



Just missed it Phil: A John Dent shot eludes Firefighters' goalie Phil Bailey to give Flyers its first goal. Dent fired two more but Firefighters held on to win. Bailey was especially sharp.

Legion out for revenge in final

Matt McCandless pounced on a loose puck and fired it home with just 27 seconds left to give Milton Legion major atoms a 3-2 win over Georgetown in the opening game of the best-of-five Tri-County finals Sunday at Memorial Arena.

The championship series is a rematch of the OMHA qualifying round and last year's Tri-County championship series. Georgetown knocked Legion from OMHA play with a 2-1 overtime win in the deciding game of the best-of-three run-offs. Last year, at the minor-atom level, Milton defeated Georgetown for the T-C title.

The line of Paul Allen, Chris Harrison and McCandless was hot scoring all three Milton goals.

Georgetown scored the lone goal of the first period two minutes into the game.

Midway through the second frame, Allen put Legion on the scoreboard after taking a pass from McCandless. Legion took the

lead for the first time in the game with just 28 seconds left in the period when McCandless scored his first of two for the night from Philip Leach.

Legion dominated much of the territorial play in the third period but it was Georgetown which scored tying the score at 2-2 with five minutes to play in the

frame. McCandless then scored his winning goal with assists on the play going to each of his linemates, Harrison and Allen.

The teams met in Georgetown last night (Tuesday) in the second game and are back here at Memorial Arena Wednesday night at 7 p.m. The fourth game is set for Georgetown Thursday with the fifth match

slated for Memorial Arena Saturday at 4 p.m.

Legion also participated in a tournament in Brampton over the March Break holiday week winning once in four games. The final game was Legion's seventh in as many days.

House-league championships

Memorial Arena will be packed Sunday as Milton Minor Hockey holds its house league championship day from noon to 8 p.m.

All players within MMHA will be treated to hot dogs and other goodies all provided free of charge courtesy of the Minor Hockey Moms organization.

In addition to the championships in each

division, individual awards for most improved player and two exhibition games featuring Milton's girls' teams will take place.

House league teams have been busy in the round-robin playoffs over the past few weeks and some divisions won't know the competing teams until the day before the

championship day.

The following is a line-up for the day:

Atom: Noon.
Senior: 1.15 p.m.
Junior Girls: 2.30 p.m.
Intermediate Girls: 3.30 p.m.
Novice: 4.30 p.m.
Peewee: 5.30 p.m.
Bantam: 6.45 p.m.

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Firefighters, Nadalin go down to the wire

Town cops 5-4 win against stubborn Flyers to keep Racer's Edge waiting

By John McLean

While The Racer's Edge waits anxiously on the sidelines for the championship series, Nadalin Flyers and Krantz Fuel Firefighters keep the wait longer as neither team seems willing to bow out in one of the most exciting playoff series ever to hit the Milton Industrial Hockey League.

Firefighters bounced back with an outburst and then hung on to down Nadalin 5-4 in another up-and-down playoff game before a packed house at Milton Sports Centre Sunday night.

The win evened the semi-final at three points apiece with the deciding game going Sunday at 7 p.m. also at the Laurier Avenue arena.

Firefighters jumped ahead 1-0 in the first period and seemed to take control of the game building a 3-0 lead. But inspired by the play of defenceman John Dent, Nadalin closed the score to 3-1 after two periods and tied the score at 3-3. All three Nadalin markers were scored from good efforts from Dent.

Right from the ensuing face-off at 3-3, Firefighters raced down the ice to score a go-ahead tally 15 seconds later and less than two minutes later, Firefighters were up by two when Doug Thomson hit the mark.

Not to be outdone, Nadalin marched back to narrow the gap to 5-4 with 1:31 left and pressed hard in the dying seconds for the equalizer.

The game was one of the cleanest in the season with just 10 minor penalties called. Actually, there could have been a few more penalties on either side but referee Wayne Timbers wisely chose to overlook them as the infractions (as viewed by the stands) would not have improved the game.

