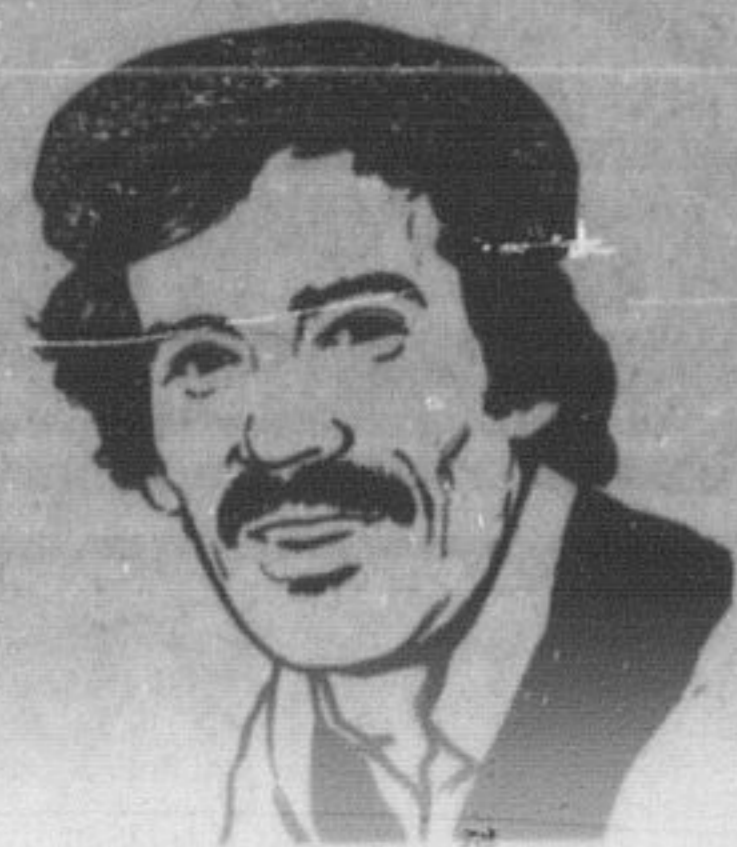


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Here's why Aeros lost

They were so full of promise, these Milton Aeros. Strong goalkeeping, the league's most explosive offence and dependable Marty Seeds returning to steady an otherwise unpredictable blue-line corps.

They won their final nine league games, although one was later successfully protested and turned into a loss. They'd lost two players to protests but with owner Gary Thomas persuading players to come out of the woodwork with relative ease, their loss would easily be compensated.

But when they came up against Dorchester, they looked like a team which didn't know how to win and subsequently bowed out unceremoniously in four straight games.

What went wrong?
Well for starters, Miltonwe Realty Aeros were a team in name only. They were a divided club with some players supporting coach John Hall and others running to manager Bill Benson.

The feud between Hall and Benson escalated to the point the two were at constant odds. They couldn't agree and when the playoffs came they were at opposite ends of the scale.

The players themselves appeared to set up in camps and anything resembling harmony or "team effort" went out the window as was evident on the ice.

Save for just a few players, most operated as individuals. The exceptions who come immediately to mind for a continuous team approach are Doug Fry, Bill McGilloway, John Muizelaar and Marty Seeds while the others at one point or another seemed lost.

Secondly, on the ice the club did nothing different from the first game to the last minute of the fourth game to develop any strategy of moving the puck out of their own zone. Dorchester constantly threw the puck in the corner and then beat the Aeros to the puck. This alone was worth three games.

Thirdly, it was a mistake to schedule the first two games in Dorchester. Dolphins were dynamite in their own building all year. If the second game had been held at Memorial Arena, the series would probably be still going on.

Most problems on the club will probably be rectified when Thomas re-organizes the team for the 1982-83 season and the betting line has both Hall and Benson out of Aeros' future plans.

The great Friday-night battle is officially over and the winner is—Vern Gooding's Milton Flyers.

If you recall, Aeros' owner Gary Thomas went to council two weeks ago requesting eight home dates at Memorial for the coming season. Council approved in principle to a sharing of the facility before the matter went back to a committee for working out.

