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### Boys vs girls Why not?

A few weeks ago, the president of the Milton Minor Hockey Association, Bonnie Fay, cancelled a proposed exhibition hockey game between a girls' team and a boys' house league team.

The reason given at the time was the threat of injury, although several other reasons including "irreparable psychological damage" (should the boys lose) were also unofficially bandied about.

However, one parent came into this office with a refreshingly different attitude. John Reynolds has a son on the boys team and a daughter playing with the girls squad.

"What difference would it have made if the boys had lost," said Reynolds. "It's just preparing them for marriage. They're going to get beat the rest of their lives."

As one might easily surmise, Reynolds was a slight bit miffed the game was cancelled, as were many other parents of both teams.

The game was between girls 12 years and older and boys 11 and 12 years. At this age level, girls are generally physically larger although I'm sure the boys could skate faster.

As any psychologist will say, the fear is more dangerous than the result. Now the boys will start to wonder what "could" have happened instead of what "did" occur.

As for the threat of injury, the game was supposed to be non-contact. Interesting to note, the girls play in a contact league while the boys play non-contact.

The time will come when boys and girls will play against one another in sport. But it won't be this year, in Milton anyway. But next year or the year after? Don't bet against it.

Sad to note Milton Flyers have been eliminated from playoff contention in the Central Ont. Jr. B. League.

The reasons are numerous, as any follower of the club will tell. They range from the quality and attitude of the players to the team's four coaches during the year — which certainly didn't bring any measure of stability to the players.

It makes one's mind wonder about the future of the team.

Flyers' owner Vern Gooding tried to sell the team and made overtures to purchase the intermediate club last year. The intermediate Aeros could use Gooding's stabilizing influence (financially anyways) and I'm sure Gooding has kept tabs on the graduating members of his junior teams over the years.

It wouldn't be a bad idea for Gooding to take the senior team and surrender the juniors. If both teams shared the valued Friday night home date, both could probably survive.

Former Milton major midget Joey Gaeton notched his 20th goal recently with Markham Waxers in Provincial Jr. A. hockey.

The 17-year-old centre and left winger has added 19 assists while playing on the second line.

Earlier this year, Gaeton scored the tying and winning goals against front-running Dixie Bee Hives. Markham is one of just two teams to defeat Bee Hives this year.

Waxers are having problems and currently hold down 10th place in the 12-team league.

Waxers were supposed to pay \$500 for Gaeton's release from Milton Flyers. They paid \$250, at the beginning of the year but neglected to send the second half of the amount on the Dec. 1 due date. Waxers' manager Frank Wilbur claimed it was an oversight and instructed the club's secretary to pay the money early last week.

Wilbur said he was impressed with Gaeton.

"He's done as well as anybody as a rookie coming into the league," he said. "His biggest problem is that he's off balance much of the time. But we're very happy with him."

Gaeton was to be returned to Flyers Jan. 10 if Waxers were eliminated from playoff contention. Markham is just a few points from eighth place and Gaeton will stay with the Waxers for the balance of the season.

For those with good memories, most will remember it was just two years ago that Jim McLean was suspended for life by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association for forging a player's name to a scoresheet in rep game.

If McLean wants back into minor hockey the avenues are open, if he's willing to put up a \$100 fee for an appeal.

According to information given by several OMHA members, appeals in cases similar to McLean's usually are successful.

Meanwhile, McLean said he was not interested in pursuing hockey. He said he didn't realize the amount of time he spent away from his family, because of hockey, until he left the scene.

The Hockey Moms dance this Saturday at the Lions Club is a complete sell-out.

Mom prez Judy Dillon reported earlier this week that all 300 tickets were sold ensuring the dance to be a success.

## Silver Stick

# Overtime falls Wheelers

It took two overtime periods before Milton Fifth Wheel major bantams lost out in the second round of the Silver Stick hockey tourney on the weekend in Port Huron, Michigan.

Peter Douris' third goal of the game with 1:30 remaining in the second seven-minute overtime period allowed Don Mills AAA minor bantams a 3-2 win.

Milton advanced to the second game after defeating St. Paul, Minnesota 3-2 with a surge in the final period.

Against Don Mills, both teams traded single goals in the first two periods. Milton jumped ahead 2-1 at the midway point of the final period before Douris tied the score for Don Mills with just over one minute remaining in the contest.

Milton began the first overtime by taking three consecutive penalties but strong penalty-killing kept the score tied.

Bob Landry had a productive tournament receiving a point on each of Milton's scoring plays notching a goal and four assists.

Rob Bourbonnais notched Milton's first goal against Don Mills while Rob McCullough scored the second goal.