Firefighters opened the scoring with five minutes remaining in the opening period. Dave Marshall scored on a fine set-up from Bob Rusk (who played his best game of the season). The power-play tally was scored with Nadalin's Gord Adams watching from the sin bin.

The goal was the lone marker of the first period although both goalies, Phil Bailey for Firefighters, and Ron Rowlin for Nadalin, were called upon several times to make good saves.

The winners went ahead by two with 4:43 left in the middle frame when captain Al Jones finished a fine passing play with old-timer George Prior and Buddy Thomas.

Just 1:24 later, defenceman Roger Clement chose the best time of the season to score his first goal. Clement was in position when Jay Norland relayed a Rick Serafini pass into the goal.

The tide and momentum in the game shifted

from Firefighters toward Nadalin when Dent, the venerable veteran on a youthful team, edged his club to within two as he scored his first of three for his excellent evening's work. Dent, who didn't stop

working all night, triggered a Rick Bridgman relay into Nadalin's first reply.

Early in the third period, Rusk was assessed a minor for high sticking and although one would expect Nadalin to pour on

the power, actually it was Firefighters who not only forechecked and backchecked but also had three good scoring chances on Rowlin who was equal to the task on each one.

Moments after Rusk returned to the ice, Firefighters relaxed slightly and Dent capitalized for his second marker of the night taking a pass from Rick Bowden who received the puck from Henry Brinke.

Less than five minutes later, Dent fired his third and final goal of the evening as Charlie Cornelius fed him the puck after Tony Beekman initiated the play.

Paul Mountain picked a fine time to show his return to the line-up shooting his club ahead 4-3 when he finished off a scramble around Rowlin's cage. Paul Stover and Norland earned assists on the go-ahead tally.

Thomson upped the lead back to two converting a Rusk-Serafini combination into the goal.

Nadalin pulled out all the stops in the latter stages of the game and eventually with less than two minutes remaining, Steve Powers scored his first goal of the year after taking a pass from Kim Mountain to draw within a goal.

Flyers pulled Rowlin with under a minute left in going for the equalizer with six attackers but were unsuccessful in their attempts.

Slapshots: The winner of Sunday's door prize was Linda Pedulla (sister-in-law of Nadalin manager Tony Pedulla).

The deciding game promises to be the "game of the year". Fans might want to walk to the game (and early) as parking around game time is nearly impossible.

The sponsors, Henry Nadalin and Gord Krantz were keeping company with one another in both dressing rooms after the game. Aside from the hockey action, it will do many people good to see the losing sponsor "snap caps" in the winner's dressing room next Sunday.

A mixture of sadness and pleasure as the MIHL held a brief ceremony between the second and third periods. Lawrence Harris and Alan Roberts, representing the staff of Maplehurst Correctional Institute, were in attendance to present a memorial trophy dedicated to the remembrance of Andre Wysman who died last summer. They presented the trophy to Leo Wysman, Andre's brother, on behalf of the Wysman family. Marty Cairns, a former teammate of Andre Wysman, received the trophy on behalf of the league.

The inscription on the plaque sums up Andre's contribution to the league very well stating, "To the player most dedicated and sports-minded to the league and fellow players of the league."

The event is sad in one way but to remember the unselfish play of Andre in such an award is not only commendable to his place of employment but an ongoing inspiration to all players who may win this award. The name of the game is to win, but not at all costs. Fun is an essential ingredient of the game.

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Goal action: Nadalin's Terry Nova is in alone on Firefighters' goalie Phil Bailey but the puck slips through his legs while defenceman Jim Marshall moves in to clear Nova from the crease. Firefighters led 3-0 at one point

before John Dent led Nadalin back to tie 3-3. Firefighters jumped back out in front before a late Nadalin goal made for an exciting finish.

Crazy boat and canoe races all set to go

CANADA'S OLYMPIC Committee won't find many promising canoeists in the pack but a good time is guaranteed for all when the Georgetown Jaycees hold the 14th annual Crazy Boat and Canoe Race Saturday on the Credit River.

