Christmas

# John Black was golden Sunday

John Black's two-goal performance Sunday did more than just pace his AA major novices to a 3-2 victory over Brampton. It also marked a successful start to his team's "Score Goals for the Cancer Society" campaign.

The December score-a-thon fundraiser is in support of his uncle, Tampa Bay Lightning's John Cullen, who is currently undergoing treatment for lymphoma. Alex Berndt also scored in the campaign kickoff, adding two assists.

Ashley Rutz was a rock on defence while the line of Luc Hartwick, Connor Mitchell and Matt Binnington initiated several scoring opportunities with impressive puck movement.

The Wallace Pontiac-sponsored crew were all but completely silenced during a recent tournament appearance in Chatham.

They came up short in an initial 3-2 loss to London and were then shut out by Streetsville (2-0), Chatham (6-0) and Shelby, Michigan (2-0).

#### Dry spell for peewees

The Lions Club major peewee AA's were unable to get over a two-goals-pergame hump recently — and failed to break into the win column over a three-game stretch.

The line of Chris Hay, Darryl Tielemans and Julian Ricci drew Milton within a goal of Georgetown, but a slow start would come back to haunt them in a 3-2 defeat.

Call-up cager Nathaniel Murray made some big saves to keep the Winterhawks within striking distance.

Hay and Tielemans lit the lamp in a 2-2 goal. draw with St. Catharines. Sean Welsh and Matt Funnell were steady on defence in front of regular goaltender Jason Strong.

Mike Fratarcangeli was pretty much on his own defending Milton's cage in a 7-2 blowout against Orangeville, who jumped out a 4-0 lead and never looked back. Hay and Scott McLaughlin scored the goals.

### Medics only let one in

The Docs and Dents Winterhawks surrendered just one measly goal in two games last weekend. Surprisingly though,

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this didn't ensure them back-to-back victo-

Carl Chan was nearly perfect for the AA minor atoms, but his goaltending counterpart was equally impressive in a 1-1 stalemate with Burlington. Milton's lone marksman was Kyle Hearns.

The 'Hawks were severely short staffed in their first weekend bout against Georgetown. Skating with only two lines and three defencemen, they still managed a convincing 4-0 triumph.

Netminder Mike Binnington laid the goose egg while Matt Chuchmach scored one goal and assisted on another.

Also denting the twine were David Brush, Elgin Reid and Creighton Reid (no relation). Chris Pedulla drew two assists, with Kevin Parker recording a single helper.

#### **Getting ties for Christmas**

The minor atom A Winterhawks' recent Tri-County efforts could be best described as a four-day stalemate.

Games with Acton, Elora and Erin all ended in ties. In the shots on goal department, Milton managed a mere 41-38 margin of victory over the stretch.

Stephen Kays notched a last-minute equalizer to give his team a 1-1 draw with Acton while goalie James Connor recovered nicely after surrendering an early

Strong defensive play came from Nicholas Vipond while Ray Parcels assisted on Kays' goal.

The Jaycees-sponsored crew also fought back in the Elora game, erasing a two-goal lead with Colin Martin's second of the day tying things up at 4-4 with less than a minute remaining. Also scoring were Kays and Chris Wheelihan.

Luke Bultoc and Shannon Miller provided competent defence in front of netminder Adam Silliphant.

It was Milton's turn to squander a two-

goal lead in their next outing with Erin, who rallied for a 3-3 draw. Ross Nicholls scored once and drew an assist while Kays and Robbie Hunt also contributed singles.

