

Plater does not go gently

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Devin Plater raged, raged against the dying of a light. The 10-year-old goaltender rhymed off save after save Wednesday night at Memorial Arena. Plater denied Richmond Hill no less than 38 times over an hour-and-a-half stretch. He had poise, confidence, lightning quickness and great support from a rejuvenated Milton fan base. What he didn't have was lady luck with him. When the final verse ended, his remarkable bid to stave off elimination had come up short and Richmond Hill had pulled off a 4-3 overtime victory.

"That was some amazing goaltending," said visiting head coach Kevin MacLean of Plater's performance. His single A major novice Stars swept the best-of-five OMHA zone finals.

Plater suffered the worst fortune as opposing sniper Sean D'Orazio managed a heartbreaking equalizer with just two seconds left in regulation time.

Eight minutes later the local tender was beaten through the five hole by Matt Gilbert. D'Orazio figured in the winning goal as well with a well-placed lead pass.

Particularly impressive through the second period, Plater turned aside 19 of 20 shots. His Winterhawk teammates would test counterpart Justin Simone just once, and beat him with a low wrist shot by sparkplug Blake Frittenburg.

Craig Howse and Daniel Lafontaine registered the other Milton goals while Graham Sharp drew two assists.

Turning in steady defence through the first and final frames were Sharp, Alex Marshall and Kyle Walker.

Jeremy Martin and Justin Moir came up with robust efforts as well.

Three nights earlier Richmond Hill set themselves up for the sweep with a 5-2 win. The 'Hawks enjoyed scoring by Howse and Moir plus a 35-save effort by Paul Herder.

Making up the rest of this year's OMHA zone championship finalists were Michael Bruno, David Gooding, Matt Goodman, Jeffrey Lowe, Travis Montagner and Greg Robertson.

Double trouble

The AAA minor novices suffered through a gang beating last week.

Double-teamed by Chinguacousy and Oakville, the Hurricanes were denied entry to the OMHA finals — somewhat disappointing after a first-place finish in the regular season.

Halton first experienced a power outage against Oakville which resulted in a 2-1 loss. Geoff Strank potted their lone tally.

From there, needing to sweep Chinguacousy to make the league championship, they afforded the Blues a comeback and ended game one with a 4-4 stalemate.

The 'Canes ended the season with a 2-1 win in Chinguacousy.

Curling club teams have set the bar higher

Steve Oldford and Ron Tracey threw a one-two punch at the competition this season and carved out a little history for the Milton Curling Club.

Their Colts and Masters division teams each reached the Ontario Curling Championships — marking the first time the local club ever sent two representatives to the provincials.

Oldford's Colts squad — comprising vice Dave MacLeod, second Darren Harknes and lead Russell Emery (a substitute for Steve Brown) — went 3-4 at the All-Ontario finals last weekend in Penetanguishene.

Victories over Ottawa, Sterling and Glendale earned them a fifth-place finish in the eight-team showdown.

A total of 183 Colts teams began provincial playdowns earlier this month.

"This was just a terrific season. I've been curling for 20 years and never done this well," said Oldford.

Milton's Masters ran into some heavily loaded teams in Penetang, but simply refused to go home without at least one victory under their belts.

As it turned out, Tracey's tribe managed two in a five-game round robin. Victories came against Guelph and

Kingston.

Their stiffest competition was against a pair of London teams and another from Bayview who went on to win it all.

"We were simply outmuscled by some of the teams there," said Stewart, the team's second.

Filling out the ranks were vice Doug Ptolemy and lead Reg Corp. The Milton Masters were one of eight final teams, from a starting draw of 109.

Both Milton teams went undefeated at the regional finals in Southampton as well as at the Zone 9 playdowns in Milton.

Hawks fall to top team

The AA major bantam Winterhawks can say they were beaten by the very best.

Arnie Parcels' crew gave a superb performance at the 56-team Georgetown International Bantam Tournament last week.

They were eliminated in the B division finals Sunday by a minor bantam team from Hamilton. A slow start told the tale in a 6-3 defeat.

This same Hamilton squad went on to win the grand championship, eking out a 4-3 decision over Kitchener.

Ben Silk, Jake Vanderbreggen and Kris Beal scored for Milton in the B division finals. Assists went to Vanderbreggen, Mike Austen, Matt deRee, Zack MacKay and Derek Mewhinney.

