

**Retain first**

# Tridents conditioning in wake of playoff action

Trident fans, breathe easy.

But don't relax too long, as the playoffs are about to get underway. Milton Trident Intermediate B hockey club fans were holding their breath and their hearts as the season wound down and carefully kept watch on the north division standings.

Tridents were three games short after Six Nations Redmen folded and Paris 29'ers had the edge, having played the Redmen before their collapse.

Paris was creeping up the points and almost took the first place finish away from Milton on the legality, but Milton kept in front of the wire.

St. Mary's Stonecrushers opened their quarter final playoffs with a 4-2 win over Plattsville. Combines Sunday evening and played Tuesday in Plattsville and tonight, Wednesday. The final two games in the best-of-five playoff will be in St. Mary's on the weekend if necessary.

Ayr Rockets and New Hamburg Hans are in the

other half of the northern battle. On Sunday Ayr slipped a 5-4 decision past New Hamburg and played Tuesday in Hans territory. Thursday they move to Ayr, Saturday in New Hamburg and Sunday in Ayr.

If St. Mary's retires Plattsville they will meet Tridents in the semi-finals and the winner of Ayr-Hans series will face Paris. If Plattsville defeats St. Mary's and Ayr wins, Tridents will be playing Ayr Rockets in the semi-final.

In preparation for the playoffs, coach Carl

Hymers intends to raise the conditioning level of his soldiers. Hymers said the team hasn't had the practices and games necessary for the team to have stayed in top condition since Christmas.

To make up for the slack schedule, Hymers has the Tridents engaging Kane Chevys Oldtimers Tuesday evening, followed with a workout Wednesday evening.

Hymers hopes his players realize it is a whole new season and it is time to be productive with a positive attitude. "In practice a person's

conditioning level is established over a long period of time. I'll try to get as much as I can without developing a negative attitude," Hymers said. He said the players have had their homework, flexibility exercises and off-ice training technique information since the start of the year and expects the players to have done this work.

There are no major lineup changes coming and all suspensions have been served. Hymers will attempt to establish more effective line

combinations for the playoffs.

Tridents have no secret weapons up their jerseys, only the depth of talent on the team. There are only two Tridents in the top 10 league leading goal scorers but the bulk of the Tridents were clustered not far below.

Hymers and Russ Lane both said they feel this shows how well balanced the club is.

Hymers is looking for aggressive play and offensive strength from any or all of his team. If Tridents meet St.

Mary's they'll be facing an aggressive team with loads of senior and junior experienced players. Hymers told the Champion they like to shoot from the point and the games should be close in scoring.

In the final contest of the regulation season Tridents edged Ayr Rockets Thursday in Ayr 6-5.

Don Hearn's had his most productive game of the short season with a hat trick and assist as Bill McGilloway scored two and Bill Sherlock one.

Gary Brown was Ayr's hot rocket scoring three and assisting on two others. The virtually penalty free contest saw Milton lead 2-1 after the first period and end the second on a 4-4 draw as Tim Thomas netted Ayr's equalizer with 59 seconds left on the clock.

Tridents went ahead by two of Hearn's goals before Brown completed his hat trick with 1:10 remaining in the contest.

In the Tuesday home game Tridents were caught napping by the Plattsville combines in a

close contest which exploded in the third period.

Bill Sherlock scored the lone Trident goal with Jim Robertson assisting in the opening period. Plattsville's defence held Tridents off the board for the rest of the game while they evened the tally in the initial frame, advanced by a goal in the second and broke loose in the third.

The story in both Tridents' final games was the goaltending of Brad Evans. Evans was outstanding early in

Tuesday's game and for the duration in Ayr. Evans and recent acquisition Mario McDonald will take on the post duties for the locals.

In the Central division playoffs Dunnville will take on Rockton Real McCoy's and Smithville defeated Waterdown 6-5 in the opening game Sunday in their best-of-seven series.

Dorchester and Port Dover will meet in the south division and Tillsonburg and Delhi are billed as well.

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## Sport

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Now it's hockey season. Forget about the quaint volley that has been occurring over the past five months, now is when the fan will get their dollars worth.

