

Champs

With their eyes down the ice, Dale Cowan (right) and Kathryn Tracey show the winning form in the Halton Community Credit Union Family Bonspiel Saturday at the Milton Club. Other members of the rink are skip Ron Tracey and inspirational lead Jill Tracey. For more details on the spiel, turn to Curling Cues on page B2 with guest columnist Craig Thomas.

Rally team third

Complete with a new car and a new driver, rally driver Bob Lee, of Milton, joined with Randy Black of Mississauga for a third-place finish at the Rallye Perce-Neige in Maniwaki Que., over the weekend. Lee who formerly raced with Alister Aitken of Oakville joined with Black earlier in the winter and the combo have raced twice together. The pair are racing a factory-built Datsun. Aitken and Lee raced their Toyota Corolla to several good finishes and the provincial rally championship two years ago.

The car Lee and Black race is completely sponsored. The only costs for Lee this year will be his travelling expenses, a far cry from the Toyota when the team spent a large amount of their own money on repairs and equipment before any types of sponsorship could be found when they won the Ontario title.

Aitken is driving a Toyota for Mary Crundwall, of St. Catharines, who joins Aitken in the car as the co-driver. The change forced Lee to look elsewhere for a car.

The Perce-Neige was run in 13 stages on glare ice and although their Datsun is a very fast car, they found the rally was slow to compensate for the poor driving conditions.

At the three-quarter mark, Black and Lee trailed second place by just one minute. The team was catching up ground all the way up to the finish line but couldn't overtake the Quebec team and finished 18 seconds behind for third place.

The first event this year for the team was at London recently. The team placed third again. Aitken and Crundwall were forced to drop out of the Perce-Neige when their car suffered a broken gearbox.

The winner at Perce-Neige was current

Thornton captures gold medal

In just her second competition outside her own club, Colleen Thornton captured the only gold medal for the Milton Figure Skating Club at the Peel-Halton Inter-Club championship Sunday at Brampton. The 10-year-old skater put out one of her best performances to take the pre-Juvenile title in the competition among seven clubs.

This is just the first year for competition for Thornton. She has won two golds and a silver within the club and finished fifth in her first taste of outside competition in London two weeks ago.

For the club championship, Chinguacousy won the title. Milton finished fourth overall with 44 points. One reason Milton finished lower in the standings was they entered just 10 of 14 events. A lack of competitive skaters in certain groups forced the club not to enter four classes.

The fourth-place team finish was much improved over last year when Milton was last of the seven clubs under a different system of team scoring.

Silver medals were won by Cindy Sundwall in the National Badge Test, Nancy McDonnell and Letitia Wilson in Similar Dance and Gary Coulter for Interpretative.

In the senior girls division, Celia Russell was third and took home a bronze medal.

national champion Taisto Heinonen, of Surrey, B.C., who ran the race in three hours, 24 minutes and 47 seconds. Lee and Black finished just less than six minutes behind.

The race was held at Maniwaki, about 120 km north of Ottawa. All stages in the event were run on ice and snow covered roads. Conditions were made worse during the night section of the rally as falling snow limited visibility.

Second-half letdown evens Optimists series

Playing at matchbox-size Georgetown Memorial Arena has never been a favorite of Milton Optimist minor peewee coach Bob Davidson. Monday night, his team showed him why.

Anything can happen at the arena and true to form, Optimists let a 4-0 second-period lead go by the board and Georgetown took advantage of home ice to score a 5-4 win and square their best-of-five OMHA qualifying round series at a game apiece.

Optimists had taken the opener with a comfortable 6-1 victory Thursday at Milton's Memorial Arena. The squad also participated at a tournament in Stayner over the weekend winning the first game before dropping a tough contest to Guelph's triple-A squad.

"We generally don't get four goals," said Davidson of the Georgetown game Monday, "let alone be up by four goals. We can't give a game away like that."

"The kids were disappointed. It's so hard to win up there that to lead and blow it. Well, it hurts."

