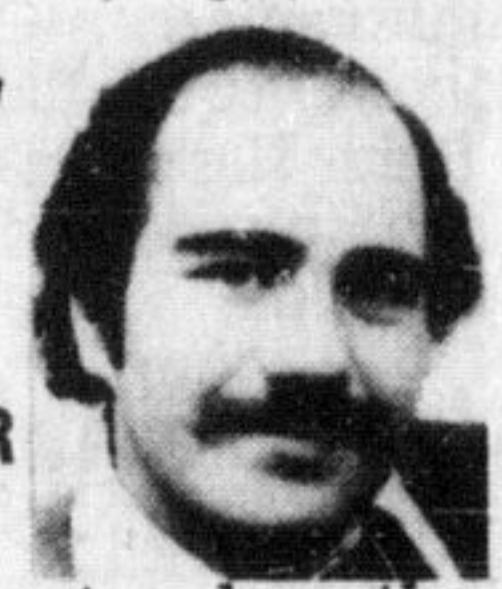


Sport

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It's a horse of a different color, the way the Milton Jr. "B" Flyers are playing at this time of the year.

Flyers have always been known as a late season team and once again they are proving the axiom true. Climbing from the cellar is no joyride and it takes a group of hungry, talented individuals and team work to make the gruelling march.

A few weeks back Flyers passed Dixie Beehives and Barrie Colts to secure the final playoff spot. They had to fight to stay a few points ahead.

Now, after the tightest scheduled week with games against Streetsville Derbys, Burlington Cougars, Thornhill and Oak Ridges, the top teams in the league, Flyers pulled off two wins and a tie—exactly what coach Doug Vaughan had predicted in The Champion.

There are five games remaining in the regulation season and Vaughan is predicting Flyers will take another seven points if they continue to play like they have. They are presently in seventh place, two points over Thornhill.

Vaughan told me he is impressed with the team as a whole and said their attitude is a complete reverse of what was going on in the early season.

The dressing room and benches are alive and players are backing one another up.

Of course the Rod Gooding, Dave Turner and Paul McCann line is the powerhouse of the local juniors. Gooding and Turner have been together five years.

As a measuring stick of how the Flyers have come together and improved, let's look at their record with Burlington. In four meetings Flyers have been thumped by 9-1 and 9-2 scores, but on Friday they came away with a 4-4 draw.

Gooding had three assists as Paul McCann's hat trick and Dave "Bucky" Harnden netted the other with Joe Todd and Marty Venner helping. Turner and Todd Sheppard also assisted McCann.

All Milton's goals were scored while the teams were playing six a side. Burlington notched two of their four on powerplays.

If Flyers had stayed out of the penalty box, although that is impossible for any Jr. team, they could have taken a 4-2 win from the Cougars.

Flyers are also playing a smart game in cutting down their penalty minutes. In the last four third periods played, Flyers have taken seven minor penalties and have scored seven goals. This is interesting when you compare the 12 first period penalties and four goals over the four games.

While coming down the final stretch, Vaughan hopes his boys can retain their momentum. Flyers host Acton Sabres Friday for their only action this week. The Sabres have had a win and a draw in their last two outings but have really nothing to gain in their struggle.

Coach Vaughan holds a great respect for his crewmen and the results show they have the same admiration for this man at the helm. Jumping into a pool of sharks would have been easier than turning around early season losses. But Vaughan took the cellar dwellers and drove them into the playoffs. A tip of the hat for a highly credible performance.

