

Gala start on Saturday

All systems are a "go" for Milton Tennis Club opening

After several years of planning and working, the new tennis facility of the Milton Tennis Club officially becomes a reality Saturday when the club holds its opening day.

Although the facility has actually been in use for about a month now, the gala opening officially opens the club as well as welcoming the Milton public at large to attend and get a first-hand look at the facility.

It's taken several years of hard work and a few variations of the original plan but the facility is first Decouf with a good surface on each of its six Decouf courts. The opening features a celebrity tennis

on the courts

with FRAN FRAMPTON

tournament, a fashion show, balloon rides, a beer tent and several other events to keep the watching public amused.

Action gets underway around noon Saturday and should be completed around 5 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend

with the club's intention that they get a first-hand look at the new facility and might (in the future) join.

The club is on Childs Drive about 300 meters east of Ontario Street on the south side.

Among the celebrities taking part in the tournament will be Keith Gretzky, who on the weekend was a first-round selection, fourth overall, by Windsor in the Ontario Hockey League's annual midweek hockey draft. His parents will accompany him.

Others confirmed are singer John Allan Cameron, PC Otto Jelinek MP, NHL referee-in-chief Scotty Morrison, Ralph Mel-

lanby from Hockey Night in Canada, Molson's rep Terry Stacey and NHL referees Ron Wicks and John D'Amico.

Four experienced members of the Milton Tennis Club's "B" team journeyed to Hamilton Sunday morning where they lost to a powerful, young Dofasco team by a score of 50-38.

Milton lost the singles with Bill Morgan (5-6); Jamie White (5-6); Mike Polvere (3-8); and Troy Schafer (3-8).

In the doubles, Morgan and Polvere had

a win and a loss (6-5) (3-8); while the team of White and Schafer came up winners (7-4; 6-5).

The club hosted Sycamore Club of Burlington Sunday and came up with an overall win of 54-34.

Winners of the singles matches were Steve Hart 8-3, Nick Wollaston 8-3 and Neville Newman 9-2. Ian Roberts lost 4-7.

In the doubles competition, Milton's team of Hart and Roberts lost their first match 2-9 and won their final 8-3. The Wollaston and Newman duo scored a 10-1; 4-7 win.

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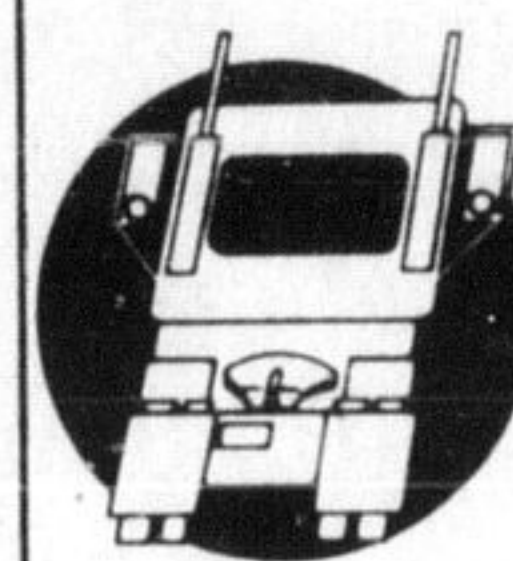
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Cup triumphs habit-forming

IN WHAT IS becoming a habit, Milton's John Tonelli participated once again in the major sports story of the 1980s.

The 26-year-old leftwinger with New York Islanders accomplished a feat which has been a dream in the hearts of millions of Canadian youngsters over the years when his club won their fourth straight Stanley Cup triumph two weeks back in a four-game sweep of Edmonton Oilers.

The Milton native, who now resides on Long Island, played another integral part in the systematic play of the Islanders. Although his honest effort went overlooked in his first few years, he is now regarded among the top handful of two-way players in the National Hockey League.

The four Stanley Cup rings have filled the fingers of one hand and he and his teammates go to work on the other hand next year when the club attempts to become one of the few to win five straight Cups. Considering all their jewelry, it'll be hard for them to keep their fingers crossed.

Tonelli was the last player to be drafted into the Ontario Hockey League out of Milton. At least he was until this past weekend when Rick Serafini went to the Toronto Marlies in the 16th round. Serafini actually was drafted out of North York Civics but he 'moved' during the year to the Toronto area.

