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## Hockey league lending a hand to the Sally Ann

Many years ago when Terry Gibbons was a child, the Salvation Army visited his home for Christmas. They delivered gifts and prepared a Christmas dinner.

Without them, Terry admits, there wouldn't have been a Christmas. Terry hasn't forgotten how much that gesture meant to him and his family.

Now helping out with several sports teams in town and well established in the community, Terry has helped organize a special drive to help needy families as he and his family were once helped.

As a result, this year the Milton Hockey League will operate a booth during its well-attended Sunday night hockey games. Fans are encouraged to bring tins of food and unwrapped gifts in good condition to the games for the next three weeks beginning on Sunday.

There is no obligation and anyone who chooses against bringing any tinned goods or toys will definitely not be prevented from watching the game.

However, it's a fine unsolicited gesture on the part of the league and its executive which has ambitiously encouraged this project along.

Susan Stoddart will gather the tins and gifts at the door each night. They'll be collected at the end of the night where, in co-operation with The Canadian Champion's Christmas Bureau Fund, they will be brought to the paper and given to the Salvation Army in Oakville.

Oakville's branch of the Sally Ann will ensure that only needy families in Milton received the donations. The lack of a chapter of the Sally Ann in town prevents a direct move of the goods to them.

The gesture is just another fine example of the qualities in a small town which often go unnoticed. Especially in these difficult economic times where single-parent families have a tough time to make a go of it, it's encouraging that Miltonians still look out for one another in such an unselfish way.

Once again, any tinned goods or unwrapped toys or gifts in good condition would be much appreciated. People don't forget.

Despite finishing third in North America in his class last year, Milton's Mike Hession has decided to put his professional snowmobile career on hold for a year.

Last season, Hession won about \$3,000 on the North American circuit in the Pro-stock class. He said the only race he will probably enter is the World Series of Snowmobilers which pits the top racer from each American state and Canadian province.

## Wheeler advance to Dundas final

Advancing to the championship game of a tournament in Dundas over the weekend, Milton Fifth Wheel major bantams dropped the final by a 10-5 count to Humber Valley.

Milton advanced to the final with a 2-1 win over Hespeler and an overtime victory over Stoney Creek.

In the championship game, Humber Valley carried a slim 4-3 lead into the final frame before the roof fell in on the Wheelers. While the shots on goal were fairly even in the final period, Milton had trouble scoring while Humber Valley, an MTHL team from Toronto, encountered little difficulty at the other end.

Sean Davidson and Chris Turner each fired two goals for Milton with Bruce Cameron picking up a single.

Against Stoney Creek, Milton's Mike Del Papa set the stage for some dramatics when he scored with just 55 seconds remaining in the game to tie the score and send the contest into overtime.

After a scoreless overtime period, the teams went into a shootout and Milton's Ed Morgan made no mistake while parking his second goal of the game to send Milton into the championship game.

In the opener, Milton squeezed by Hespeler 2-1 with Steve Scannell and Del Papa scoring goals. Doug Beamish, Morgan, Cameron and Davidson picked up assists.

# Local BMX racer to 'star' in CBC documentary

Set to film Sunday

Overdrive Sports is quite proud of its bicycle moto-cross (BMX) racing team, thank you very much. But now, they're going to let the rest of the country in on their pride.

After several weeks of deliberation, the Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) has finalized the plans for a special half-hour documentary on BMX racing "starring" Milton's own Gary Francis. The initial plan calls for the program to be shown in the province in prime time. It may later be shown nation-wide.

The plan calls for the CBC to shoot the show Sunday at Newmarket through the eyes of a BMX racer. After searching through about a half-dozen clubs, CBC producer Raj Narrian, chose Overdrive Sports for the basis of the documentary.

The CBC wanted a 12 or 13-year-old racer to "star" in the film and Overdrive coach Mike Hession chose Francis because of his dedication to the sport.

The aim of the program is to familiarize the Canadian public with the comparatively new sport of BMX racing. The sport has long-time roots in the United States but is just in its infancy in Canada.

At a meet at the International Centre in Toronto last month, Narrian went on a look-see basis curious in that rival network CTV was covering the event for its Wide World of Sports feature and that no one from any CBC station was attending.

Narrian was impressed with the events and searched out about six teams. After inquiries to all member clubs, Narrian chose the smallest of the lot, Overdrive, because of its excellent results and intentions to become stronger with a new track in the spring.

As a result of Narrian's inquisitiveness, a special race will be set up at a track in Newmarket. The race is sponsored by North Star shoes which will provide trophies and look after the track.

Overdrive Sports is responsible for organizing the competition and Hession and assistant Gary Morrison have been busy this week lining up opponents.

The program will centre on the 13-year-old Francis. It will concentrate on his conditioning, clothing, bike equipment, training, experience and goals of the bike riders.

The show will be seen through Francis' perspective. He will answer questions prior to the races which will then be filmed. He will face much pressure to succeed during the events. It will also concentrate on the role of the team in BMX racing.

