THE FIRST ANNUAL Milton Beaver Minor 'A' Tournament got off to a fast start Wednesday, when the Milton Pee Wees faced their counterparts from Saltfleet. Here, two Saltfleet players out-manoeuvre a Milton boy. Milton won the game by a score of 2-9. (Photo by D. O'Reilly)

## Just seven players, "Cinderella club" claims consolation

Napanee Midgets emerged as the "Cinderella team" at the 27-team Minor "A" tournament held in Milton on the weekend.

The club came to the hockey tournament with an illegal team and it wasn't until after their first 7-0 victory over Collingwood that tournament officials discovered the Napanee club included several boys playing their second year of Midget hockey. The tourney was limited to teams comprising only first year players.

Tournament convener Joe Wilson gave Napanee coach Terry Foley the bad news Saturday afternoon, and gave him two choices. He told Foley to drop out of the championship series and either play all his players in an exhibition game against Milton in the consolation final slot, or use only his eligible players and challenge Milton for the consolation championship.

**Dresses seven**

Foley chose to play only his eligibles, although he was only able to dress seven players. It looked like an easy win for the Milton club coached by Bill Maxwell.

But Foley's Napanee crew showed they had spunk, as well as ability on the ice. They went into the game with a serious manpower handicap but played heads-up hockey throughout and managed to end up on top of a 5-3 score when the final whistle went.

Convener Wilson and MMHA executive member Bill Rollins went to the Napanee dressing room after the game and offered the Napanee club their sincere congratulations for a fine team effort.

Collingwood Midgets, meanwhile had said they weren't

worried about the ineligible players and told tourney officials they would be happy to remain in the consolation round. Moving Napanee out of the championship series forced Collingwood to meet Bay Ridges in the championships, and Bay Ridges won easily by a 7-0 score.

**TRIUMPHANT** Newmarket captain Glen Cutting holds high the championship trophy after his club defeated Milton Pee Wees 6-0 in one of four championship games at the Minor "A" tournament. (Photo by R. Downs)

## Local boys make good

Two Milton boys counted for two out of three goals that give Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) a 3-2 win in regular college league play against Providence recently.

Ray Tonelli opened the scoring and centre Don Hearn scored the winner on a 15-foot slapshot. In seven games this season Hearn is tied with John Donahoe for the club's top scorer. They

each have seven points.

Ray Tonelli has three goals and an assist in seven games. Tom Gooding, another Miltonian has seen action in two games but hasn't made the scoresheet yet.

All three played minor hockey in Milton. Hearn had an outstanding career as a junior in Milton. Hearn is a sophomore at RPI. All three are there on hockey scholarships.

—Children enjoyed the school holidays and kept themselves amused with new Christmas toys.

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## "FLYER" AD-LIBS

By Murray Whistler

The 72-73 Flyers' Club is, according to O.H.A. sources, one of the youngest junior teams in the province, with an average age of only 17.1 years. This is further evidenced by the large number of Junior "A" scouts in attendance at Flyer games. . . Flyers have recently inked, last year's scoring leader, Harold Merry to a playing card. Merry will be available on a part time basis, due to attending A. Flatley Street. . . Due to a wave of recent injuries and sickness, coach Bert Brown has had to juggle his line-up consistently, which has added to the Flyers' woes. . . Flyers recent acquisition, 16 year old right winger, Ray Love, is proving to be a valuable addition with his scoring prowess.

	Goals	Assists	T.P.
B. Bennet, Oakville	24	37	61
H. Kodors, Brampton	28	21	49
B. Sherlock, Oakville	12	32	44
R. Grivel, Burl.	22	21	43
C. Steenhoff, Oakville	19	21	40
J. Sands, Street.	15	22	37
G. Lyons, Brampton	10	25	35
A. Flatley, Street.	20	14	34
M. Perras, Oakville	19	15	34
R. Harrison, Brampton	14	19	33
E. Duncan, Burl.	14	18	32
D. Beatty, Burl.	14	18	32
B. Scheer, Burl.	18	14	32
G. Austin, Oakville	12	19	31
R. Walker, Brampton	14	16	30

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