Against St. Paul, Milton fired three goals

in a seven-minute span in the final period to turnover a 1-0 disadvantage to 3-1 to take the victory.

Stuart Anderson, McCullough and Landry fired goals although the star of both games was Milton goalie Paolo Zulian.

## T-Birds nudged out also lose in overtime

A goal three minutes into the first overtime period allowed Columbia Heights, Minnesota a 6-5 victory over Milton Trafalgar Ford major peeewees in the second game in Port Huron Michigan.

The defeat eliminated Milton from further competition in the tourney.

It was an exciting, dramatic contest which saw Milton tie the score with just eight seconds remaining in regulation time.

While Milton coach Dawson Ellison was trying to pull his goalie for the sixth attacker, Tim Pollen took a pass and scored from his own rebound from the slot flipping the puck over the fallen goaltender.

"Zulian was the difference in both games," said Milton coach Jack Duimstra. "In the Don Mills game we must have been outshot about 40-20 but Zulian kept turning them away. Both the teams we played were very strong."

"They have an impressive hockey team," said Ellison. "They were extremely well balanced. Each line they sent out was strong."

Milton dominated play in the third period taking the play into the Minnesota end time and time again with an effective offensive press.

Pollen had quite a day for himself notching four goals while Tracy Harding added a single.

In the opener, Milton easily handled Sudbury by a 5-1 margin. Pollen fired two goals to lead the attack with singles going to Terry Boudreau, Perri Hood and Ron Lassaline.

# Champion Sports

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TRYING TO CORRAL the puck while being checked is Pro Clean forward Blake Smiley in Milton Industrial League action Sunday night. Smiley's team, Pro Clean, slowed down in the final two periods as

Racer's Edge won 4-1. In other action Nadalin and Rockwell drew while Firefighters defeated Milton Chrysler.

## Flyers string snapped at three

It's official. For just the second time in seven years, Milton Flyers will not participate in post-season play.

It's unfortunate that is the case. Flyers managed their longest winning string of the season last week with three consecutive victories and were giving all the signs they were coming around as a team.

However, Flyers find themselves 11 points out of final playoff spot with just five games remaining and it's all over.

If a team can go out in style, Flyers are that team. After demolishing Acton Sabres 9-3 during McDonald's night last Tuesday at Memorial Arena, Flyers dumped playoff hopeful Barrie Colts 7-5 Friday and quadrupled the score on Acton Saturday 8-2. However, an 8-4 loss Sunday to Thornhill ended the dreams of a miracle finish.

It seemed an appropriate way to go finish out the year. Flyers have spent much of the year doing the unexpected and while early in the year they surprised in a negative fashion it's refreshing to see the team rebound in a positive way and still strive to win when little was at stake.

Against Thornhill, Thunderbirds exploded for five goals in the first 10 minutes of the game and coasted to the win. Flyer goalie Mike Shepherd took a shot on his neck during the pre-game warm-up but played des-

pite the hurt.

Thornhill scored three more goals in the middle frame while Flyers spaced single goals in the second and third periods.

Paul McCann led the Milton attack with two goals while singles went to Eric Ellison and Doug Brophy.

Flyers manhandled Acton Saturday night in Acton taking leads of 3-1 and 5-2 in the first two periods.

Jay Caulfield netted a pair on the night while singles went to Marty Venner, Ellison, Dave Harnden, McCann, Darren Etmanski and Iva Zulian.

Against Barrie, Flyers rebounded from a 5-3 disadvantage with four unanswered goals in the third period to steal the victory and act as spoilers in the playoff race.

Barrie led 4-2 at the end of the first and 4-3 after the second. Flyers pounded for two quick tallies in the third period before icing the win with two goals in the last five minutes.

McCann supplied the heroics notching the winning goal with 4:39 remaining. It was his second goal of the night. Ellison also chipped in with a pair while singles went to Joe Todd, Venner and Ellison.

Flyers went back into action last night in Oakville before returning for the final home game of the season Friday night against

Oak Ridges at 8 p.m. Flyers play away games in Burlington Saturday, Oak Ridges Monday and the final game of the 1979-80 season is next Thursday in Dixie.

## Are Real McCoys real? Ayr sends protest on Rockton's ineligible players

The Intermediate B Hockey League will discover shortly if six players with the Rockton Real McCoys are really for real.

Several teams have made allegations during the year that Rockton has been using several ineligible players.

The allegations became concrete Friday when the manager of Ayr Rockets, Alvin Poll, officially registered a protest with the Ontario Hockey Association challenging the addresses of six Rockton players.

Poll summoned the services of a lawyer who checked through several different avenues, including the Department of Transport, and discovered, says Poll, that six players live at different addresses (which would class them as imports) than are registered with the OHA.

