

## Second year in row

# Tridents fall to Paris 29'ers crushed hopes with 8-3 defeat

By Peter McCusker  
Milton Tridents were knocked out of the OHA Intermediate B playoffs for the second year in a row by Paris 29'ers after leading in the series.

Tridents fell 8-3 Monday night in a game they controlled in the early going and were leading 3-1 at one point in the second period.

The turning point came at 8:14 of the middle frame when goaltender Kurt Muller mishandled a puck shot from the centre of the ice. The goal gave Paris the one goal lead and afterwards held Milton off the scoreboard.

Part of the Paris success story belonged to Dan Almas who was super in the net against the Milton sharpshooters Tridents didn't face Almas til the second game and he was steady for the 29'ers.

But the Tridents were still in the game behind only 4-3 until Muller blew his cool and committed an infraction to have himself thrown out of the game. Muller went into the corner to smother the puck or else face a two-on-one. He was hit and knocked down the Paris forward and when he retaliated he was sentenced.

Coach Hymers said he felt the referees decision was questionable. Hymers could not see how the referee only assessed Muller a penalty and not the Paris player who was also involved in the scramble for the puck and the ensuing battle.

The alternate goaltender was Dave Ballard who was marked as the Trident number three man when the playoffs started. Ballard of course was not mentally or physically ready for playoff hockey and couldn't be blamed if he wasn't as sharp as he was called on to be. Muller was designated as

Trident's number two netminder and played in five games and has a 0-5 record. Muller lost three league games and two playoff counts, yet Hymers went with Muller rather than Ballard who also had a better average.

Hymers said Tridents played well and continued the aggressive skating and hustle they exhibited in the third period here on Sunday. The coach told The Champion, "We couldn't score goals, that was the turning point." Hymers said the talent was on the Tridents Club, they did everything he as a coach had

requested of them and according to Hymers the players performed well.

"It leaves you with an empty feeling when you are physically, mentally and

"We took some bad penalties," Hymers said. "Some of our players were a little careless with their takeouts," he explained which proved to be costly over the series in the number of powerplay goals Paris amassed.

Hymers had to praise the super effort from Doug Hearn. Hymers said Doug Hearn played a fantastic series and was head and shoulders above anyone on both teams for his performance on the ice.

Hymers was also pleased with Scott McKenzie, Gord Lyons and Ken Fay on the

scored Milton's first assisted by John Arnold and Gord Lyons.

Paris again commanded a single goal margin just about a minute later at 15:53 from Randy Novak.

Penalties hurt Tridents as Paris scored four goals on the powerplay. Milton played 24 minutes shorthanded in the game and their penalty killing wasn't up to the Paris offence.

Don Hearn tied the score 2-2 with his goal coming at 19:35 in the opening period. Jim Cole assisted on Hearn's goal.

Paris continued to take the initiative and go one goal up on Milton in the second period at 1:08 into the play with Wilson Dafeo scoring.

Doug Hearn scored his second of his hat trick performance while the Tridents were shorthanded at 3:49. Torti went and put Paris ahead again, forcing Tridents to play catch up hockey. Hearn settled the count at 4:4 at 12:51 and both teams finished the period without scoring.

Paris won their first game of the series being down two

games to the Tridents 8-2 in Paris on Thursday.

Dave Norton and Lorne Lesuk scored for the Tridents with Norton's goal coming at 19:02 of the second period assisted by Ken Fay and Rick McTrach. Lesuk's goal was at 15:01 of the final frame assisted by Bill McGilloy and Fay.

Paris jumped into a 3-0 lead after the first period and didn't look back settling two more markers in the second and three goals in the third period. The top goal scorers were Brian Belair and Randy Novak with two goals each.



Carl Hymers  
Head Coach

emotionally prepared to do your job. You do your job well but fail to win."

Tridents may have scored on two goalposts ringings but fate was against their winning.

Marty Seeds, Ken Fay and Doug Hearn provided the early scoring for Tridents in the final game. Andy Moran and Gerry Bradshaw scored two each for Paris with Rod Davidson, Al Hill, John Bialas and Bob Valade adding singles for the Paris win.

Hymers said Tridents were in better shape at the start of the series than Paris players were, but Paris became stronger as the series wore on. Paris has the depth and



Gord Lyons

forward punch and said Marty Seeds also gave all he could defensively and played to the best of his ability. Hymers also said John Arnold performed his job exceptionally well in the series.

