

# Flyers are second, Mohawks third

"We just can't lose," summarized Flyer centreman Rick Bridgman club's 5-2 win over the hometown Burlington Mohawks Sunday night.

The win in the last season game gave the Flyers sole possession of second place in the Junior "B" league after a month-long tussle with Burlington and Streetsville. Milton will prepare to meet the fifth place Brampton Vic Woods in playoff competition in Brampton Thursday night and back Friday and Sunday evenings.

Few losses  
"They deserve second

place," expressed coach Bob "Pie" Lee following the game. "They have the second fewest losses in the league and should be in second place."

"Pie" is optimistic about the Brampton series but "everybody's tough in playoffs," he concedes.

Flyer defenceman Pete Chuchmach is sure the club will do well in playoffs. "We're at our peak now," he says. "We're flyin'!"

A large delegation of Milton fans followed the Flyers to Burlington for the game - often outshouting the Burlington supporters.

Brent Hoey gave them something to cheer about with three minutes gone in the game when he tapped a high shot into the goal when he took a pass from Jeff Lockridge.

### Shortside

Bridgman put the Flyers two goals up four minutes later when his shot from the point caught the short side twine. Harold Merry fed him the pass.

Flyers continued to rule the game with Hoey connecting again, seconds after Bridgman, tapping a rising shot off the crossbar. Alec Ovenden and Ron Twiss

combined to set him up. Flyers hit hard times midway through the first period while playing shorthanded. Penalty killers Bridgman, Twiss, Hugh Marshall and Ken Fay displayed consistent heroics and managed to retain control of the game.

Ovenden connected for the Milton crew in the period's dying minutes when he stole in from the left side and tucked the puck into the longside corner. Ray Love and Jeff Lockridge earned assists.

Scheer assists  
Mohawks came on strong in

the second period and with two Flyers resting in the penalty box, Steve Cronkwright managed to slide in a hometown goal. League leading Bill Scheer picked up

an assist. A strong show by Milton goalie Doug Weatherall held the Flyers in place as the teams settled into an evenly matched game. Flyers

played most of the period with a man in the penalty box.

Flyers stayed three goals up until the seven minute mark of the final period when

a shot from the point by Twiss dropped out of Mohawk goalie Bob Ryan's glove and onto the stick of Ovenden. The Flyers centreman easily stowed it in.

Three assists  
Lockridge picked up his third assist of the night on the goal.

Mohawk Cronkwright connected again from Scheer with a whistler from the point but the Mohawks were all but beaten. Flyers settled into a routine and beat back any Mohawk attempts.

Bouts  
Aggressor Hoey won the title bout of the evening when he crunched into Burlington captain Tim Bothwell. In an anti-climatic match Burlington's John Glass managed a back-jumping judge's decision over Flyer tough guy Ovenden.

Georgetown referee Rob Breen, noted for his exacting discipline, handled the refereeing chores.

Makes profit  
The Flyer making the most profit on the team's Sunday night win was Oakville Blades expatriate Reed Neilsen. When he left the Blades in mid-December Neilsen wagered Oakville coach Doug Johnson the Flyers would finish in second or third place.

Johnson was sure the Milton team would falter and finish fourth or worse. Neilsen will receive a case of suds for the bargain.

What will the Flyers do against Brampton? "The same thing we did against Oakville and Burlington," said goalie Weatherall, reflecting on recent wins.

## Champion Sports Page

### Two ties ready Tridents for Sunday home opener

A pair of ties with established clubs in the Southern Counties league have left the Milton Intermediate "B" Tridents in good shape for their upcoming play-off series with Thorold this week.

Tridents will travel to Thorold to kick off the series Friday night and will return to Milton Saturday evening to continue the series.

Tridents evened Caledonia 5-5 in an exhibition show in Caledonia last Wednesday and came up with a 4-4 tie over second place Paris Monday night.

Two goal lead  
Playing coach Carl Hymers popped in Tridents' first goal in Caledonia with Ken Parton giving the Milton squad a 2-0 lead before the end of the first period. John Arnold assisted on the Parton score.

Caledonia charged back in the second period to take a 3-2 lead. Goals were scored by

Jim Gordon, Joe Timson and Barry Ogilvie.

Trident Jim Cole counted in the third period from "Pie" Lee. Gary Hudson chucked in the go-ahead goal midway through the period.

Caledonia's John Williamson tied the score a minute later while another goal by Timson put the home squad a goal up.

Ties game  
Trident Arnold accepted a pass from Gary Naylor and Hymers to draw the game with 17 seconds remaining in the game.

Terry Cole handled Milton goaltending duties. Bad weather forced the Tridents to appear in Caledonia at 8.20. They didn't return home until three a.m. due to road conditions and bus trouble.

