

Duffs defeat Guelph waltz in 13-0 tally

It was really no contest. There shouldn't have been any great thrill for Milton Dufferin Quarries minor midgets as they bombed a short-handed Guelph squad 13-0. Guelph arrived with seven players including a goaltender to try and compete with a full squad of Milton midgets.

The Royal City minor midgets have played with a short rostered team all season, but there was no challenge Saturday afternoon at Milton Memorial Arena.

The Duffs had an easy time with Guelph and controlled the game, allowing only a half dozen shots on Aseton through three periods. It appeared Duffs took pity on the tired Guelph crews.

Ivo Zulian and Joe Gaeton both recorded hat tricks in assisting Aseton to his shut-out. Doug Brophy, Pat Roberts and Rich Shannon each netted a pair and the

one single was scored by Jeff Heggie.

Milton led 4-0 at the end of the first period on two unassisted goals by Zulian and Brophy. Zulian then potted his second from Rich Shannon and Brian Dean.

Shannon rounded out the first period scoring from Heggie and Zulian. Joe Gaeton tallied the only

goal of the middle frame, unassisted.

Goaltender Aseton stopped a penalty shot awarded to Guelph as Rich Shannon was called for falling on the puck in the crease.

Milton came out flying for the third period and appeared to have taken the advice of their coaches, as they scored eight goals in the final stanza.

The first was by Zulian from Shannon and Dean, then Gaeton from Roberts and Dean. Gaeton notched the hat trick from linemates Brophy and Roberts. Brophy then bulged the twine from Gaeton and Roberts.

Pat Roberts fired two in succession, the first assisted by Brophy and the second from Mark Reynolds. Rick Shannon added his second of

the game from Zulian.

Team captain Jeff Heggie rounded out the scoring with 11 seconds remaining to mark his finest effort of the game from Blair Phillips.

The Duffs now have their work cut out for them as they meet Streetsville in the OMHA qualifying round. Milton has not been able to beat Streetsville this season, but the feeling of the players is that "their time has come."

The first game of the series starts in Streetsville on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 7.30 p.m. and the second in Milton Jan. 30, at 7 p.m.

—This is National Education Week on Smoking and a clinic for those wanting to quit the habit is being held in Burlington.

—An advertiser got 25 calls on a snowmobile for sale classified in The Champion. You can get good results, too, try one and see.

Juveniles lose spark charge for playoffs

Milton Wilson Industrial Auctioneer juveniles are getting soft.

According to coach Gary Hudson, the Auctioneers have lost the spark that carried them earlier in the year.

"Auctioneer passes are soft and usually too late, coming after the open man is covered," he said.

In general, Hudson said he feels the juveniles are not shooting enough, but are trying to work the puck too close to the opposition's net.

The excellent team play has deserted the group and instead, all are playing as individuals. Hudson said he feels fortunate the OMHA playoffs against Streetsville do not start until Monday Jan. 30 at the arena. Hudson plans heavy practices this week to work out the problems.

In Tri-County play, the local juveniles defeated Dundas Blues 1-0 Monday at Milton Memorial while on Sunday they were pestered by Oakville's AAA squad 5-1.

Monday's game was a fast, hard hitting affair with excellent goaltending by both teams. Milton's Tim Webster posted the shutout.

Milton played a hard-hitting game and controlled the play, but lack of finish at the goal mouth made the game close. Don Habkirk scored the winner with 5.16 left in the second period from Eric Ellison and Jay Norland.

On Sunday, Oakville proved too much for the home squad as they racked up a 5-1 win. Eric Ellison from Wayne Chalmers was the only Auctioneer goal scorer.

Sockets drop pair Sunday contests

Sunday was a busy day for Milton P. L. Robertson novice sockets as they travelled to Meadowvale for an exhibition game against Dixie of the Mississauga Hockey League and returned home in the afternoon to host Guelph.

In Meadowvale, the Sockets dropped a close encounter 2-1 but played well throughout, according to team officials. Forward Adam Mead, who has missed the two previous games came out flying for this one and set up Robbie Wilson for Milton's only goal.

Justin Fraser sparkled on defence with some solid blue-line bodychecks and good passing to the forwards. Brett Gervais also turned in a top performance despite his skating being impaired by a borrowed pair of hockey pants which were three sizes too large.