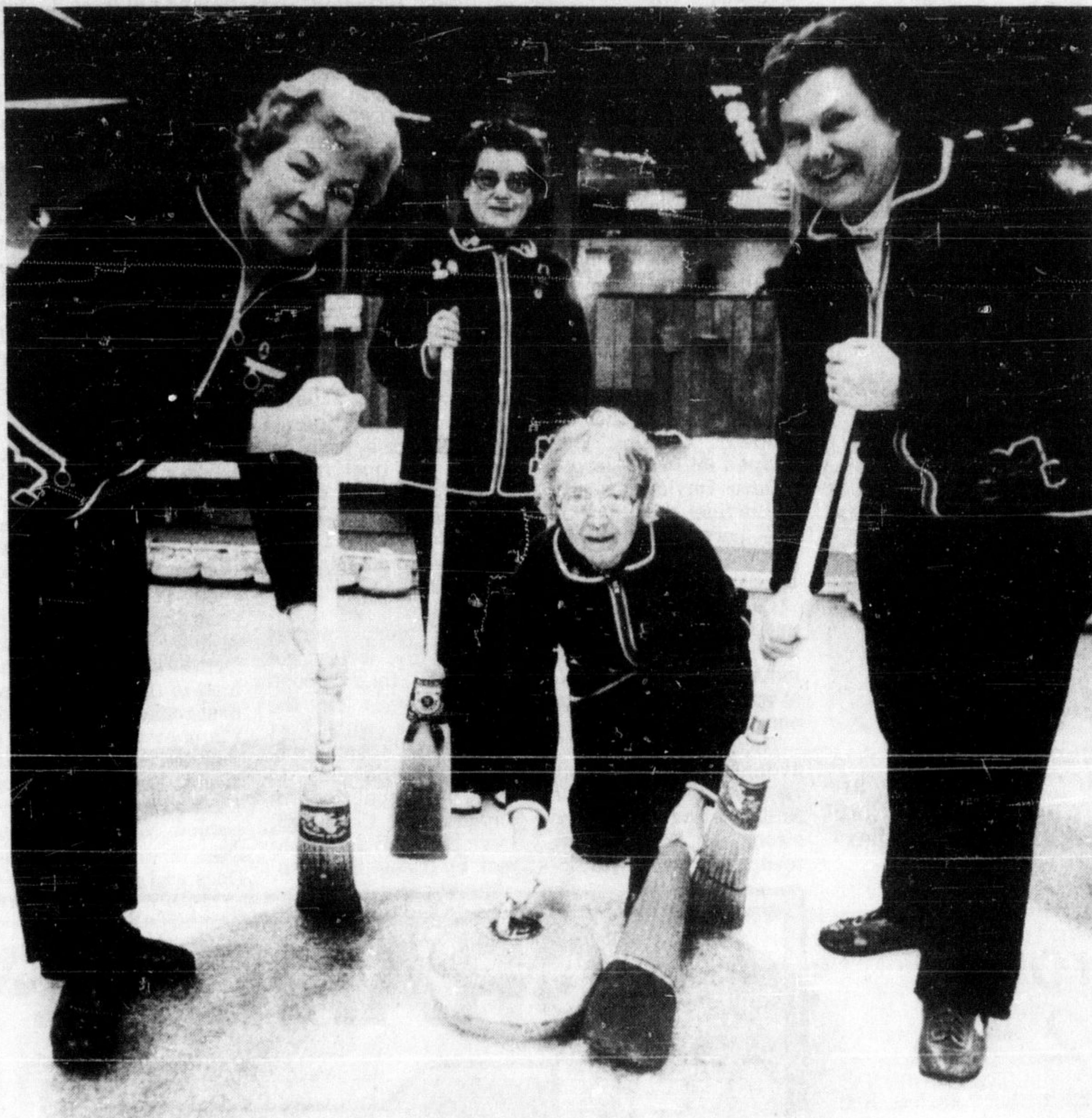
On the other side of the boards, Milton's Intermediate "B" Tridents took another butt end in the ear last Wednesday evening, this time from their own league.

At a meeting in Port Dover, the northern division clubs were presented the Royal Shaft when the central and southern division reps decided the north would not obtain an automatic two points for each scheduled game with the defunct Six Nations Redmen.

Central division teams will be awarded the free win but the northern division crossover clubs, Milton, New Hamburg and Ayr Rockets who have still games scheduled against Six Nations, will be out in their number of games played when the final stats are taken.

But even more incredible is that the league will not allow these three northern teams to play make up games with any other clubs to make things fair.

What this means is Paris '29ers could take over first spot, on top of Milton, if Tridents lose three of their remaining five games, the locals being shafted of three starts.



AIMING FOR A CURLING TITLE, the rink of Ede Cryderman captured the District Seven Senior Ladies Tankard in Acton recently by eliminating rinks from Dixie, Humber Highland, Oakville, Brampton, Mississauga and

Chinguacousy. They travelled to the provincial finals in Barrie Tuesday. They are, left to right, Ruby Childs vice, Grace Duncan second, Merne Childs lead and Ede Cryderman, skip.

Two wins, a draw

Flyers keep winning in race to playoffs

Look out, they're coming through.

Milton junior "B" Flyers hockey club is on the move and climbing the standings as the season winds to a close.

Sunday, Flyers defeated Oak Ridges Dynes 10-7 at Milton Memorial Arena as Rod Gooding scored four goals and assisted on three others to set a wild third period pace which marked his hat trick and five of Flyers' goals.

The locals also managed to take a point from the first place Burlington Cougars Friday in Burlington with a 4-4 draw. On Wednesday Flyers beat Brampton Logan Chevys 8-6 in their own arena, getting rid of the frustration from the 6-1 loss to Streetsville on the Tuesday.

It was a tough week but the locals came through with flying colors giving them five points and seventh place in the Central Jr. "B" standings.

Oak Ridges took a 3-2 lead after the opening period in Milton Sunday. Paul McCann marked the opening home town goal with Gooding and Dave Turner assisting, but Flyers needed more to break the 3-1 Oak Ridges lead.

