

Poloni sets a school first

Wins at Peel-Halton and goes with Bernabei to OFSSA

Roy Poloni established a first for a Milton cross-country runner when he sped his way to the top spot in senior boys at the Peel-Halton championships Wednesday in Brampton.

Poloni moved out of the pack at about the one-quarter mark and led the rest of the way outdistancing Doug Smith of Georgetown in a reverse finish of the Halton championships the previous week at Kelso.

Milton District High School had won a Peel-Halton title in recent memory. Poloni is just one of two Milton runners to qualify for the provincial championships as coach Bert Vella's gamble to stack his better teams didn't pay off.

Vince Bernabei will join Poloni in London this weekend for the Ontario championships. Bernabei finished eighth in junior boys. Vella was unsure whether or not to move Bernabei up to senior in an attempt to qualify his team and it looks like he made the right decision. Bernabei's placing couldn't have qualified the team and he would probably not have qualified as an individual.

"I wasn't displeased with the way things turned out," explained Vella. "Some of my hopes were longshots and with injuries we couldn't come up with the performances."

The senior boys finished fifth (the top two teams qualify) while the junior girls, the other Milton team with an outside chance, were fourth.

In other boys' results, Steve Davies was 29th, Peter Schmidt 35th and Dave Nolet was 39th in senior. The top midjets were Mike Belvedere 39th, Glen Faulkner 42nd, Mike Van Wart 59th and Charles Jarvis 111th. In junior, Norm Rose was 51st, Jens Francksen 65th and Scott McColeman 74th.

On the girls' side, Denise Worth barely missed qualifying with an 11th-place finish in junior followed by Lynn Copeland 21, Tracey English 28, Corinne Kollman 38 and Lynda Wingfield 42.

In senior girls', Renee Nolet was 33rd, Brenda Ryan 44th, Laurie Zions 51st and Sheila Willows, a midjet running up two groups, was 54th.

For the second year in a row, Georgetown dominated the meet taking five of the top six team titles. Actually, it marked a poorer showing than last year when the school won all six titles and five of six at OFSSA.



Starting off: The senior boys' cross-country race quickly broke into sections with Milton's Roy Poloni moving into the lead at about the one-quarter mark. Poloni won the Peel-Halton race marking the first time a Milton runner had won at this level.



Leaving them behind: The Heart Lake Conservation Area course was littered with leaves in a picturesque fall setting. Poloni (above) made a charge and defeated Georgetown rival Doug Smith for the senior cross-country race.

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Teams better balanced as industrial all set for a more disciplined season

Complete with tougher penalties, better players and closer matched teams, the Milton Industrial Hockey League began regular season play Sunday evening at Memorial Arena. Milton Sports Centre.

Three fairly clean games produced three close contests as the early prognosis is for more balance in the league.

Firefighters began defence of its league championship with a 3-1 win over Straight Line Fence (formerly Rockwell), Nadalin Flyers battled back over a weary Halton Hogs (formerly Pro Clean) and Racer's Edge and the new-look Milton Chrysler-Dodge played to a 2-2 tie in a game which swayed back and forth.

The league is attempting to break its image of a rough league with stiffer penalties and suspensions for serious infrac-

tions and if the first three games are an indication of what lies ahead, the league has taken a big step forward.

FIREFIGHTERS 3 STRAIGHT LINE 1

Dismissing claims his team is not up to the standard of last season, Firefighters' coach Murray McConnell said he was very pleased with his squad's victory over an improved Straight Line Fence. Firefighters scored once in the first and added two more in a 15-second span late in the second period before Straight Line got on the scoreboard.

"They say we're not as strong as last year," says McConnell, "but I think the league is tougher. We added Don Habkirk (former Milton Flyer), Bob Rusk (former Milton Aero), Jay Norland and Sam Marion. "We lost Jimmy Cartwright to the juniors

and Paul Prior but I think on the whole we're just as strong.

"It's better for the team. Every game we have to be in it. They know they have to play every game. We still have the same team spirit as last year."

Buddy Thomas and Habkirk scored 15 seconds apart late in the second period to stake Firefighters to the 3-0 lead before Straight Line narrowed the gap to two goals with 22 seconds left in the period.

Straight Line controlled much of the play in the final period but couldn't put the puck past a stubborn Phil Bailey in the Firefighter goal.

Straight Line is coached by Don Owen, a newcomer to the industrial hockey scene. He said he felt his team should have won.

"I think we play about 75 per cent of the game in their zone," said Owen. "With any

luck, we would have beaten them."

The squad has just eight returnees from last year.

NADALIN FLYERS 3 HALTON HOGS 2

Hogs rolled up an early 2-0 lead and then watched it disappear as penalties and fatigue took their toll allowing Nadalin two power-play goals in the final period to earn the win.

Hogs quickly jumped on Nadalin and backed by solid goalkeeping from newcomer Terry Fritzley, controlled much of the play in the first half of the game.

However, Nadalin regrouped later in the game and took advantage of Hogs' short-stuffed squad (two lines).

Hogs' defender Al Duncan took a major penalty and an automatic two-minute minor early in the third period for high sticking

and Nadalin jumped on the power play opportunity turning a 2-1 disadvantage into a 3-2 lead.

"Penalties killed us," said Hogs' co-coach Marcel Zwolman who along with Roy Smith and Gary Parsons will handle the bench work.

