

Trafalgar peewees champs clean up at Delhi tournament

Over the weekend, Milton Trafalgar Ford T-Birds skated away with the "A" Championship in the 12th annual Delhi PeeWee Hockey Tournament. They put together pressured packed wins over Newmarket, Aurora and Simcoe to emerge tired but happy winners.

Friday evening to be tucked into bed by the kind and friendly people of Delhi who billeted the boys both Friday and Saturday night. Many T-Bird parents were in attendance at the games as they stayed over in nearby Simcoe.

In the first game Saturday morning, the T-Birds edged Newmarket 1-0 on a goal by Bob Landry at the 5.40 mark

of the first period. Landry's goal was assisted by Steve Mead and Dave Willats.

Stingy goaltending by Jeff Hogg late in the third period kept the Newmarket shooters off the scoresheet. The Newmarket team applied fierce pressure near the end of the game but could not beat the determined netminder.

The second game against

Aurora Saturday evening ended in a scoreless draw and left everyone's stomachs churning. The tournament rule was games ending in a tie were to be decided by shots on goal in the game.

The shots on goal were also tied with each team credited with 10 apiece. Tournament officials decided to have a five minute overtime period to break the deadlock.

At 1:58 of the overtime, Steve Mead blasted home a T-Bird score with the help of Landry and Willats. The Milton bench jumped over the boards, mobbing and congratulating themselves and goalie Paolo Zulian.

Tournament officials cleared the ice, ruling that the remaining 3:02 was still to be played. The T-Birds who were fired up checked the Aurora team to a standstill and when the game was finally over did a replay on the mob scene. Before this game most of the players refused to bring their overnight belongings from their billets as they seemed most determined that they would be staying over again for the championship game on Sunday.

In the championship game, Milton met Simcoe in another exciting to-the-end finish. When it was all over the T-Birds had come back from a 2-1 deficit to collect the champ trophy with a 3-2 win.

Landry opened the scoring with 3:39 left in the first frame with an unassisted goal for a 1-0 Milton lead.

Simcoe came back in the second when the T-Birds were caught up ice allowing a 3-on-1 break and snapped home a goal by Chris Peters to tie the score. Jeff Martin made it 2-1 for Simcoe with less than a minute remaining in the second when he deflected a shot from the point past T-Bird goalie Jeff Hogg.

The period ended and the T-Birds went to the dressing room down 2-1 in goals and 13-7 in shots on net.

Coach Dawson Ellison in an attempt to shake up the team, replaced Jeff Hogg in net with Paolo Zulian. Simcoe's two goals were certainly not the fault of Hogg. Several saves he had made were super to keep the T-Birds in the game, but his mates were not giving him much help. The point was well taken and the T-Birds responded.

With 9:46 left in the game Landry tied the score with

another unassisted goal. Steve Mead scooped home the winner with 3:38 left in the game. Landry found Mead alone in front of the net and fed him a pass from the side. In the remaining time left to play, the T-Birds kept up their checking. Paolo Zulian made an unbelievable save which was earmarked for the upper right hand corner of the T-Bird net.

The last minute of the game, Simcoe pulled their goalie for an extra attacker. The people in the stands screamed with excitement, and the players' nerves were on edge. Face-off, penalties to each team for slashing, icing, face-off after face-off.

The last minute seemed like an eternity.

The buzzer sounded and the arena erupted into cheers and screams. The T-Birds vaulted over the boards and littered the ice with gloves and sticks and fell into a lump. They received their awards at centre ice and skated around the ice, holding their prize high sporting grins from ear to ear.

The team played as a team and deserved to win. Forwards skated, forechecked and backchecked. Defensesmen worked hard and took out the man. Goalies made exceptional saves. Jeff Hogg and Paolo Zulian were runners up to Brantford for the Best Goalie Award. The Brantford goalies were tied with Milton in goals allowed, but were awarded the trophy as they stopped more shots in the games they played.

The T-Birds now travel to Flamboro on Tuesday night and host Ancaster on Sunday in Tri-county play.

Wheelers roll wins dump Georgetown 7-3

The Wheelers continue their winning ways in league play as they have not lost a league encounter since Nov. 13. They have just finished topping Dundas 3-2 while last weekend they downed Georgetown 7-3 and drew with the league leaders 1-1. They also hit Ancaster 3-1.

The Dundas game was typical as the Wheelers carried the play, the Blues carried the high sticks and the Fifth Wheel Bantams won the contest. Stan Fay diverted a Brian Andercheck pass to put the locals on the board late in the opening period. Two minutes into the second frame, Dundas evened the count at 1-1 as Dave Gillis replied. Joe O'Grady put the Wheelers ahead again with only a minute left in the middle period when he was the triggerman on a play coming from Bob Heipel and started by Barry Riebot.

Early in the final frame, Stan Fay sent Mark Bradley in for the winning goal. Chris Holmes drew the visitors within one as he scored for Dundas with five minutes remaining.