The race is divided into two sections. One is for legitimate racers with canoes while the Crazy Boat Race, although an honest competition, is certainly hilarious and something which shouldn't be missed from either a competitor's vantage point or one from a spectator.

Entries will be accepted up to 11 a.m. on the day of race in what is expected to be one of the largest fields ever.

The entry fee for either race is \$5. Race organizers expect about 450 participants. The canoe race is for two-man entries while the crazy boat race is open to as many people as possible. Fifty canoes and 90 crazy boats took part last year.

The length of the races depend on the height of the water in the river. Last weekend's rain helped out quite a bit and organ-



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izers were hoping for more rain this week. The higher the water the less likelihood of accidents caused by sharp rocks in the water.

The canoe race is set for seven miles while the crazy boat race is set for five miles. If the water is low, the races will be scaled back two miles each.

Prizes of a Castrol jacket and a gold medal will be awarded to the winners of each race. In addition, the most astetic looking crazy boat will receive a trophy. The boats will be judged at the beginning of the race because not all make it to the end. All entrants will receive a hat.

The start of the crazy boat race is at the

Tenth Line Bridge on the Halton-Peel Line. The canoe race begins at the Terra Cotta Inn, also on the Halton-Peel Line, near 27th Sideroad.

The best view for spectators is on the Tenth Line Bridge for the crazy boat race. The start of the race is the most hilarious as the boats often have trouble getting started and sink right off the bat.

The awards dance will be held at the Acton Legion beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from Tom Oliver at 853-3646.

TRYING FOR its second championship in succession, W.I. Dick Wildcats are out in force in an attempt to grab the north Halton elementary school hockey title this week.

Games were held last week and continue this week at Milton Sports and Memorial Arena involving five schools: Sam Sherratt, McKenzie Smith, Stewarttown, Centennial and W.I. Dick.

Each team plays two games against opponents picked at random. The top four teams go to the semi-finals with the

championship game going Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Arena.

The semi-finals will be played today (Wednesday) beginning at 4 p.m. at Memorial Arena.

In action last week, McKenzie Smith defeated Sam Sherratt 7-1 while Stewarttown and Centennial played to a 1-1 tie.

The rules of the championship allow only a few rep players. W.I. Dick's rep player is goalie Ron James while Tim Pollen plays for Stewarttown.

LAST YEAR it was the girls vs the boys. This year it's selects vs house league. As all discovered, players carded with the Ontario Minor Hockey Association aren't permitted to play against non-carded players.

A game last week between a combined novice house-league team and Milton novice selects resulted in a three-game suspension to select coach Art Brooks and the removal of Dan Dunn from the post of novice house-league convenor.

The suspensions resulted from an OMHA rule which states no carded player in its ranks can play against an uncarded player. If this same incident had happened on a major scale, more severe suspensions would have resulted from an OMHA ruling.



Art Brooks

The suspensions were handed out by MMHA executive member Dave Smith and convenor of selects Larry Scott.

Interesting to note was the presence of MMHA executive members Tom Blanchard and Jim Redpath who have sons on the select team and were aware of the game well in advance.

As a result of the incident, a full explanation of OMHA and Milton Minor Hockey rules will be distributed to each coach for

next year. Incidentally, the novice selects won the game 7-1 over the house-league team of Little Firemen and White Oaks.

HOCKEY COACHES are reminded the deadline for application to Milton Minor Hockey is fast approaching. Just 13 days remain before the April 14 deadline for all coaching positions within minor hockey.

The 1981-82 season should be very interesting as far as coaching at the rep and select levels.

It appears as many as four rep teams are up for grabs with many select teams also ready for new coaches. New blood is welcomed by any organization which would like to grow with the times and Milton is eager to attract new coaches at all levels.

Applications should be sent soon (so far none has been received) to Box 37, c/o Milton Minor Hockey, Milton. They can be picked up from many executive members.