

Milton knocks off Buffalo to secure its hold on fourth

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Hamilton's goals were delivered by Bobby Naylor, Steve Ellis and Bryan Rueckwald.

The following night in Buffalo, Milton pushed its winning streak to seven games by doubling up the last-place Lightning 4-2.

Sean Samuel was between the pipes and turned back about two dozen shots for his seventh win was a Merchant.

Meloche's shorthanded goal in the second period — number 16 on the year for the dependable rookie — helped seal the deal while also lighting the lamp were supporting cast members Dan Carcillo, Brandon Valente and Warren Wheeler.

The Merchants tallied twice in periods one and two to keep their mid-season revival going.

Now tied for fourth at 14-11-1, Milton could jump into third place with a win tonight in Bramalea. Game time is 7:45 p.m.

Merchant notes: Milton has secured at least one point in 10 of its last 11 games including, with a 9-2 loss to Hamilton representing their only regulation time loss ... Kevin Arruda, Trevor Battaglia and David Ovcjak should all be back in the lineup within the next three weeks. Battaglia and Ovcjak are now practicing and Arruda is expected to join them this week ... Ex-Merchants coach Rick Bince will make his return to Memorial Arena Friday as the newly appointed skipper of the Streetsville Derbys — one of three teams to undergo coaches changes in the Western Conference this fall.

'AA' peewees capture gold in Stoney Creek

Winterhawks clinch title with dynamite defense

The AA major peewees would not be denied gold a second straight time.

After a semifinal loss at its first tournament in Peterborough, Milton went the distance earlier this month to take top honours at Stoney Creek's Tournament of Champions.

The Hydro One Winterhawks delivered dynamite defense throughout the weekend showcase, particularly in the finals where they clinched the title by whitewashing Whitby 2-0.

Brendan Duke's 14-save performance highlighted the victory while inspired efforts were offered up and down the lineup.

Milton's game winner came three-and-a-half minutes into the game, when Connor Mitchell split the defense and connected on a bottom-shelf deposit.

Feeding him a nifty lead pass to initiate the play was Luc Hartwick.

Then Jeremy Brown — Milton's stand-out sniper — put the finishing touches on a seven-goal weekend early in the third period, burying Andrew McLean's doorstep leftovers for a little insurance.

The Winterhawks surrendered just seven goals in four games en route to the championship, thanks to their reliably sturdy

defense. Said head coach Ken Hartwick, "Our defense has been pretty solid all year, but it and our goaltending was just outstanding in the tournament."

Milton put itself in the finals by shading Etobicoke 2-1. Brown sank both goals in the semifinal clash while backstopping the local lads to victory was Devon Plater.

Before that, the eventual champs won two of three round robin contests — with their only blemish coming in an overtime shootout against Gross Pointe.

The Winterhawks got down to a one-on-one with no goalies situation before they were finally vanquished 2-1. Brown made the lone deposit.

This defeat was sandwiched by narrow decisions over Oshawa (4-3) and Mississauga (2-1). Brown tallied twice in the former game while Mitchell lit the lamp once in both tilts.

McLean assisted on each of Brown's seven tournament goals and scored once himself against Oshawa while doing so versus Mississauga was Brian Evans.