Lose three goal lead  
Tridents had better luck in Paris until late in the third period when the homeowners chopped away their three goal lead.

Captain Marty Seeds put the Tridents up in the period but a Paris counter by Jerry Bradshaw evened the score.

Gary Naylor notched a counter from Seeds with Gord Bell picking up a score 20 seconds later. Gary Mountain and Jim Cole assisted.

Steve Mastine tallied early in the final period from Mitch Lajeunesse.

Al Schopf, Bill Pettiffer and Brian Belair scored Paris comeback goals.

Should Milton win its series with Thorold, it could advance against the teams from Caledonia and Paris.

Final team cuts will be made at the club practice to night (Wednesday).

### Rick Bridgman polls MVP second

Milton Flyer forward Rick Bridgman came within one vote of being the Central Ontario Junior "B" league's most valuable player this season at an executive meeting Monday night.

Winner of the honor was Preston Raider goalie Marcel Potvin, who has been forced

to stop a lot of rubber fired at the lowly Raider goal. League top scorer Bill Scheer of the Burlington Mohawks tied Bridgman for second.

Nominate one  
Representatives of league teams, excluding absent Dundas, nominated players for the honor. Flyer owner-manager Vern Gooding, impressed with Bridgman's tenacious checking abilities, mentioned his power play centreman. Potvin took three votes to Bridgman and Scheer's two each. Executives were not allowed to vote for members of their own team.

Flyer teammates felt Bridgman should have been accorded the honor, rather than Potvin.

No better  
"He's no better than any other goalie in the league," said Flyer marksman Ray Love.

"Bridgman's a helluva hockey player," said Milton defenceman Pete Chuchmach. "Great anticipation," credits coach "Pie" Lee. Bridgman was selected to try out for the Junior "A" Peterborough Petes following a good season with the Flyers last year.

Will stay here  
He won't try this year. "I'm finishing my hockey here," says Bridgman. Bridgman has two years left in junior play.



REFEREE RON BREEN was caught in the middle of an Alec Ovenden/Bill Scheer clash in Burlington Sunday night. Milton's 5-2 win over the Mohawks landed the club in second spot while Burlington dropped to third place. The Ovenden/Scheer scuffle was minor but Brent Hoey took a major decision from Mohawk captain Tim Bothwell while Ovenden lost a bout to Burlington's John Glass.

(Photo by S. Dills)

### Youth bowling

BANTAMS  
Singles, Chris Verstraete 218, Kelly Rigo 204, Karen Blacklock 204, Patsy Little 201, Dale McMurray 198, Kathy Blair 195-180, Diane St. John 183, Brad Nadalin 182.  
Doubles, Kathy Blair 375, Dale McMurray 368, Diane St. John 348, Chris Verstraete 348, Karen Blacklock 331, Shelley Eakins 325, Kelly Rigo 321.

JUNIOR  
Singles, Phillip Gray 272-242, Chris Connor 265-213, David Smith 258, John VanderVleit 228, Kathy Eakins 226, Doug Morton 220, Stuart Rigg 214.  
Triples, Phillip Gray 688, Chris Connor 678, Kathy Eakins 579, David Smith 558.

SENIOR  
Singles, Greg Rusk 248, Jim Connor 245, Kathy Rusk 213, Triples Greg Rusk 620, Jim Connor 578, Kathy Rusk 560.

### Congratulations

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### Overtime loss kills Jets hopes

A pair of overtime goals by the Streetsville Cable King midgets drowned any hope Milton Jim Snow Midget Jets had of taking the best of five series.

Jets entered the game with two wins and two losses under their belt and left the ice 5-4 losers. Four of the series' five games went into overtime.

Jets lengthened the series in Streetsville Sunday night with a 3-2 win.

Bruce Ellison supplied the club with a pair of goals Sunday with Brad Roelofson adding a single. Assists went to Brent Murray, Pierre Pilote and Paul Sproat.

Jets had chalked up a 2-0 lead early in the third period. Streetsville came within a goal but Jets were able to knock another home. Streetsville ended the scoring late in the game.

#### BOWLING

WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS  
February 6  
Ladies' high single, Leone Flarity 257; Ladies' high triple, Leone Flarity 983.

Other good singles, Sandy Parsons 225, Alice Appleton 238, Lil Blyth 220, Nancy McNally 245, Delores Waters 221, Mary Ann Wilson 216.

Other good triples, Jean Kidd 574, Helena Todd 589, Delores Cabourne 586, Alice Appleton 569, Lil Blyth 568, Nancy McNally 571, Alice Appleton 569, Delores Waters 559.