When the Milton club returned home for their second game of the day, they ran into aggressive solid hockey from Guelph and were dropped 5-2.

The visitors jumped into a 2-0 lead before Travis Cole slammed home a rebound from a shot by Scott Hilson to cut the deficit to one goal.

Guelph tallied in the second period to make the tally 3-1 before Hilson fired home a high wrist shot to close the gap again.

Eventually, having played two games this day took its

toll on the Milton players, as Guelph ran away with two unanswered goals to clinch the victory.

Goaltender Jimmy Murray made three outstanding saves on breakaways and Andrew Wilson, Geoff Pollen and Travis Cole all played well for Milton.

The club takes on the house league "selects" in their next game Saturday at Milton Memorial Arena.

—There were crowds of skiers at Kelso on the weekend.

Charles beats Grues in White Oak

The Charles Hotel picked on the big boys of the White Oaks Hockey League to snap out of a prolonged losing streak.

Grue Shell, the front runners since the start of the season, were their victims.

Grues went into an early lead on an unassisted goal by John Jensen, only to have Al Fritley tie the game for Charles shortly after with Rick O'Donnell assisting. Lou Girard put Grue back into the lead with assists from his brother Jim and Keith Michie.

The local Hoteliers then took over with Dave DelPapa scoring a breakaway goal

assisted by Terry Thompson and Bob "Pie" Lee.

Gerry Brouwer got the winner for the Charles on a blast from a point that was set up by Mo Miljour. The third period was scoreless.

In the second game action, Russell's Towing defeated Schroeder Construction 8-5. Russell's led right from the opening whistle and Schroeders could only get within one goal of Russell's.

Leading the way for the winners were Ray Chisholm with one goal and four assists, Brian Bennett two goals and two assists, Glen Austin one goal and two assists, Reid

Nielson and Steve McNally with a goal and an assist and Larry Suter an assist.

Gary Richardson, Larry Dean and Rich Court had a goal and assist apiece to lead the way for Schroeders. Kevin O'Neill and Jim Court shot singles and Bud McKay, Keith Doyle and Rusty Chapman all had two assists. Action resumes next Sunday.

Suspensions hurt major midgets

Milton CTC major midgets opened play in the annual Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group midget hockey tournament by downing Whitby 6-2, last Tuesday night, but lost 6-2 to Kitchener's Central League "AAA" team in the second round.

Duane Stark and Doug Dorsey each scored twice for Milton in the win over Whitby. The game, refereed by Bryan Lewis of the NHL, ended in a brawl and players from both teams received suspensions.

As a result, Milton had only 12 skaters and a goalie avail-

able for the game against Kitchener. Scott Prior and Norm Flemington were the Milton marksmen in that game.

Kitchener lost 10-6 to the eventual champion Peterboro Petes in the semi-finals. The Petes beat Hamilton Huskies 5-2 in the championship game of the 16 team tournament.

