



Look behind you: Banvil centreman Tim Pollen (down on the ice) looks into the net to see a goal he scored which temporarily tied their OMHA second game with Stoney Creek at 2-2. Creek rallied with a goal in the final minute and then captured the series with a 3-2 overtime win Monday night in Stoney Creek.

Creek sends Banvil packing

Hard luck, late goals difference in OMHA series

Just two Milton rep teams remain in the running for OMHA crowns after the elimination of Banvil minor bantams Monday night in overtime to Stoney Creek.

In another heartbreaking loss, Stoney Creek fired the winning goal a minute into overtime to steal a 3-2 victory. The win allowed Creek to take the best-of-series three games to one.

Banvil carried a 2-1 lead into the last minute of the game but Stoney Creek fired the tying goal with 23 seconds left and Milton playing two men short. After taking the first game 4-2, Stoney Creek won the second contest 3-2 Wednesday at Memorial Arena.

Banvil staved off elimination with an exciting 4-3 win Sunday at Memorial Arena before the scene shifted back to Stoney Creek for the fourth game Monday.

Backed by the superb goalkeeping of Shawn Carnegie, Banvil had carefully carried a one-goal lead throughout much of the game.

However, Milton ran into some bad luck in the dying minutes and was assessed two minors. First, Milton's Tim Pollen, who had been hacked and checked physically all week to the degree he suffers a bad back, was given a minor for roughing when many felt both players should have gone to the box.

Then, a Milton defenceman cross-checked a Stoney Creek forward in front of the goal for another penalty. With two Milton players in the box and Stoney Creek going with six attackers, the home side finally banged home the tying goal to send the game into overtime.

On the goal, another Milton player was assessed a two-minute unsportsmanlike penalty forcing Banvil to play two men

short again for the rest of regulation time and a minute of overtime. Stoney Creek scored just as the first Milton penalty elapsed in extra time.

Adding insult to injury, Banvil was given another penalty with just a minute and a

chances for an all-out assault at the end.

"It was quite an incredible game," said Banvil coach Murray Van Wart. "The kids played super. Carnegie was outstanding. The Stoney Creek coach came up to me half left in overtime hurting the squad's

after the game and said if we had won and gone back to Milton for the fifth game, we would have won. And I think we would have too."

Banvil played without Paul Rowan who broke his wrist in the second game of the (Continued on Pg. B4)

Two one-goal wins

Wheelers grab 2-1 lead

Rebounding in fine style, Milton Fifth Wheel major bantams moved to within a game of taking their OMHA quarter-final series against Fort Erie with a pair of one-goal victories last week.

A 5-4 overtime victory Sunday in Fort Erie followed a 6-5 win at Memorial Arena Tuesday to give Wheelers a 2-1 series lead in the best-of-five playdowns. The fourth game was played last night (Tuesday) at Memorial Arena. Unfortunately, results weren't available by press deadline.

Excellent goalkeeping by Norm Knoflach supported good play by several of Wheelers' lesser lights to put Milton up a game in the series.

In Fort Erie Sunday, Terry Ellwood converted a three-on-two break with just 52 seconds left in overtime to give Wheelers the margin of victory. Defenceman Mike Chudleigh carried the puck up the ice before passing to Mark Haskett. The centreman wasted little time in relaying a perfect pass onto the stick of Ellwood who

sent it home.

Fort Erie bounced back from behind all night tying the score with just over two minutes remaining in the game.

Haskett opened the scoring 99 seconds into the contest from Ellwood before Fort Erie evened the mark five minutes later.

Milton jumped ahead with two goals in the middle frame giving Wheelers a 3-1 lead heading into the final period. Jeff Sanford scored eight seconds into the second period with an unassisted goal before Jeff Harris put Wheelers up by two with 28 seconds left in the period. Haskett assisted on the goal.

In the third period, Fort Erie bounced back to tie the score with two goals by the midway point of the period. However, Chris Cormier restored a one-goal Milton lead three minutes later with a goal from Mike Henneberry and Greg Morey. The lead lasted for two minutes before Fort Erie evened the score for the third time in the game.

Knoflach was outstanding in the Wheelers' goal stopping 43 shots including

four breakaways. Knoflach's hot goalkeeping has been cited as a main reason for Wheelers' success.

It was a different game last Tuesday at Memorial Arena. Milton bounced back throughout the game to pull off the victory.

Fort Erie jumped ahead 3-0 six minutes into the game and Wheelers were forced to play catch-up hockey all night. Milton closed to within a goal at 3-2 by the end of the first period.

