

# Royals spend the winter undergoing organization

During the winter, Milton Royals senior baseball team has undergone a large transformation and when the club takes the field for the 1982 season, it will be with a completely different organization.

The biggest visual change will be the absence of Dieter Claer, the club's manager for the past half a dozen years. Claer resigned from the team's executive because of time problems.

The new manager is Gord Hull, a familiar face around Brian Best Park most summer Saturday afternoons.

He was enlisted by three players who have spent a great deal of time this winter organizing the new club. Wade Bekar, Glen Turner and Skip McTrach, long-time players with the club, put their efforts together for the major revamping.

The trio enlisted the services of Tim Black for the role of assistant coach and is in the process of selecting a coach.

Last year's coach Wayne Marchand has opted to devote his full time with the club in a pitching capacity.

It's a good thing too. The readmittance of Brampton Athletics to the Halton County League will take four players from Royals' present roster including two pitchers, Mike Copp and Tom Sheppard, two hurlers who threw many innings last season, have opted to return to Brampton.

In addition, catcher-outfielder Jack Cantelon and infielder Rick Binsell will move back to Brampton leaving Royals with several holes to fill.

Any interested baseball players (new or used) are asked to call Hull at 878-0630 or Black at 876-2268 as soon as possible to give the club some idea of what players are available.

In addition to the loss of the Brampton four, Ange Tonelli is expected to have surgery done in the spring and Andy Hull has moved to Vancouver. The two players have been regulars with the club for many years.

The Halton County League should be more competitive this year. Brampton takes the place of Leaside Maple Leafs, annual league champions, who have since moved to the Niagara District Baseball League to join Toronto rivals Etobicoke Indians.

Other teams in the league are Campbellville Mohawks, Oakville Oaks, Dundas Chiefs and Cambridge Pirates. A group from Burlington has also shown interest in the league but has not yet joined the loop.



Sliding out to make a save, Chrysler goalie Brad Evans receives some help from teammate Pierre Pilote. JB Stable won the game easily 9-3 and can wrap it up in Sunday's 7 p.m. game. The Racer's Edge also won setting the stage for a possible third straight final series between Stable and The Edge.

# Edge, Burns jump into leads

By JOHN McLEAN

The bright skies in the afternoon did not give any warning of the storm that was to brew on the ice surface at Milton Sports Centre on Sunday night as the Milton Industrial Hockey League entered the semi-final round of the '82 playoffs.

For two periods, The Racers Edge and Lou's Place Hawks played good solid hockey, mostly playing rather cautiously. The Edge held a 2-0 lead after firing two goals in the middle frame but not looking too much in control of the game.

The final period was altogether different, however, as Racers fired two more markers before Lou's lit up their side of the scoreboard. Racers added another for a 5-1 opening-game victory amidst a wild third period when Lou's amassed 22 minutes in penalties while Racers were nabbed for only eight minutes in the sin bin.

A total team effort enabled Racers Edge to snare the first win of the series as five different players counted goals and goaltender Al Horney was named Molson player of the week for his performance between the pipes.

After a scoreless first period, Al Fritzyer opened the scoring for the winners 49 seconds into the second stanza scooping in a Bob McKee pass.

Brent Murray worked a pass from his brother Richard to put Racers ahead 2-0 with 3:11 left in the period.

Eric Ellison potted the third Edge marker on a neat set up from Pete McCuaig seven minutes into the final period.

Five minutes later, the Murray duo put the victors ahead 4-0 with Richard pulling the trigger this time.

A minute and a half later, Terry Nova, who worked hard all night long in a losing cause, finished off a three-way effort with Henry Nadalin and Sergio Mazzorato for Lou's only score.

McCuaig fired the final nail in Lou's coffin as the Racers were on a power-play. Richard Murray and Tom Chuchmach earned assists on the play.

After a 1-1 first-period stalemate, John Burns Stable exploded for five unanswered second period goals to coast to a 9-3 win over Milton Chrysler-Dodge in their opening best-of-three series game.

The fact the Burns score was not even higher was a credit to Dodge netminder Brad Evans who was bombarded with shots all night long as his defence was unable to clear the greenshirts in front of the net.

Don Habkirk opened the scoring for the winners only 54 seconds after the opening face-off with his first of three for the night. Randy Coulson and Jay Norland assisted.

Pat Haggart evened the count for Chrysler five minutes later as he fired the first of two for the night when he finished off a play with Gary Dance and Gary Hunt.

A complete team effort from goaltender Phil Bailey out resulted in the onslaught of the middle period and before the smoke had cleared no less than 13 of the 15 skaters earned points for the evenings work.

Halkirk opened up the second with his second goal before Doug Thomson, Dave Marshall (with his first of two) Rick Serafini and Buddy Thomas compiled a 6-1 lead.

Assists on the second period markers were earned by Jim Marshall with two, Serafini, Thomson, Dave Marshall Kevin Houden, Dave Arbic, Randy Coulson, Bob Rush and Derek Griffiths.

John Hellyer put Burns ahead 7-1 a minute and 40 seconds after the third period got underway as he finished off a Griffiths-Jim Marshall relay.

Gary Dance blasted home a shot from the point two minutes later to narrow the Chrysler deficit to 7-2.

Habkirk triggered his third score of the night two minutes later when he stuffed in a Griffiths' pass. John Hellyer started the play.

Pat Haggart, who was the best offensive threat for the losers, sniped his second of the game for Chrysler's last gasp when he finished off a Pierre Pilote-Gary Hunt set-up.

Dave Marshall's unassisted marker with 3:55 left in the period was the final goal of the night.

Slapshots: For the third week in a row, a goaltender was selected as Molson Player of the week. Racer's Edge Al Horney joined Hap Perrot and Craig Jubb in the spotlight.

In contrast to the highly explosive Racers-Lou's encounter, the Burns Chrysler match-up called for

just one minor to Burns while Chrysler were nabbed twice.

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## Optis win ...

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McCandless fired the goal with linemates Allen and Harrison assisting.

McCandless finished off a nice play around the net with four minutes left in the period for a 4-2 lead. Harrison and Poulton earned assists.

A minute later, Stratford drew to within one but Allen got that back 11 seconds later with a nice goal off a face-off and Optis were on their way. McCandless assisted on the play.

The two squads went back and forth in the final frame and played nearly 10 minutes of scoreless hockey before Mead notched what appeared to be icing on the cake but later proved to be the winning goal. Poulton and Shawn Hassfeldt assisted.

However, Stratford scored with 1:03 left in the game from a shot which bounced off a leg and deflected a crazy way into the goal.

A penalty was assessed to a Milton player and while on the power play, Stratford scored with 26 seconds left to close to within one. Optis came back to life after a short lapse and held Stratford without a good shot at the net although the play was contained in the Milton zone when the buzzer sounded.

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