

All minor hockey finishes with girls' Friendship Day

The minor hockey season officially comes to a close Sunday when the Milton Girls Hockey Association hosts its first Friendship Day from 2-5 p.m. at Memorial Arena.

The three Milton clubs (Juniors, intermediate and senior) will host their counterparts from Oakville in exhibition games. In previous years, the girls' team participated in Milton Minor Hockey Bun Feed Day.

Individual most improved player awards will be presented at the arena. All other awards will be presented to the players at a banquet following the games at Boyne Community Centre.

The banquet gets underway around 6 p.m. and will feature a full dinner.

Mike Boyle



In a story a couple of weeks ago, it was incorrectly reported that at a special meeting between members of the MGHA and MMHA, the MGHA didn't have a mandate to make changes when in fact they did.

The MGHA requested the meeting and had a mandate from their own executive to make changes.

The paper apologizes for any inconvenience this caused.

The deadline for coaching teams in the MMHA for the 1982-83 season has already passed. Yesterday (Tuesday) was the final date for coaches to declare their intentions for the coming year.

In previous years, the coaches for the coming year were always selected by the present executive but an amendment to the rule last year enabled the present executive to select the coaches for the following year.

It should be interesting to see what will happen with some of the teams (major peeewees, major bantams and major midgets).

This year's minor peeewe team (next year's majors) went the farthest in OMHA of all Milton rep teams and any coach who picks up the club will have the added pressure of trying to top this year (i.e. winning it all).

The major bantam club represents an interesting club. The team has made plans to travel to Finland during the upcoming Christmas break and it was understood that present coach Gary Hudson could have the club if he wanted it. However Hudson hasn't shown much of an interest in the team and may decline.

The major-midget Comets had a successful season with the quartet of coach Bob Davidson, Nelson Shaw, Murray Van Wart and Rick Horne. Super organized and well disciplined, the four could probably have the club back for a second year if they wanted it.

Interestingly, the two coaches who took the most parental criticism were among the most successful.

No coach took as much heat, albeit indirectly, than Darryl Taylor, coach of the Optimists minor peeewe. He was constantly second-guessed and his control of the club was always under attack.

However, Taylor chucked away the criticism and guided his club to the OMHA finals going farther than any other Milton rep team. He should be congratulated for taking a club, which in the final analysis wasn't as good as many parents made them out to be, as far as he did.

Similarly, Dennis Buttrely drew much criticism as coach of the minor atom club. Although failing to get out of Tri-County in OMHA zone play (Georgetown fielded a strong club) Buttrely's club captured the Tri-County championship with a fine effort.

Events such as these sometimes lead one to believe in the "new" minor hockey slogan—"Don't take your kid to the arena, Send him."

So you have many complaints against the executive of Milton Minor Hockey.

Your kid got a rough going. Your ice time wasn't enough. Whatever, instead of sitting back and complaining, show up to the annual general meeting May 12 and vote.

It's interesting that people will complain behind the backs of the executive members but when it comes time to show the criticism, either in person or in a letter, people will back away.

How about running. The MMHA is always looking for fresh blood. Make it known you want to run and all you need is someone to nominate you. It's easy.

I think anyone who runs for president or receives any of the high-profile positions is in a no-win situation.

All they ever get is criticism. No one ever thanks them for the 40-plus hours a week they put in, without pay, so that more than 900 kids in Milton can play hockey.

They spend half their time at work dealing with hockey and then face angry spouses who wonder why they are never home at night. For all this, they get raked through the coals by many parents because of some isolated incident or an unpopular decision.

They are a hardy group and should receive the thanks of all parents because without them, you'll have to do the work yourself. And since I don't see an overabundance of nominees at the MMHA general meeting, I assume not many people are as willing to give of their time as are the present executive members.

Raiders 'Fry' Cap Pele 3-1

Three wins and counting! That's the magic number that the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders need to become the All-Canadian Intermediate 'A' Champion and recipients of the HARDY CUP.

The Raiders played some of their best hockey of the year at the Gordon Alcott Arena on the weekend controlling all four contests with the Cap Pele, New Brunswick, Capitals. They came out on the winning end of a 3-2 score on Monday night to clinch the Eastern Canadian Championship and the J. Bourque Cup, emblematic of that crown, in four games of the best of five series.