Rosters are stable, lines have gelled, players should be in top physical condition and playoff confidence permeates the arena.

Yes sir! Now it is a do or die struggle.

Either you produce or you take an early holiday. With the weather being as it is I certainly wouldn't want to be outside looking in.

The big draw for the Central Ontario Junior league was held Monday evening and Oak Ridges pulled Milton Flyers out of the hat.

The series will open Friday night at Milton Memorial Arena and with the home town fans backing and packing Flyers in our beloved barn. Games two and three will be in Oak Ridges Saturday and Monday evening which means no sleep Tuesday morning for yours truly.

By next Friday game four will be staged at Milton Memorial and it could be a thriller, as all games will be, I say with confidence.

It will be a gruelling weekend with three games in three nights, Friday here, Saturday in Oak Ridges and back in Milton Sunday for game six.

On the other battle fronts Burlington Cougars will line their trenches with the bodies of fallen Thornhill tonight, Wednesday, in Thornhill and they'll bring what is left home Friday night for game two.

Oakville Blades will also be home and active Friday hosting their partners Orillia Travelways and Streetsville Derbys will invite Brampton Logan Chevys to Vic Johnson arena Friday before pillage in Brampton Sunday.

The winner of the Milton-Oak Ridges series will play the winner of the Oakville-Orillia series. Who wants to predict a semi-final between Milton and Oakville?

The four town tournament will be hosted by Milton this year on March 3 at Milton Memorial Arena on Thompson Rd. The four towns, Georgetown, Streetsville, Orangeville and Milton hold the annual house league Select tournament with rotating sponsorship.

Georgetown hosted the tourney last year and Milton was allowed to participate when Acton pulled from the competition.

Select convener "Buz" Roberts, Roger Swance and Murray Graham are the men working on the big day.

Milton will hold a first this year. Every other year the midgets played a home-home series. This year, however, they will play in Milton a week earlier for preliminaries.

Congratulations to Kevin Parker for his silver medal win at the Canadian Junior men's figure skating championships. Kevin was shooting for the gold and had led after figures and the compulsory short program, however he was edged in the long freeskating program enough to be placed second.

He will be skating at the Milton Figure Skating Club's annual Carnival and will appear on the television show, "The Games People Play" Feb. 18 on channel 19 at 6.30 p.m.

Remember the Champion sports deadlines have been moved back to Monday so submit your game sheets early.

## Milton Flyers meet Oak Ridges Dynes to open Central Jr. "B" playoffs

By Peter McCusker

Milton Flyers open their Central Ontario Junior hockey league playoffs Friday night with a best-of-seven series with Oak Ridges, needless to say the players are high.

Coach Doug Vaughan doesn't look to see the series going the full seven games and he said he believes the draw of Milton by Oak Ridges was in Flyers favour.

The locals record with Oak Ridges this season lends an optimism to the playoffs as Flyers tied Oak Ridges 5-5 and beat them 10-7 the last time they engaged at Milton Memorial. Early in the year Flyers dropped two games to the Dynes but that was before coach Vaughan held the reins.

The winners of the Flyers series will meet the victor from Oakville-Orillia series. This means the two giants, Streetsville Derbys and Burlington Cougars will have a semi-final fight and one will be eliminated.

The news of the playoff draw reached the Flyers while they were watching the midget game following practise Monday evening. Discussion in the stands showed Flyers are looking forward to Fridays home opener.

Although Oak Ridges finished fourth in the standings coach Vaughan said he believes Oak Ridges is not much better than Flyers although their goals against average is better.

But Flyers will have to perk up following three poor displays of hockey in closing out the season.

"The last three games we blew meant nothing," coach Vaughan said. He

noted Flyers were coasting and were trying to get Marty Venner into the 20 goal column. He finished the season with 19.

With Dave Turner out of the lineup Flyers picked up ex-Sheridan College Bruin John MacKay. MacKay from the Burlington area is the oldest player on the Flyers squad and will be hit to the Paul McCann-Rod Gooding line. MacKay just made the junior eligibility by 12 days and coach Vaughan is impressed with MacKay's skating and shooting abilities.

MacKay faces a new league and teammates but Vaughan is confident he is capable.