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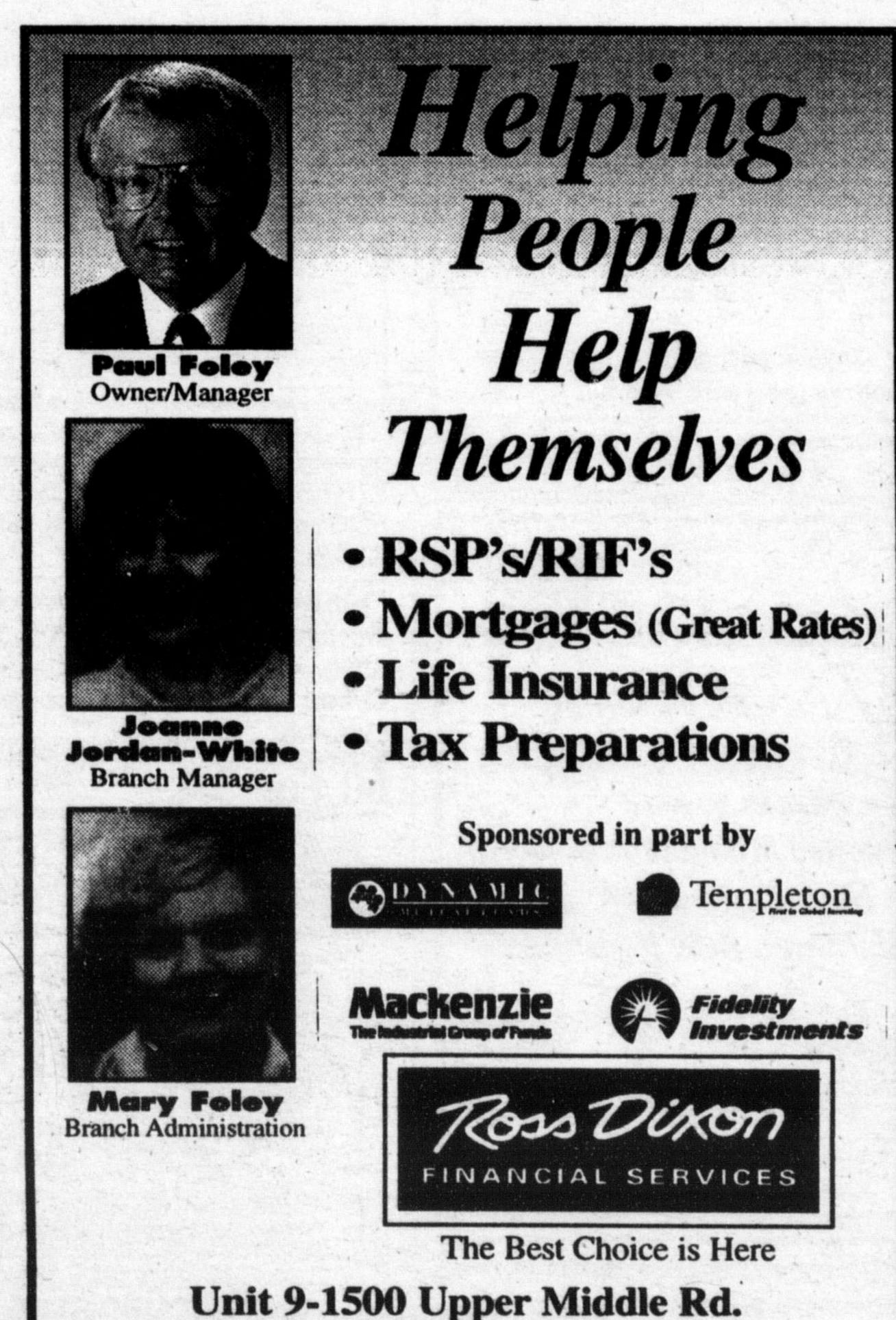
Runners of all ages and skill levels are invited to an information evening in Oakville Thursday, Dec. 18.

Hosted by the Running Company, the 7 p.m. event will focus on an upcoming 17-week running program directed by Marathon Dynamics.

The program will accommodate both novice and experienced runners.

The free information session will be held at 118 Thomas St. in Oakville.

For details, call Steve McKinnon at 815-1952.



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