### GAME FOUR

Paris wrapped up the game with the only goal in the third period coming at 16:34 from Bob Valade after a slapshot from the point. Tridents pressed for the final minutes to tie the game and even with six attackers for over the final minute couldn't press Paris for the equalizer.

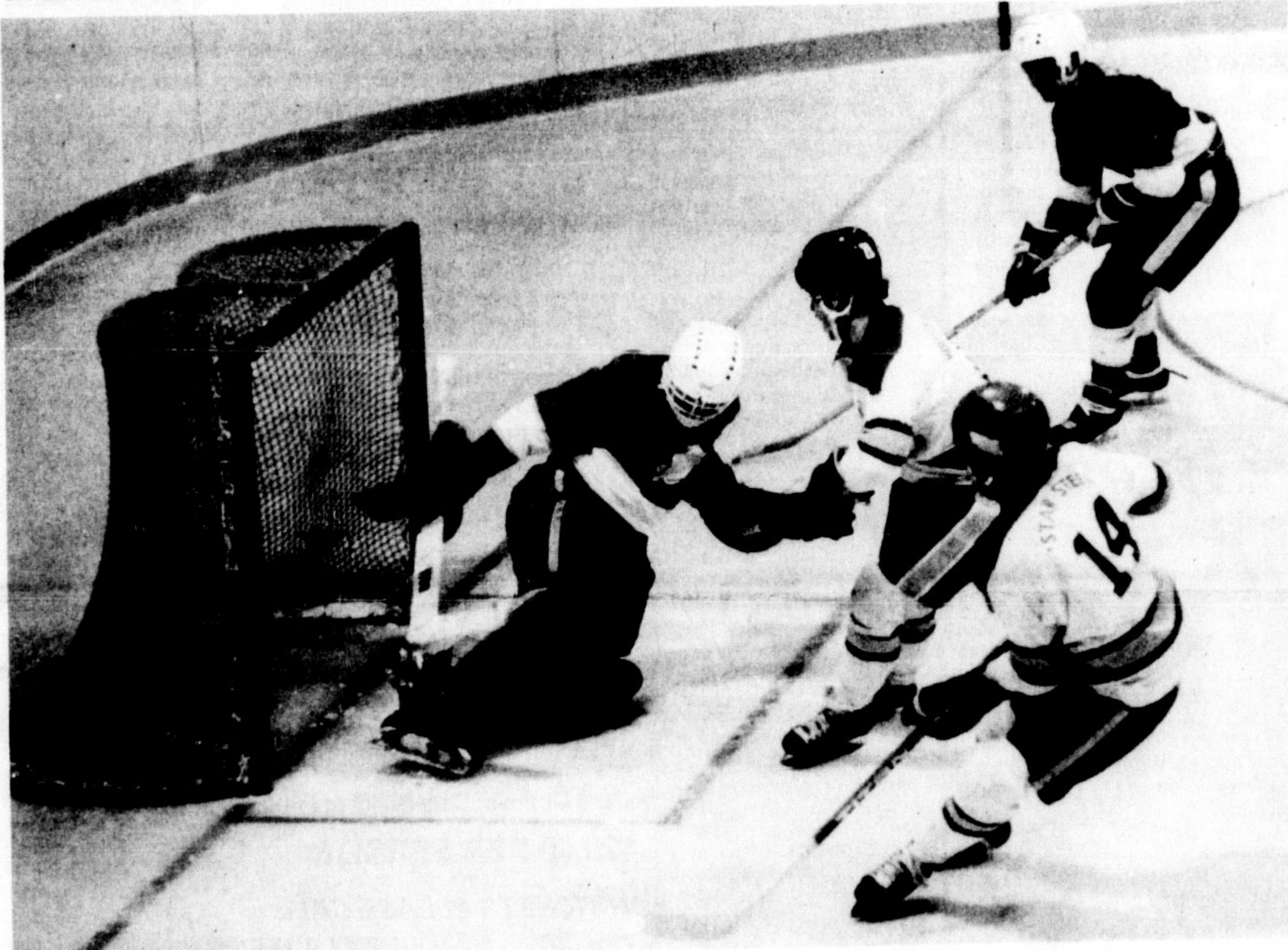
The win in Milton was the key for Paris as they evened up the series and took it home for the final and deciding game five.

