



Loose puck: The Georgetown goalie scrambles for a loose puck while Optimists hover around the net. A spirited Milton squad handled Georgetown 3-1 in a big game. Optimists made it two wins with a 5-2 win over Oakville.

Beat Georgetown

Optimists respond

Charged with the challenge of defeating arch-rival Georgetown, Milton Optimists minor peewees responded to the task with a 3-1 victory Saturday evening at Memorial Arena.

Georgetown represents the first test for Milton to qualify in Ontario Minor Hockey Association post-season play. Although the playdowns don't begin for three months, Optimists were emotionally prepared for the challenge as if the game was played in January.

"We were up for the game," said coach Bob Davidson, "and we played well. We had our runners on and won the races. We were on top of them and it became difficult for them (Georgetown) to do anything."

Optimists controlled much of the play and if it wasn't for strong goaltending by Georgetown, the score could have been higher although Optimists didn't help their own cause by taking several shots straight on the goaltender.

"Georgetown is the big team for us in this league," added Davidson. "It doesn't look like Dundas will challenge."

Scott Hilson put Optimists on the scoreboard with a goal at 10 minutes into the game. Georgetown knotted the score at 1-1 two minutes later.

Jason Newby scored what proved to

be the winner five minutes into the second period with Doug Drennan supplying the icing on the cake with a goal 22 seconds left in the game.

Optimists continued its winning performances taking a 5-2 away win in Oakville Monday night. Optimists abandoned its usual dump-the-puck-into-the-corner routine and skated the puck over the blue line with good results.

Although the coaching staff instructed the team to dump the puck into the corner when the players crossed centre, the players directed their own destiny and carried the puck into the Oakville defensive zone. The small ice surface left little room between the blue lines for plays.

Oakville scored first two minutes into the game when a line mix-up allowed Oakville a breakaway. Travis Cole got that one back quickly 30 seconds later and Optimists scored four more consecutive goals to take the win.

Geoff Pollen fired a pair while singles went to Scott Ellwood, Drennan and Cole.

Optimists meet Georgetown at Memorial Arena Saturday before travelling to Orangeville Tuesday to meet one of the tougher teams in the Tri-County League.

Wheelers roll along

In the only game last week, Milton Fifth Wheelers Truckstop major bantams whipped Ancaster 6-1 Sunday at Memorial Arena.

In a rather lacklustre affair, Wheelers jumped in a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Terry Ellwood and Jeff Sanford. Ancaster narrowed the gap to 2-1 early in the second period on a tally by Wayne Harris, before Milton's Jeff Harris and Mike Heneberry fired the hometown team into a 4-1 lead.

Ellwood scored two goals in the third period

to complete his hat trick as well as the game's scoring. Rick Serafini had a good game in the scoring column chipping in with three assists, while Mark Haskett and Greg Morey each had two.

Fifth Wheelers now boast a 5-1-1 league record.

However, all is not well in the camp. Team management says there are only about eight players really pulling their weight and demonstrating a keen desire to play with the team. Management is con-

stantly trying to improve the team's capabilities and to date it has been no easy road to hoe. The team was to have several new prospects out to their practice on Monday for a tryout, however, no new signings were announced prior to press time.

Next home game for the Fifth Wheelers in Sunday at 3:30 versus Georgetown.

Brooks skates to silver medals

Two young Milton figure skaters began their quest for the Sub-sen the Hamilton-Stoney Creek Invitational over the weekend.

Kim Patcheson and Heidi Brooks are preparing to participate in sub-sectionals, a preliminary event to the national championship, which will take place Friday Nov. 28 at Ice Galaxy in Scarborough.

Competing at the juvenile B level, Patcheson placed sixth in her final event.

Brooks competed at the Pre-novice level in both figure and free skate and came home with a silver medal. She also competed in Silver Interpretive and placed second for another silver medal.



