

Fifth Wheel bant over Ancaster

The Wheelers came up with their best all round game on Sunday as they dropped Ancaster Royales 6-1. Forechecking was the key to victory as there was a Wheeler on top of the play almost every time a Royale player touched the puck.

Mark Bradley emerged as the scoring leader of the day as the lanky winger scored three times, the last one coming with only 23 seconds left in the game and much to his surprise, into the empty net.

Chris Caputo fired a pair of markers while Eddie Gaeton added the initial goal of the game. Brian Anderchek had a trio of assists. Stan Fay helped out twice while single assists were earned by Barry Riebot, Glenn Brown, Joe O'Grady and Jeff Graham.

WEST FLAMBOROUGH
In We t Flamborough last Tuesday night the Wheelers skated to an easy 5-1 victory as the Sabres were once again just not strong enough to stop the Wheelers.

Glenn Brown put the Wheelers on the scoreboard four minutes into the opening stanza as he accepted a Chris Caputo pass. Less than a minute later, Eddie Gaeton's fine solo effort resulted in the second Wheeler counter.

Brian Anderchek blasted a long drive in before the period had ended to put the locals ahead 3-0. Harley Wilson teamed up with Dave Stevenson to ruin the shutout bid by Steve Marshall with 3:06 left in the second period. Two minutes later, Eddie Gaeton added his second goal of the game on a setup from Barry Riebot.

Chris Adamson closed out the scoring with the only goal of the third period as he deposited an offering from Bob Heipel.

Wheelers are idle now until Saturday evening when they play a return visit to Ancaster, then return home on Sunday to play West Flamborough.

Wheelers are slowly moulding together as a very fine unit as they are sticking better now to team play and as demonstrated on Sunday, playing three solid periods of hockey instead of coasting for part of the contest.

Wheelers play each club in their division once more apiece before Christmas, with the biggest one coming a week before when the opposition will be Georgetown.



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Bantams win over Streetsville

Milton's Grant Haulage minor bantams were skating well and turned in an excellent skating performance as they blanked Streetsville 2-0 Sunday at Milton Memorial Arena.

Coach Rick O'Donnell expressed pleasure with his team's performance, even without four regulars. He had special praise for stand-in defenceman David Eves.

Milton goalie Derek Neelands recorded his third shutout and robbed Streetsville shooters on many occasions and even was called on to make spectacular stops on his own doorstep.

The entire Milton team was checking well and beating Streetsville to the puck. Milton controlled the majority of the play and pressed the visitors in their own end for long periods.

Defencemen Scott Barnes and Randy Perusello engaged in tenacious checking and on one occasion Perusello made three quick turns to fend off a Streetsville forechecker.

Neelands was handed a penalty late in the game after he bopped a Streetsville player who was in his crease.

Milton's first goal came from Dean Swance who picked up the puck behind the Streetsville net and banked one off the Streetsville goalkeeper. Rob Champoux and Tom Houston earned assists.

Milton's second goal came late in the middle frame when Scott Barnes, on a pass from Champoux, unleashed a blistering drive from the point which the Streetsville goalie left sitting on the goal line for an eager Tom Houston to drive home.

With 1:23 remaining in the final period Dean Swance missed on a good scoring opportunity which saw him break up to the Streetsville net, but was stopped.

A two goal performance by Doug Riding earned a 3-3 draw for the Grant Haulage Bants in Oakville last Wednesday.

Oakville had established themselves as strong favorites to beat the Milton squad by outshooting and outscoring them through the first two periods. At the beginning of the third period it was 2-0 for Oakville.

Riding scored his first

midway through the final period, after beating his way around the Oakville defense. Swance picked up an assist. With two minutes left in the game Milton was on even terms with Oakville after Barton Rowe connected on an unassisted effort which brought the crowd to its feet.

Oakville came right back to regain the lead with 90 seconds left on the clock. Thirty seconds later Rowe won a faceoff in the Oakville zone and pulled the puck back to Riding who released a wrist shot from the point which found its way into the net for the 3-3 tie.

Duff Quarries midgets lose

Dufferin Quarries minor midgets dropped two games this week, falling to Oakville 6-3 and in OMHA playdowns, Duffs fell in Streetsville 5-2.

Monday night in Streetsville the midgets lost an important OMHA playdown standings game in Streetsville which dictates if Milton is to meet Streetsville in OMHA playdowns Streetsville will acquire the home ice advantage.

The Milton crew again did not play what had become their style of hard, fast aggressive hockey.

The locals were never ahead in this game, falling behind 1-0 at the end of the first period and 3-1 at the end of the second.

The penalties taken by Milton again proved costly as Streetsville scored three times while Milton was short handed. After the game the "Hot Stove" consensus was that the midgets allowed Streetsville to free-wheel too much in the Milton end and did not capitalize on their own chances. Dave Flemington and Ivo Zulian scored a goal each for Milton.

On Wednesday Duffs made their first trek to Oakville where they were handed their first league loss of the season.

Milton opened the scoring in the first period on a goal by Pat Roberts and held this lead into the second.

The Oakville crew than tallied three successive markers on a flat Milton

group. The locals closed the gap at 1:53 of the middle period when Roberts scored his second.

Oakville regained their two goal lead early in the third stanza and it wasn't until the 4:50 mark that Milton's Doug Brophy scored to narrow the gap to one goal.

denied the win as they fired two goals within the final three minutes to win 6-3.

Oakville was not to be Team officials said Duffs apparently were not up for the game and were continually beaten to the puck by Oakville in both ends of the rink

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