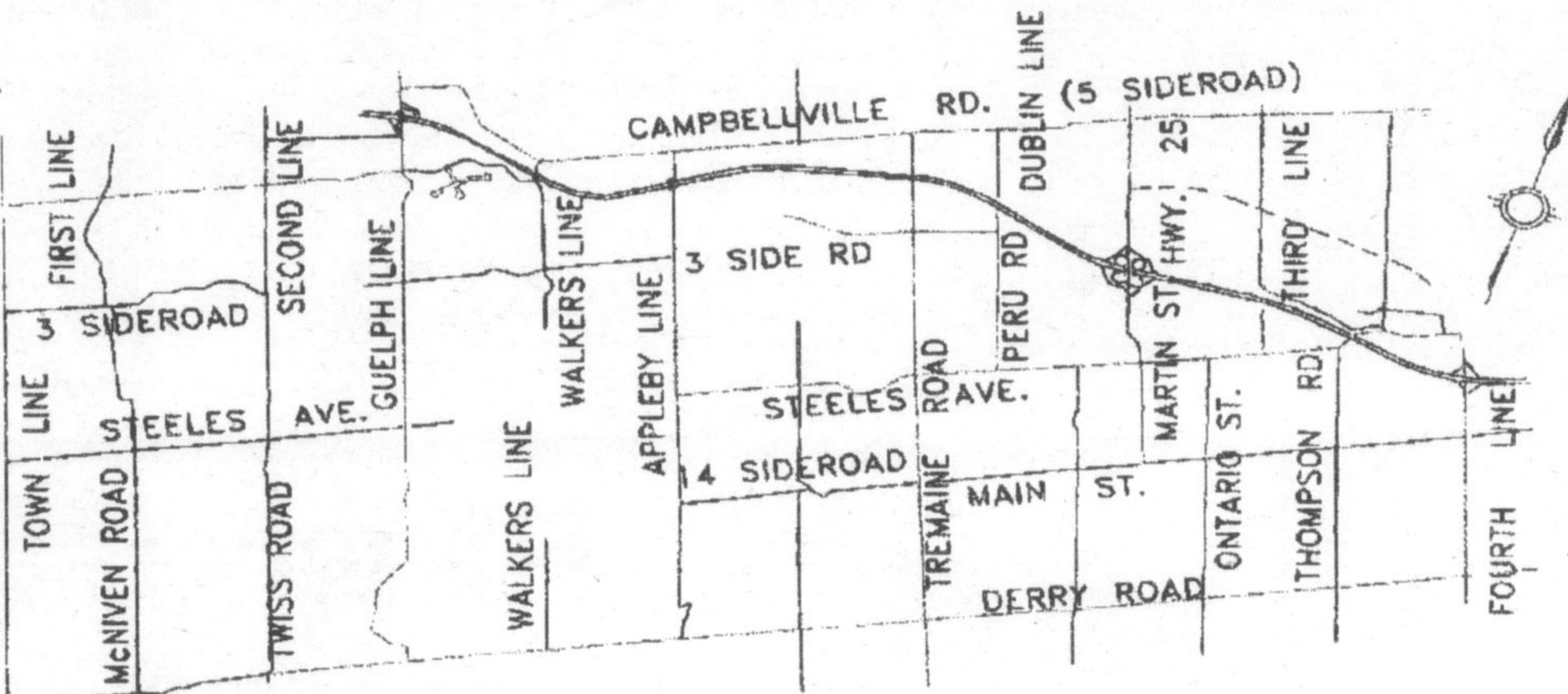
The major peewees' defense and goaltending have been quite dependable in league play as well and have helped them put together a solid 8-6-1 record through the first half of the season.

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Midgets earn split on road

The AA midgets' shortstaffed ranks could only manage a two-game split during their latest road trip last week.

A little thin up front, the Milton Toyota Winterhawks were neutralized offensively for much of Thursday's encounter in Guelph and were toppled 3-1.

Jason Strong's 27-save performance kept things tight while making the lone deposit for the visitors — drawing his team within one down the stretch — was Lee Frittenburg.

Picking up the assist was minor midget call-up Mark Wilson.

One night earlier in Flamborough,

Milton enjoyed a productive second period en route to winning 5-2. Three goals in the middle stanza proved to be the difference in this one.

Kyle Burrell and Ryan Pilarczyk — who's been a regular on game summaries as of late — each tallied twice while chipping in with a single was Frittenburg.

Kyle Goertz turned back two dozen shots for the victory.

The split pushed the midgets' record to 11-5-1.

Milton began a home-and-home series with Georgetown last night and wrap it up tonight at Gordan Alcott Memorial Arena.



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