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From 'A' champ to a 'B' champ

## Steamers nearly edge Derbys

With the biggest crowd of the year watching watching their Milton Steamers battle the powerful Streetsville Derbys, it was apparent Steamers were eager to put on a good show for their fans.

For a while, it appeared the club was going to fall victim to Streetsville's tactical offensive effort. However, Milton recovered with a nice rally in the middle frame and nearly pulled out a tie against the front-running Derbys.

The final score read 7-5 for Streetsville. However, Derbys led 5-1 early in the second period and looked like they were going to send more than 600 Milton fans home unhappy with a rout.

Steamers regrouped and with a more consistent effort closed the gap to 5-4 by the end of the second period. The teams traded single goals in the latter stages of the third period before Derbys added an empty-net marker with two seconds left to close out the scoring.

The defeat left Milton with a split over the weekend. Saturday in Acton, Milton scored seven third-period goals to nail down a 12-7 victory over Sabres.

The win over Acton was significant in two ways. It showed Milton they could come back after a tough loss the previous night. It also showed they could rally after surrendering a 5-1 lead.

The big game of the week was against Streetsville, which was coming off its first loss of the year the previous night against Barrie Colts.

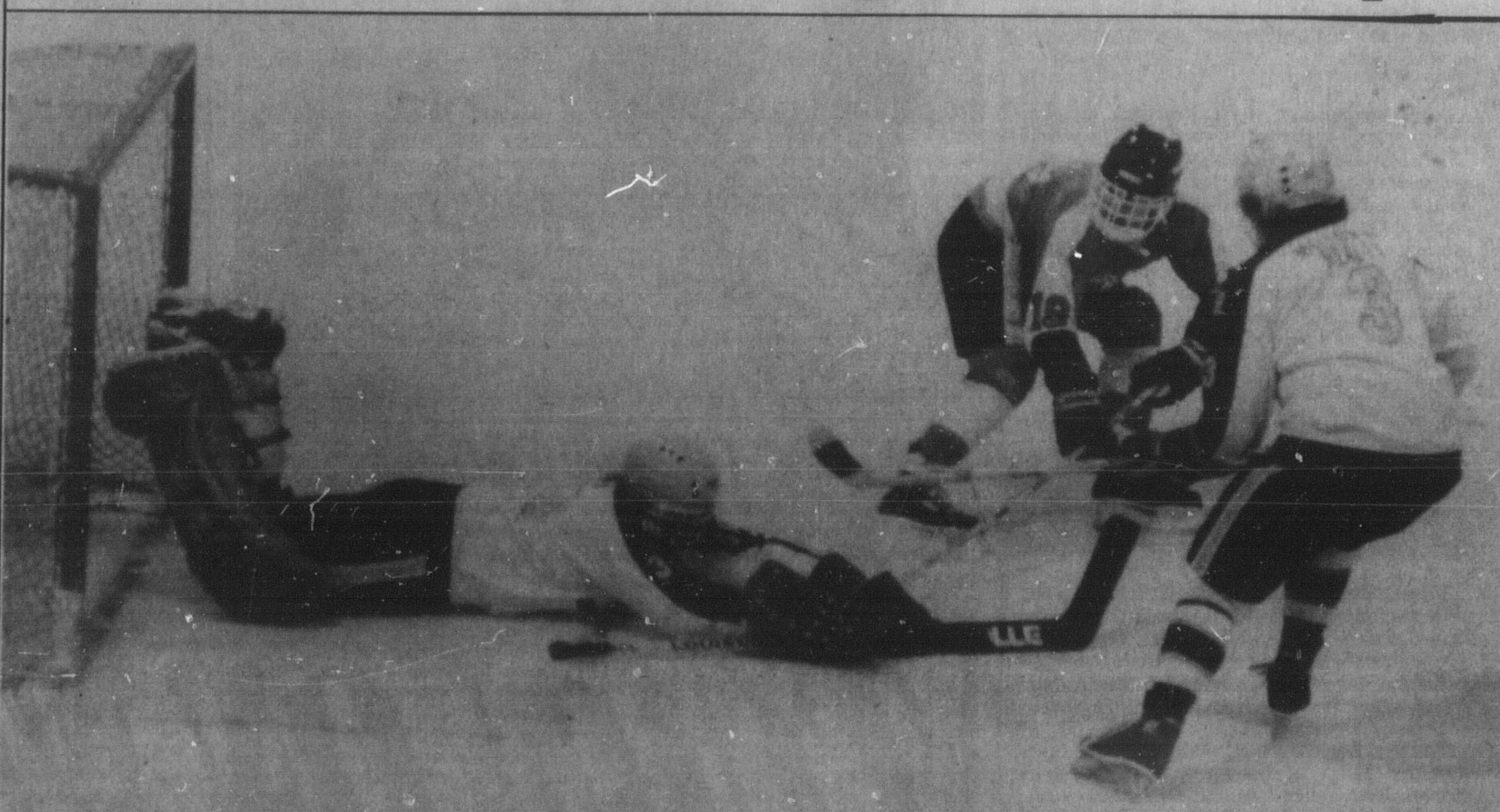
At least 600 fans jammed their way into the arena filling a majority of the seats as well as the Lions Hall upstairs.