Mayor Gord Krantz and Parks and Recreation director Larry Arbic met with Gooding and Thomas last Wednesday morning and they quickly worked out a deal.

At the start of the meeting, Vern offered to give up one night a month from his schedule for a total of five. With a sixth game tacked on to the end of the schedule, Thomas fell just two short of his request and they settled.

Arbic spoke up and insisted all games for Flyers and Aeros be played Friday nights at both arenas to permit him to regularly schedule a continuous slate for all Tuesday nights at Memorial Arena and this was agreed.

As a result, both teams will probably be going head-to-head every week during November, December and January.

The two owners also agreed that should any conflicts require a game for another night, they would surrender their practice times to enable a game to be played. Currently, both teams practise Wednesday nights. Flyers go from 7-8:30 p.m. with Aeros following until 10 p.m.

This co-operation between the two clubs showed they will probably co-exist in relative peace.

The Milton Aquatic Club is in the midst of its first fund-raising campaign.

The club is in its first year of operation and under the guidance of Carol Murray has come through with some performances already.

However, the club is in need of uniforms and other costs related to meets so it will hold a swim-a-thon March 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Drury School.

People are encouraged to pledge per lap with a maximum of 200 in a two-hour limit allowed. So far, three swimmers have completed their

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Keyworth tops provincial diving championships

Twelve-year-old Jackie Keyworth bested 25 divers to take the gold medal in diving at the Winter Diving Championships Sunday at Burlington.

Competing with the host Burlington Gattiquatic Club, the Milton diver completed her three dives with a score of 88.55 to capture the gold medal in the 11-12 year C division.

Another Milton diver, 13-year-old Sharon Dobson, beat all but one diver of 20 finishing second for the silver medal at the 13-14 C division.

Keyworth picked up her points through dives of a back layout, an inward pike and a back somersault.

Dobson did a back layout, a front layout half twist and a front one-and-a-half twist somersault pike.

Both girls usually practice twice weekly at pools in Burlington and Oakville but inclement weather this winter has limited their practising. As a result, neither was able to perfect the five dives required for the B level.

More than 150 divers from 11 clubs, stretching from Ottawa to Windsor to Thunder Bay, took part in the championships.

Champion Sports

Chrysler, Lou's Place head to semis

By JOHN McLEAN

With the spectre of overtime looming, Lou's Place Hawk Calvin Snow allowed the spectators to go home on time when he scored with just 23 seconds left in the game to give his club a hard-fought 4-3 two-game decision over Straight Line Fence.

The victory culminated a comeback for Lou's Place which trailed Straight Line 3-2 after the first game.

In the other quarter-final series in the Milton Industrial Hockey League playoffs Sunday at Milton Sports Centre, Milton Chrysler-Dodge survived a scare from the near-Cinderella Miltonwe Realty Majors to win 12-7 in the two-game aggregate.

Lou's Place now meets The Racer's Edge in the semi-finals with Milton Chrysler-Dodge going up against John Burns Stable. The first game in the best-of-three gets underway next Sunday at 7 p.m. between Lou's and The Edge. The following week, the two series switch spots.

The Lou's-Straight Line game contained everything for an exciting finish. Both teams exhibited excellent passing, strong shooting and heavy hitting with both clubs pressing from the opening face-off.

But the key to the contest was the exceptional goalkeeping of Craig Jubb, for Straight Line, and Hap Perrot, for Lou's. For a long time, 25 minutes and 37 seconds to be exact, it looked like neither team was ever going to solve the netminding wizardry of the dynamic duo.

However, five minutes into the third period, Hawks' Louie D'Arzio finally evened the aggregate score at three when he rifled home a pass from Guy McGinnis. Charlie Cornelius also assisted on the play.

With time running out and overtime appearing a likelihood, Hawks' Jim Cartwright fired a hard low pass to George Cescon at the point. Cescon relayed the pass to Snow and amid a scramble Snow made no mistake to hand Lou's Place the win.

Straight Line removed Jubb for an

extra attacker but couldn't mount much of an offensive with time quickly eroding.

