

Milton wins

Tridents' over-anxiousness turns into goals

Paced by Lorne Lesuk's four goals, Milton Tridents defeated Ayr Rockets 8-6 after a last minute effort.

Down 6-5 with approximately a minute and a half left in the Intermediate 'B' game Wednesday evening, Tridents' Lesuk, with the tying goal—his fourth of the night; Dave Norton, with the winning goal; and Jim Cole, with the insurance goal, put the game away for Milton. Cole and Norton scored with less than a minute remaining in the game.

Tridents played about 20 minutes of solid, fundamental hockey to win the game and put themselves into a tie for third place with Plattsville. A loss would have put them back into sixth place. Dunnville, Plattsville, Ayr, Milton and Six Nations are currently in a tight race in the standings with four points separating second place from sixth place.

Dan Legere opened the scoring for Ayr at the six minute mark but Lesuk and Chuck Williams replied shortly afterwards for Milton. Ayr's Tom Taylor and Gary

And they almost did. However, Cole steadied himself in the nets after Tridents' reserve netminder Dave Ballard took over for a short stint in the opening period.

During the second period he stopped five Ayr forwards from scoring at point blank range.

Inconsistency by the referee in calling highsticking and slashing calls made the game somewhat chippy. Both Ayr coach Don Schaefer and Milton coach Carl Hymers expressed the opinion that things might have got out of hand, had the game continued for another five to 10 minutes.

Milton took eight minor penalties while Ayr took 13 minors, mostly highsticking and roughing.

Tridents' Bob Robson and Ayr's Jim Class traded goals during the second period.

"Our guys were over-anxious and too puck aggressive," Trident coach Hymers said. "We got a little bit shaky out there as a result and weren't playing our positions."

Milton steadied down in the latter stages of the third period, thanks to three goals by Lesuk, and Norton and Cole's markers, to score the victory. Rockets' Brown completed his hat-trick in the third period for Ayr, by scoring two goals.

"It was a very satisfying comeback," Hymers said. "Throughout this season there hasn't been a game we

haven't been in—with the exception of the 11-1 Dunnville game. If the team sticks to the game plan and plays as a unit we can be in every game and win this division."

Hymers said his club has been existing on one practice per week and he said there would be an improvement once the new arena was ready.

"Two practices a week will be a big advantage," Hymers admitted. "We're two-thirds through the schedule and we've got to come up with strong, positional play and good puck control to win the remaining games. The extra ice time will benefit the team."

Hymers said his roster has been filled for all the Trident games this year and he couldn't fault the club's present place in the standings on player attendance at the games.

"Brad Evans and Barry Elliott have retired from the club," Hymers pointed out. "But we've picked up Greg Chuchmach, Chuchmach and Don and Doug Hearn are on Christmas vacation right now but they will be back this week. Jim Robertson will be out for three more weeks with his shoulder injury and Mitch Lajeunesse is just about ready to return now—so injuries aren't a problem really."

"Sticking to the game plan and conditioning will deter-

mine where we end up this year," Hymers said. "But, the victory against Ayr was a nice way to start into the New Year."

Play-offs for Milton begin

in the second week of February, provided they can remain among the top six teams in the eight team North division of the Intermediate 'B' loop.

TEAM	GP	W	L	Pt
Paris	17	14	3	28
Dunnville	17	12	5	24
Plattsville	16	10	6	20
Milton	17	9	8	18
Ayr	15	9	6	18
Six Nations	17	8	9	16



THE HARD WAY to ski. The skis should be on the ground, however, Charles McCreadie would try just about anything on his skis. Actually he was performing hot dog antics and decided to throw in a somersault or three. (Champion photo by Peter McCusker)

Legionaire Atoms take tourney consolation win

Milton Major Atom Legionnaires participated in the Woodstock Branch 55 Legion Tournament during two days last week and brought the consolation championship back to Milton.

The luck of the draw had the Legionnaires play against the home town club and lost 5-4. Milton led at the end of the first period on goals by Terry Boudreau and Tim Pollen, assisted by Glen Houston and Boudreau.

Trevor Riebot was assisted by Marshall Cram and scored Milton's only second period goal while holding Woodstock off the scoreboard.

Woodstock came back in the third period and completely hypnotized the Legionnaires. They netted five goals in less than eight minutes and Milton managed only one goal during this period.

Milton's second game was Wednesday morning against London minors and, probably in restitution for their Tuesday defeat, they soundly thumped their opposition 10-1.

Jon Griffiths lead the Milton scoring with a hat trick. Pollen assisted on all three goals while Boudreau and Paul Wilson shared assists on others. Perri Hood, Pollen and Paul Rowan each netted a pair with three assists credited to Cram and one each to Houston, Tracy Harding, Boudreau, Riebot and Hood.

