

Flyers are losers — beaten in opener

Milton Continental Flyers started their new hockey season like losers. The stronger than expected Burlington Mohawks came away from the Milton Fred Armstrong arena Friday night with a 7-5 decision.

Mohawks ended Flyers' 1973-1974 season on the same ice surface with a playoff win last spring.

"They forget everything they've been told through training camp," charged Flyer coach Don Wilson. "They lack correlation," he continued, "and they do need improvement."

No breaks
"We took too many stupid penalties, and got no offensive breaks," summed up forward Dave Turner. "That's the only time they'll beat us," added Turner, "there is no question in my mind."

"Those two penalties hurt us," stated Alec Ovenden. "I'm not blaming them," (Ron Twiss and Brent Hoey) Ovenden went on. "It's not their fault."

The defensive pair of Twiss and Hoey were assessed back to back penalties midway through the final 20 minutes in a game of frequent, questionable

penalty calls. Mohawks scored the tying goal while Twiss sat out his penalty and popped in the winner while Hoey sat out an elbowing call.

Flyers took 17 minor penalties in the game below Mohawks' total of 21. A strong Burlington defence and a 'lack of correlation' on the part of the Flyers kept them from scoring as often as they should have on Hawk penalties.

Brawl
A second period brawl added to the game's penalty totals. Flyer ace Rick Bridgman and Burlington

veteran Mike Serre became involved in a high sticking duel and were both assessed sets of minor penalties. En route to the sin bin Bridgman became involved in a scuffle with Mohawk netminder Rick Katchanoski and members of both teams paired off for a waltz around the ice.

A recent Ontario Hockey Association ruling calls for any player involved in a fight to be ejected from the game but offers little discouragement for more serious stick swinging penalties. Bridgman and Serre

were both ejected from the game at the 11:55 mark of the second period while Katchanoski was allowed to finish the game in the Burlington net. Flyers' Twiss and Ovenden and Mohawks' Jim Elliott and Gary MacDonald were all judged worthy of 10 minute misconducts after the fighting had ceased.

Fischer hat trick
Mohawk Larry Fischer returned to Milton to haunt the Flyers with the tying, winning and seventh Burlington goals while Hawk rookie Lance Nethery tallied twice.

Mike Martin and Gary Clarke scored other Burlington goals.

Hawks took an early lead in the game but Joe Venner came back for Milton seconds later at 5:52 when he slipped in Ovenden's pass. Ovenden jammed in a backboard rebound from defencemen Walt Poirier and Mike Atkinson two minutes later to push Milton into the lead.

Burlington knotted the count early in the second frame with Flyer Bridgman taking a breaking pass from Chris Milne to put Milton back into the lead. Burlington scored

to re-tie the game with Fay smashing in a centering pass from Poirier and Rod Gooding to keep Milton in the lead.

Another Burlington goal was answered by Gooding late in the second from Bruce Ellison. Flyers took a 5-4 lead into the final period.

Flyer marksmen landed 40 shots on the Burlington goal while Mohawk shooters tested Milton netminder Rick Tomkinson 37 times.

Three of four
In pre-season exhibition play Flyers managed three wins out

of four games, besting Guelph twice and edging out Markham. The Junior "A" Buffalo Tondas took a pre-season win from Milton.

Flyers are preparing to host last year's league champions Oakville Blades at the Armstrong ice box Friday night and will rest until the following Thursday when they travel to Flower Town to match the Brampton Vic Woods.

Flyers will be without assistant captain Bridgman both games. He'll be sitting out a two-game suspension following his bout in the Burlington game.

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CHAMPIONS of the Milton Tennis Club tournament last week were (from left) men's doubles winner Chuck Alcock, ladies' singles and doubles winner Ann Wollaston, men's singles and doubles champ Jeff Smith, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles winner Ann Berry and mixed doubles winner Carlos Lopez. Winners of the tournament were presented trophies at a Milton Tennis Club picnic Saturday evening.

Panthers strong 'Stangs beaten

Milton High School junior football Mustangs were beaten for the second loss in two games Wednesday. Gordon E. Perdue Panthers handed the Milton boys a 28-6 loss on their Oakville turf.

Stangs opened the season a week earlier at home when the White Oaks Wildcats levelled the home-towners 26-7. Rob Champoux handled the Milton quarterbacking duties as the regular offensive pilot Hap Perrott sat watching from the sidelines in a neck brace. Champoux had three days to become a quarterback prior to the Perdue game.

Panthers came up with two converted touchdowns in the

first half and added another pair of major scores in the second.

Stangs' Horace Saunders scored the only Milton touchdown on the last play of the game when he took a half-back option pass from Dave Tracy.

A re-structured Milton offense was held at bay most of the game by a strong Panther defense. Milton defense played better against Perdue than White Oaks but still leaked like a sieve.

Panthers were up for the Wednesday afternoon match with Milton after being trounced by T.A. Blacklock a week earlier. Stangs hosted Blacklock Tuesday afternoon.

Hornby beaten for title

Aberfoyle came on strong in the late innings to club the Hornby juveniles 8-4 and capture the HRSA title Wednesday night.

It was the third game of a best of three series and the last game of the softball season to be played at Hornby park.

Aberfoyle opened the scoring in the first inning with a two run homer but the Hornby crew came back in

the bottom of the opening frame with a run. Catcher Rick Bridgman rounded the bases when pitcher Mike Leslie batted him home.

Leslie and fielder Dave Anderson tagged home in the fourth inning when John Roskam lined a single to send Hornby into a 3-2 lead. Aberfoyle batters rallied to take a 4-3 lead in the eighth inning. Jim Scott singled to score Bridgman in the bottom

of the inning to send Hornby into the ninth inning with a 4-4 tie.

