AA midgets break into win column by stoning Guelph

One goal and a whole lot of top-notch goaltending. That's what it took for Milton's AA midgets to post their first win of the season Monday.

It came against the Guelph Storm — who fired nearly three dozen shots at Kyle Goertz but were turned back each and every time on the way to being blanked

Julian Ricci made the lone deposit on the night, burying a doorstep rebound off a blueline blast from Matt Funnell.

Also assisting on the play was fellow blueliner Connor Sweeney.

Trevor Ford delivered a robust performance throughout the contest — which followed a hardfought 2-0 loss to Simcoe October 30.

Road warriors

There's a line from an old country song that states Just can't wait to get on the road again.

That's probably how for the local juveniles are feeling these days — after posting their second decisive win in as many away games. It came against Peterborough Tuesday night, when the AA Winterhawks scored early and often to dump their hosts 7-2.

Cory Leigh tallied twice while singles were chipped in by Derek Birnie, Derek Mewhinney, Ricky McAneney, Jeff Mitchell and Marco LaBello.

Guarding the cage in fine style was Chris Kovachik. Milton is back at home tomorrow night to face Penetag. Game time is 8:30 p.m. at Memorial Arena.

Strong stretch

Milton's A minor atoms have been in fine form as of late — winning two of their last three contests.

The most recent of which was a 5-1 humbling of Caledon Saturday. Kris DelNin tallied twice to lead the way and was set up each time by Marshall Vince.

Also denting the twine were Eric Gottwald, Jordan Haggart and Daniel Lewandowski.

The Winterhawks other victory came against Acton, whom they stoned 2-0 October 28.

DelNin and Lewandowski scored in that one while earning the goose egg was Matt Parker. Picking up assists were Haggart, Krista Dermott and Matt Frat.

Rep Hockey

Making progress

Victories may not be coming for Milton's AA major atoms, but improvement certainly is.

The Winterhawks have been shoring up their efforts as of late and are starting to push some teams to the limit. Case in point was Monday when they battled to wire and only lost 5-4 to Burlington.

Michael Brown led the offensive campaign with a goal and an assist while also lighting the lamp were Daryl Brinke, Brad Mewhinney and Craig Howse.

Before that the local lads put forth an inspired performance but were nipped 4-3 by Brampton. Scoring were Michael Hannah, Jon Monk and Justin Webber.

Close, but no cigar

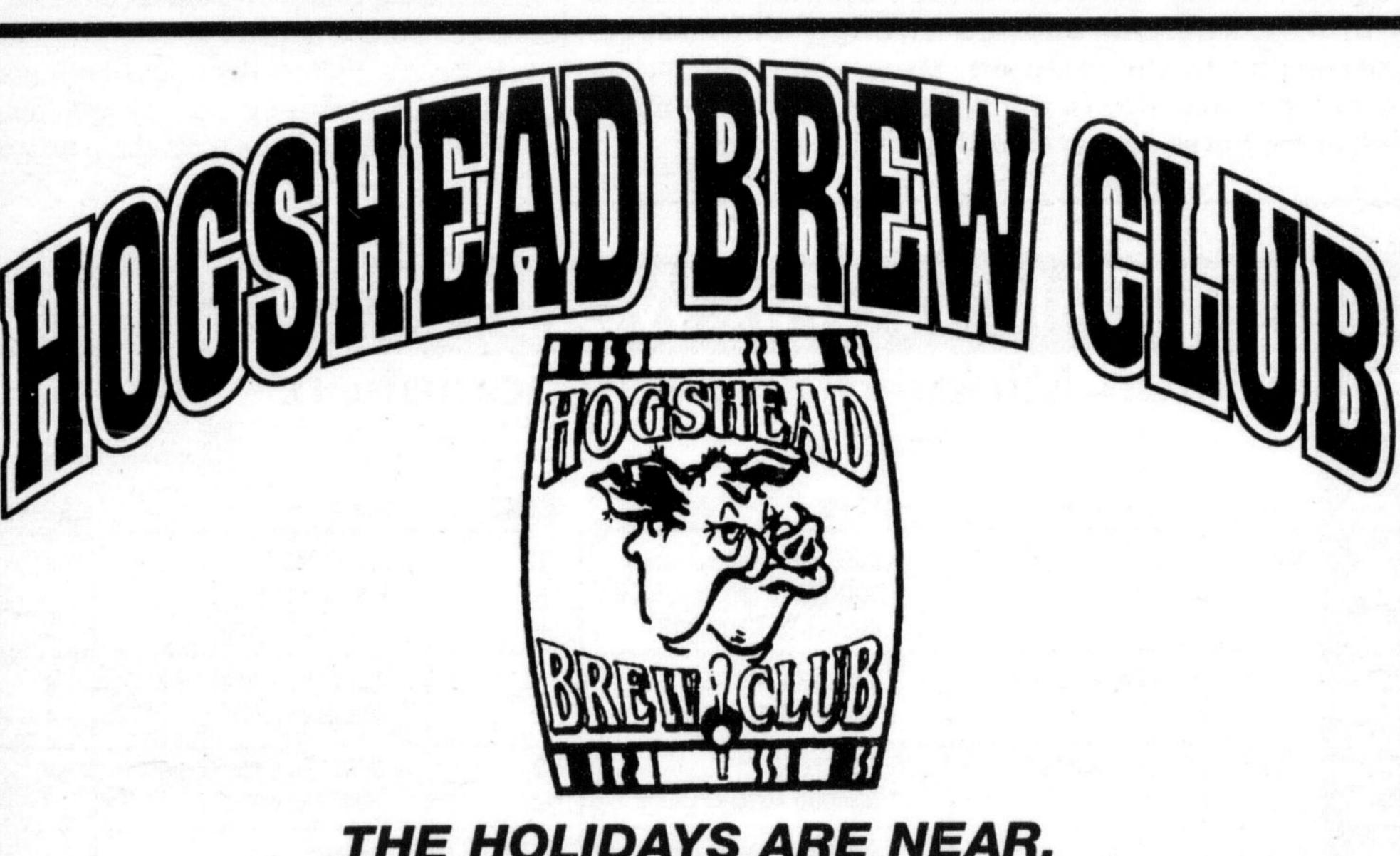
Milton's AA major novices carried the play through much of Saturday afternoon play but were nipped by Guelph 3-2. Scoring were Jesse Benson and Brett Farquharson, with assists going to Alex Durante, Jack Eagles, Jonathan Nevins and Tariq Patel.

On October 29, Milton tied Guelph 4-4 on the strength of two goals by Patel and singles from Bobby Fillman and Mark Wilson. Assists were recorded by Fillman, Nevins, Wilson, Drew Brown and Christopher Crossey. Another stalemate preceded that one, only it was of the scoreless variety. Blanking Burlington — thanks to the solid defense of Shea Murphy, Travis Debaermaeker, Andre Ouellette and Michael Peterson — was netminder Joel Herder.

Beaten by Bolton

Milton's A major novices couldn't capitalize on a second chance and had to settle for second best in a recent home-and-home series against Bolton.

The Winterhawks dropped the initial clash 2-1 and were then doubled once again, by a 4-2 margin, in the return engagement. Kevin Thompson had a goal and an assist in the series while drawing two assists was Nicholas Creamer. Luke Kimmerer and Nicholas Cragg were the other marksmen.



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