## It's a semi-win for Thomas' Aeros

ILTON AEROS appeared to come out of Monday's council meeting with a least a partial victory in the potential sharing of the Friday nights at Memorial Arena.

Council agreed in principle to a sharing of the facility on that particular night and then sent it back into a committee of mayor Grod Krantz, Parks and Recreation Director, Larry Arbic, Flyers' owner Vern Gooding and Aeros' owner Gary Thomas to resolve in two weeks' time or have the matter dealt with once and for all at the next council meeting.

A story of the meeting appears on Page One of this newspaper and a few semisport comments appear on the editorial page so I won't deal too much with the issue here.

About the only thing I can add, is that it should have never gone to a committee. Gary Thomas went to the town for a request for ice time. He isn't in a position to negotiate and neither is Gooding. They don't have a right to the arena. The citizens of Milton paid for it and they should decide who uses their facility. Their representatives are on council.

A couple of weeks ago, Miltowne Realty bantam coach Les Wilson pulled his kids off the ice from a game in Burlington because he felt the officiating was poor and his players were in danger of being injured.

That's all well and good intentions but you can't pull a team off the ice anytime without suffering a one-year automatic

At an OMHA special meeting Monday night, the OMHA reps talked to all parties involved and suggested Wilson should be suspended for the rest of the year and next year until Nov. 30. Next year's suspension would be reviewed at the end of this season.

In addition, co-coach Larry Scott, who was ejected from the game before the incident, received a three-game suspension which he has already served. MMHA president Bob Davidson ter-

med the discussion a "very fair meeting" and was happy with the outcome.

Milton Minor Baseball registration starts this weekend at Milton Mall Thursday and Friday nights as well as Saturday during the day.

Check the ad inside the paper for more

Kilbride Merchants, which played in the Inter-City Fastball League last season, has pulled out of the league and will play purely exhibition games and tournaments in the 1982 season.

Organizers cited the large cost involved in running the club as the reason for its dissolution from the league.

Interested road-hockey players can get their fill during the summer. An avid Halton area will compete for the ball-hockey fanatic, who wants to remain Gatquatic club against divers from many unidentified for now, has set up the other clubs around the province. Come

summer. Games will be played at Milton Sports event

In one of the closest match-ups in OMHA

play, Owen Sound clung to the breaks and

held on to beat Milton Trafalgar Ford

major peewees twice over the weekend for

Despite the three-game exit, T-Birds put

out gallant efforts in each contest and were

stung by their usual amount of bad luck

After Owen Sound captured the opener

last weekend, T-Birds dropped the second

game 3-2 losing with just 17 seconds left in

overtime. Owen Sound completed the

sweep with a hard-fought 6-4 win over a

pesky and never-say-die Milton club

Despite the exit, T-Birds have gone

farther than they ever have in OMHA play

defeating Georgetown three games to one

to win the Tri-County qualifying round.
The Milton club played their hearts out

in the two weekend defeats and should

rest of the way. Blades out-scored

their opponents 23-10 in the series

and have recorded a 45-14 goals

for and against record in their six

Blades now meet the winner of

Erie leads two games to none

with the third game of the best-of-

Fort Erie and Milton have met

the last two years in OMHA play

as minor peewees and major

peewees. As minor peewees,

five series played last night.

straight playoff wins.

going out in heart-breaking fashion.

a three-game sweep.

Sunday at Owen Sound.

games.

Centre with players between the ages of eight and 16 wanted for the league.

Registration is expected to be about \$20 which provides for eight regular-season games, a round-robin playoff and sweaters. Any enterprising youngster who wants to round up from 10-14 of his friends and submit a team, the fee is \$220. The age groups are 8-10, 11-13 and 14-16 as of Dec. 31, 1982.

More information will be made available as registration time approaches. Sponsors are also needed at \$75 a crack. Watch for posters around town explain-

Hockey coaches are reminded of the earlier deadline for application for house-league, tier two and rep teams. The deadline is March 30 although that may be moved ahead.

Check with various convenors for forms and more information.

A summer hockey league has been formed for Memorial Arena for players between the ages of 14 and 18.

The Halton Summer Hockey League, proudly calling itself Halton's only summer hockey league, has put out brochures and posters around the arenas and the town.

There will be two levels of competition. The elite group is for rep-calibre players between the ages of 15-18 while the junior group is for house-league calibre players between 14-16.

Check the posters for more in-

I received all entries for 'You Predict'. a questionnaire which appeared back at the end of December. I'll hold onto them until the National Hockey League completes its schedule and then award the dinner to the winner.

A minor hockey joke: Parents shouldn't be concerned if they discover their daughter is seeing a member of Milton Optimists minor peewees-judging by the way they play hockey, they'll go all night and not make a pass.