Being drafted that late in the draft really doesn't mean a heck of a lot. Just the first half-dozen selections are really given a shot. But, just the same, it's something one can keep to themselves until they have kids. Not everyone can say they were drafted by Toronto Marlies.

One player who impressed observers of the Milton Steamers and Barrie Colts playoff round was Barrie's Shayne Corson. As expected, he went in the first round, seventh overall, to Brantford. He is expected to play in the OHL this year and pass up a shot at the American colleges.

Speaking of Milton Steamers, one of the original owners, Joe Auger, has called it quits after one year. He resigned recently and his resignation was accepted by the four remaining owners.

Joe is also expected to divest himself of his one-fifth financial interest in the club. A long-time coach, player and owner in Milton, Joe will be missed around the arena.

The Maple Leaf Classic Bryan Kerr Memorial 10 km road race received approval from Milton council to go again this year.

The race is set for August 21 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Optimist Centre. More details will be made available as the time approaches.

Nancy Auger is busy setting up a recreational slo-pitch league for ladies only. She'd like to hear from players who'd be interested in playing.

The league is set up to be totally recreational with no statistics kept. There is also a minimum age limit of 25.

Anyone interested in playing regularly or occasionally is asked to call Nancy at 878-3191 after 5 p.m.

Fishing tips will be available on location when The Tackle Shoppe and Bass in Canada magazine get together to put together a program for Saturday June 11 at the Mill Pond in Milton.

Professional fishermen will be on hand to answer questions concerning equipment and fishing techniques. There'll also be live demonstrations on flipping, spinners, buzz and crank baits, Texas and South Carolina rigging of plastics and pork rinds.

Action gets underway at 11 a.m. and should run until 3 p.m.

New executive for girls hockey

Several new faces have been elected to form the Milton Girls Hockey executive for a two-year term for the 1983-85 seasons.

The new president is Jim Wanless who takes over for Rhonnie Horne. She becomes the past president.

The registrar and ice convener is Bob Bacon while Marilyn Picard is the new vice-president. Ann Reynolds becomes the secretary while Dick Hewitson is the new treasurer. The two directors-at-large are Hasselfeldt and John Reynolds.



Photo courtesy The New York Daily News

Four Cup rings

Milton native John Tonelli (left) gives New York Islander team Ken Morrow a victory hug after Morrow's insurance goal with 30 seconds left in the club's 4-2 win in the fourth game of the Stanley Cup finals. The win gave Islanders' their fourth straight Stanley Cup victory which is filling Tonelli's fingers up pretty good.

Grudge match in Hornby final

All indications are for the championship game of the rain-delayed Hornby fastball tournament to take the form of a grudge match.

Rain postponed Sunday afternoon final four games leaving five teams remaining in the hunt for the coveted title.

Of the five, two clubs, Alton and Binbrook juniors, could not return to complete the tourney next Sunday because of prior commitments. Of the remaining three, host Remax-Miltowne of the Milton Fastball League moved to the final game because of defaults by Alton.

That leaves RCS Mississauga (formerly Whaler's Wharf, the defender champion) and Hespeler Intermediates to fight it out in a one-game semi-final Sunday morning to earn the berth against Remax in the final.

There is no love lost between RCS and Remax. RCS threatened to pull out of the tourney when they discovered their three pitchers would be unavailable. However, the club couldn't persuade tourney organizer Dave Martin to return their entry fee and pledged to return.

Up to the point of the rain delay, Remax was the sole remaining undefeated team at 2-0. Both losses by Cambridge and RCS came at the hands of Remax.

The Remax-RCS game was the highlight of the tourney. The

contest was pushed into two extra innings before Remax managed an 8-5 win.

The game featured several comebacks by both teams. RCS led 2-0 after five innings and appeared to have the game in hand.

However, Remax surged back in the top of the sixth when Derrick Neelands belted a two-out three-run homer for what appeared to be the margin of victory.

Not so. RCS tied the score in the seventh when Tony Hogan cashed in the tying run with a two-out double. In the top of the eighth, Remax again took the lead when Neelands, undaunted by the pitching of super-junior Rich Cowland, belted his second homer, a two-run blast.

