

Optimists' passing works capture semis opening games

Displaying an improved passing poise with each game, Milton Optimists minor peewees rolled to a 2-0 lead in their best-of-five semi-final OMHA series with Oak Ridges Aces.

In the battle of the two Optimist Club sponsored teams Milton captured the opener 7-5 in dramatic style in overtime in the opener Saturday at London and then dominated the second game back here at Memorial Arena Sunday for a 7-5 victory.

The third game in the series goes Thursday at 7 p.m. in Oak Ridges with the fourth game slated for Memorial Arena Saturday at 4 p.m. If a fifth game is required, it'll go Sunday at 4 p.m. in Oak Ridges.

The key in both Milton wins was the club's crisp passing style especially on two-on-one breaks. Only two of the team's 14 goals were unassisted efforts with nine goals having two assists.

In the opener, both teams scored single goals in each period to produce overtime. Matt McCandless scored the tying goal with just over a minute left in the game with Paul Allen and Brad Jones drawing assists.

The overtime produced exciting up-and-down hockey with Oak Ridges taking a 4-3 lead one and one-half minutes into extra time.

With four minutes gone, Brad Jones scored his first of three in overtime to tie the score notching the goal with a pretty end-to-end rush.

Just 30 seconds later, Oak Ridges scored to restore the one-goal lead. However, Milton marched back just 32 seconds later to knot the score at 5-5. It was Jones who triggered the goal with Doug Poulton and Adam Mead drawing assists.

Milton centreman Chris Harrison scored the winner with three minutes to go finishing off a play with linemates Allen and McCandless.

Jones fired his third goal of overtime, to cap the win with just under two minutes to play with another of his patented end-to-end rushes.

Milton's first two goals in the contest were scored by Poulton and Allen. Milton goalie Jimmy Murray played a strong game as his teammates

out-shot Oak Ridges by a 49-37 margin. Milton also missed the net with 44 further shots.

In the second game, the two teams played almost even until the latter stages of the second period and all of the third period when Milton got its high-powered offence in gear before the home folks.

The play which turned the tide in the contest and proved to be the winning goal was Milton's third of the game which put them ahead 3-2 late in the second period.

Jones and Harrison went down the ice on a two-on-one. Jones carried the puck over the blue line, drew the defenceman over to his side and sent a nice pass along the ice to Harrison. The centreman made no mistake and scored along the ice.

Milton completely dominated the third period even when they were shorthanded. On one penalty-killing instance, John Snow and Jones combined to set up Brown for a nice goal for a 6-2 lead.

Perhaps the prettiest play of the night didn't result in a goal. In the final minute, Poulton and Mead had another two-on-one. Poulton waited until he had almost gone by the net before slipping a pass to Mead whose shot hit the goal post.

Harrison led the shooters with a three-goal night and added an assist. Linemates McCandless and Allen helped out with McCandless scoring once and adding three assists while Allen had one goal.

Brown picked up a goal and two assists while Jones chipped in with three assists for a seven-point weekend while Snow had a goal and an assist.

Milton goalie Steve Wicwarczyk didn't have much to do in the nets blocking 12 shots while his teammates fired 40 at the Oak Ridges goal.



Opti centreman Danny Brown celebrates his goal which was scored shorthanded in the club's 7-2 romp Sunday at Memorial Arena. John Snow attempts to clear the goalie. Optis can wrap it all up Thursday in Oak Ridge.

Mallers enjoy themselves in oldtimers tournaments

By DAVE DRAPER

"Just for the fun of it" has been the motto of oldtimers hockey for some years now and the Milton Mall Oldtimers epitomize that saying by continuing to lose in "good spirits."

Since Sandy Aquilanti formed the "Mallers" two years ago, they have never won a major oldtimers tournament. The team has played well throughout those two years but has been unable to put together an undefeated string, which is the winning formula for weekend round-robin tournaments.

On the weekend of March 6-7, Milton Mall Oldtimers competed in the B division of the Ennismore Kawartha Young's Sixth Annual Oldtimers Hockey tournament, which may not be the best tournament in Southern Ontario but certainly gets points for having one of the longest names.

The team again managed to keep its record intact, beating Muskoka Oldtimers 4-1 Saturday morning, losing 3-1 to Vintage Plus in the evening game, and trouncing Peterborough Antiques 6-0 Sunday morning. However, the four points gained was not enough to advance the team to the afternoon final.

Although the tournament was unsuccessful from a win standpoint, it was successful strategically for player coach Aquilanti. In the game against Muskoka, Sandy moved Ron Majeau from left defence to right wing and Ron responded by scoring two goals and unselfishly assisted on the final empty net goal to lead the team in that win. Fortunately for Ron, in oldtimers hockey a post-game saliva test is not required.

In the evening game the team fared badly. Although the players were on the ice early for the warmup, they were unable to wake up in time for

the game. Another contributing factor in that 3-1 loss was the aggressive style of the Vintage Plus team, which caused the game to degenerate into a slow-paced penalty filled struggle of no particular merit. The strategy required for that contest was strictly military and there was not enough time to call the armed forces for reinforcements.

The Sunday morning game was like the first game, a strategic success. Coach Aquilanti, who at this point was sidelined with a serious hand injury, in an unprecedented tactical display placed centreman Jimmy "The Deke" MacDonald—formerly Jimmy "The Deke" MacDonald—at left defence.