**BARRIE COLTS**

Barrie Colts handed the Flyers their final defeat of the regulation season Sunday evening at Milton Memorial Arena 6-2 and Dave "Bucky" Harnden came away with a two

game suspension following a goalmouth battle.

In a lacklustre performance Flyers allowed the Colts to win the game in the second and third periods.

Colts Jim Garner scored a hat trick and Roy Evers added two goals past Mike Shepherd.

In the opening period Colts drew first blood at 18:27 and went ahead 2-0 at 12:38. Garner scoring both with John Surgenor and Kevin Guest assisting.

Paul McCann replied at 12:01 with Rod Gooding assisting and E. J. Millett evened the tally with his goal at 8:47 from Gooding and Jim Court. Flyers

were on the powerplay.

Barrie continued to score in the second frame as Garner completed his hat trick from Surgenor at 17:29 while Millett was in the sin bin for interference.

Evers lopped in two goals with Doug Totten assisting on both and they added another late in the third period by Bob Coulson after the smoke of the fighting had cleared.

In the third period after Todd Sheppard and Andy Skop squared off along the boards, Colts' netminder took a swipe at Tom Chuchmach as he was sailing around the net. Chuchmach jumped in and decided to take on

Dunc Brownell but Wayne Church of Barrie decided to be the third man in. Bucky Harnden put in his two fists worth and received a two game suspension for his efforts.

In Flyers' other stroll this week the Oakville Blades took target practice on Rod Sachs to defeat the Flyers 10-4.

Blade goaltender Ian Roberts had to turn away only 28 shots while Sachs was called on to make 51

saves allowing 10 goals for 61 Oakville scoring bids.

Blades held a slim 3-2 after the opening period as Kevin Adam scored twice. Flyers had to get off the mark with two shorthanded goals by Marty Venner with Court assisting on the first and Millett on the second.

Todd Inouye clinched another Blade marker before Venner's second. Blades jumped all over

Flyers in the second period scoring six goals with Inouye netting his second. Adam Campbell notched two, Brian Marvel, Mike McElroy and Mark Speers adding singles.

Flyers scored their two goals early in the period with Todd Sheppard scoring from John MacKay and McCann from Court and Venner.

Grant Gillham scored the lone goal in the final

period.

Flyers open here Friday, travel to Oak Ridges Saturday and Monday and host Oak Ridges Friday Feb. 23. On Saturday 24 they travel to Oak Ridges, are at home Sunday for game six and if a seventh game is necessary will travel to Oak Ridges Monday or Tuesday evening.



### Win streak

## Hogs escape pen by climbing standings

The Halton Hogs have gone five weeks undefeated in Sunday Night Industrial Hockey League action as they dropped Tann Toros 6-4 Sunday and drew 5-5 with Rockwell Raiders last week.

In other Sunday action Rockwell edged the Firefighters 3-2 and Milton Chrysler Dodge doubled the Racers' Edge 6-3.

Wally Mahnke was the marksman for the Hogs, firing four goals, with Jeff Ducharme and Art Goddard adding singles. Assisting were Ducharme three, Norm McAnnally, Pat Wood and Steve Amis.

Tann efforts were split between Art Brooks, Ray Delegrade, Bruce Mead and Blake Anthony, all with singles. Delegrade netted three assists, Mead two, John Crick and Anthony.

Last week Goddard scored twice, Mahnke,

Ducharme and Grant Wilkinson netted goals with Jack Poot and Ducharme grabbing assists, Amis and Mahnke singles.

The Rockwell Raiders had Chuck Alcock pot a pair with Fred Haringa, Ralph Serafini and Ed Wells singles in their draw with the Hogs.

The Raiders had better luck this week edging the firefighters as Ray Vella, Roger Delnin and Eob Ferrier scored with assistance from Alcock, Haringa, Gary Hudson, Peter Griswold and Brad Tonelli.

Al Jones and Paul Stover bulged the twine for Firefighters with Gord Hasselfeldt and Dave Arbic assisting.

In the third game this week Gary Naylor had a hat trick and an assist to lead the Chrysler Dodge team. Dan Zanatta fired two goals and Peter Rota

one. Ken Parton had three assists in the winning effort with teammates Rota two, Marty Farrell and Marty Cairns singles.

