

# Midgets bombed by first-entry Battalion

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Milton's AA midgets probably won't be the nightly pushover they were last season.

But that doesn't mean they're above giving the occasional impression of one. And Monday on home ice the local lads offered a dandy — getting hammered by the first entry Brampton Battalion 9-4.

The Milton Toyota Winterhawks delivered some intense play early on but faltered through periods two and three en route to their widest margin of defeat this year — and third loss at Memorial Arena.

A couple of goals in the dying moments made the final score a little more respectable, but that's about the only consolation the hosts would skate away with from a thoroughly uninspired performance.

Well, that and a solid powerplay campaign — which accounted for three of the four goals. Scoring with the man-advantage were Chris Coates, Scott McLaughlin and Paul Szafer.

The Winterhawks' only even-strength tally came with a minute remaining on a short-range blast by Chris Cito.

First-period action offered hope for an entertaining and competitive clash, as the two sides gave those in attendance an impressive mix of close-quarter battles and open-ice play.

But Brampton sank three goals within a two-minute span early in the second, and this concentrated scoring burst served as a back-breaker for the Winterhawks.

Milton got one back before the visitors flexed their scoring muscles again with five straight deposits.

Goaltender Jason Strong was solid through the early going — especially when challenged downstairs — but eventually succumbed to an overpowering attack that was left uncontested far too often.

Shots on net favoured Brampton 39-23 Monday. Derek Blanchard missed the festivities with a one-game suspension.

Two days earlier at Memorial, Milton brushed aside the traditionally inferior Georgetown Raiders 6-0. Kyle Goertz' flawless cage work and a balanced scoring effort highlighted the weekend mismatch.

Daryl Tielemans tallied twice while singles went to Blanchard, Erick Lizon, Julian Ricci and Adam Rutz.

The Winterhawks outchanced their regional rivals nearly two-to-one and were never seriously challenged.

Now sporting a record of 6-3, Milton's midgets are on pace to be one of the most improved local rep teams this season. They'll continue working toward that end tomorrow night in Owen Sound.

# Ruling over Battaglia goes in Jr. A Merchants' favour

The Merchants' fortunes have taken a turn for the better — off the ice as well as on it.

Earlier this week the club received word that a dispute over the playing rights of Trevor Battaglia had been resolved in its favour.

Mississauga's former puckstopper was given permission by head coach Steve Mauthe to find another team to play for at the end of last season and this past summer hooked up with Milton.

However, Chargers president Lloyd Stockley claimed that while he gave Battaglia the right to make his own deal, Mississauga was still entitled to compensation for its ex-cager.

And since the Chargers hadn't signed the release



**Trevor Battaglia**

section of his playing card, the question of Battaglia's Jr. A rights went to arbitration.

The subsequent ruling — handed down earlier this month and made public Monday by OHA president Brent Ladds — was that Mississauga's bench boss had the authority to grant player releases and that Battaglia was 'signed correctly by Milton'.

Merchants general manager Nick Slawson said he wasn't surprised by the decision but was happy to have the matter resolved.

# 'A' midgets topple Georgetown

Milton's A midgets struck early and often to topple regional rival Georgetown 7-2 Sunday.

The Winterhawks did all their scoring in the first two periods and then cruised to victory — surrendering a couple of meaningless goals down the stretch.

Tim Anderson, Josh Caswell and Ian Kornack all tallied twice while chipping in the single was Mark Wilson.

Wes McDougall had a pair of assists while single helpers went to D.J. Davison, Tom Patrick and Dustin Smith. Backstopping the midgets to victory was Nathaniel Murray.

### Novices in tough

Scoring took a gradual decline for Milton's AA major novices during a hectic three-games-in-four-days stretch late last month.

Last Friday's 2-0 whitewash of Caledon was the highlight of this period — with goals notched by Nicholas Cragg and Luke Kimmerer. Bryden Curran, Derek Dercatch and Kevin Thompson picked up assists.

From there, the Winterhawks lit the lamp just once in a 5-1 loss to Oakville Saturday and were blanked by Ancaster 1-0 Monday. Sean McGovern had the goal, with helpers going to Matthew Dupont and Oran Ferguson.

Daniel Plater was in between the pipes for all three games.

## Rep Hockey

### 'Canes on a roll

Halton's AAA major novices were severely tested last weekend — and passed with flying colours.

The Hurricanes had three games in as many days and came away as the decisive winner each time out. Sunday they capped things off by trouncing Burlington 8-1.

This followed identical 4-1 victories over Guelph and Brampton.

As always, Miltonians Brandon Denham, Scott Dermott and Michael Sgarbossa made their presence felt. The local trio collectively amassed a dozen points to fuel the weekend win streak.

### Tied two on

Halton's AAA minor peewees battled to consecutive ties last weekend to follow up on a pair of low-scoring defeats earlier in the month.

The Hurricanes gutted out stalemates against Grey Bruce (2-2) and Welland (4-4). Before that, they were eclipsed by Stoney Creek (3-1) and St. Catharines (3-2). Jeremy Wick had three goals over this stretch while contributing two apiece were Jason Church and Clark DeGeer.

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DATE	DIVISION	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE
OCT	PEEWEE	DREAM CAR GARAGE	N/A	CANADIAN TIRE	N/A
		PRESSE LAW OFFICE	N/A	HOME CINEMA VIDEO	N/A
		SCOOTERS SNACK SHOP	N/A	TOWNE DENTAL GROUP	N/A
		BRIAN'S AUTO REPAIR	N/A	ROSS DIXON FINANCIAL	N/A
OCT	ATOM	LION'S CLUB	N/A	BRIAN'S AUTO REPAIR	N/A
		GUS MOWBRAY	N/A	SEARS	N/A
		GALLINGER FORD	N/A	MCCUAIG INSURANCE	N/A
OCT 28	NOVICE	GOODLIFE FITNESS GREEN	2	GOODLIFE FITNESS RED	5
		GOODLIFE FITNESS BLUE	4	GOODLIFE FITNESS BLACK	6
		SHOPPER'S DRUG MART	3	NU-TECH RECRUITERS	1
		BRIAN'S AUTO REPAIR	7	AUSTEN NOBLE INSURANCE	5
OCT 28	BANTAM	NU-TECH RECRUITERS	8	ROGERS AT&T	3
		BRIAN'S AUTO REPAIR	9	BEN-QUIP LTD.	0
		CENTRICUT	6	ABSOLUTE TRANSPORTATION	3
OCT 29	SENIOR	KWIK KOPY	6	JOHNSON CONTROLS	6
		MILTON CHRYSLER DODGE	4	DOCS & DENTS	4
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