Leone's won 5 for 12, Bev's 7 for 19, Helena's 7 for 12, Pat's 2 for 6, Nancy's 5 for 12, Leeni's 0 for 4, Sue's 0 for 10, Gail's 2 for 9.

Jerry Fritzeley gave a strong performance in both the Sunday and Monday night games.

Gashed forehead  
Fritzeley left the Monday night game late in the overtime period when a blueliner gashed the goalie on the forehead.

Leading 4-3 at that point, Milton was playing two men short. Replacement Craig Jubb was the victim of the powerplay and had no chance on a deflected point shot late in the extra time.

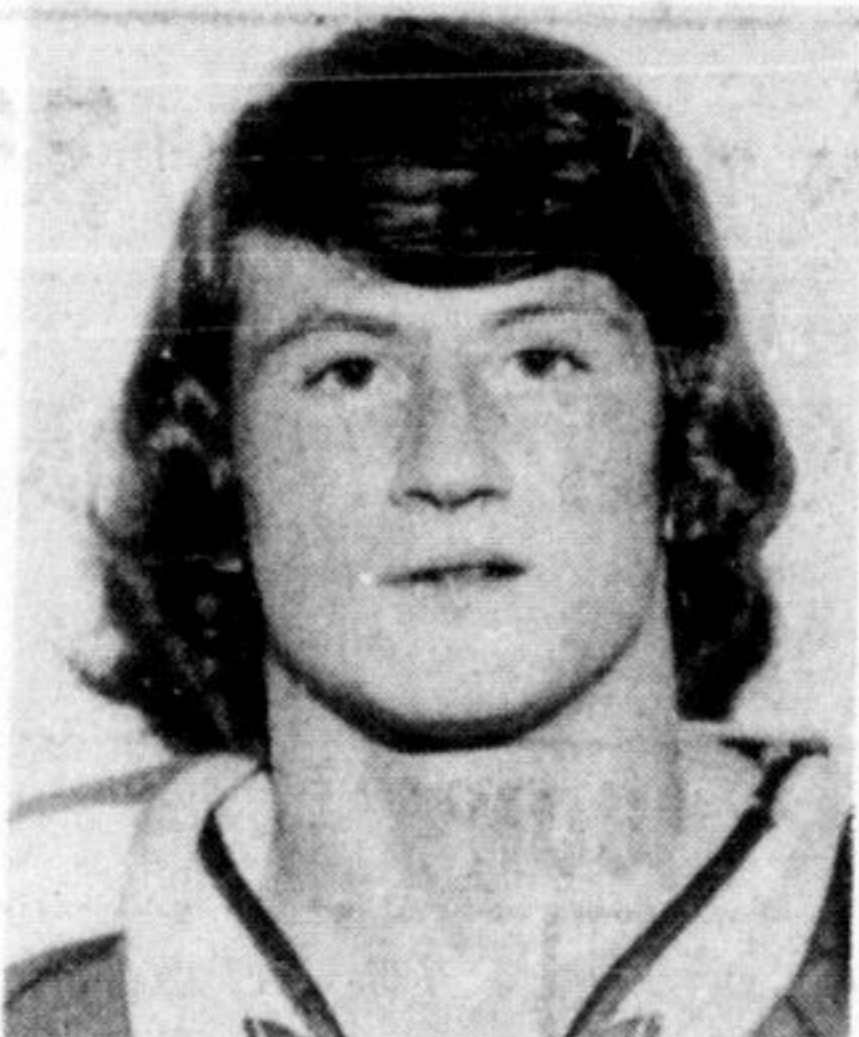
Ellison started the club off and managed a second early in the overtime to break the 3-3 tie. Streetsville had scored their third with only two minutes remaining in regulation time.

Pilote and Roelofson scored other Jets goals and assists went to Pilote, Sproat and Paul Stover.

#### Good series

"It was a good series," said Jets manager Al Lewis. "They have nothing to be ashamed of."

Jets will resume regular league play.



RICK BRIDGMAN  
Second MVP choice

#### BOWLING

EARLY BIRDS  
February 8

Ladies' high single Hilda Rigo 269, ladies' high triple, Thelma Bousfield 656, men's high single, Ray Waters 292, men's high triple, Ray Waters 787 (234, 292, 261).

Other good singles, Frank Lendvoy 272, Jack Gould 272, Reg. Gray 271, Roger Wallace 259, Colleen Gervais 253.

Other good triples, Frank Lendvoy 732, Jack Gould 702, Reg. Gray 659, Joan Waters 656, Ken Johnson 648.

Ray Waters won 5 for 26, Sandra Marling 4 for 25, Kay Gray 7 for 21, Len Mason 5 for 21, Reg. Gray 2 for 21, Dean Gray 2 for 21, Joan Waters 3 for 16, Muriel Grays 0 for 15.

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