Perrot was named Molson player of the week for his flawless shutout performance. Last week's winner, Jubb, once again turned in a tremendous performance but his teammates couldn't beat Perrot.

Although there were several borderline calls to be possibly made, referee Stan Fay handled the contest exceptionally well and handed out just four minors to Fencers and three to Lou's.

Hawks now meet The Racer's Edge, first-place finishers and defending champions, in a best-of-three beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday.

In the other contest, Miltonwe Majors almost pulled off a Cinderella act in the same vein as last year when the club, trailing 6-2 at the start of the game, rallied to score the first four goals of the game and an aggregate tie.

However, Cinderella must have had a date with Prince Charming the rest of the night. Dodge boys caught fire and erupted for six goals while holding Miltonwe to a single tally the rest of the way for a 6-5 win in the game and a 12-7 overall win.

Miltonwe opened the scoring with the lone marker of the opening period when Paul Standfield scored from Clarence Haringa.

In a span of two and a half minutes, Miltonwe evened the aggregate score with three quick goals. Brian Farrell notched a pair while Standfield added his second of the night. John Volpe, Blake Smiley, Brian Nowak and Standfield picked up assists.

Pierre Pilote got Chrysler back on track with a goal four minutes from the end of the period. Steve Wilson and Gary Hunt drew assists.

Wilson put his club up by two overall with a goal from Jim Early and Pilote three minutes into the final period. Just 37 seconds later, Early put Chrysler well in front finishing off a Roger Delnin-Hunt play.

Pat Haggart fired two more Chrysler



Avoiding a check is Lou's Place's John Dent during Sunday's second game of the two-game total-goals series with Straight Line. Calvin Snow fired the winning goal in the final minute to give Lou's the playoff series. In the other match-up, Chrysler-Dodge overcame a scare from the Cinderella Miltonwe Majors to post an overall 12-7 win.

goals while linemate Peter Rota added a single. Assists on the final three goals went to Gary Dance, Delnin, Haggart and Pilote.

Nowak closed out the scoring for Miltonwe with Al Duncan and Farrell chipping in with assists.

Stapshots: Regular-season stats would favor both The Racer's Edge and Burns Stable in the semi-finals.

The Edge defeated Lou's Place in all three meetings outscoring Hawks 17-7. JB Stable captured three of four

meetings with Dodge boys outscoring the Chrysler crew 23-10.

Neither starting goalkeeper in the Miltonwe-Chrysler contest was there at the finish. Chrysler replaced starter Brad Evans with Jim Horton with 16:25 to go. Glen Horney went in for starter Glen Amis for the final two minutes and 20 seconds when Amis was injured.

The top four squads from league play qualified for the semis. Last year, the Miltonwe crew upset Straight Line Fence before losing out to The Racer's

Edge. Last time out, Chrysler was dumped in the quarter-finals by Lou's Place (then Nadalin).

Straight Line played in the quarter again this year and were much improved this year. But their early departure from post-season play the past three years is a mystery.

Chrysler's "Imperial line" of Roger Delnin, Peter Rota and Pat Haggart have scored 13 points in the first two playoff games. Haggart scored one-third of his club's 12 goals.

Dolphins' sonar sinks Aeros

Defensive flaws, internal bickering exits Aeros in four straight

While Miltonwe Realty Aeros were making plans toward the championship of the Intermediate B League, it became apparent nobody told Dorchester Dolphins.

Although finishing fourth in the final league standings, Dorchester dispelled any thoughts Aeros had of moving beyond the opening round of the playoffs with a perfectly executed sweep of the humbled Aeros.

Dorchester accomplished the feat with a pair of 6-5 victories at Memorial Arena Tuesday and Thursday to match the pair of home wins in games one and two for a four-game sweep.

Dolphins roared to the quarter-final series victory by seizing the most apparent Aero weakness, an inability to get the puck out of their own zone, to record a rather easy win.

"We felt if we forechecked their defence," explained Dorchester coach Ken Murray, "and played the game in their zone we'd win it. We had to work on their weak point or their explosive offence would kill us."

"I thought the series would go six or seven games. Milton won something like nine straight and we lost five of our last six games by a single goal. I knew it was going to be a tough series."