Jimmy is notorious for his long end-to-end rushes where in he stick handles through the entire opposing team, his own players, the officials, the goal judge and the timekeeper before shooting a bouncing bluffer off of the penalty box into the stands. The "Moose" looming 5 ft. 1/2-inch, 130 lb. presence so terrified the opposition, that upon approaching the Maller blueline, they convulsed into bouts of uncontrollable laughter, which usually resulted in their losing control of the puck.

Leftwinger Vic "Vidal Sason" Caldana, who under coach Aquilanti's instructions had that morning traded in his hand dryer for a new hockey stick, would then proceed to put the puck in the Peterborough net. Vic's four goals led Milton to their 6-0 win.

The Milton Mall Oldtimers will be participating in two more hockey tournaments this season: Schomberg Oldsleepers Hockey tournament April 10-11 and Etobicoke Lakeshore Oldtimers Hockey Tournament, April 15-18 at Centennial Arena. Stay tuned for those results.

Minor hockey

NOVICE

Currie Fibg. & Htg. 2
Scannell Movers 0
Strong goaltending from Jim Wood, for Currie and Chris Heipel for Scannell, dominated the exciting hockey game.
Jeff Green and Ewan Kelly fired the goals for Currie with assists going to Jim O'Drescoll, Chris Hulme and Carrera picking up assists.

Little Firemen 1
Man's World 1
Mike Fleming scored Firemen's goal with John Solich earning an assist. Trevor Frampton played well in goal. Neil Bell replied for Man's World with an unassisted tally. Brad Fritsley was sharp between the pipes.

Currie Fibg. & Htg. 1
Man's World 0
Ewan Kelly broke a scoreless duel between the teams with the lone goal to provide Currie with the win.
Both goalies, Jim Wood for Currie, and Brad Fritsley for Man's World, were sharp.

Scannell Movers 5
White Oaks Hockey League 2
Two goals and an assist from Robert Bednarski powered Scannell to the victory.
Terry Truman, Jamie Goodings and Brad Pierpoint added singles while assists went to King, Woods, Marshal and Truman. Chris Heipel played well in goal.

Morgan Lieberthal fired both Scannell goals with Ritchie chipping in with an assist.
Little Firemen 1
St. Clair Paints 0
Mike Fleming scored the lone goal in excellently played hockey to lead Little Firemen. Johnny Solich assisted on the play.
Both goalies, Trevor Frampton, for Little Firemen, and Jon Budworth, for St. Clair played well.

ATOM
Group One W L T F A P
Credit Union 3 0 0 11 4 6
Mowbray 2 1 0 10 7 4
Milovne 1 1 0 12 5 2
S Queen 0 2 0 5 18 0
IWA 0 2 0 4 8 0
Group Two
Lions C. 2 1 0 7 6 4
Blue Cab 1 0 1 6 4 3
Mitchell 1 0 1 9 7 3
Upholstery 1 1 0 5 7 2
Pro Hardware 3 0 6 10 0
Future Games
Friday—I.W.A. Golden

PEEWEE GOLD

W L T F A P
Kinsmen 3 0 0 16 5 6
Fay's E. 2 1 0 9 4 4
C Villa 1 2 0 12 12 2
Brush E. 1 2 0 6 8 2
M Hood 1 2 0 4 10 2
Rebekah 1 2 0 5 12 2

Murray Hood 3
Fay's Electric 2
A two-goal effort from Bruce Lapointe helped Murray Hood to the victory over Fay's.
John Picard added a single while Darrin Rouselle played well in goal for Murray Hood.
Doug Carles and Terry Smid fired singles for Fay's Electric.

BANTAM
Jayne Ind. 3 1 0 27 11 6
Iner Con. 3 1 0 14 12 6
A' Eaters 2 1 1 11 12 5
SuperSave 2 1 1 17 12 5
Parton R.E. 1 3 0 12 23 2
Guardian 0 4 0 10 21 0

PEEWEE GREEN
W L T F A P
Bailey 2 0 1 14 5 5
Bell Bros. 2 0 1 11 7 5
Local 2 1 0 6 4 4
Knight's 1 1 1 6 6 3
OPP 0 2 1 6 15 1
McCaig 0 3 0 4 10 0

Bailey Fuels 3
Local 4970 0
Credit Union 2
Mowbray Heating 0
Credit Union kept its unblemished playoff record intact with the victory for its third straight win.
Jamie Pearson, Sean Death and Mike MacIntosh pumped home one goal apiece while Mike Hilson and Steve Bergeron added assists.

Milovne Realty 11
Staffed with just nine players for the contest, Milovne rode the goal-scoring of John Finlay and Jimmy Flemming to the lopsided victory.
Finlay and Flemming each struck for five goals while Fleming added two assists to the Milovne Attack. Mark Low added a goal and an assist while Tim Spencer and Chris Smith chipped in with one assist apiece.
Darryl Johnson paced Speed Queen with a goal and an assist while Shaun Linder popped home a goal and Kevin Dupuis added an assist.

PRO

Pro Hardware 1
Hardy Rideout and Scott Hembruff scored one goal apiece to move Lions Club atop the Group Two playoff standings.
Patrick Girodat, Albert VanDer Vliet, Ryan O'Donnell and Hembruff added assists.
David Wilson replied with Pro Hardware's lone goal with Jimmie Redpath and Dennis Wilson adding assists.

Mitchell Real Estate 4
Blue Cab 4
In a super game which had the fans on the edge of their seats, the two clubs drew to remain tied for second spot in Group Two.
Mike Cookson was the sharp-shooter for Blue Cab with three goals while Chris Morris added a single.
Scott Devlin scored twice and added two assists for Mitchell with Sean Williams and Mario Del Bello adding a goal and an

assist each.

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