The Raiders were all over Cap Pele in the opening match of the series on Friday but couldn't find a way to beat Capital netminder Yves Belanger. Despite holding a decisive 38-18 edge in shots, the Raiders came out 3-2 losers.

In the second match the Raiders began beating the veteran netminder coming out with an impressive 7-1 victory to even the series at one each. It was only the start for the red and white.

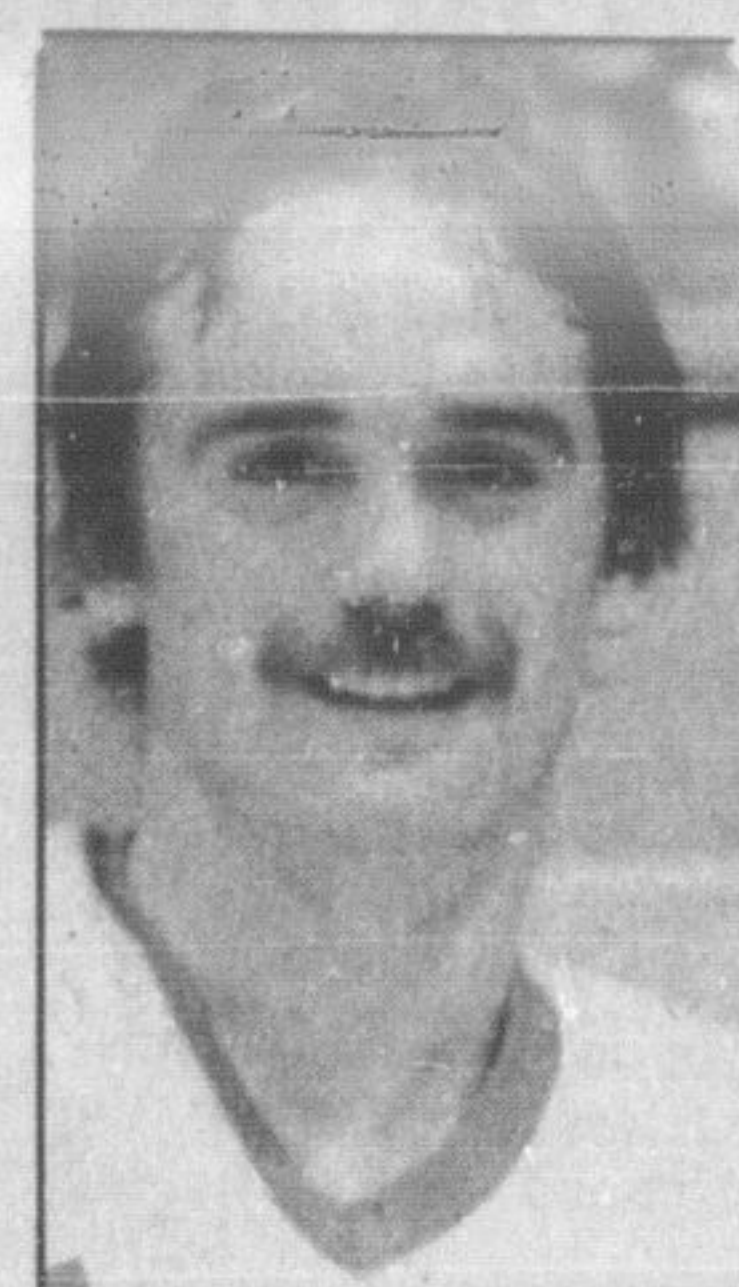
Sunday they jumped ahead two games to one with an impressive offensive attack counting a 9-2 win. What was to be the final game was the most difficult for the Raiders. Cap Pele wasn't about to give up the series without a fight. The Capitals led 2-1 early in the final period but the local side rallied to grab the series and advance to the Hardy Cup final against Quesnel, British Columbia.

The Raiders had several bright spots over the series including Doug Fry, who toiled this season with the Milton Aeros. Fry, who had accompanied the team to Thunder Bay where he was one of their stars, missed Friday's game through suspension. It didn't take him long in Saturday's match to capture the eye of local fans.