Five of the players says Poll, are blatantly illegal while the sixth, Doug Woods, changed addresses too late to be classified as a homebrew.

"I guess what we're after," said Poll, "is for the league to either straighten up and play by the rules or change the rules."

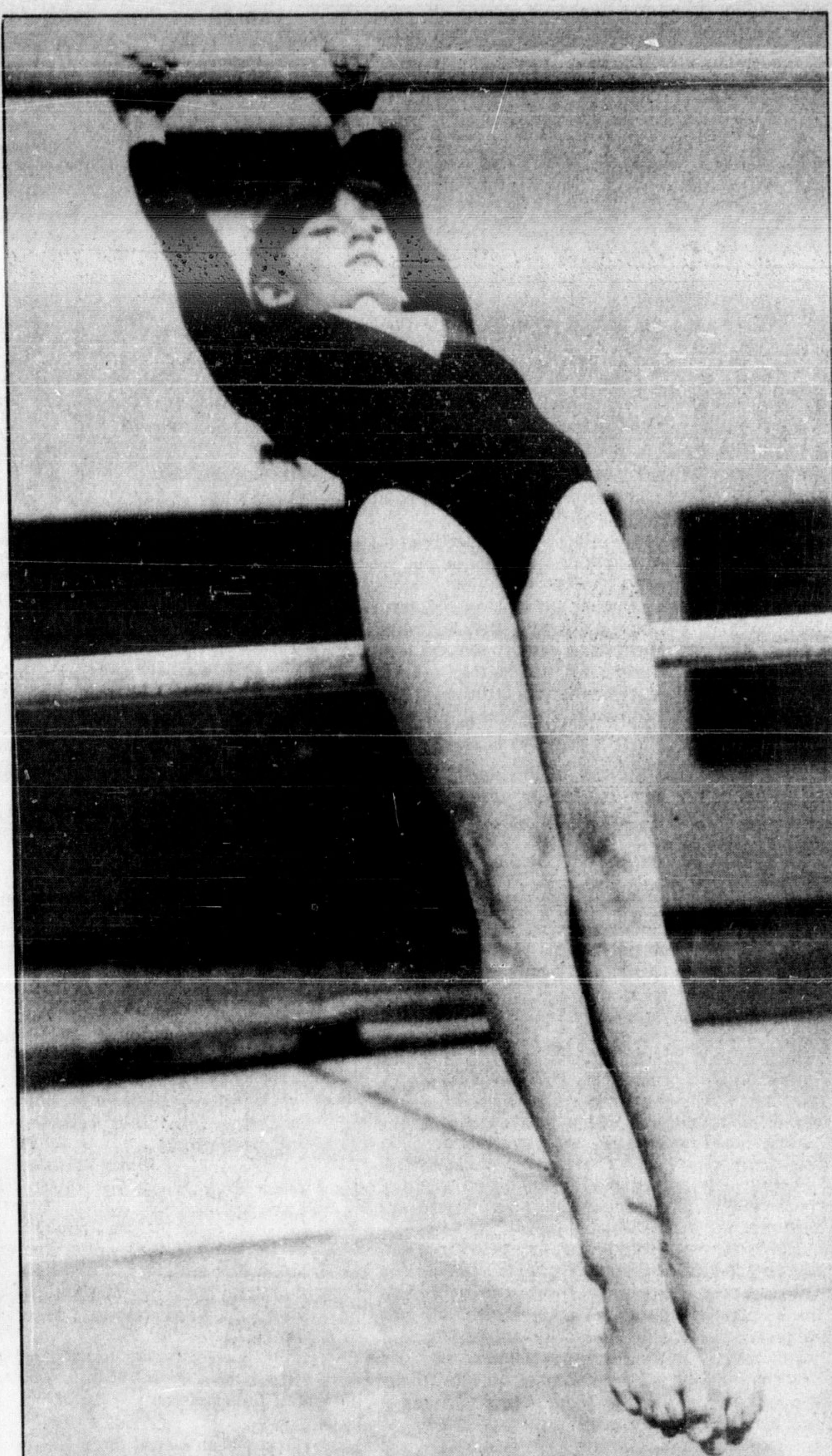
The five other players cited in the protest are Mike Berberick, Ken Mazur, Brad Bomens, Sandy Rollo and Wayne Stringer.

Poll said he's been working on the protest for two months following allegations from several teams that Rockton was using illegally signed players.

The charges were denied by Rockton general manager Wayne Delottinville, who was understandably not saying too much about the situation.

"It's definitely untrue," he said, "and that's all I'll say on the matter."