Further details of the showing of the program, as well as the club's meet in Toronto which was filmed by CTV, will be publicized in this paper as soon as they are made available.

Picture, more on BMX racing on page C3.

# Champion Sports

## MAC back with enthusiasm

### Registration up as club ready for second year

One successful season deserves another. And with that in mind, swimming coach Carol Murray is tackling the second year of the Milton Aquatic Club with paralled enthusiasm which is being reflected in her students.

Last year, the club's first, was an unqualified success. Several swimmers improved dramatically over the season with some showing signs of great promise.

This year is no different. The registration numbers increased by more than 50 per cent and are approaching the maximum. Enrolment has been increased to 76 students from 47. The breakdown shows 28 in the advanced group, 23 in the intermediate group and 25 in the novice division.

The new year will bring more meets and tougher competition for her swimmers and for the first time, MAC will host its first meet. The meet goes all day Saturday Dec. 19 at E.C. Drury School and Mrs. Murray encourages all swimming enthusiasts to attend the meet.

Some swimmers last year improved to such a degree, that six were recruited by the Burlington club. The swimmers spent the summer in Burlington but all returned to Mrs. Murray's program where more personal contact will be available. Mrs. Murray is MAC's only coach and is directly involved with each swimmer.

"I enjoy the closeness of the smaller club," says Mrs. Murray. "I aim to keep the club low-key because being ticketed (by the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association) means you're always paying money for some CASA reason."

Mrs. Murray was active in the fall. At the town's expense, she took a national coaching program at York University and passed. It should come as no surprise. Mrs. Murray has been teaching quality swimming for, well, many years.

"It was quite a thrill," she says. "I was the senior citizen in the group. I thoroughly enjoyed myself."

Among the changes in the program this year are more young swimmers and outfitted team swim uniforms which were purchased through money raised in the club's swim-a-thon last year.

The club lost just two swimmers. Hugh Silk changed schools and now attends Ridley College where he has joined the swimming program. Christine Irwin also changed schools and discovered that training schedules and bus schedules left her little time for sleep.

Among the rewards Mrs. Murray says she finds in the program is the progression of the young swimmers.

"I'm getting quite a kick out of the five-and-six-year olds. When some of them started, they couldn't swim a width. Now they're doing 8-10 lengths without any difficulty."

"The kids are all progressing well. For instance, Ian Ballantyne took a first in the backstroke at our last meet. He put a lot of work into it and it paid off. He had always been third. This time he came first."

Already the club dominated its first meet of the year in Hamilton and early indications are for the club to return with similar results when it travels to Acton Sunday for a meet.



Getting set to dive is Wendy Stacey of the Milton Aquatic Club. Increased pool hours and interest have allowed the club to increase its numbers significantly although Carol Murray continues to handle all coaching by herself.



The MAC Club brings out swimmers of all ages. Here, five-year-old Grant Carloni practises the backstroke. Mrs. Murray will take some of the youngsters to a meet in Acton Sunday.

## Avoiding penalties, Aggies win 4-1

Forcing Brampton to take a host of penalties, Milton Dufferin Aggregates minor midgets scored two power-play goals en route to a 4-1 win Sunday at Memorial Arena.

Milton took just five minor penalties while Brampton was saddled with 16. The victory upped the club's record to five wins, six losses and a tie in the first 12 league games.

Perri Hood shone for Milton with three straight goals. Hood leads Aggies in scoring with 13 goals and 10 assists in league play.

After a scoreless first period, Chris Austin opened the scoring with an unassisted power-play goal four minutes into the second period.

With five minutes left in the period, Hood notched his first of three in succession with another power-play tally. Tracy Harding and Steve Ralph assisted.

Hood upped the lead to three goals with two minutes left in the period with a goal from Harding and then closed out the Aggies scoring midway through the final frame with yet another goal with Austin assisting.

Brampton broke goalie Shawn Carnegie's shutout bid 33 seconds after Hood's final goal.

In action last week, Milton split two games in

Tri-County play and dropped a pair of exhibition games.

Milton edged Streetsville 5-4 and lost to Dundas 7-6 in Tri-County. In exhibition play, Richmond Hill won 6-0 and Georgetown edged Milton

4-1. The club resumed exhibition action last night (Tuesday) in Preston before picking up on Tri-County play Thursday in Chinguacousy and Sunday at Memorial Arena to Georgetown.

## Girls fare well in jiu-jitsu Van Riet Paap tops division

Competing against boys of the same size, several girls came through with some excellent performances at a duel jiu-jitsu meet held Sunday at the Milton School of Jiu Jitsu.

The tournament involved about 75 competitors from Milton and Oakville in junior (6-14 years) competition. Milton came out slightly ahead of their Oakville counterparts.