Turner's goal at 6:47 kept the locals in the game from McCann and Gooding. This veteran line turned the tables later in the contest.

Gooding's first goal of his seven point night came 8:12 into the second period with McCann and Todd Sheppard taking the assist honors. It was Jim Court, the youngster who jumped from the White Oaks League, who gave Flyers the go ahead goal at 6:47 with Marty Venner's help.

Oak Ridges slipped in a tying and go ahead goal at 6:19 and 5:18 as captain Cam Reston scored twice to mark his hat trick.

Milton took their only powerplay goal at 2:07 as Court and Gooding fed McCann for his second of the night and evened the count at 5-5.

It was short lived as Oak Ridges jumped in front nine seconds later and closed out the mid-

frame ahead 6-5. The final period was all Flyers as Gooding scored at 19:13 from Turner and E. J. Millet.

Oak Ridges were determined to stay in front and netted their seventh with 15:00 remaining, but it was their last effort.

Goodings hat trick was completed at 14:31 from Turner and Sheppard. Court scored what was the winning goal at 7:51 with Joe Todd and Mike Thompson grabbing assists.

Millet and Turner combined to help Gooding settle his fourth with 3:06 remaining and the final marker for Milton was potted with 42 seconds to play as Marty Venner fired home a pass from Court and Millet.

The Burlington Cougars were held to a 1-0 lead in the opening frame in Burlington Friday night coming off the stick of scoring ace Mike Carr.

Carr continued his pace setting up linemate Mark Littion 7:24 into the second period on a powerplay and with 3:04 remaining, Cougars took a 3-0 lead on Rob McConnell's goal.

Flyers got back into the game on two quick goals from the blade of sharpshooter McCann.

Gooding assisted on both with Turner and Sheppard also getting assists.

Cougars took the lead 4-2, 6:07 into the final frame but Gooding again fed McCann for Flyers' third 10 seconds later. The game equalizer was released by Jim Court from Todd and Venner with 9:27 left to play.

Rod Sachs had to turn away 42 Burlington shots to Todd Pearson's 34 saves.

Three powerplay goals were the keys Flyers used to unlock Brampton 8-6 Wednesday as McCann and Court scored in the opening frame. Ben Allen, Court, Turner and Gooding had assists.

Chevys managed one marker at 19:23 from Mike Brics. Milton stayed on top by out-scoring Brampton 3-2 in the second period on goals by Allen from Sheppard, Gooding and Venner from Court and Allen.

McCann, Turner and Venner counted three more in the third for the win.

The 1812 Overture heard in the second period in Streetsville was the Flyers last as they fell 6-1 to the powerful Streetsville Derbys.

McCann scored and Gooding assist in the lone Milton goal.

The Derbys were held

scoreless in the opening period but scored twice in the second with Paul Pickard and Scott Omarr scoring. Derbys netted four goals in the final period as Les Campbell, Jim Boyington, Shawn Doherty and Paul Cook scored.

Flyers host Acton Sabres Friday at Milton Memorial Arena.

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Tridents went ahead 5-

Major midgets ousted by Richmond Hill 6-2

Milton's Canadian Tire Corporation major midgets lost out to Richmond Hill 6-2 in the championship semi-finals at the Georgetown Midget Tournament last weekend.

In their first game Wednesday, the CTC Midgets doubled Saltfleet 4-2. Saltfleet's Glen Motosune scored the lone first period goal while his teammates played a close checking game to keep Milton off the score sheet.

The CTC players got untracked in the second period and shot into a 2-1 lead on goals by Dave Flemington and Richard Shannon.

Milton carried the play to Saltfleet in the third period with Jim Newman and Ivo Zulian firing goals for the CTC team before Saltfleet's Bill Curnew ended the games scoring to give the CTC Midgets the 4-2 victory.

In their second contest Saturday, the local midgets faced off against Stoney Creek. This was probably the most exciting game for the CTC Midgets' fans the season with the locals winning 4-3 in overtime.

Stoney Creek's Cam Holmes scored the game's first goal midway through the first period with Milton's Joe Gaeton tying the score with only 19 seconds remaining in the period.

The second period went scoreless.

Stoney Creek and Milton played a close checking game and both goalies came up with several big saves. The teams loosened up in the third period and Milton's Mike Corbett gave his team a 2-1 lead with six minutes remaining.

Less than a minute later the game was tied after a goal mouth scramble when Stoney Creek's Ron Becker scored. With one minute left, Joe Gaeton's second marker gave Milton a 3-2 lead and left the team with only sixty seconds to preserve their victory.

Combines clogged by local Tridents

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Tridents hosted Rockton Tuesday evening and will travel to Plattsville Friday. They will have New Hamburg in Milton Tuesday, Jan. 30 for an 8 p.m. game.