The final game was a tight game with Leamington. Good checking and superb goaltending kept Milton in the game in the first two periods as each team tried to find the mark.

At the 3:45 mark of the third period Chris Austin and Gary Bissonnette teamed up to feed the puck to Paul Rowan who slammed the puck past the Leamington goaltender to break the deadlock.

Two minutes later Houston added the insurance goal on a pass from Bissonnette. The consolation championship belonged to our Legionnaires 2-0.

On Monday the Legionnaires played an exhibition game against Burlington and Milton fans were treated to a fast, tight, well contested match.

Burlington opened the scoring in the second period but Milton bounced right back into the lead with two quick goals by Hood and Griffiths with assists by Harding and Pollen.

Burlington scored again late in the third, but Hood and Cram put the puck over to Houston who put Milton back in front. Burlington pulled their goaltender and succeeded in scoring the tying goal with only 46 seconds left to play.

Milton followed the Burlington lead and pulled their goaltender. With 10 seconds left to play Milton moved the puck out of their own end and Cram netted the goal just as the ending buzzer sounded. The referee ruled no goal.

Milton Legionnaires are busy rescheduling their

league games so that they may participate in more tournaments. Their next home game will be Thursday Jan. 5 at 6 p.m. against Georgetown at Thompson Road arena.

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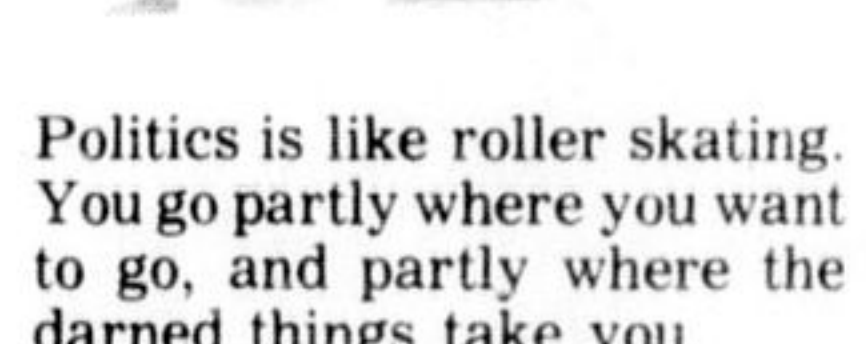
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O.H.A. INTERMEDIATE B INDIVIDUAL SCORING STATS NORTH DIVISION

Player/Team	GP	G	A	Pt	MIP
Graham, Platts	15	18	24	42	19
Robertson, Dunn	13	18	21	39	23
Siddal, Dunn	15	17	22	39	40
Henhawe, Six Nat	15	18	20	38	58
Bailas, Paris	17	18	20	38	26
Moran, Paris	17	23	13	36	10
Kosendal, Platts	15	15	21	36	20
Makay, Dunn	14	14	22	36	27
Hofstetter, Platts	15	14	19	33	8
Hill, Paris	15	19	11	30	10
Taylor, Ayr	15	10	20	30	2
Bobb, Paris	16	9	21	30	10
Murphy, Dunn	16	14	14	28	19
Teal, Dunn	16	13	15	28	12
Brown, Ayr	13	17	8	25	13
Giesel, Ayr	14	12	12	24	25
Kryzanowski, Smith	12	10	14	24	6
Lesuk, Milton	14	15	8	23	28

MILTON TRIDENTS INDIVIDUAL SCORING

PLAYER	GP	G	A	Pt	MIP
Lorne Lesuk	14	15	8	23	28
Chuck Williams	14	6	16	22	4
Jim Cole	14	7	14	21	27
Dave Norton	15	8	12	20	6
Jim Robertson	16	5	14	19	12
Don Hearn	9	11	5	16	19
Rick McTrash	15	8	16	16	51
Keith McKinnon	13	7	7	14	19
Marty Seeds	13	1	12	13	20
Ken Fay	6	3	8	11	8
Dave Heipel	13	2	6	8	0
Doug Hearn	7	6	3	9	15
Gary Hudson	7	1	4	5	22
Hugh Williams	11	1	3	4	22
Barry Elliott	8	2	1	3	4
John Arnold	12	0	3	28	Bob
Robson	11	0	3	3	8
Greg Chuchmach	1	0	1	0	0
Dave Robertson	1	0	2	0	0
Dennis Alderman	7	0	1	1	4
Joe Perri	9	0	0	0	4
Mitch Lajeunesse	5	0	0	0	41

GOALIES

PLAYER	GP	GA	Ave	MIP
Terry Cole	91/6	44	4.80	4
Dave Ballard	4	22	5.50	2
Brad Evans	3	20	6.66	0

Total goals scored 84
Total goals against 86
Total minutes in penalties 348