

# Juveniles rediscover scoring touch and blast Newmarket

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*The Champion*

Local juvenile fans were hoping for an end to their team's home-ice scoring troubles against Newmarket Saturday.

They got their wish — and then some. With just eight skaters suiting up for the opposition, it was pretty evident from the onset that the hosts would have no problem burying the biscuit or coming out on top. And by first intermission, the only question remaining was would the goal differential reach double digits?

The AA Winterhawks weren't quite able to reply with a yes, although they did establish a new single-game scoring total — annihilating the Redmen 9-1.

Milton's winning goal was delivered before the contest was two minutes old. Rod Heinz did the honours, making his first of two deposits on the night with a blueline shot while the visiting netminder was partially screened.

From there the locals tallied twice more through the balance of opening frame, eased up in the second and then lit the lamp four times in the final stanza en route to their widest margin of victory this season.

Jordan Jeans, still subbing as captain in suspended Steve Szafer's absence, enjoyed the lion's share of the scoring pie with three goals and an assist. He completed the hat-trick with 2:05 left to play, connecting on a two-on-one shorthanded rush with Derek Mewhinney

— who ended the game with three helpers.

Kaegan Sherriff potted a pair while Derek Birnie, recently inserted up front to add some speed while a few Winterhawk forwards nurse injuries, had a goal and two assists.

Also denting the twine were Dave Kornack and Brent Smith.

Newmarket's lone marker came halfway through the night on a powerplay blueline blast that beat Josh Arnold on the glove side. Overall, the hometown cager was challenged 17 times.

The Redmen had five chances with the extra attacker while their hosts had no powerplay opportunities.

Riley McAneney and Chris Wulfers — in his first game back after being sidelined for two weeks with bruised ribs — offered impressive penalty killing efforts for the Winterhawks.

Four nights earlier in Peterborough, Milton persevered through a slow start to win 6-3.

Chris Kovachik was steady between the pipes over the final two periods, during which his teammates out-gunned their eastern rivals 5-1.

Jeff Mitchell tallied twice and added an assist while McAneney also potted a pair. Singles were chipped in by Mewhinney and Rick Nadalin.

The Winterhawks will be in Ajax tonight, looking to avenge an 8-2 defeat a couple of weeks ago. They will close out the calendar year at home against Stouffville Saturday. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

# Minor bantams red hot in win over Georgetown

## Rep Hockey

### Making progress

Milton's AA minor novices have stepped up their efforts in recent weeks and are beginning to push teams that were previously trouncing them.

Case in point was a respectable 3-1 defeat to Georgetown. The Winterhawks' lone goal was scored by Jeff Clarke while strong netminding by Trevor Rae-Hunt plus topnotch defensive play by Dustin Christo and Lauren Kelly kept things close.

Before that, the locals blanked Oakville 4-0 on the strength of Spencer Abraham's crafty cage work and a hat-trick by Clarke. Brandon Haggart also scored.

Milton also edged Burlington 2-1 and were stoned by Ancaster 3-0 recently. Goals in the win were posted by Zakk Collins and Ricardo Raduka.

### Losing their grip

The Hurricane AAA major bantams' grip on first place has loosened up a bit recently.

Halton dropped three of five games and fell to 14-7-2 on the year. Highlighting this stretch was a 2-0 whitewash of Niagara Falls, in which Miltonian Ryan Johnston earned the goose egg.

The team's other victory came against Stoney Creek (2-1) while losses were to Brampton (2-1), Oakville (5-2) and Welland (2-0).

Other locals competing for the 'Canes — who're ranked fourth overall in Western Ontario and eighth across the province — are Drew Evans, Christian Nonis, Ian Robertson and Peter Schultz.

Milton's AA minor bantams continued their red hot streak by scorching host Georgetown 9-1 Friday.

Burning up the score sheet with a handful of goals and an assist was Mark Galick — whose explosive contribution helped the visitors to their biggest victory this season.

Also standing tall with a goal and three assists was Matt Reed while three-point nights were delivered by David Tielemans and Kyle Scott. Tielemans tallied twice and added an assist while Scott had a couple of helpers to go along with his single marker.

Newcomer John Murphy chipped in with a pair of assists.

Netminder Robert Smith's shutout bid was spoiled inside the final minute of play.

The Winterhawks are an impressive 5-1-1 in their last seven games.

### Back-to-back wins



Milton's A minor peewees turned back consecutive challenges last week with convincing wins over Hespeler and Elora.

The Millweld Enterprises Winterhawks got things rolling by thumping Hespeler 6-2. Scott McTrach led the way with a two-goal effort while contributing a goal and an assist each were Alex Marshall and Alex Yeoman. Also lighting the lamp were Conor Ferguson and Chris Shortt.

From there, the local lads humbled Elora 4-1 — thanks to a three-goal, one-assist showcase by Marshall. Two of his markers came while shorthanded and the other was delivered on the power-play.

Ferguson was the other scorer. Splitting the netminding duties over the two-game win streak were Paul Herder and Mike Sullivan.

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7:00 AM	RED TIMBITS	VS	BLACK TIMBITS
8:00 AM	GREEN TIMBITS	VS	WHITE TIMBITS
<b>PRE-NOVICE</b>			
9:00 AM	LITTLE FIREMEN	VS	KNUCKLES SPORTSHOP
10:00 AM	BRUCE HOOD TRAVEL	VS	HUNT PLYMOUTH CHRYSLER
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4:00 PM	SCOOTER'S SNACK SHACK	VS	DIRECTV 1-888-NO-CABLE
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8:15 AM	DONE RIGHT ROOFING	VS	JOHNSON CONTROLS
9:30 AM	MCCUAIG INSURANCE	VS	BRIAN'S AUTO SERVICE
10:45 AM	DREAM CAR GARAGE TV	VS	PRESSE LAW OFFICE
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