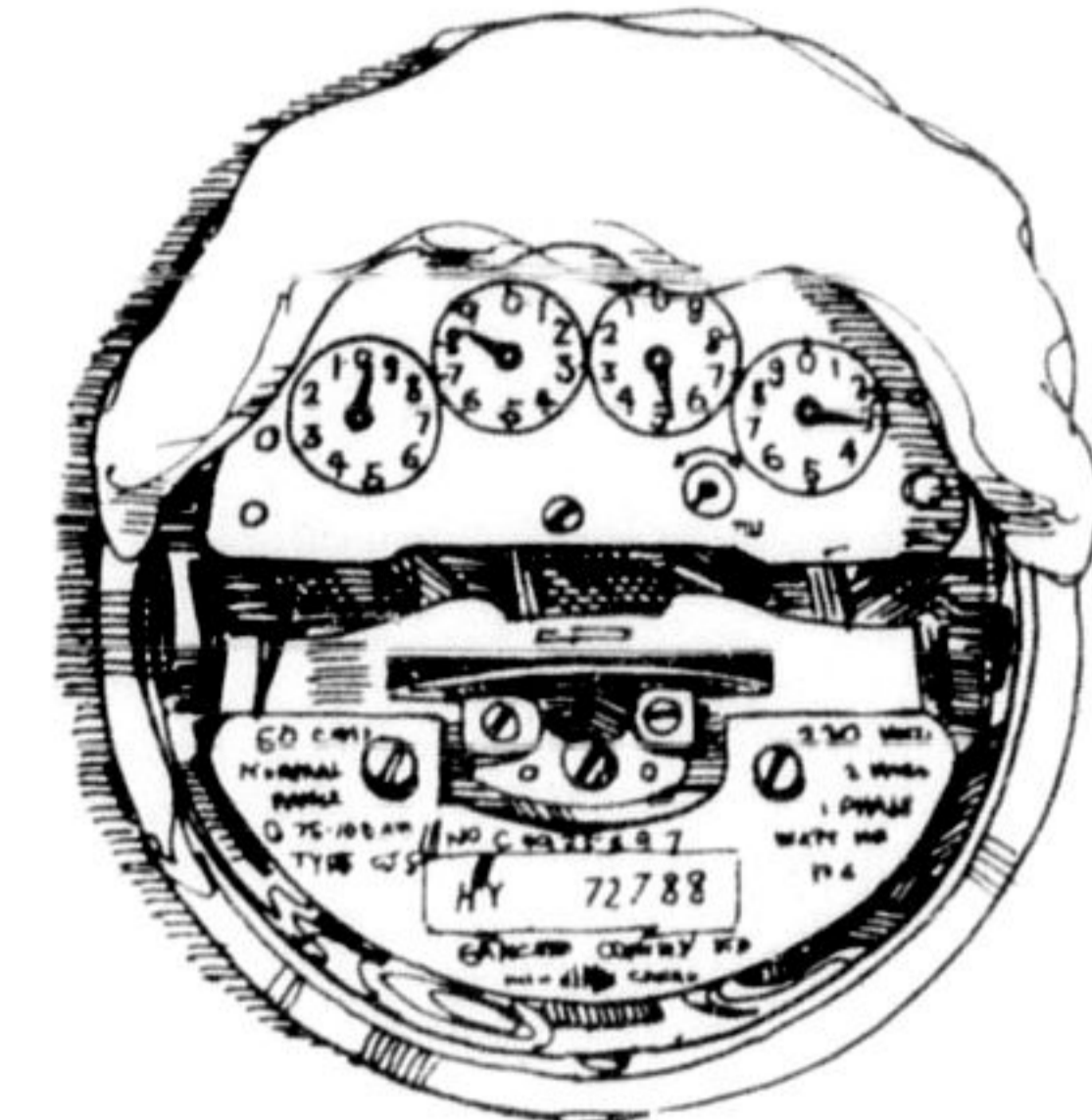
Port Colborne Lions won the consolation crown 7-3 over Ancaster Royals of the Tri-county League. Ancaster lost 6-3 to Kitchener in the first round, but qualified for the consolation final by edging Whitby 3-2 and topping Markham 5-2.

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Letter

Unjust criticism of Joseph McCann

Editor, Canadian Champion:

I would like to reply to Mr. and Mrs. Bourbonnais and the 12 other couples who wrote to The Champion on Jan. 18 calling Joe McCann ignorant, irresponsible, childish and insulting to the integrity of Jim McLean, the manager of Milton Trafalgar Ford Hockey team.

The above families object to the fact that this man had been suspended after he "foolishly put in another kid's name" and admitted to having the boy sign. To me the whole idea of sports is fair play, to build sportmanship and truth in all forms of "Playing the game." Some of the names of the people who signed the letter of last week are familiar as having been residents of Milton for quite some time and know very well of the time and effort Joe McCann has put into sports as player, coach and now president of M.M.H.A.

Not only has he been involved in hockey but was also very active in baseball — all this without pay and most of the time very little thanks.

May I say something about the incident in question. Ringers are not allowed under the rules. The O.M.H.A. receives a game sheet at the conclusion of every game. M.M.H.A. executive in whole or partial, would have been suspended if they had sanctioned such action as one boy playing under another boy's name. The fact that there was a ringer was brought to the attention of Joe McCann and he, as is required, informed the rest of the executive and it was THEIR decision to suspend McLean and not that of one person only.

These boys are good enough players that they don't need to cheat.

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Denise McCann

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