"But we came out flying in the first game after a shaky start. I felt confident we'd win the series about halfway through the third game. Some Milton players let up and their defence seemed a little lackadaisical. We were beating them to the puck consistently."

The loss seemed to weigh heavy on Aero owner Gary Thomas. His customary enthusiastic grin was replaced after the fourth game with a distraught look of bitter disappointment—his one-year hope of an intermediate B championship down the tubes with an inglorious exit.

The owner offered little explanation for the defeat and appeared more surprised and off-guard than most observers.

Aeros played amid much internal dissent and open questioning of the tactics of coach John Hall (see Why Aeros Lost). Their dissension showed on the ice when, save for a few players, did the club attempt to pull together in a "team effort".

Aeros lost control of the series during the third game when the club squandered a couple of two-goal leads. Dolphins scored their first three goals in less than a three-minute span early in the second period and then tallied their final three markers in a four-minute span early in the final period.

Aeros led 1-0 after the opening

period and then a flurry of goals by both clubs left the score tied at 3-3 before the second period was five minutes old. Aeros' sniper Glenn Murray gave Aeros the lead for the third time in the game with a goal with seven minutes left in the frame and the club carried the one-goal lead into the third period.

Numerous Aero mistakes and some shaky goalkeeping from Aeros' Peter McDuffe allowed Dorchester to fire three quick goals and take a 6-4 lead five minutes into the third period. Steve Cloutier's pretty power-play goal with six minutes left raised some hopes for Aeros but

that was all.

With goalie McDuffe pulled for an extra attacker, Dolphins had an opportunity to score an empty-net goal when Todd Campbell was sent in on a breakaway. With no defender chasing him, and all day to shoot, Campbell hit the post. Aeros roared down the ice and Aeros' captain Tom Butt nearly scored the equalizer in a scramble in the dying seconds.

As always, Aero centre Doug Fry was their key player on the ice and notched four assists while Butt had a goal and two assists. Steve Bronzowski, Bill McGilloway and Murray fired

singles with assists going to Bruce Ellison, Brian Cleaver and Paul McCann. Aeros were out-shot 42-34.

The fourth and final game featured some of the best hockey seen in the series with Aeros obviously more determined not to lose the series in front of the home fans.

Aero coach John Hall surprised several observers by starting John Muizelaar between the pipes but the acrobatic goalkeeper affirmed his coach's decision with a strong performance blocking 42 of 48 shots.

Dorchester opened the scoring with the lone goal of the

first period. Quickly, Aeros needed just 14 seconds of the second period to score the equalizer when Murray scored from a wild scramble in the Dorchester goalcrease.

Aeros' best chances for the rest of the period came while shorthanded. Fry and Cloutier combined on a pretty play while Bronzowski was in the box.

Cloutier set up Fry in the clear on a two-on-one. Fry's shot was stopped but the puck bounced over to Cloutier. With goalie Jim Farmer out of position, Cloutier's shot at an apparent open net was stopped by a defenceman who appeared out of nowhere and left Cloutier shaking his head.

Later in the period, Cloutier combined with Butt on a two-on-one. Butt slipped a nice pass to Cloutier who quickly tipped the puck at the net requiring Farmer, a surprise standout in the entire series, to make a nice save.