The 'Hawks edged Mississauga 2-1 in the B semis. Mewhinney notched the game-winner with 37 seconds remaining.

Josh Arnold was hot in the cage, and enjoyed protection from Bryan Shaw and Matt Ventura.

In round-robin play they beat Gloucester 8-2 and blanked Chinguacousy 3-0 while losing to West Ferris 2-0.

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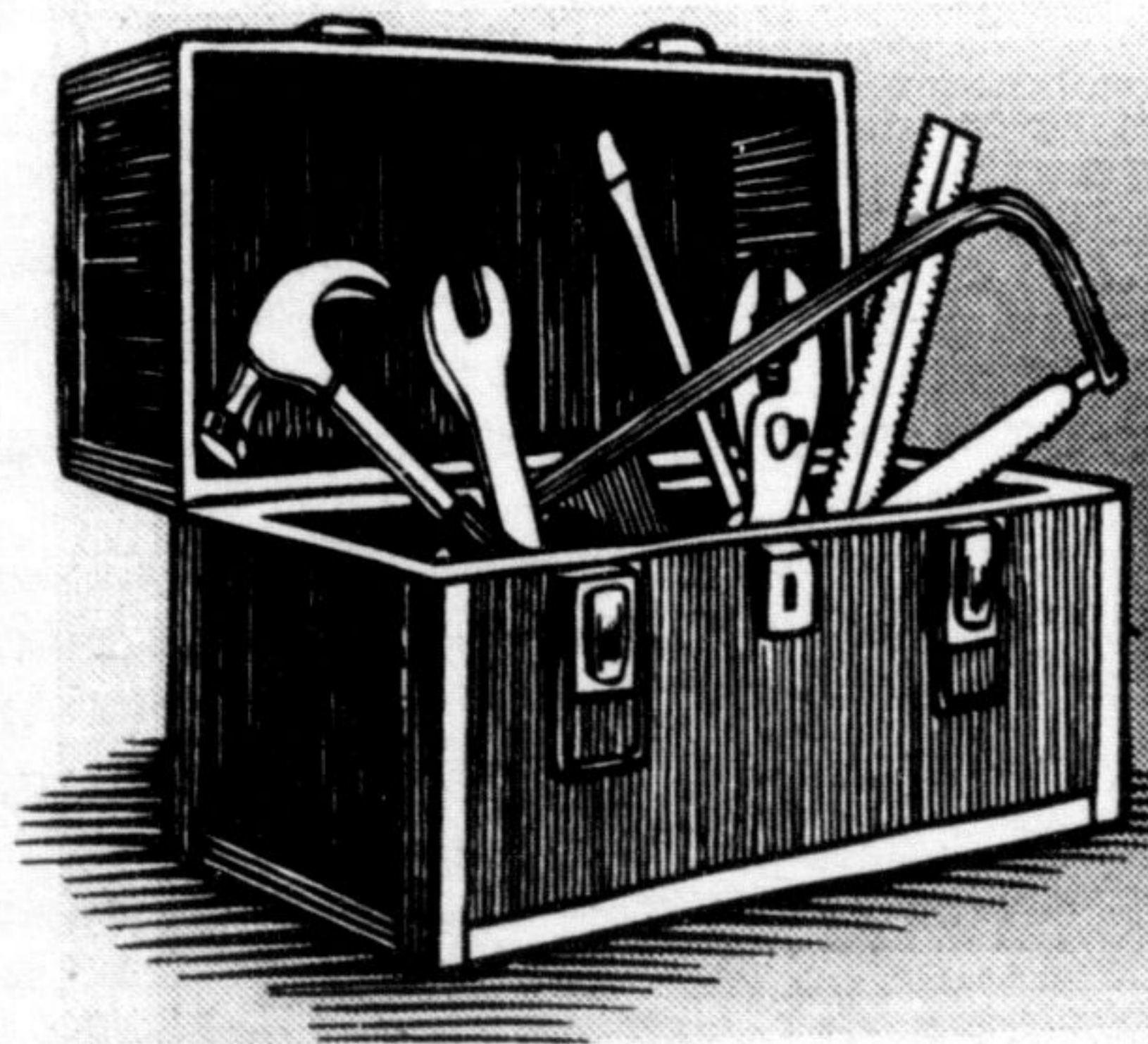
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