Coincidentally or not, Rockton has been in a slump—losing their past four games and their grasp on third place is slipping. The squad currently leads Ayr by five points although Rockets hold a game-in-hand



MILTON SPRINGER Paula Geniole goes through her routine at a gymnastic qualifying meet on the weekend in Burlington. Several Springers participated in the meet which is the second of three this year.

Photo by Al Williams

## Cagers ousted

Hamilton Collegiate erupted for six points in a 30-second span in the second quarter on their way to a 63-51 semi-final decision over Milton Mustangs in senior boys basketball action on the weekend in St. Catharines.

The outburst gave Hamilton a seven-point lead which the squad maintained for the duration of the contest until sinking several free shots at the end of the game.

The loss eliminated Mustangs from further competition in the highly competitive tourney.

"The key to the game," explained Milton coach Bryan Camani, "was that span in the second quarter. We got careless for a minute and they got three quick baskets. We called a time-out and got back together again but we couldn't close the gap."

Mustangs trailed by just five points with two minutes to go in the game but Hamilton successfully controlled the ball with a freeze play and forced Milton to commit fouls in an effort to gain possession of the ball.

"I was pleased with our play," added

Camani. "We played well." Milton advanced to the semis with a comfortable 67-52 victory over Laura Secord Collegiate of St. Catharines.

Mustangs took a 39-16 halftime lead and coasted to the win, employing a full contingent of players against an obviously weaker team. After the game, the coach of Laura Secord congratulated Mustangs for not running up the score.

Against Laura Secord, Paul Van Oorschot led Mustangs with 18 points. Bruce Haines and John Freeman hit for 10 points apiece while Perry Martin chipped in with eight.

Paul Van Oorschot was named to the tournament's all-star team while the championship went handily to Hamilton Collegiate Institute.

Mustangs go back into action Friday with a tripleheader against Oakville Trafalgar High School beginning at 3 p.m. at MDHS.

The squad travels to Orangeville on the weekend for a tourney involving several AAA schools.

## Rep teams preparing for OMHA playdowns

Almost all Milton rep hockey teams completed the regular season in Tri-County play in fine style.

Seven of the nine oldest age groups received byes into the second round of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association playdowns. The only teams which failed to accomplish the honor by finishing ahead of Double A rivals Dundas and Georgetown were Canadian Tire major midgets and Legion major atoms.

The novice age group is not affiliated with the OMHA playdowns and plays within its own group for the rest of the year.

Both atom teams compete in zone championships which do not take in all of the province. All groups above atom compete province-wide within the OMHA for the

interesting to note, the Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League (MTHL) and associations in Ottawa (ODHA) and Thunder Bay (TBDHA) are affiliated with the Ontario Hockey Association but not the OMHA. The OHA is the province's umbrella organization for all hockey associations in Ontario. Any league in the province which operates outside the OHA is considered an outlaw league.

The first round of OMHA play is expected to be completed by Sunday. The survivors meet next week in a best-of-three series to determine which of the teams will represent this area in further OMHA playdowns. All winners advance to play Owen Sound in a best-of-three to be started no later than Feb. 10.

## Aeros land Karp

Milton Aeros will have a former American Hockey League player for the rest of the season.

Centremen Herman Karp, a Milton resident, has signed with the team. Karp played for Rochester Americans three years ago, although he has not played hockey for the past two seasons.

Aeros' coach Barrie Elliott said he was impressed with Karp.

"He's gets better with every practice," said Elliott. "He's always talking on the ice and I'm sure he'll be a big help on the team."

Also signed to a player's card was Tom Butt, a small but speedy left-winger who hails from Woodbridge.

The signings couldn't have come at a better time for the squad which lost Harold Merry last week. Merry left Milton Monday to accept a job in Edmonton.

"We knew at the beginning of the year he might leave during the season," explained Elliott. "We're really going to miss him. He made such a big contribution to the team, both on and off the ice."

Two other players Aeros looked at last week in practice probably will not play

with the team. Gary Barden, a defenceman, chose to play in Guelph while Mark Perras, brother of Halton Liberal candidate Bill Perras, has been busy with his brothers campaign and is doubtful.

"Any player we sign now has got to come out to all the games and practices," said Elliott.

Arrows: The elimination of Milton Flyers from possible playoff action means Aeros will have all the Friday nights for the rest of the year. Certainly the gate will improve as the squad makes its bid down the stretch.

Indications are for Aeros to play Paris 29ers (again) in the first round of the play-offs. Milton and Paris have met each year for the past three with 29ers holding a 2-1 edge.

Gord Lyons and Ken Fay have rejoined the team after returning from vacations.

Aeros battled Plattsville last night at Memorial Arena. Milton plays in Ayr Saturday, in Smithville Sunday before returning to the comfortable surroundings of Memorial Arena next Tuesday night against league-leaders Dunnville Mudcats.