The Burlington Gatquatic Diving Club will host this year's 1982 Provincial Canadian Amateur Diving Association's Winter Championships. The event takes place Sunday, March 7 at Burlington Centennial Pool, 5151 New Street.

Competition begins at 9 a.m. Approximately 30 divers from the Milton Ball Hockey League for this out and support your local divers as they bid for victory in this prestigious annual

have captured the second game of the

time in a 1-1 tie maintained by some ex-

cellent goalkeeping from T-Birds' Alex

Giannuzzi and Owen Sound's Chris Evans.

9.26 mark of the second period with Scott

Ellwood notching the marker from Dave

Exactly a minute later, Owen Sound

In the third period, both teams applied

It didn't take T-Birds long to grab the

lead when hard-working Travis Cole set up

Thorne who made no mistake for the go-

ahead goal just 23 seconds into extra time.

T-Birds carried the lead until four

pressure but only outstanding goalkeeping

scored on a crazy deflection in front of the

goal and the score stayed at 1-1 the rest of

Dillon and Stuart Thorne.

held either club off the board.

the way.

Milton scored the game's first goal at the

The teams played through regulation

series or at least emerged with a tie.

## Comets like to come back

Comet fever is hitting Milton-but it Stewart and Serafini. seems the only team getting sick is Owen

fashion, Milton Canadian Tire major midget Comets squeezed out a pair of one- It took Comets four minutes to get scramble in front of the goal to give goal victories over the weekend to take a 2- rolling but they gathered no moss in Comets the edge. 0 lead in their best-of-five first-round notching three goals to tie the score in a OMHA series.

The series can be all over tonight (Wednesday) when the two teams square off at 7 p.m. at Memorial Arena. If required, the fourth game goes Saturday at 7.30 p.m. at Owen Sound with the fifth game slated for Sunday at 4.45 p.m. at Memorial Arena.

Although Comets are up 2-0 in the series, they have won both contests by just a single goal and needed excellent thirdperiod comebacks including the winning goals in the dying minutes to secure the

With their "backs to the wall", Owen Sound should put up a great battle in what promises to be as entertaining and exciting as the previous two encounters.

"We went at them in the third period," explained Comet coach Bob Davidson, "and took the play away from them. They play hard, aggressive hockey, similar to Dundas. There's not much difference between the two teams.

"There's still lots of reason to worry about this team (Owen Sound)."

One of the biggest crowds of the season to watch a Milton rep hockey game was on hand Sunday for the 6 p.m. start in the second game. All stands except for the far end were brimming with eager observers and some vocal teenagers started their high-pitched f-e-v-e-r cheer at the beginning of the final period which seemed to spur the home side onward.

The teams split single goals in the opening period with defenceman Rick Serafini blasting home Comets' goal from Mark Haskett and Bob Landry with 59 seconds to go in the period.

In the middle frame, Owen Sound went ahead at the 12.22 mark before Terry Ellwood evened the score 16 seconds later with a marker from linemates Haskett and Ellwood.

Owen Sound poked home a goal past Kevin Hughes two minutes later and then upped the lead to 4-2 four minutes later carrying the two-goal margin into the final

But Comets came out of the gate afire in the final frame with Haskett and Landry supplying most of the damage with two goals apiece.

Thirty-five seconds into the third period, Comets gave the home folks something to cheer about when Haskett bridged the gap to a single tally with a marker from his minor-midget aged teammates, Ellwood and Serafini.

Then with Comets playing shorthanded, Hughes sent a clearing pass up the ice to Landry. The speedy centre dipsy-doodled his way the length of the ice before slipping a pass to Haskett for the equalizer.

As if Comets need to be down before they really apply pressure, Owen Sound notched their fourth go ahead goal of the match two minutes later.

Hasket and Landry again combined for the tying marker with 4.41 left in the period with Rick Brown also picking up an assist. On the winning goal, Haskett did much of the work returning the favor to Landry setting up the centreman for a nice goal from the slot area with 2.10 left to pull out

the win. In the series-opening contest, Owen Sound struck quickly for three quick goals in the first 11 minutes of the game while holding Comets off the scoresheet. Later in the period, plugger Rob Bourbonnais the top corner with just 1.41 left in drove home Comets' first goal from Mike regulation time.

minutes remained in the 10-minute over-

time period when Owen Sound scored the

equalizer. Giannuzzi thought he had the

puck trapped between his legs when an

Owen Sound forward scooted in behind

toward the Owen Sound goal for a shot

when he was tripped up from behind. The

puck came loose and then an apparent

offside pass went undetected by the of-

ficials sending Owen Sound's Mike Porter

on a breakaway. Porter put a perfect move

on Giannuzzi to score the winning goal

Despite the heart-breaking defeat, T-

Birds came through with another fine

performance the next night in Owen Sound

rallying from a 5-2 disadvantage after two

periods to close to within one. However,

Owen Sound notched an insurance goal to

seal the win and the series sweep.

