

# Flyers fall to league cellar with three straight humiliating losses

**By Peter McCusker**  
When Milton Flyers OHA Central Ontario Junior B team wants to play hockey, they can. The Flyers stung Dixie to a loss and battled Derbys to a one goal, 15 second countdown. But when the locals are bad, they are horrible!

An exhibition of blatant stupidity saw Flyers drop a 4-1 lead after one period of play and sit back to have Brampton Logan Chevys walk away with a 12-6 hockey game here Friday at Milton Memorial Arena.

That wasn't their only problem. Flyers fell for three losses and a tie this week after spending the month of October climbing up the standings. They threw their chances of taking over third place out the window.

Flyer fans were holding great expectations after the locals dropped Georgetown last Friday, Oct. 28, and picked up Paul Martin from the northern unit. Flyers' return trip to Georgetown produced a 6-3 loss.

Now it will be a battle for the basement as Milton travels to meet Acton Sabres in Acton Friday. Acton pounced on Brampton 8-1 Saturday. Milton is only five points up on the Sabres and if the locals continue to lose, will be passed.

Flyers played Oakville Blades to a 7-7 draw and took 20 minutes in penalties. That's a full period playing shorthanded. Paul McCann fired a hat trick, Brian Gordon scored two and Bruce Ellison and Doug Trimble scored singles. The Oakville contest last Tuesday was the first in a week packed with games.

Were Flyers too tired to continue? The following day, Wednesday, Flyers returned to Georgetown. The two teams were tied 1-1 at the end of one period as Flyer Derek Griffiths opened scoring unassisted and Georgetown Gemini Joe South tied the game from Doug Barnes. In the second period Gemini took a lead with Barnes netting a power play goal from Chris Milne. Brian Gordon scored the even-up marker at 7:11 and three minutes later Gemini squeezed another from Paul Ancelin.

In the third period Flyers scored on a power play as Paul McCann scored, assisted by Rod Gooding. From the 3-3 tie, everything went downhill.

Flyers managed to accumulate 35 minutes in penalties after this point, in fact the 33 minutes came in the final 11:34 minutes. Georgetown took advantage and netted two power play goals.

Brian Gordon and Rod Gooding were handed game misconducts for not returning to their bench during an altercation, and three Gemini were also thrown out.

Gemini scored three goals in the four minute span, which included two power play goals and that put Flyers on ice as far as beating Georgetown twice.

Home loss

The home opener on Friday appeared to be Flyers' game all through the opening period. They led 4-1 when the siren blew.

Whatever happened in the dressing room after the opening period must have been disastrous because Flyers came out, played for half the second period, then fell apart. It was as if Brampton passed the adrenalin along their bench when they potted six goals in less than eight minutes while Flyers chased Brampton Chevys around the ice in disorganized fashion.

Flyers' positional play no longer existed and they simply picked every weak spot goalie Dan Murray had in the second period.

The onslaught continued into the third as Brampton lit the goal light five times, three on power plays, to Milton's single.

The scoring in the first period started with Paul McCann from Rod Gooding. Brampton's Paul Cook replied about a half minute later from Don Wright. Not to be outdone in the quick goal department, Flyer Ellison scored from Paul Martin and Gordon, 13 seconds after the Brampton goal. Brian Gordon scored his first of two from Ellison on a power play and Flyers' second power play goal was tallied by Dave Turner from Griffiths and Todd Sheppard. Flyers appeared sharp and hungry for the win.

In the second period Flyers continued to flex their scoring power and scored the 5-1 lead marker as Gordon potted his second of the evening with Ellison and Gasper Paul assisting.

With 8:48 on the clock, 12:12 into the period, Brampton started things off. Captain

Randy Hunt scored from Rob Campbell and Neil Jamieson, at 10:34 Don Wright scored from Paul Cook and John Van Bilsen. Flyers still led 5-3 until 5:42 when Cook scored the second of his hat trick from Van Bilsen.

The first of five power play goals for Brampton tied the score at 5-5 with 3:02 remaining in the middle frame. Rob Campbell tallying his first of two, unassisted.

Ten seconds later Brampton had the lead as Wright scored from a Tim Peters pass at 2:52. Before the time on the clock had expired Chevys' Jim Roberts scored from Van Bilsen on a power play to give Brampton a 7-5 lead after two periods of hockey.