The two clubs played the first 10 minutes of the contest relatively even with Derbys holding on to a 2-1 lead.

However, Streetsville struck for two goals late in the period to carry a 4-1 lead into the dressing room. Derbys dominated the latter half of the period with Milton showing little offensive effort.

Only several great stops from Milton goalie Paolo Zulian prevented Streetsville from adding to its total.

Milton's goal was scored on a nice tic-tac-toe play. Newcomer Blair Phillips made the play by keeping the puck inside the blue line during a power play. Phillips passed to Randy Perusello who passed to John McKerrow, who, in turn, fed the puck to Tim Pollen. The centreman deposited the puck into the empty net in one motion.



Despite strong goalkeeping from Steamers' Paolo Zulian (again), Milton fell to the powerful Streetsville Derbys by a 7-5 score Friday at Memorial Arena. Above, Steamer defenceman Randy Perusello moves to clear Derbys' captain Peter Dwyer while Zulian dives after a loose puck. Milton picked up two points over the weekend with a convincing 12-7 triumph over Acton Saturday after giving up a four-goal lead.

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The game began to take on the form of a rout when Derbys tallied a power-play goal just two minutes into the second period.

Milton started to come back a few minutes later inspired by the rambunctious play of Billy Lynch. The rightwinger ran a little interference on Streetsville goalie Les Williams who was about five feet out of his crease. The goalie took a shot at Lynch, who wisely didn't retaliate. Junior Del Brocco came to his netminder's aid while Lynch calmly walked away. Referee Cliff Gauthier, who seemed to be in an evening-up mood all night, sent both Williams and Del Brocco to the penalty box.

On the ensuing power play, Steamer captain Bob Mills had his shot on the net deflect off Williams' arm and into the goal to pull Steamers to within three. Lynch assisted.

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up a reciprocating penalty and Ken Schaeffer found the net to bring Steamers back to a one-goal disadvantage. Lynch and Scott Sanders earned assists.

Steamers pressed in the dying seconds but couldn't mount much of an attack allowing Streetsville to break down the ice and convert a two-on-one opportunity with just two seconds left.

The next night resembled a football score as Steamers exploded for 37 shots and seven goals in the third period to break a 5-5 tie and secure the much-needed win for their confidence over Acton. The victory solidified the club's hold on third place as the league appears to have broken into two tiers.

After a relatively quiet opening period which saw Steamers lead 2-1, Milton broke it open to jump ahead 5-1 by the midway point of the second period. Acton rallied to close the gap completely with four goals in a six-minute span late in the frame.

However, Steamer coach Tom Martin must have said something to his charges between periods. His club came out of the dressing room fired up and knocked home four unanswered goals to seal the win.

The club received an inspiring effort from Robin Bourbonnais who tallied three goals and added an assist. McKerrow added his first two goals in a Milton uniform while Schaeffer added two goals.

Other top point-getters were Bob Landry and Lynch with a goal and three assists each, Mills and Sanders with three assists each, and Perusello, Dean Warren, and Pollen with a goal each. Zulian stopped 40 Acton shots to pick up the victory.

Steamers also played an exhibition game with Buffalo Jr. Sabres last Tuesday at Memorial Arena coming out on the short end of a 10-3 score.

After taking a 4-2 lead after one period of play, Sabres counted three goals in each of the final two frames to seal the victory. Bourbonnais, Ziliotto and Sanders scored for Milton. The two clubs meet again Saturday, Nov. 20 in Buffalo in the return encounter.

Off the track: Steamers signed former Flyer defenceman Blair Phillips who suited up for his first game in two years Friday night. Phillips played with McMaster last season. It is hoped his size and steadiness will help settle down a shaky defence corps.

Comets' goalie Andy Saliba suited up as the club's back-up netminder Saturday in Acton. Steamers are carrying a surplus of players meaning that three or four must sit out each game. Steamer general manager Bob Lee said he expects to make some cuts later this week.