Fry took less than two minutes to let the local fans know he was here to help Raiders win. He took a pass from Bill Hamilton and fed it back to Steve Lyon at the Raider point. Lyon made no mistake giving the Raiders a 1-0 lead and Fry had his first point of the series.

Fry, who moved into centre between Ray Tonelli and Bill Hamilton for the series, added another assist in the second game of the set. In the third game the talented centre scored the first and fourth goals in the Raiders' 9-2 rout of Cap Pele.

Although he didn't



Doug Fry

pick up any points in the final game of the series, it was evident that Raider mentor Gerry Inglis had acquired a confidence in the slick centre.

With only a minute remaining in the fourth game and several top face-off men on the bench, Inglis chose Fry

to get the all-important draws. He didn't let the Raiders or their fans down as he won three clean face-offs to help them hang on for the 3-2 win.

Coach Inglis has been pleased with the outstanding effort from Fry. Even the fans have been talking about the way the Milton star controls the play and face-offs when he's on the ice.

Wayne Wood was a unknown quality when he came to the Raiders at the signing deadline. All the locals knew was that he was an experienced pro. Up until Saturday night Wood had been having his problems making some key saves but allowing some routine shots to slip by.

On Friday Wood had his worst night as a

Raider but like the sign of a champion he may become next weekend the netminder came back with solid efforts in each of the next three games, in particular on Monday, as the Raiders swept three games and the series.

Coach Inglis wasn't

raving about the netminder's performance on Friday but was pleased with what he saw in the other three games. He never really took it that seriously, at least outwardly,

commented Inglis about his netminder. "Now he's controlling the

puck, he's playing the game the way it's supposed to be played."

Inglis was extremely happy with Wood in the deciding game feeling it was the best performance he has come up with since joining the club.

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In another Friendship Tournament, the Town, re-inforced by goalie Phil Bailey from John Burns Stable, defeated Milton Legion 3-1 to win the fourth annual tourney Saturday at Memorial Arena.

Teams from the Rotary, Kinsmen, Lions and Optimists service clubs joined teams from the Town, Minor Hockey, Firemen and Legion.

Minor hockey, re-inforced by several players who jumped ship from the Rotary Club captured the consolation final with a 5-1 win over the Lions Club.

A good time was had by all, I was told, and plans are already being made for next year. Thanks go out to Murray Hood, for organizing the tournament.

Congratulations go out to Georgetown Raiders who moved into the Hardy Cup championship series with a 3-1 series win over Cap Pele over the weekend.

Raiders capped the series with a 3-2 win Monday night and were helped quite a bit along the way by Milton Aero Doug Fry, who as an affiliated player, suited up for the club. Fry is expected back with Aeros next year.

Speaking of Aeros, the team is still looking for a coach for the 1982-83 season and will probably be looking for some time when Barrie Elliott turns down the post.

Elliott indicated on the weekend that it was too early to give a commitment for the coming year. Elliott was approached while he was coaching Rockton in the recent playoffs.

Incidentally, Elliott was the only Milton coach to win a championship this year when, as assistant coach, he helped lead Rockton Real McCoys to a 4-1 series win over Delhi Leafs for the Intermediate B title last week.

Rockton won the final game 6-5 in Rockton needing two goals in the final five minutes to pull off the win.

On the Jr. B side, Oakville Blades lead St. Michael's Buzzers 2-1 in their best-of-seven provincial semi-final series.

In baseball news, the Campbellville Baseball Club will hold house-league registration today (Wednesday) from 6-8 p.m. at Campbellville Lions Hall.

All boys 7-11 years of age interested in playing are urged to attend.

Milton's novice girls softball team is holding practices from 6.30 p.m. at Martin Street School.

The team will be coached by Larry Scott, Bob Fowler and Linda Brooks. Interested players are asked to contact one of the coaches.

A rock-climbing workshop will be held Friday April 23 and Saturday April 24 at Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area.

The workshop is designed for interested beginners who wish a safe introduction to rock climbing. The workshop will focus on basic safety techniques, required skills and develop an awareness of objective dangers and strategies for minimizing inherent risks.

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