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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

High steppin'

A Milton Magic under 17 rep player (right) tries to get control of the ball from her Hamilton counterpart in Wednesday night action at Thompson Park. Hamilton won 4-1.

Full stop, period, game over, Mavs out

By STEVE LeBLANC
Special to The Champion

The Milton Jr. B Mavericks had a full lineup and were in full spirits Tuesday night, when their 1997 ride came to a full and complete stop.

In front of a sizeable crowd at Tonelli Arena, they took a 21-10 shellacking from the Elora Mohawks and were eliminated four games to one in their Tier II semifinal showdown.

Head coach Jim Leworthy said he wasn't too disappointed at how quietly his team went out — stating that they did improve over last season and are already looking towards 1998.

"We won four more games this season and became a winning lacrosse club, so I'm not really upset," explained Leworthy. "The guys just weren't interested after we missed the Tier I playoffs. They went out and had fun tonight (Tuesday) and didn't resort to cheap tactics once the game was out of reach. They lost with dignity."

Milton fans probably would have liked their team to go down with a little more fight as well however. Their Mavericks showed no defensive effort throughout the entire tilt and were out of striking distance by the midway mark.

The biggest lapse came at the start of the second when Elora walked right in and tallied five times in three-and-a-half minutes. The visitors managed three unanswered goals on two other occasions during the balance of the contest.

First-line anchor Brian Rooney led the Mohawks' hit parade with four goals and nine assists while partner Jeremy Walsler collected five goals and added three helpers.

Chris Landoni was another standout with six assists and a pair of tallies. Two-goal outputs came from Dave Fowlie, Jarret MacDougal and AP Adam Rooney.

Highlighting Milton's meager offensive campaign were captain Andrew Hartholt, Jimmy Leworthy Jr. and Craig Hedley. The first-line trio figured in six of their team's goals and posted four-point nights each.

Jeff Currie and Cory Leigh each tallied twice while Donald Perry drew two assists.



Single helpers from Mark Beisel, Graham Darling, Shane McConnell, Brent Moyer and Paul Wade.

Splitting the netminding duties were starter Kevin Eansor and midget call-up Mike DeBoer, who replaced an injured Joey Camilleri in the final two outings.

The absence of Currie, Brent and Brad Moyer, Adam Richards and Jamie D'Oliveira cost the Mavericks a 10-8 loss Monday night in Elora.

This put the team on the chopping block and essentially ended their season. This same lack of team commitment — because of part-time jobs and weekend trips — is what cost Milton their Tier I playoff seating.

The Mavericks led the game as late as the 17 minute mark of the second, but eventually ran out of gas. They scored just three times over the final 30 minutes.

Landoni fired in the winning goal for the hometown boys at 12:42 of the third. Providing a little insurance in the last five minutes was Chris Wilson. Each scored twice on the night, as did sniper Rob Lockhart.

With the Mohawks holding the first-line at bay for the bulk of the game, Paul Wade stepped up for Milton and turned a hat-trick. Leigh was also on his game with a goal and an assist and McConnell scored for the first time in weeks.

Hartholt was restricted to a goal and an assist, Hedley tallied once and added two helpers and Leworthy Jr. drew two assists.

A pair of powerplay goals for Elora made the difference in game four. The Mavericks went 0-for-4 with the man-advantage.

Elora now moves on to face the Akwesasne Lightning for the Tier II Blair Trophy. In Tier I playoff action, Orillia has eliminated Spartan 4-1.

Girls hockey sign-up on the weekend

There may be a lot more local hockey players lacing up the skates this winter.

Milton girls — between five and 17 years of age — will need only travel as far as Halton Hills for all-

female competition.

The Halton Hills Girls Hockey Association will hold registrations for its inaugural season Saturday, August 2, 9 and 16 at the Georgetown Marketplace Mall.

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