"We had a little talk about it after the game. The kids must learn that when the other guys are down, they've got to put them away."

Milton led 4-0 two minutes into the second period before Georgetown bounced back to



Long night: It was a long night for Chrysler-Dodge goalie Brad Evans as Racer's Edge scored eight times for an 8-3 win. At one point, Chrysler coach Chris Heath tried to pull Evans from the net but Evans refused to go to the bench.

Legion ousted with overtime goal

With an International Silver Stick already under their collective belts, Milton Legion major atoms had their sights set on advancing a fair ways through the OMHA zone playdowns.

However, Georgetown put a knot into Legion's plans by winning the final two games to take their best-of-three OMHA series 2-1 with a 3-2 overtime victory Saturday afternoon at Memorial Arena.

The overtime defeat ruined a fine Legion comeback effort. After a lacklustre first two periods, the club revitalized itself with a pair of early markers in the third period to square the score at 2-2.

Legion was back by some spectacular saves from netminder Jim Murray who was called on several times throughout the game.

After a scoreless first period during which Georgetown held the balance of the play, the visitors opened the scoring

midway through the middle frame.

Murray had just made a fine stop on a two-on-one when Georgetown's John Lorito poked home a loose puck from a scramble. Pat McCarthy assisted on the play.

The goal seemed to put a spark into the Legion offence which quickly applied pressure on the Georgetown goal.

However, McCarthy and Lorito broke through the Milton defence at the Georgetown blue line and raced down the ice on a two-on-one. Lorito passed to McCarthy in the clear and he made no mistake moving the puck to his backhand and slipping the puck into the far corner of the net along the ice.

Penalties proved costly to Georgetown in the third period. Both Legion goals were scored on the power-play and the first came with two Georgetown players in the penalty box.

At the 13:16 mark of the third period, and

with just one second left in one Georgetown minor, Adam Mead put Legion on the board. Mead skated around the net and tucked home a shot off the goalie's skate.

Less than two minutes later, Milton's Brad Jones tied the score with a perfect wrist shot from the left side over the goalie's shoulder. Jones skated the length of the ice. Being a right-hand shot, he had more of the net to shoot at from the left side and his shot caught the goalie by surprise. Legion carried the play throughout most of the third period although Georgetown had several good scoring chances which were stopped by Murray's standout goal-keeping.

Included among Murray's fine saves were two key stops in the last three minutes of regulation time. He came up with a good glove save from a face-off and moments later, three Georgetown players found themselves all alone in front of Murray.

However, instead of passing to an open man, the puck carrier shot to Murray's glove side and the goalie had little trouble making the save.

The play went back and fourth in the overtime period. Legion played the first minute and 49 seconds a man short through a tripping penalty.

Midway through the period, Georgetown's Alan Thibault carried the puck the length of the ice and his shot along the ice caught the corner of the net to provide his squad with the margin of victory.

Legion had won the first game of the series 3-0 last week before Georgetown knotted the series at a game apiece with a 2-1 win on home ice last week. Jones scored Milton's lone goal which drew Legion to within one goal.

Legion now awaits the start of the Tri-County playoffs.

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SECOND SECTION

Aeros dump Paris twice

Pat Devlin turned back 12 shots in the third period and Paul McCann struck for a pair of goals in the final frame to earn Milton Aeros an 8-6 win over Paris 29ers in Intermediate B Hockey League action Monday night in Paris.

It marked Aeros' second victory in six days over the second-place 29ers. Last Tuesday, Aeros won 6-3. In between the two Paris games, Rockton Real McCoys came to town Friday and took home a 5-0 shutout victory which firmly entrenched the club in the top spot.

The exchange of games leaves Aeros three points in front of Dunnville Mudcats in the race for third place. Aeros have three games remaining while two games are left for Dunnville.

Ironically, the team finishing third will draw Rockton in the first round of the playoffs while the fourth-place finisher, should it defeat Smithville in a one-game sudden-death playoff, meets Paris. Unlike previous years, Aeros have enjoyed some success against Paris but have lost every game to Rockton this year which appears on its way to winning the provincial championship.