Scoring for Racers' Edge were Willie Ceelan, Merv Ball and Mike Nevins. Assists were garnered by Bruce Bousfield, Richard Murray, Ben Nyholt and Ceelan.

Last week the Chrysler Dodge doubled Tann Toros 4-2 with Naylor, Cairns, Farrell and Rota scoring. Tann markers were netted by Delegrade, Pete Walker and Blake Anthony.

The Firefighters' big win last week 7-3 over the Racers featured two goals by Paul Stover and singles from Rick Serafini, Randy Coulson, Dave Mitchell, Harold Penson and Bob Rusk.

Bruce Bousfield fired two goals and Mike Ford one for the Racers' effort.

### CENTRAL ONTARIO JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS FINAL

TEAM	W	L	T	F	A	P
Streetsville Derbys	40	4	0	354	120	80
Burlington Cougars	38	4	2	277	124	78
Oakville Blades	30	14	0	288	204	60
Oak Ridges Dynes	20	17	7	236	229	47
Orillia Travelways	20	19	5	234	242	45
Brampton Chevys	20	20	4	211	204	44
Milton Flyers	16	23	5	215	277	37
Thornhill	14	22	8	180	233	36
Dixie Beehives	14	24	6	205	227	34
Barrie Colts	15	27	2	192	257	32
Acton Sabres	9	31	3	170	286	21
Georgetown Gemini	5	36	2	149	309	12

### OHA INTERMEDIATE B HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS FINAL

TEAM	G	W	L	T	P
Milton	29	24	4	1	49
Paris	32	23	7	2	48
St. Marys	32	17	14	1	35
Ayr	31	17	14	0	34
Plattsville	32	13	17	2	28
New Hamburg	30	11	17	2	24

### CENTRAL DIVISION

TEAM	G	W	L	T	P
Dunnville	28	20	6	2	42
Smithville	28	20	7	1	41
Rockton	28	17	10	1	35
Waterdown	28	4	24	0	8

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

TEAM	G	W	L	T	P
Dorchester	32	20	9	3	43
Tillsonburg	32	17	14	1	35
Port Dover	32	16	15	1	33
Delhi	32	12	18	2	26
Norwich	32	9	23	0	18
Aylmer	32	4	28	0	8

## Legion atoms forced into fourth contest

Tri-County hockey league major atom Legionnaires will have to face a fourth game in their best-of-five series with Streetsville Thursday, due to superb goaltending from Brad Dykeman and Ken Bruce.

Milton took the opening game without much trouble, winning 5-1. Sean Davidson was Milton's best shooter, picking up a hat trick to pace the team's scoring. Eric Chudleigh, Mike DelPapa and Greg Newell helped with singles with assists to Doug Beamish, Todd Horne, Don VandenHeuval, Darren Shaw two and Bruce Cameron.

Milton came out strong in Streetsville and took shot after shot at the net, but all were unable to beat the hot Streetsville netminder.

Sean Davidson scored late in the third with help from Tim Rayner and VandenHeuval. Streetsville came back just over a minute later to tie the

game and force overtime.

Milton dominated play during overtime and with 32 seconds remaining, Shaw and Horne combined to set up Chudleigh for the winner.

The third game was all Streetsville — they played with more confidence and heads up hockey, followed by Milton's lack of backcheck-

ing and stand-up defence, which resulted in a win for the visitors Saturday in Milton Memorial Arena.

Horne and DelPapa were the only ones able to find their mark with assists from Tim Rayner, VandenHeuval and Chudleigh.

Game time in Streetsville Thursday is 8 p.m.

## Springers hop to fund raise

Members of the Milton Springers Gymnastic Club will be hopping during the next two weeks as they start their fund-raising campaign to raise money for new club facilities.

The 200-member organization is selling McDonald coupons and will receive 40 per cent of all sales, club president

Betsy Horn said. The club hopes to reach their goal of \$1,000 with the food venture. Money will in turn go towards acquiring a \$6,000 Wintario grant, she said.

The organization is now awaiting word from town officials on the possibility of the club gaining the premises of (Continued on Page B4)