In Milton on Sunday, John Bialas opened the scoring and the score wasn't shored up until 14:55 when Doug Hearn



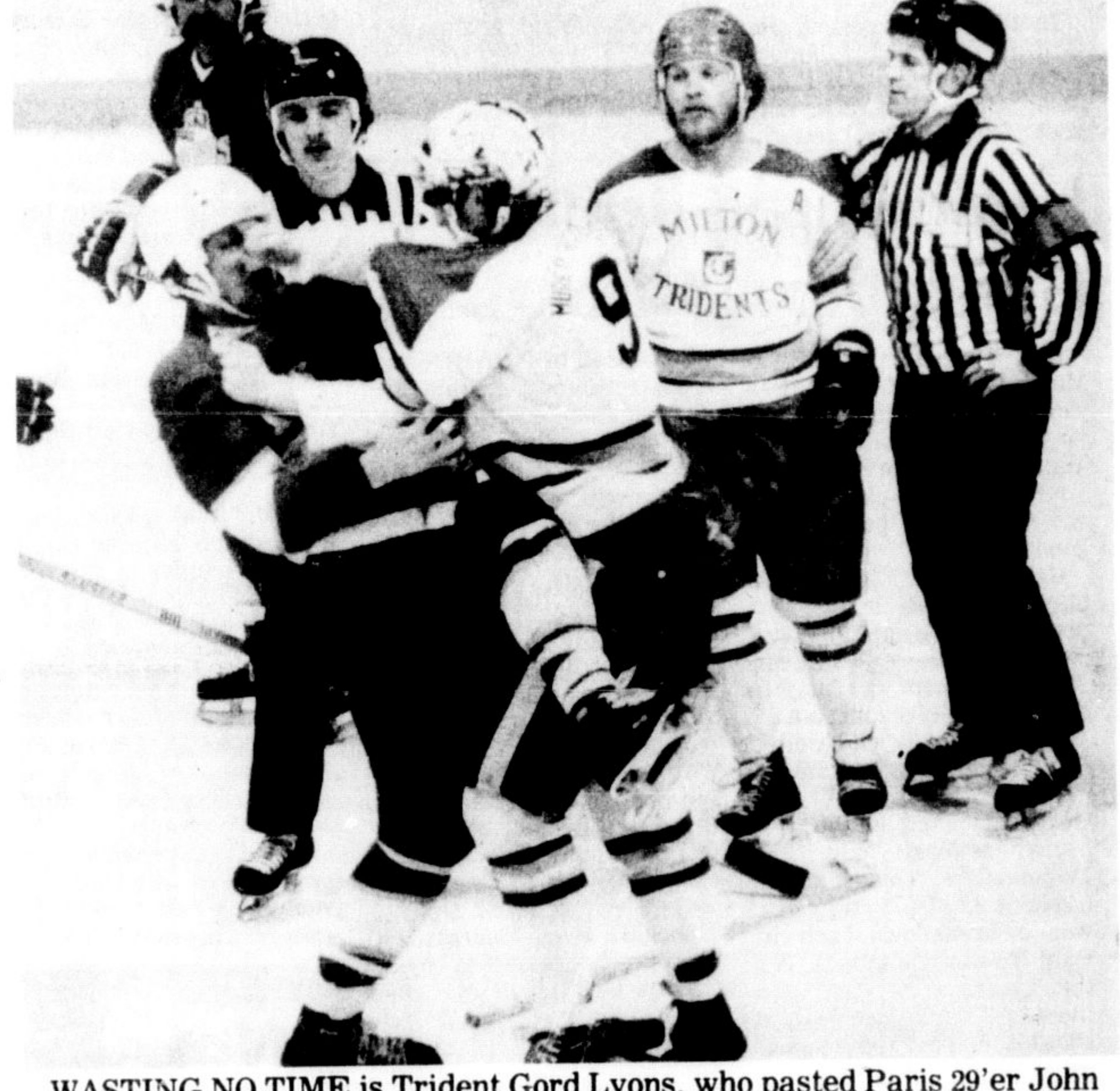
Kurt Muller

experienced needed to continue series and play tough defensive hockey.



PARIS NETMINDER DAN ALMAS makes the stop on Ken Fay and Doug Hearn in Wednesday's action against Paris. Both Fay and Hearn scored in the second game, which was

the second win for Milton. Paris, however, came back to tie up the best-of-five series at two games each. Monday was the deciding night.



WASTING NO TIME is Trident Gord Lyons, who pasted Paris 29'er John Emerson in Wednesday's action at Milton Memorial Arena in game two of the series Milton won. Trident Chuck Williams watches with interest while the referee keeps an eye on Williams.