Steamers hosted Burlington (winners of two of their past three games since coach Phil Cameron quit) last night (Tuesday) before hosting Barrie Colts Friday at 7:45 p.m. at Memorial Arena. It's a quiet week for the club which had a busy start. They don't play again until the following Friday against Thornhill.

Upcoming action finds the Legionaires going to Brampton Memorial Arena for a Saturday encounter before hosting Flamboro at Milton's Memorial Arena on Sunday at 2 p.m.



### Sneaking a peek

A Mustang runner watches other things than his running during the Milton cross-country track championships last Wednesday at Kelso. Brenda Steenhof came through with a first-place finish leading the midget team to an overall second-place finish behind Georgetown. For more information, turn to High School Sports on page C4.

## Goaltenders steal show as Legion takes 3 of 4 points

A goaltenders' duel highlighted the Sunday afternoon major atom game between Milton Legionaires and Georgetown as Richard Saliba, for Legion and Chris Cambouris, for the visitors, were very stingy in only allowing a goal per period each as the teams skated to a three-all draw.

Twenty-four hours earlier in Ancaster, Ryan Tummon only allowed one marker just over two minutes from the end of the game in backstopping his club to a 3-1 victory over Ancaster.

The home game against Georgetown saw the visitors go ahead three times but Legionaires kept plugging away and knotted the contest each time. Chris Becharod put Georgetown up 1-0 at the 3:10 mark of the opening period.

Robbie Del Papa evened the count a minute and five seconds later when his persistence paid off after taking a relay from Paul Carles. Michael Banning initiated the play.

Just under two minutes into the middle period, Jeff Burton put Georgetown up 2-1. Once again Banning's line evened the score as Michael was the triggerman this time with Del Papa and Carles earning assists with 1:41 remaining in the period.

The third period followed the same pattern as Georgetown took a 3-2 lead on a goal by Mark Lorito after three minutes and 10 seconds had been played in the frame. A minute and a half later, Danny Beamish counted the tying goal for Legionaires as he accepted a pass from David Wiczaryk who took the relay from Derron Bain.

Although both clubs mounted several good scoring opportunities during the final 10 minutes of the game, neither Saliba nor Cambouris would yield the winning goal.

Saturday afternoon in Ancaster, Legionaires skated to a goal per

period pace also in registering the 3-1 victory. Banning was the sniper on the only goal of the initial period as he accepted an offering from Carles.

Newcomer Rory McLean started the play for the opening goal and in fact turned in a creditable performance for his first day with the club. Although Rory did not play Sunday (he was playing for the Tier Two club) he will be joining the team this week on a permanent basis.

A minute and five seconds were showing on the clock when James Green fired his fourth goal of the young season finishing off relays from Danny Hierman and Del Papa.

A minute and 33 seconds after the third period started, John Bacon scored his first goal of the season when he was the triggerman on a play from Darren Beals.

Drew Reis scored the lone Ancaster marker with 2:48 left in the contest to spoil Tummon's shutout bid.

Wrist Shots: The defence corps played extremely well in both games as Legionaires were short a player on both occasions and used only three defencemen both days.

Robbie Del Papa, Paul Carles and Darren Beals lead the team scoring parade as they each have eight points. The twine-tenders, Saliba and Tummon have identical records as they have each played three times, allowed nine goals apiece and hold a 3.00 goals against average.

The Georgetown game, which featured end-to-end action throughout and a fair amount of exertion from both sides, was cleanly played however as the officials could not find anything to penalize either team during the game.

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## Football Lions advance to semi-finals

Milton atom Lions advanced to the semi-finals with a 34-14 win over Argos in Oakville Flag Football action last Saturday.

Argos gave the Lions all they could handle in the first half as they opened the scoring on their first series of plays with four straight passes for a touchdown.

Lions came right back as Matt McCandless combined with Jim Murray for a 35-yard TD strike.

A second-quarter interception by Adam Murray set up another TD by Jim Murray on a 50-yard pass from McCandless.

After the Argos scored to even the count at 14 early in the third quarter, the Lions blew the game wide open as McCandless scampered 70 yards for the go-ahead TD, and then found Jim Murray for two touchdown passes. Steve Browne evened out the scoring with two two-point conversions.

Two key interceptions by Jeff Truswell snuffed out any chances of an Argo comeback.

In other playoff action, Bombers defeated T-Cats 24-0 while Eskimos went down 18-0 to the Concordes. Lions will now meet the Bombers in semi-final play this Saturday while Concordes await the outcome of the quarter-final game between Rough Riders and Broncos.



### On the road again

Rally driver Clive Smith was in town Thursday to demonstrate his abilities for a CBC special "Rally-master" to be aired this Saturday on "Sportsweekend."