

Melo's star shines bright in win

Milton's A major atoms no doubt had some anxiety heading into the final stretch against Georgetown Saturday.

But they soon learned the rewards of getting a little Melo.

Mike Melo notched the tying goal with just over two minutes left in regulation — then delivered a huge encore, sinking the game winner late in the first sudden death period.

This gave the Wallace Pontiac Buick Winterhawks a 4-3 win and new life in round two of the provincial playdowns.

The best-of-five series is knotted at one win a piece and continues in Milton Monday.

Setting up the overtime marker were Conor Ferguson and Greg Robertson — who finished game two with a couple of helpers. Michael Bruno and Graham Sharp also buried the biscuit while other assists went to Jeff Lowe, Justin Moir and Chris Shortt. Netminder Devon Plater was solid between the pipes, particularly in the final frame when he turned aside all but a single shot.

Rep Hockey

Firepower returns

The AA minor bantams rediscovered their scoring touch and edged Oakville 6-5 in Tri County action last Thursday.

This followed an offensive slump at the tail end of their first round provincial play-off series with Orangeville. A lack of steam down the stretch — with several players competing in two sports that week — hurt their efforts and contributed to them bowing out in four games.

But the Grand Transport Winterhawks stormed back in the league playoffs, tallying twice in each period on the way to shading Oakville.

Tyler Holman deposited goals one and two while adding singles over the balance of the evening were Derek Blanchard, Barry Kosmalski, Darryl Teed and eventual hero Tim Warmels — who one-timed a blueline bullet for the game winner.

From there, the locals shifted into defensive mode and nipped Georgetown 1-0 Monday. Sinking the lone marker was Jonathan Ram.

Offense hot and cold

Milton's A major novices have enjoyed rock solid defense and goaltending all season long — but recently it was their roller coaster offense that was the real story last week.

The Winterhawks scored seven times in a provincial playdown whitewashed of Georgetown. This gave them the series in a minimum three games.

From there, however, the local boys misfired in Tri County league playoff action — falling to Georgetown 2-1 and Guelph 2-1. Adrian Eppinger earned the shutout and kept his team within striking distance in the other two tilts.

Wade McGinnis tallied twice in the win while adding singles were Kris DeNin, Krista Dermott, Brad Mazzocato, Brandon Rae-Hunt and Marshall Vince.

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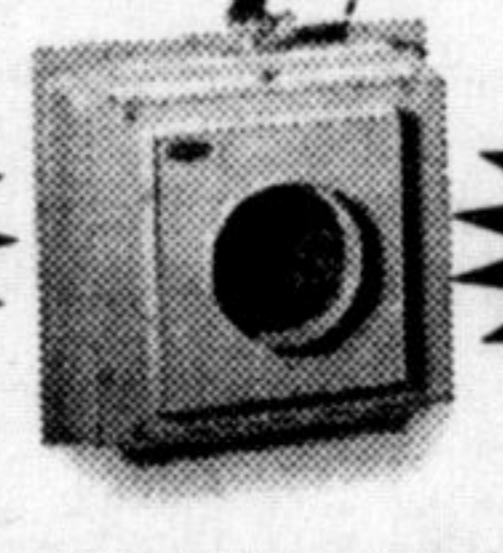
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