In the final minute, Thorne moved in

him and scooped it in the goal.

with just 17 seconds left.

T-Birds suffer disheartening loss

Less than two minutes into the second Sound.

period, Owen Sound upped the lead to 4-1
Coming from behind twice in dramatic and carried it until the conclusion of the

span of 70 seconds. Haskett scored twice with Landry popping home a single. Comets weren't finished with their

dramatics and with 12 seconds left, Ellwood poked home the winner amid a

The line of Landry, Haskett and Ellwood Sound.

has been hot in Comets' five-game playoff winning string. In the last two games, Haskett has four goals and six assists, Landry has three goals and four assists and Ellwood has two goals and an assist. Haskett has been involved in all but one Comet score in the two games with Owen



Bob Landry celebrates his winning goal Sunday as Milton Comets Owen Sound. The third game goes tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. battled back from a two-goal disadvantage to pull out a 6-5 win. It at Memorial Arena. marked Comets second successive comeback win to go two up on

## Optis join ranks in second round sweeping Sound three straight

The goal broke a 3-3 tie and marked the

second time in the three games Optis

broke a deadlock going into the third per-

Having accomplished the sweep, the

club now awaits the winner of the Niagara

District playdowns which hasn't yet been

decided. Indications are for the team to

wait for a week before continuing playoff

action. Dates and opponent are expected to

It marked the second consecutive sweep

Continuing to win in playoff action, Milton Optimists minor peewees move on to the second round of OMHA play after sweeping Owen Sound three games to

Optis did it the hard way, though, coming up with a big third period in the final game Sunday to secure a 4-3 win after being stoned by Owen Sound's goalkeeper much of the contest.

Optis grabbed the opener 4-3 Wednesday at Memorial Arena and then took the sec-

ond match-up 6-1 Friday night at Meaford. For a while Sunday, it appeared the series might need another game. But centreman Chris Harrison dispelled the theory when he picked up an errant clearing pass at the Owen Sound blue line, skated around the lone defender and then popped home the winning goal with a nice shot high into

In the third period of the contest, T-Birds

came out of the starting blocks like a fresh

horse and narrowed the gap to a single

tally before four minutes had been played.

equalizer, Owen Sound held on to their one-

goal lead for 10 minutes before upping it to

two goals. It was Porter again who

Robbie Wilson, Scott Hilson, Doug

Drennan and Dillon fired singles for T

Birds. Assists went to Cole and Rob Wilson

with two each and Geoff Pollen, Drennan

just 10 skaters while Milton coach Larry

In the series, Owen Sound reverted to

The club now awaits confirmation of a

'Challenge Cup' featuring clubs which

have been eliminated from OMHA double-

cemented the Owen Sound win.

and Marc Banning with one each.

A play.

Although continuing to press for the

in OMHA play for Optis giving the club a winning string of six games. In the final game, Optis started quickly

and dominated the opening period. Paul Allen put Milton ahead 1-0 four minutes into the game when he lifted home a rebound. Matt McCandless and Harrison assisted on the goal which resulted from a scramble. Owen Sound evened the score at 1-1 three

be known later this week.

iod to secure the win.

minutes later with one of their first real forays into the Milton end.

In the second period, again Optis dominated the play but couldn't finish off their plays. Several good Milton scoring chances went by the boards when the puck carrier elected to shoot instead of passing to a teammate in the clear.

On a breakaway two minutes into the middle frame, Owen Sound jumped into a

With just 16 seconds left in the second period, Milton forced a face-off at centre ice. Harrison won the draw and passed to Allen who spotted McCandless breaking in front of the Owen Sound goal. McCandless made no mistake driving it into the net for an important goal which allowed Optis to head for the dressing room tied at 2-2.

Jones carried the puck the length of the ice and with a nice shot scored to put his club ahead 3-2. Owen Sound tied the score with five minutes left in the period to set the stage for

the third period when Opti captain Brad

Harrison's unassisted winning tally.

In the second game of the series, Optis tried a different before-game strategy which may become a regular feature.

After the two-and-one-half-hour bus trip to Meaford, the coaching staff took the club for a jog around the arena before the

The strategy was intended to stretch cut the players' legs from the long trip but along with a few other ingredients resulted in some of the best spirit the team has enjoyed all year.

The club resPonded and jumped in front 3-0 after one period and a 4-0 lead after two periods. Milton out-shot the Sound 32-18 in the contest and received some fine goalkeeping from Steve Wiwczaryk.