GEORGETOWN
The Wheelers' road trip to Georgetown was successful as they completely dominated the game, blasting their hosts 7-3. Glenn Brown led the way with a pair of goals and an assist. Other Wheeler markers came from Joe O'Grady, Barry Riebot, Chris Adamson, Stan Fay and Grant Eves. Riebot and Chris Caputo each assisted on two occasions while single helpers were earned by Bob Heipel, Fay, Doug McCann and Jeff Graham.

At home the previous Sunday the same two clubs

fought to a 1-1 draw. Georgetown struck with their goal midway in the opening frame as Brian Ward put the visitors on the scoreboard.

Milton and Georgetown each had several good scoring opportunities through the second period but neither club could score until six minutes into the final period. Grant Eves bulged the twine when he finished off a neat three way passing effort with Barry Riebot and started by Barry Riebot.

ANCASTER
After a scoreless first period, the Wheelers fired twice in the second and added a single marker in the third period to top Ancaster 3-1.

Andercheck scored first when he blasted a Fay rebound a minute into the second period. Four minutes later, Chris Caputo knocked in a Joe O'Grady rebound for the eventual winning goal.

Jeff Graham fired the third Milton goal when he retrieved a Brian Andercheck blast. Phil Ross ruined Steve Marshall's shutout bid just over a minute into the final frame.

TOURNAMENTS
Following the same pattern as in the recent Silver Stick Tournament, the Wheelers came up with a lacklustre effort in their opening contest against Port Colborne in the Dunnville Tournament on Jan. 14.

The Wheelers were just not up for the opening game as Pt. Colborne dropped the locals 5-1 after the first period had ended 1-1. Mark Bradley teamed up with Barry Riebot for the lone tally.

Entering the consolation round, the Wheelers drew Flamboro and disposed of them quite easily 7-1. Chris

Caputo fired a pair of goals while single markers came from the sticks of Chris Adamson, Barry Riebot, Bob Heipel, Eddie Gaeton and Glenn Brown.

Stoney Creek was the opposition for the consolation championship and the game proved frustrating on the losing side.

McCann scored from Barry Riebot after only a minute and a half had been played in the opening stanza. A see-saw battle then continued as the Wheelers were thwarted time

after time by the Stoney Creek netminders. Milton carried the play for the majority of the game but could not put the puck in the net.

Finally with a minute and 52 seconds remaining in the game, Les Bardossy netted the tying goal for Stoney Creek.

The game finished tied so penalty shots were taken to decide the winner. Bardossy emerged as the hero of the night as he scored on his attempt.

Stark and midgets beat Dundas Blues

Duane Stark scored four goals and assisted on two others to lead the Canadian Tire major midgets to a 7-4 win over the Dundas Blues Monday evening at Milton Memorial Arena.

Warren Selch netted two and Ian Wanless one to complete the Milton scoring.

It was a 1-1 hockey game after the first period as Dundas had potted the initial tally at 9:35, only 25 seconds into the play. Stark's first goal tied the game at the midway point from Wanless.

Stark continued to be strong and fired three consecutive markers to mark the mid-frame. At 9:02 John Leoprich and Selch assisted. At 8:16 Doug Dorsey and Wanless assisted, and at 6:27 Scott Prior assisted.

Milton's Selch scored at 4:23 from Brad Nadalin and Gerry Mazarato, giving Milton a 5-1 lead after two periods. Selch and Wanless scored at 4:50 and 21 seconds for Milton.

Hilson leads sockets in Hespeler victory

The Milton novice P.L. Robertson sockets split a pair of games over the weekend, defeating Hespeler 5-2 on Saturday and dropping a heartbreaking loss Sunday to Chinguacousy.

Unfortunately for the Milton club the victory was only an exhibition game and did not count in regular season standings.

The highlight of the contest was the sparkling play of left winger Scott Hilson, who fired a hat trick with linemates David Dillon and Scott Ellwood each picking up two assists.

Also scoring for Milton were hardworking centreman Geoff Pollen and converted goaltender Robbie Wilson. Travis Cole and Brett Gervais also picked up assists.

Sunday at the Thompson Rd. Arena the Sockets had their hands full with the league leading Chinguacousy squad which had buried Milton 9-1 in an earlier game, at Bramalea.

True to form the novice Sockets squad came up with a solid effort and may have surprised the visitors with a few breaks. The two clubs battled through two scoreless periods with goaltender Jimmy Murray of Milton shining in the nets.

It was obvious that one big break would determine the outcome of the game and Chinguacousy got that break. When a Milton defenceman smothered the puck in his goal crease the Chinguacousy team was awarded a penalty shot. Ching defenceman Jim Bishop was selected by the Ching coaching staff and Bishop made no mistake by deking Murray and sliding the puck into the net with just over a minute left to play.

Milton's strategy of pulling the goaltender backfired and resulted in a goal for Chinguacousy which salted away the 2-0 victory for the visitors.

The Sockets played well despite the loss and according to

the coach, gave it a big effort with goaltender Murray, defenceman Andrew Wilson who rushed the puck well, Pat Butler and Gervais who gave 100 per cent. Forwards Dillon, Pollen, Hilson, Rivers and Stuart Thorn all played well.

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