MacDonald, Stark and Dresser also netted assists in the opening frame. The second period saw Dundas get back into the game with two goals but Scott Eves' marker at 4:22 from Loeprich assured the Milton lead.

Walsh and Kobylinski fired markers for the Blues.

Walnes notched the lone third period counter from MacDonald at the 1:18 mark.

The juveniles have 16 wins, five losses and four ties in the 25 games played. They have scored 116 goals and allowed 76.

Victory was denied to Milton in regulation time as Cam Holmes tied the game at 3-3.

A 10 minute sudden death overtime period was then played with both teams missing several good scoring opportunities but still leaving the game tied. The contest was then to be decided on a penalty shot shootout.

The shootout ended quickly with Milton's Joe Gaeton connecting on the first try to complete his hat trick. The CTC's goalie, Eric Pinkney, foiled Stoney Creek's Fon Becker to give the CTC team a 4-3 victory which sent them to the semi-finals against the "AAA" Richmond Hill.

In the semi-finals the CTC midgets managed to

skate with the far superior Richmond Hill team for the first period which ended in a scoreless tie.

Richmond Hill dominated the second period, however, and shot into a 3-0 lead on two goals by Paul Harrietha and one by Randy Depiero.

In the third period the CTC Midgets came out hitting and got back into the game on two goals by Ivo Zulian, one being a shorthanded effort. Zulian's two markers fired the CTC Midgets up momentarily, however, Richmond Hills Shawn McDowell shot his team into a 4-2 lead a short time later.

Danny Henderson and Gary Boyle finished out the games scoring to give Richmond Hill a 6-2 victory and eliminate the

CTC Midgets from further play.

Although the Richmond Hill team was better in most areas of play, the CTC Midget coaching staff were pleased with their team's overall effort and the fact they were in the game until the 10 minute mark of the third period.

The consensus of most Milton fans who attended the game was that Richmond Hill is definitely of Jr. "B" calibre and would be competitive in the Central Jr. B. League.

The CTC Midgets are now awaiting the start of their OMHA qualifying round and expect to be playing a playoff game at home on Monday at 9:30 p.m.



Kevin Parker

Kevin Parker is 'Canadians' bound

by Robin Inscow

Figure Skater Kevin Parker, 17, is off to the Canadian Figure Skating Championships, from January 29 to February 4, "to win" he hopes.

It will be Parker's third and final opportunity to attain the junior men's crown. By Canadian Figure Skating Association rules a competitor may compete in one level for only three years before advancing to the next level of competition.

Kevin has finished fifth and fourth respectively over the past two years. Looking at things realistically Kevin realized he may not top the field in the junior competition but is looking for at least a place among the top three.

Kevin is working hard in his attempt for the championship spending in the area of five to six hours a day on the ice. Three to four of those hours are spent on what may be considered his Achilles heel—his figures.

The figure skating career of Kevin Parker began when he was eight years old. He was introduced to ice as a hockey player but, "I scored in my own net and then quit," said Kevin. Later that year he took up figure skating with the Acton Figure Skating Club.

In his second season Kevin had picked up what was to be his first of many trophies, the most improved skater award.

The next skating season Kevin moved on to Guelph where he could attain better ice time. He remained with that club for three years before moving to a Hamilton club.

From Hamilton Kevin moved to London and coach John Caughell.

Over the competitive season Kevin remained in the home of Caughell and graduated from Westmount Public School. In that year, his first with Caughell he won the Canadian Novice Men's Championships.

The next season Kevin finished

fifth in the Junior men's competition before returning to his home on the Guelph Line and attending Acton High School.

Last year, with the Kitchener Skating Club, Kevin finished fourth in the Canadians despite carrying a bad case of the flu throughout the competition and then he received his first taste of international competition as he competed for Canada in senior competitions in France and Germany.

Kevin was pleased with his fourth and sixth place finishes in the competitions and hopes at another chance to represent Canada in international competition.

Kevin is busy during the winter months trying to concentrate on skating and studies, but he feels Acton High "couldn't be better!" "They're really co-operative" said Kevin. He missed 42 days of school last year and was still able to complete his courses.

Kevin missed much of his school during the divisional and Canadian Championships, at a time when the work load at school is quite heavy due to semester changes. He receives incompletes on his reports and is required to catch up when he returns.

Kevin is back in Kitchener now preparing for his final shot at the junior title. His toughest competition, he feels, will come from Brian Orscoer of Orillia and Shawn McGill of Toronto.

After the competition Kevin will appear as a guest in many area carnivals, including Milton's. He will also attempt his eighth and final figure.

As for Kevin's future in figure skating he is hoping to make it a career. He will compete this one last time as a junior and then attempt to become the Canadian Senior Figure Skating Champion and represent Canada at the world championships and "hopefully" the 1984 Olympics.