Jones led the scorers with two goals while Doug Poulton, Bryan Haringa and Harrison added two assists apiece. Single tallies went to John Snow, Adam Mead and McCandless. Single assists were recorded

by Warren House and Danny Brown. In the opener, Allen fired two thirdperiod goals, his second and third of the night, to provide Optis with the opening

The goals broke a 2-2 tie and with Jim Murray supplying steady netminding the rest of the way, Owen Sound couldn't find the equalizer.

Brown added a single tally with Jones picking up two assists. McCandless, Haringa and Harrison added one assist Less than a minute had been played in

## Cinderellaseasonends Scott went with all 15 despite pressure to Legion victim of rally by the final game.

The last chapter in the great Cinderella story of Milton Legion major atoms was written Sunday afternoon when Fort Erie capped a three-game comeback with a 4-1 win to eliminate Legion from further action in OMHA.

Although Milton had captured the opening two games of the best-of-five series last weekend, Fort Erie roared back by shutting down the vaunted Legion ofin the final three games of the series. Legion had scored 10 times in the two wins.

Fort Erie won the third game of the series 3-1 last Tuesday at Memorial Arena; took the fourth game 3-2 Thursday at Fort Erie to even the series; and then won it all by capturing the deciding game before a good-sized crowd Sunday at Memorial Arena.

account for themselves in OMHA action. It middle frame. was the farthest this team has ever advanced and in doing so beat Georgetown 2- the third period before Kyle Hasslefeldt 1 which had lost just a single game all halved the margin to one with 10 minutes

The key to the win in the series for Fort closed off a breakout play Legion had utilized to win the first two games. The

their own end and move up the ice. But Fort Erie sent in two men deep into the Milton zone hernming the desencemen in their own zone. An attempt to change the breakout play from one up the middle

In the deciding game, Milton's Shawn Healey opened the scoring 16 seconds from the end of the first period with a goal from Scott McLeod.

Fort Erie charged back with two unanswered goals in the middle frame including the go-ahead goal with 1.19 left.

The lead was increased to 3-1 two minutes into the third period and then Fort fence and limiting Milton to just four goals Erie cemented the victory with a goal from a penalty shot with two minutes left

in the game. Legion had several good scoring opportunities in the contest especially in the third period but were frustrated by some

good work from the Fort Erie goalie. In the fourth game of the series, the teams played through nearly two periods of scoreless hockey. Fort Erie opened the Despite the loss, Legion put out a good scoring with just 50 seconds left in the

> Fort Erie upped the lead to 2-0 early in left in the period.

Just a minute later, Fort Erie restored Erie was in the way the club effectively its two-goal margin but Richard Bray closed it to 3-2 taking a pass from Healey and driving it home. Todd McLeod started play enabled Milton to relieve pressure in the play which was completed with four

minutes left in the game. The third game turned it all around for Fort Erie. Down two games to nil, Fort Erie scored single unanswered goals in the first two periods and carried the lead the to along the boards met with moderate rest of the way to secure the win and stave success and was beginning to take shape off elimination.

Blades await Fort Erie Waiting for Fort Erie. slate for this weekend should

That seems to be the song Fort Erie get by Galt. Banvil Blades minor Games and times won't be bantams were singing over the finalized until the conclusion of weekend as the club put Owen the Fort Erie-Galt series. Sound out of its misery by beating Blades used Owen Sound as a the port city 7-2 Saturday to lock up their best-of-three first-round

tune-up for the next round. Owen Sound seemed more intent on OMHA series in three straight watching Blades' speedy Darren Shaw than on the rest of the Owen Sound wasn't a match for game. They held Shaw off the Blades which dominated every scoreboard but his teammates department of the series clincher filled in quite aptly. as Banvil jumped out to a 4-0 lead. after one period and coasted the

Owen Sound's Scott Prudham kept watch over Shaw throughout the game to such an extent, Shaw must have wondered if Prudham was going to follow him home. At one point, with Owen Sound

trailing 6-1 and on the power play.

Prudham shadowed Shaw as if no the Fort Erie-Galt series. Fort power-play existed. The club received a good effort from forwards Richie Davies who picked up a goal and two assists and Mike Del Papa with a goal and three assists. Sean Davidson and Ed Morgan scored twice

while Eric Chudleigh chipped in

Milton won a hard-fought series with a single. to capture the OMHA cham-Chris Wakely picked up three pionship. Last year, Fort Erie assists while Davidson had two won the second round of the assists and Chudleigh garnered battle with the tie-breaker on the



Catching a Blade from behind is Owen Sound defenceman Ken Follis in Blades' clinching win Saturday at Memorial Arena. Blades rolled to a three-game sweep and now await the winner of the Fort Erie-Galt series before discovering their opponent in the next round.