## Semi-final playoff

# Flyers can deliver to knock out Blades

By Peter McCusker  
Milton Flyers threaten to bounce Oakville Blades in three straight, to once again be Oakville's nemesis in playoff hockey. Flyers dropped Blades in four games to open last year's playoffs and this year Milton holds two games to none in a best of five series.

Milton battled and bruised Oakville in their own arena Sunday afternoon and walked out with an 8-4 victory. Flyers had outmuscled the Blades 6-4 in Milton Friday night. The third game is slated for Wednesday (tonight) in Milton Memorial Arena at 7:30 p.m.

The opening game here was thrilling down to the final minutes. Both teams exchanged long shots on each other's nets without any success but Oakville forechecking started to back Flyers into their own end. After 2:10 into the play, a long drive by Sam Turin on Oakville's right defence position opened the scoring.

It was evident Oakville wanted no part of the aggressive physical play Flyers were keyed for, and as Milton marched to the penalty box they were forced to play excellent hockey with four forwards most of the period. The Flyers' penalty killing was superb and it had to be, with Milton taking 34 minutes in minor penalties plus a 10 minute misconduct to Pierre Pilote.

The referee called almost every infraction committed by Blades and Flyers and it

wasn't until late in the game when the officials let up on the calls.

Pierre Pilote and Brian Gordon were magnificent in their penalty killing roles.

Paul McCann potted Milton's tying goal unassisted after he stole the puck during an Oakville errant pass at their own blue line. McCann came in and let the blast go. Milton was making the Oakville powerplay look unorganized and it included the shorthanded McCann goal. Although Milton was taking the penalties, they were also controlling the play and taking Oakville off the puck.

In the second period, McCann took a six minute stint in the penalty box after foolishly knocking down Shane Payette in front of the Oakville net and pouncing on him with flying fists. McCann was given a double minor for roughing and two minutes for slashing. Payette was given two minutes for slashing.

Flyer Goaltender Ian Roberts was quick with the glove hand on several occasions and proved to be sharp in beating Oakville shooters.

But Oakville took a 2-1 lead with 9:25 remaining in the second period. Rick Mueller laced a slapshot at the Milton net and Steve Troch was at the side for the rebound.

McCann kept up his battle in front of the Oakville net and eventually it all paid off. Captain Ron Twiss drilled a shot from the point and McCann was in front to make

the deflection behind Blades goaltender Vince Vantresca at 3:45.

Flyers still held a man advantage when McCann deflected a second Twiss shot for his hat trick and gave Flyers a 3-2 lead over the Blades. Brian Gordon assisted on both McCann goals as well.

In the third period Flyers started commanding respect from the Blades as Milton started hitting more with the officials' sanction. At one forechecking stint, Steve Wilson flipped the puck over the Oakville net after he and Pilote stole the puck and were

all alone coming in on the net. Pilote fed Wilson, who shot too high.

Oakville tied the game after Frank Carnavale picked up a puck Ron Twiss left behind. Twiss was carrying out of his own end with most of the team organizing up ice. Twiss lost his balance and Carnavale picked up the loose puck and sailed in to beat Roberts.

Brian Gordon regained the lead for Milton at 7:51 of the period as he crept around the back of Oakville's net. The puck had been shot from the point and the initial stop was made. The puck sat in front of

the post and out of sight of the Blade netminder. Gordon took the opportunity to poke it in.

Wilson made up for his high shooting error earlier in the period and put the Flyers up 5-3 after he picked up the puck at the blue line and marched in alone to beat Vantresca.

Carnavale scored his second to pull within a goal of Flyers at 1:45 remaining in the period. Oakville pulled their netminder and went with six attackers to try and get a tying goal to force overtime. Ron Smulders doused their hopes as he fired into the

empty net for the final tally of 6-4.

It was a wild contest in Oakville. Hap Perrott took the goaltending duties and came out a winner.

Perrott faced 41 shots through the afternoon contest Sunday and allowed four goals. Vantresca was doing double duty and faced 42 shots, allowing eight to go past.

Flyers took 26 minutes in penalties during the first period which ended in a 3-3 draw. Surprising? Not really, when you know Oakville had 17 minutes in the first period including a five minute major

to Brian Marvel.