The third period was not as bad, as Flyers fought hard to hang on—but to no avail. Only 3:46 into the final period and Brampton hit for another power play goal as Van Bilsen scored after assisting on three others. Peters and Wright assisted. Mike Brics bulged the Flyers' twine

behind Ian Roberts who started the third period in net, replacing Murray.

Flyer Paul McCann let loose for his second of the evening with Dave Turner getting the assist to conclude the Flyers' efforts in the Brampton end of the ice.

With the score at 9-6 and 3:13 remaining, Flyers would have to score a goal a minute to salvage a tie. Impossible?

Brampton Chevys were not finished scoring their pot of gold yet and settled for three markers to put the game out of reach. At 2:39 Cook completed his hat trick assisted by Dave Lowcock. With 1:27 remaining Campbell scored his second, again unassisted and also on a power play. To add insult to injury, Tim Peters scored with 37 seconds left from Dan McDonald.

Brampton only outshot Flyers 41-36.

**BURLINGTON**  
Flyers travelled to Burlington Saturday evening to be handed a 9-5 loss after

holding a slim 5-4 lead going into the final period. Flyers had a tough week by this time and coach Gerry Inglis had previously complained about the lack of ice time for his team. The way in which Flyers lost their games is evident, in that they fell in the third periods or in the final stages, this indicates they lack conditioning, as well as considering their four games in five days.

As in the other contests Flyers held command in the early going, and even came on strong in the second period to tie the game and take the lead. Burlington netted five goals in the third, two on power plays.

Flyer Pierre Pilote was hit with an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty in the third period, and grabbed an automatic two minute minor with his game misconduct as an added bonus.

Cougar Steve Billingham scored the opening goal of the game unassisted and while

Flyers were on a power play. John Hutchinson scored their second from Kent Wagner to take a 2-0 lead. Flyers' first period marker came at 12:47 of the period as Rick Jacklin teamed up with Mike Murray who assisted.

Cougars jumped ahead 3-1 as Jeff Lyons tallied, 1:54 into the play. Rod Gooding bulged Cougars' twine at 5:14, keeping Flyers in the running. Cougars again took a two goal lead at 13:01, Billingham netting his second of the hat trick from Lyons.

Flyers answered 24 seconds later with Gooding's second

goal assisted by Jacklin. At 15:12 Milton tied the game 4-4 with sharpshooter Brian Gordon dumping the disc past Cougar netminder Todd Pearson. Flyer Dave Turner nabbed a shorthanded effort with Gordon assisting at 16:53 to give Milton the goahead goal. Gooding was named as the third star in the game

with his two goal performance for Milton.

The third period was all Burlington as Mike Halstead opened things up with the tying goal at 2:35 on a power play. Rob Rose nabbed his first of two that period at 3:08 and at 5:34 Cougars had gone two goals up on Flyers as Billingham completed his

hat trick, assisted by Mike Carr.

Carr and Rose were to add another goal each before the end of the game to meet the final tally of 9-5 for the Cougars over Flyers.

**AFTERNOTES:** Flyers will travel to Acton Friday, host Dixie here Sunday evening and travel to Streetsville Tuesday evening.



EX-GEORGETOWN GEMINI Paul Martin hustles in for a rebound on Brampton netminder Martindale during Friday's home game here.

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## CTC midgets lose to Streetsville

Milton's Canadian Tire Major Midgets were felled 6-3 by Streetsville and Don McLaughlin marked most of the damages against Milton by scoring a first period hat trick.

Gerry Mazzarato put Milton up in lights with their first goal with eight seconds remaining in the opening period. Both teams netted single goals in the mid-frame

as Mark Mullally scored for Streetsville and Duane Stark from Warren Selch and Scott Eves for locals.

Rick Saran tallied one in the third period to put Milton in reach of the tie with the score standing at 4-3. Ian Wanless and Mazzarato assisted on the play which saw Saran blast a shot from the blue line past Streetsville goalie Leslie Williams.

A string of penalties late in the third period wrote the execution warrant for the Canadian Tire crew as Streetsville scored twice to pull out of reach. Duane Stark led the major midgets with tireless skating and second efforts.

On Nov. 1 the major midgets skimmed a win from Dundas, 4-3 in Dundas. Ian Wanless potted a pair of goals

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