However, RCS rallied to tie the score in their half of the eighth with four straight hits before Mark Curtis came out of the Remax bullpen to quell the fire.

Remax finally won the game in the ninth when Randy Nykoruk contributed a clutch two-out pinch-hit single. Tony Ceelen reached on an error and both came home on Tom Marchment's triple. Kevin Smith produced the final run with a triple.

Final action gets underway Sunday at 10 a.m. with Cambridge Int. and RCS squaring off. The final will start around noon. Should Remax lose, a second game will be played.

Hudson Acton coach

After 10 years coaching in the Milton Minor Hockey system, Gary Hudson will take on the unenviable task of turning the Acton Sabres into a Central Ont. Jr. B League contender.

The Sabres announced Friday that Hudson will replace interim coach Glenn Murray. Murray replaced Bill Richmond part way through last season.

Hudson is not looking for miracles with the young club.

"I'm looking to be respectable," he said. "If we keep it close and stay in the game, we'll win our share."



Hudson

Royals avenge in a big way

One thing about this 1983 edition of Milton Royals — they don't give up.

Backed by the outstanding hitting of Ray Tonelli, Milton Royals avenged an earlier defeat to arch-rival Campbellville Mohawks with an offence-laden 23-14 win Saturday afternoon (and early evening) at Brian Best Park.

It was by far the most impressive offensive show for Royals this year which in two earlier defeats encountered difficulty getting their offence in gear.

What was needed was a shot of revenge in the air as Royals surged ahead 9-4 after two innings. After Mohawks rallied to take a 14-9 lead in the top of the sixth, Royals rallied right back with an eight-run sixth inning and then capped the win with six more runs in the eighth to put the game out of reach.

Royals were led at the plate by Tonelli who connected for two three-run homers and a two-run double giving him eight RBIs for the day. Garry Naylor drove home five runs batting one spot ahead of Tonelli while Rick McTrach produced three runs from his lead-off position.

It was a pitchers' nightmare for each club going through four hurlers. The best pitching performance on the day came from Royals' Tom Sheppard who didn't allow a run in three and two-thirds innings in finishing the game to earn the win. He was preceded to the mound by starter Albert Ouwendyck, Dave Turner and Roger Clement. Pitching for Mohawks were starter Bob Evans, Garney Mitchell, Charlie Currie and Ray 'Yukon' Evans who threw hard in finishing the game.

The pitchers gave out numerous free passes with Mohawks picking up 11 walks and Royals nine. The teams' defence on

the bumpy Brian Best field also took a beating with each club committing five errors.

The key to the Royals' win was in their comeback. The club scored four runs in the first inning and added five more in the second. Mohawks managed two runs in each of the first two innings to trail 9-4 after two.

However, Mohawks rebounded with seven runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth to jump in front 14-9 appearing to take command of the game.

But Royals put together a wild eight-run sixth inning to take a lead they wouldn't relinquish. All the action happened with two out.

Glen Turner and Jack Cantelon started the inning with singles. After Naylor and Tonelli went out, Sheppard doubled home one run. Paul Elliott walked and John Turner followed by reaching first when Mohawk catcher Tim Roberts dropped the third strike. McTrach and Ken Armstrong kept the rally going with singles. Glen Turner walked but Cantelon and Naylor followed with RBI singles to complete the outburst.

Royals put it away in the eighth with six more runs. Glen Turner lifted a two-run homer before Tonelli followed with his second three-run blast of the afternoon.

Naylor led Royals with four hits while Tonelli, Armstrong, Cantelon and Glen Turner each added three hits to the club's 20-hit attack.

Mohawks scored their 14 runs on just 10 hits. Paul Ridley led the way with three while Currie added a couple. It marked Mohawks' second loss of the year.

Royals improved their record to 1-2

with the win. They play Thursday at Cawthra Park before playing a home-and-home series with Dundas this weekend. They're here at Brian Best

Park Saturday at 2 p.m. before going to Dundas Sunday.

For a boxscore of the game, turn to page B2 and Sportscoreboard.



Milton Royals' Rick McTrach dives back into second base before Mohawk second baseman Rick Mitchell during Milton's 23-14 win Saturday afternoon at Brian Best Park. The win marked some revenge for Royals who were defeated earlier in the year by Mohawks.