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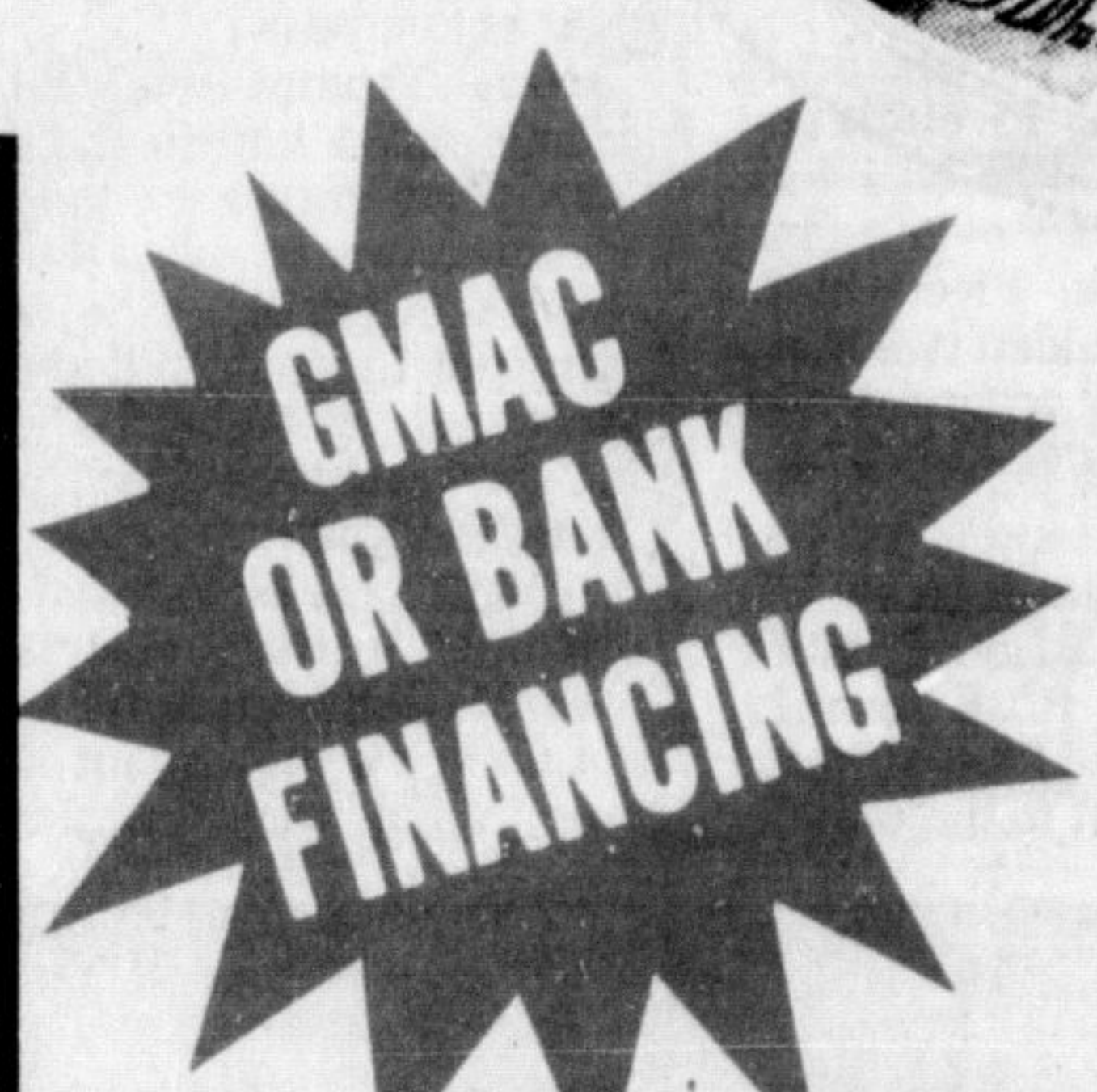
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