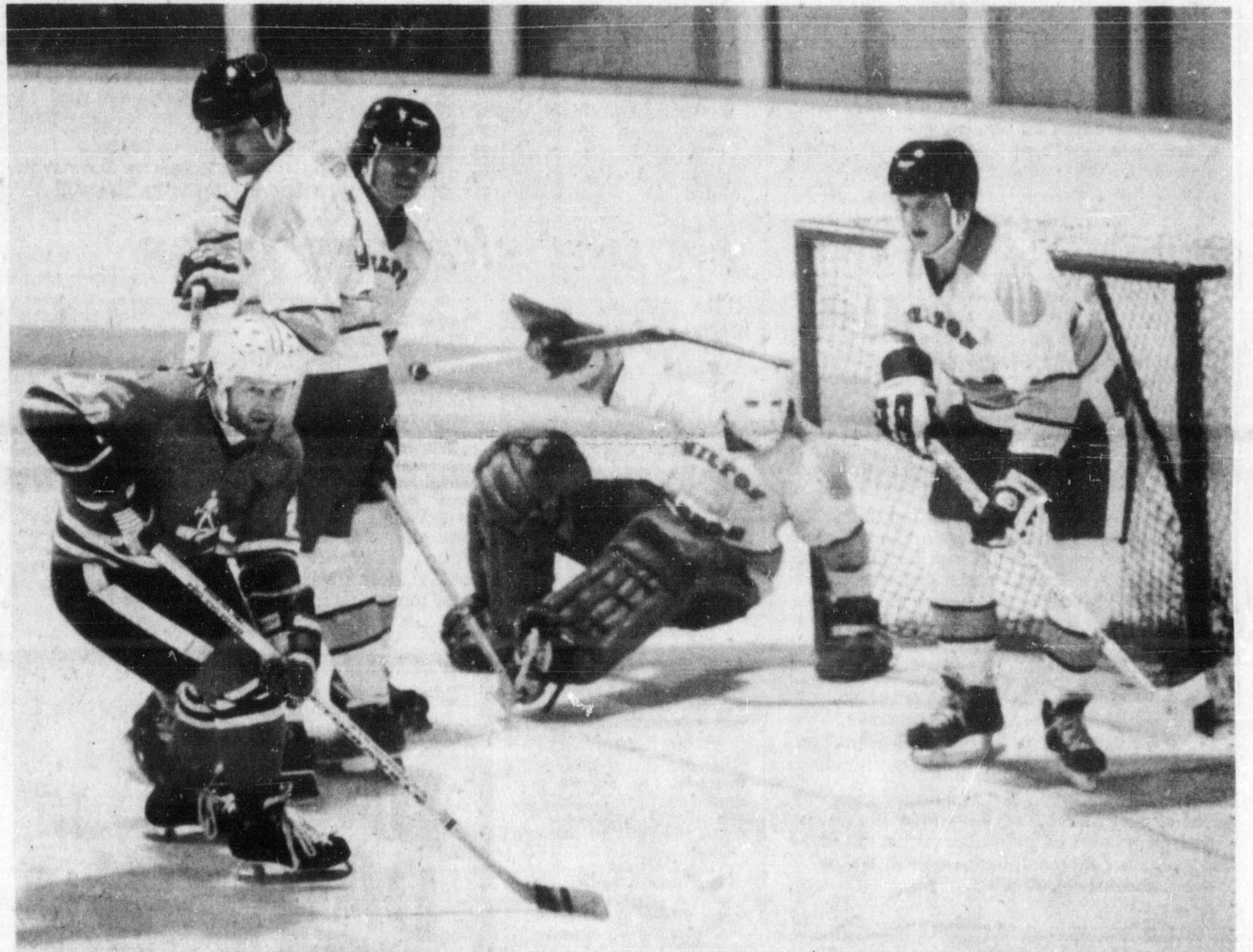
Against Paris Monday night, Aeros scored the only goal of the first period before both teams put their offence into gear for the

second period and exploded for five goals apiece.