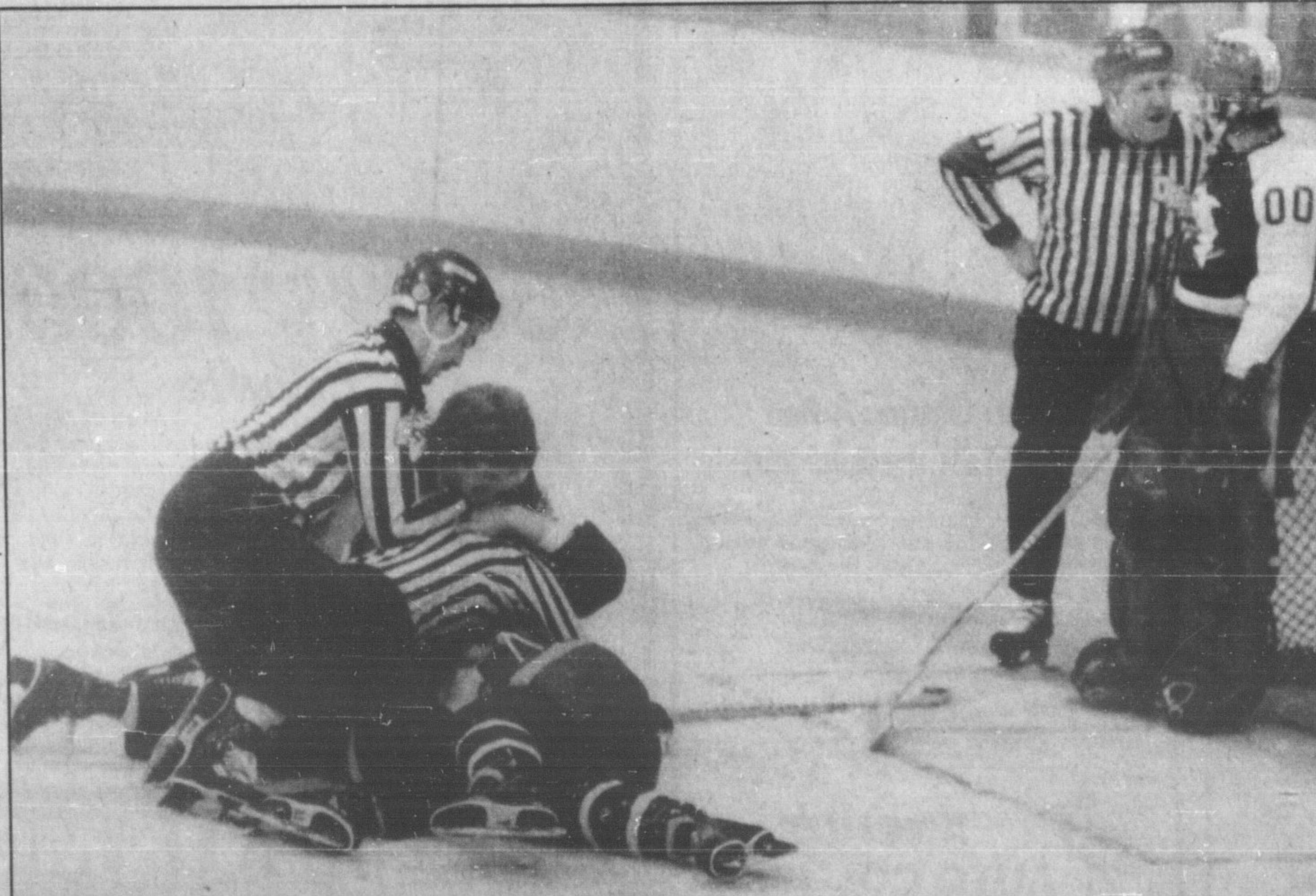
The turning point in the contest came with two minutes left when Aeros' defenceman Marty Seeds dished out one of the most effective bodychecks seen all year in front of the goal. However, referee Bill Devorski handed Seeds a tripping penalty, a rare call from a body check. Dorchester scored from a scramble with just three seconds left in the period.

Dolphins added two quick goals before the third period was three minutes old and seemed to have the game in hand.

However, Aeros' explosive offence ignited with three goals in a minute and 15 seconds before the frame was half over. Murray scored the first two with blistering high shots from relatively well out (his second and third of the game) and then Cloutier on a nice one-on-one deked the defenceman out of his Stanfields before delivering a hard slapshot high in the net.

Dorchester surged ahead with 6:41 to go and then with

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"So you say the wife and kids are doing fine Jim". Referee Bill Devorski appears to be caught in conversation with Dorchester goalie Jim Farmer while Aeros' Bill McGilloway and Dolphins' captain Jim Lutes square off in a pier-six brawl. McGilloway, over-matched in size, won the fight. Good thing, it was the only thing Aeros won in their quarter-final series bowing out in four straight.