Gasper Paul marked the game's opening goal for Milton at 1:13 into the period assisted by Rob "Freight Train" Frame and Dave Turner. Flyers jumped ahead 2-0 on Ron Smulders' goal at 2:15 while Flyers were shorthanded.

Oakville captain Shane Payette put the home crew up in lights at 3:21, just before Flyers were to put the game out of reach. Just over a minute after Payette's performance, Dave Turner slotted his first of two assisted by Twiss and Paul.

Brian Gordon and Rob Frame were in the sin bin as Oakville marked their catch up goals. At 11:17 Mike Kinnear scored to set up the tie and at 11:41 Ian Collier fired number three to put the teams on even terms and end the penalty stints.

Milton didn't slow in the second period and took charge as Blades lagged behind the well conditioned Flyer squad.

At 6:28 of the mid-frame Turner scored his second from Rod Gooding and Paul. At 7:43 Milton was two goals up as Smulders scored his fifth goal of the playoffs, his second this afternoon, with Pierre Pilote assisting.

Shane Payette marked Oakville's final effort unassisted at 12:04 of the second period. Flyers stayed two goals ahead when Smulders nailed his hat-trick marker and sixth playoff goal at 12:51. Pierre Pilote and

Rob Frame assisted Smulders.

Ron Twiss scored a short-handed goal for Flyers at 16:26 of the period from Paul McCann and Brian Gordon.

Ahead 7-4, Flyers scored only once in the last period to secure the win and the second game straight from Oakville. Larry Payne scored his

second playoff goal from Gooding and Dave Turner. Flyers will play in game three here tonight.

—Boys and girls aged 6 to 18 are invited to sign up for minor soccer this year, at the registration desk in Milton Mall Friday evening or Saturday 10 to 2 p.m.

## Third game tonight

## Milton scoreboard

MILTON TRIDENTS FINAL SCORING STATISTICS				OHA INTERMEDIATE B FINAL STATISTICS FOR 1977-78 SCHEDULE			
All games in 1977-78 schedule							
	GP	G	A	GP	G	A	Pts
Lorne Lesuk	26	28	24	25	30	42	72
Don Hearn	17	23	15	28	26	39	65
Jim Cole	26	13	22	27	29	58	69
Dave Norton	24	14	18	22	23	33	56
Ken Fay	13	11	16	22	24	34	56
Rick McTrach	26	11	16	27	24	31	55
Doug Hearn	16	15	11	22	22	33	55
Jim Robertson	21	8	17	25	28	54	56
Marty Seeds	24	2	22	24	28	54	56
Keith McKinnon	22	8	14	22	28	52	52
Dave Heipel	24	4	14	24	28	52	52
Gary Hudson	11	2	8	10	19	50	27
John Arnold	21	2	7	9	15	46	32
Hugh Williams	19	4	8	18	15	46	32
Greg Chuchman	6	2	6	6	15	46	32
Bill McGilloy	3	2	5	3	22	45	34
Mitch Lajeunesse	12	0	5	12	0	5	0
Joe Ferri	19	3	14	19	3	14	6
Bob Robson	15	1	3	15	1	3	2
Barrie Elliott	8	2	11	8	2	11	4
Dennis Alderman	11	0	3	11	0	3	0
Dave Robertson	1	0	2	1	0	2	0
Gord Lyons	2	0	1	2	0	1	0

OHA INTERMEDIATE B FINAL STATISTICS SOUTH			
	GP	G	A
Warboys, Norwich	30	48	64
Beal, Port Dover	30	38	62
Hayes, Dorchester	27	25	62
Aston, Port Dover	29	33	62
Brodie, Simcoe	27	33	61
Summers, Dorchester	22	30	66
Derringer, Delhi	30	27	62
Minty, Simcoe	27	25	62
Rowse, Dorchester	22	41	61
Sprague, Norwich	30	34	61
Stover, Dorchester	28	17	60
Stratton, Dorchester	28	14	60
Peters, Dorchester	26	29	59
Baker, Simcoe	29	31	59
Wood, Simcoe	27	29	59
Peters, Dorchester	26	29	59
Gray, Tillsburg	28	27	58
Marsh, Norwich	29	22	58
Langmuir, Dorchester	25	21	49



MILTON FLYER PAUL McCANN produced a hat trick Friday night in Milton Flyers' opening game in a best-of-five series with Oakville Blades in the Central Ontario Junior B semi-final

playoff. Flyers will engage in the third game tonight (Wednesday) at home in Milton Memorial Arena and can wrap up this series with a win.