Leading the way for the girls was Trista Van Riet Paap, of Milton, who claimed the title in the peewee division. Third in the class was Jennifer Guzman, also of Milton. The two were separated

by Shane Langille, of Oakville, who was second. The other girls to finish in the top three of a division was Milton's Martine Cloutier who was third in mini peewee. Winning the division was Mike Bladewell of Oakville with Jason Mather or Milton second.

In the junior division, Gary MacDonald led an Oakville sweep of the top spots. Joey Beamish was second and Darrell Beamish was third.

In the senior division, Milton's Alex Buttigieg led a 1-2-3 sweep for the Milton club. Nick Chronopolos was second and Steve Gloss third.

# Steamers go 'Riding' in Thunderbird for win

Doug Riding isn't what one would call a prolific scorer. He says he can't even score in practice.

But the 18-year-old left-winger made his first two goals of the year count at important times notching the second and third goals of the game to provide Milton Steamers with a 3-2 win over Thornhill Thunderbirds Friday night at Memorial Arena.

The win boosted Milton's record to nine wins and 21 points in 18 games setting up an important home game with Burlington Cougars last night (Tuesday) at Memorial Arena.

"I can't even put the puck in the net in practice," admits Riding. "I'm not one of the guys known for putting the puck in the net."

Much of the reason for Riding's limited offensive capabilities was his minor hockey background. He played all minor hockey on defence and was shifted to the wing just this year. The club chiefly employs him in a defensive capacity. However, with the inquiry to Bill Lynch, coach Tom Martin has been

rotating wingers and Riding ended up with Bob Landry, who is known to have a good touch with the puck.

"I've still got defensive tendencies," he adds, "but Tom says once you get over the blue line, it's all offence. Even the defenceman must go on the attack."

Like most of his teammates, Riding has kind words for the Steamer coaching staff, despite being one of the players to sit out randomly selected games.

"Tom is the best coach I've ever had. He has a great knowledge. He's also very smart, understanding, fair and willing to help.

"I'm not unhappy having to sit out some games. You've got to expect that. This isn't minor hockey any more. Sometimes, you have to sit back and see what you've done wrong.

"Tom's been telling me a lot this year and Chris (assistant coach Chris Meloff) has been helping me out. They're both free with advice. They've probably brought me along the best of any coaches I've ever had."



Doug Riding

The fact that Riding is playing junior hockey in Milton is in itself somewhat surprising. After a successful minor

hockey career, he passed up junior hockey last year opting for high-school hockey which allowed him more time to concentrate on his school work.

Despite being in grade 13 this year, Riding felt he had the time to devote to hockey and attended the tryouts.

"Junior wasn't for me last year," he says. "I was concerned about marks. Some people tell me it (the layoff) still shows in my hockey."

Jeff Vandervorst opened the scoring for Milton midway through the opening period with an unassisted tally. Thornhill's John Hagg got that back with his first of two for the night with four minutes to go in the game.

The Riding-Landry combo then went to work. Brad Warden set up Riding with a perfect pass enabling the left-winger to score the go-ahead goal with Landry also assisting.

Hagg notched the equalizer with a minute left in the second period on the power play with Steamers two men short. Eight minutes into the final frame,

Landry won a face-off cleanly and passed to Riding who drilled a shot into the goal for the winning margin.

Steady goalkeeping from Steamer Paolo Zulian, especially on a point-blank shot and the rebound with four minutes to go while Steamers were killing yet another penalty, preserved the victory.

On the weekend, Steamers travelled to Buffalo for a pair of weekend games. The club dropped an 8-2 decision to Buffalo Jr. Sabres Saturday before rebounding for a 7-1 win Sunday against Southtown Wolves, a club which turned out to be of Jr. C calibre.

Against Buffalo, Scott Sanders and Grant Ziliotto scored singles while on Sunday, Ken Schaffer and Landry fired two goals and Stu Anderson, Vandervorst and Ziliotto added singles.

Off the Track: Steamer right-winger Bill Lynch is recovering from his broken leg with therapy and early indications are for him to possibly return this year. The club is adopting a wait-and-see attitude. They have until

January 10 to decide for the final out-down date.

Steamer general manager Pie Lee said he expects his club to sign ex-Flyer Joey Gaeton later this week. Gaeton played in Milton and Burlington last year and currently attends Humber College. His scoring power will be an asset to compensate the loss of Lynch.

### CENTRAL ONT. JR. B.

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Str'ville	17	16	1	0	146	54	32
Barrie	18	11	5	2	92	72	24
Oakville	17	10	5	2	91	60	22
Milton	18	9	6	3	94	96	21
Burlington	18	7	10	1	79	90	15
Thornhill	19	5	12	2	87	101	12
G'town	20	3	13	4	75	129	10
Acton	17	3	12	2	71	133	8

### Steamers results

Milton 3, Thornhill 2  
Buffalo 8, Milton 2 (exhibition)  
Milton 7, SouthTown 1 (exhibition)

### Future Games

Tuesday—Burlington at Milton  
Thursday—Milton at Thornhill