The teams traded goals in the middle period. In the third period, Milton scored to tie the game. Fort Erie bounced back to take the lead again one minute later at the 8:21 mark before two late goals, 20 seconds apart, gave Milton the win.

Ellwood scored at the 4:09 mark on a breakaway after being set up by Chudleigh. Haskett scored the winning goal on a perfect deke also on a breakaway.

Linemates Haskett and Ellwood scored twice each for Milton while singles went to Chudleigh and Henneberry. Knoflach turned in a strong game in goal for Milton.

T-Birds in a big OMHA hole

After a great team effort in the first game of their OMHA quarter-final series Milton Trafalgar Ford T-Bird major peewees allowed Fort Erie to take a 2-1 lead in the series with two indifferent performances.

Wednesday at Memorial Arena, Fort Erie won 7-4, scoring the last two goals

in the final two minutes as T-Birds played two men short, and in Fort Erie Sunday the home team won 7-1.

In both games, Fort Erie jumped off to a big lead before the T-Birds got going. Fort Erie's star player, Stan Drulia, mesmerized T-Birds with his fancy stick-handling and scored five

goals on Sunday. Three of them were unassisted.

In Wednesday's game, Fort Erie took a three-goal lead early in the second period before T-Birds got two goals in 12 seconds. The first was by Sean Davidson, assisted by Todd Horne, and the second was by Mike Del Papa,

assisted by Davidson and Horne. Drulia replied two minutes later to make the score 4-2 as the players went off for the break.

In the third period, Davidson got two more goals, one unassisted, the other assisted by Donny Van den Heuvel and Darren Shaw.

Fort Erie notched one between these two so the scoreboard showed the visitors leading 5-4 with two minutes to play. Although T-Birds seemed to be coming on, that was the end of the game for them as they took two minor penalties at 13:02.

As well as being unable to handle Drulia Sunday, T-Birds lost their scoring touch failing to put the puck in the net on four or five good chances. Their only goal coming at 10:44 of the third period, with Fort Erie leading 6-0, as Van den Heuvel finished off a play from Shaw and Ed Morgan.

The series returns to Memorial Arena this evening (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. After Sunday's game, T-Bird coach, Dawson Ellison, said, "We will win on Wednesday if everyone gives a 100 per cent effort."

Int. girls rebound at Cobourg grab first-ever tourney title

Recovering from a shaky start, Milton Currie Plumbers captured the Cobourg Invitational Girls Hockey Tournament Saturday in Cobourg. It marked the first time Milton had ever won any grand championship.

The intermediate girls' squad did it in fine fashion bouncing back from a loss in the opening game of the round-robin tourney to beat the favorites, Cobourg, by a 3-2 margin in the championship game.

Milton dropped the opener 4-3 to Keene. Playing in a non-contact tourney appeared to unsettle the squad which is accustomed to a more aggressive style of game.

Milton's goals were scored by Lisa Simpson who notched a pair and Joanne "Breakaway" Auger with a single.

Between the first two games, Milton coach Nelson Shaw took his team aside and gave them a pep talk. The effects seem to work as Milton came out flying against Omeme in the second game and took a 5-2 victory.

Speedy Lisa Simpson picked up a pair of goals as did Kathy Harris while Janis Deacon added a single. The game featured several penalties but Milton's defence rallied around goalie Barb Edwards and limited the scoring opportunities to a few.

The squad advanced to the championship by virtue of a superior number of goals scored.

Endurance and heart played a large part in the championship game as the squad bounced back from a 2-0 first-period disadvantage to take a 3-2 win.

Steady play paid off as Harris narrowed the gap to a single goal. Then Milton captain Tracy Horne regained her scoring touch with the equalizer and go-ahead goals in the third period.

Again, the defence rallied around Edwards to shut down the Cobourg side and give Milton its first-ever girls' tournament championship.

Offensive leaders for Milton were Simpson with four goals and five assists, Horne with two goals and seven assists and Harris with three goals and four assists.

Fresh from their tournament victory, Plumbers blanked Oakville 2-0 Sunday at Memorial Arena.

Milton continued to play sound hockey and the game featured many solid bodychecks. The defence, in particular, established their authority early as Debbie Allen, Rhondda Reynolds and Auger bumped Oakville off the puck.

Several effective Milton plays could have resulted in scores had it not been

for the alert goalkeeping by Oakville.

Harris gave Milton the margin it required with a goal capping a fine three-way play with Simpson and Horne. Five minutes into the third period, Horne scored the insurance goal taking a pass from Simpson and knocking it home.

Plumbers return to action Friday with a 7 p.m. game against Oakville's senior team.

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