McCann jumped Aeros lead to two goals with his first goal of the final frame and then

after Paris had drawn to within one later in the period put the icing on the cake with his second goal of the game with just less than two minutes remaining in the game.

Bob Baker led Aeros' attack with two goals and three assists while Steve Bronizevski added a pair and singles went to Jim Robertson and Denis Longpre.



Close call: The presence of three teammates provides Milton Aeros goalie Pat Devlin with some protection during Aeros shut-out loss to Rockton Friday night at

Milton Sports Centre. Aeros bounced back to beat Paris 8-6 Monday night in Paris.

Goalkeepers sharp

Banvil one point away

A single point separates Milton Banvil minor bantams from moving on to the next round of the OMHA playdowns.

Banvil moved closer to advancing by taking five points from three weekend games and need just one more point to take the six-point series.

Banvil won the opener by a 6-1 margin Saturday at Memorial Arena, tied Georgetown 5-5 in overtime Sunday in Georgetown and then won the third game 2-0 with a pair of goals in overtime Monday night at

Memorial Arena.

Excellent goalkeeping at both ends, by Milton's Shawn Carnegie, and Georgetown's Steven Roy kept the third game of the series scoreless until the overtime period.

Tim Pollen broke the deadlock with a good play taking the puck from behind the Georgetown net before skating in front and delivering a perfect shot into the goal from the slot.

The goal, after three minutes of over-

time, was followed by an insurance tally midway through the period, when Ron Lassaline converted a two-on-one with Paul Rowan. Rowan carried the puck down the ice and set up Lassaline in the clear. His shot entered the net cleanly.

The fourth game in the series will be played Friday in Georgetown at 8 p.m. with the fifth game, if necessary, back here at Memorial Arena Sunday at 1 p.m.

In the first game Saturday, Banvil struck for three unanswered goals in the middle frame to take a 5-1 lead and coasted to the victory.

Marshal Cram, Tracy Harding, Chris Austin, Rowan, Pollen and Lassaline counted for Milton while Brent Smith replied for Georgetown which briefly tied the score late in the first period. Milton goalie Ron James performed well in the Banvil net.

Over in Georgetown the following day, both offences were in high gear although the first period was played without a goal.

The teams were tied at four at the end of regulation time. Georgetown jumped ahead two minutes into overtime but Harding restored the tie score with a marker midway through the period.

After a scoreless opening frame, Bruce Syer put Banvil on the scoreboard first. Georgetown evened the score later in the period before Pollen put Milton back out in front to send Banvil into the third period with a 2-1 lead.

However, Georgetown put on a scoring outburst with three goals in the third period.

Trevor Riebot drew Banvil to within one and then Pollen forced overtime by scoring the tying goal with three minutes to play in the period.

Head to Whitby

Sockets get recharged with Orangeville win

With their eyes on turning around a second-half slump Milton novice Sockets sent Orangeville packing with a 5-3 defeat in Tri-County action Sunday at Memorial Arena.

Sockets proved to their fans and coaching staff that with a lot of hustle, the team can still emerge as champions of their division. Each player did his share for the victory in what, it is hoped, will be the turning point for the season.

The return of Derron Bain to Sockets allowed the squad to move Adrian Meli up to the forward line. The moves allowed Ed Dillon to be paired with John Bacon on the defence.

James Green led Sockets' attack with a

pair of goals while singles went to Paul Carles, Matt Newby and Meli. Newby and Meli also added assists.

The victory came on the heels of a 5-1 setback Milton suffered at the hands of Streetsville Saturday. A lack of a team effort was cited as the cause of Sockets' defeat.

During the game, Dillon was moved back to defence to compensate for the absence of Bain and was the most effective Socket on the ice. Darren Beals scored the lone Socket marker with an unassisted effort.

Sockets head to Whitby this weekend for tournament action. The squad faces Belleville in the opener.