Duncan and Pete McCuaig had staked Hogs to a 2-0 lead. Keith Bridgman narrowed the gap to 2-1 with a second-period goal before Pat Haggart and Louis D'Araio put Nadalin ahead to stay.

RACER'S EDGE 2 CHRYSLER-DODGE 2

Racer's Edge fired two power-play goals midway through the third period to turn the 2-0 disadvantage into the 2-2 tie. Penalties again proved costly as Chrysler-Dodge shorthanded for nearly six consecutive minutes, playing two-men short for one minute

and 14 seconds of that time.

"That's the worst game so far," exclaimed Heath. "We didn't pass the puck too well tonight."

Meanwhile over outside the dressing room, Racer's Edge coach John Penson wasn't happy with his team's slow start.

"It takes our guys about a period and a half to get going," said Penson. "I think Firefighters are good but Chrysler-Dodge is the team to beat."

With Brad Eans sparkling between the posts, C-D jumped ahead with the lone goal of the second period. Steve Wilson fired the goal midway through the period.

In the final period, Gord Adams jumped the lead to 2-0 two minutes into the final frame before Richard Murray on a perfectly timed deflection and George Trencs put Racer's Edge into the tie

Central Ont. Jr. B Standings

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Oakville	10	7	2	1	61	35	15
Burlington	10	7	2	1	91	36	15
Orillia	10	6	3	2	62	44	14
Brampton	11	7	4	0	72	46	14
Oak Ridges	11	7	4	0	66	54	14
Acton	12	5	6	1	69	77	11
Streetsville	10	4	4	2	54	68	10
Barrie	11	4	5	2	59	56	10
Thornhill	10	4	6	0	68	65	8
Georgetown	10	4	6	0	39	59	8
Dixie	12	2	8	2	37	91	6
Milton	10	1	9	0	33	77	2

T-Birds tie

In an end-to-end game, Milton Thunderbirds major peewees earned a 1-1 tie with Chinguacousy Monday night in Bramalea.

Milton was saddled with killing off three minors and a major and succeeded on each occasion even scoring one shorthanded which tied the game early in the first period.

"We had our chances," said Milton coach Dawson Ellison. "We had better all-out efforts from everyone."

The draw came on the heels of a 6-1 win over Ancaster Saturday at Memorial Arena.

Against Ching, the home side opened the scoring quickly before Sean Davidson evened the count with a goal scored from a scramble while his team was playing a man short.

T-Birds mixed the lines and used a variety of players to kill penalties in the win over Ancaster. Davidson paced the attack with three goals while Robbie Turner added a pair and Darren Shaw chipped in with a single.

Last week, it was incorrectly reported that Al Haringa coached T-Birds in Ellison's absence. Although Haringa was present behind the bench, in fact, Dieter Claer did the coaching.



Close call: Although the puck appears headed into the net, Hogs netminder Terry Fritzley actually deflected it wide from a shot by Nadalin's Henry Brinke. Nadalin surged ahead for a 3-2 win while Firefighters

beat Straight Line Fence and Racer's Edge drew 2-2 with Milton Chrysler-Dodge. It marked the beginning of regular season play in Milton Industrial Hockey.

Sockets efforts produce big win

A little better all-around effort was credited with improved play as Milton novice Sockets handed Georgetown its first defeat of the year with a 3-1 win Sunday afternoon at Memorial Arena.

Milton upped its record to 2-1-1 in handing Georgetown its first loss in seven games with single goals in each of the periods.

Sockets nursed a 2-0 lead throughout the third period until Georgetown made it exciting with a goal 52 seconds from the end of the game. Georgetown's Mike Barnes skated the length of the ice on a breakaway and put a wrist shot into the top left corner.

However, Matt Newby supplied the insurance marker with a goal into an empty-net to secure the win.

James Green's prolific scoring continued when he opened the scoring with less than two minutes to play in the first period. Adrian Meli assisted. With 49 seconds to play in the second period, Robbie Del Papa doubled the lead with assists to Darren Beals and Green.

It was Sockets' lone game of the week. The team travels to Burlington Saturday before returning to Memorial Arena Sunday against Brampton.

Aeros open Thursday against Rockton

All eyes will be on John Hall when Milton Aeros face Rockton Real McCoys in Milton's season opener of the Intermediate B League Thursday night in Rockton.

Hall makes his coaching debut and Aeros will demonstrate their new co-operative approach to the team this year.

Aeros play in Paris Monday before coming home to play the first game here against Paris at Memorial Arena Tuesday night. Aeros plan for Eddie Shack Pop Shoppe Night will be in force with The Entertainer himself putting on a skating exhibition between periods. He will also be on hand during the game to sign autographs.

The squad will put a skeleton crew onto the ice in Rockton. Injuries, a suspension and work commitments have limited the

roster to about 12 players. It'll be the squad's first game of the year as Aeros didn't play any pre-season games.

Sources around the league indicate Aeros are on the verge of signing a working agreement with Georgetown Raiders of Intermediate A. A formal agreement is expected to be signed later this week and details are somewhat sketchy at the moment.

Aeros have signed Mike Penwarden, Paul McCann, Bill McGilloway, Lorne Lesuk, Gord Lyons, Tom Butt, Jim Robertson, Doug Heslop, Bob Baker and Mark Fisher. The latter three are imports.

Also giving an indication they will sign are Marty Seeds, Pat Devlin and Bill Sherlock while Dave Norton is still undecided whether to play with Aeros or return to Europe to play.