Aberfoyle batters capitalized on Hornby errors to score four easy runs.

Leslie and Anderson led the Hornby batters with two singles each while Bruce Bailey clubbed out a double. Bridgman, Roskam, Scott and Roger McHugh all hit singles.

Pitcher Leslie fanned six Aberfoyle batsmen and allowed eight hits.

Hornby juves were 6-5 overtime losers in the deciding game of an Ontario final with Embro this season. As midgets last season Hornby stormed to the Bramalea and Ontario titles without a defeat.

Most members of the Hornby team are eligible for juvenile play next season.

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Flyers' exhibition scoring totals

	Gm	G	A	Tp	Pim
Rod Gooding	4	3	4	7	5
Dave Turner	4	2	5	7	10
Bruce Ellison	4	3	3	6	6
Pierre Pilote	4	2	2	4	4
Larry Peterson	4	3	0	3	4
Kevin Reeks	4	1	2	3	0
Joe Venner	4	2	0	2	5
Alec Ovenden	3	1	1	2	4
Perry Caputo	4	0	2	2	4
Ken Fay	1	1	0	1	4
Reed Neisen	2	0	1	1	2
Walt Poirier	3	0	1	1	6
Dale Miezaniec	4	0	1	1	8
Chris Demeo	1	0	1	1	0
Mike Leslie	2	0	0	0	4
Chris Milne	4	0	0	0	4
Brent Murray	3	0	0	0	10
Ron Twiss	1	0	0	0	10

Flyers Rick Bridgman and Brent Hoey missed all four pre-season exhibition games due to injuries.

Wm. McMurtry

Hockey violence author visits high school Forum

By Dave Pink
"Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing," stated the late Vince Lombardi when he was coaching the powerful NFL Green Bay Packers.

"That's a sick philosophy," commented Toronto lawyer

William McMurtry to a gathering of Milton District High School students last Tuesday morning. McMurtry, author of the controversial "Investigation and Inquiry into Violence in Amateur Hockey," was a guest at the Forum discussion periods.

"I don't believe in that purpose of sport," continued the lawyer. "You want to win," he conceded, but sport should be a way of measuring yourself. "I miss playing... but not winning."

In his university days McMurtry was active in contact sports such as football, hockey and rugby. He has played on a number of championship teams and other teams that have represented Canada.

Following the withdrawal of the Bramalea Blues from a Junior "B" final with Hamilton this spring, Ontario Minister of Community and Social Services, Rene Brunelle directed McMurtry "to hold an investigation into the circumstances surrounding violence in the Bramalea-Hamilton Junior "B" game." The opening game of the series, felt the Bramalea management, was too violent and rather than risk injury to their players the club elected to withdraw from the series. The Blues were subsequently suspended by the Ontario Hockey Association.

The game in question, played at Hamilton April 16, saw 189 penalty minutes assessed and included fights on the ice surface, in a hallway leading to the players' dressing rooms and involved players, officials and fans, reads the McMurtry report.

Bramalea won the game and was slated to return to Hamilton for the second match within 24 hours when they pulled out. OHA rules stipulate a team must default a game 72 hours before game



WILLIAM McMURTRY, (left) addressed a group of Milton District High School students last Tuesday morning after an invitation from MDHS Forum co-ordinator Chris Heath. McMurtry presented his views on violence in amateur sport and defended his controversial "Investigation and Inquiry into Violence in Amateur Hockey."

time. There was no way Bramalea could have withdrawn from the series legally, hence the suspension.

Conflict of interest

The OHA, reads the report, relies on playoff gate receipts for about 47 per cent of its total revenue. "They were caught in an unintentional conflict of interest," continues McMurtry. Also states the report, "the OHA executive in refusing to find justification for Bramalea's withdrawal from the series came to the conclusion that the game of April 16 was not as violent as other games played in amateur hockey in recent years."

McMurtry was invited by Minister Brunelle to "explore any implications for amateur hockey these incidents (of the Bramalea-Hamilton series) might have." In his report dated Aug. 21, McMurtry concluded intimidation tactics used by National Hockey League teams is the influential force behind amateur hockey violence.

Lacks definition
McMurtry told the MDHS students amateur hockey lacks any proper definition of its purpose and objectives. Amateur hockey cannot be

regarded as a "kinder-garten" for the pros because less than one per cent of all people playing amateur hockey will ever play pro.

"Every boy playing hockey is profoundly influenced by the examples portrayed in the NHL. It is a natural phenomenon for any person to look up to what he has been told are the best, and to attempt to emulate them," reads the report.

"The philosophy of pro sport is to sell tickets and win championships," the guest told the students. "Hockey is the only sport—other than lacrosse—that accepts fighting as part of the game. The rules allow it. Pro hockey

not only tolerates violence, but rewards it."

"Pro hockey is going to get worse before it gets better," forecast McMurtry. He used the decline of lacrosse due to violence as an example.

Recommendations
To clean up the amateur game, the report lists 11 recommendations: 1) Define the objectives and purpose of amateur hockey; 2) Create a rule structure and environment consistent with the philosophy and objectives of true amateur hockey, e.g. fighting should result in an automatic game misconduct penalty; 3) Expand coaches (Continued on page six)



FACING OFF at a hockey school scrimmage fledgling pucksters Jon Griffiths (left) and Greg Gaeton prepare for rookie referee Brian Bell. The MMHA training clinics ran for two weeks and involved about 170 minor hockey registrants. Minor hockey executive was very pleased with the work of volunteer Junior "B" Flyers as instructors. Milton Referees Association took advantage of the scrimmages to train new officials.

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