

# 'AA' minor novices place second at tournament

Championship heartbreak reared its ugly head for the minor novice AA Winterhawks Sunday afternoon.

At the Preston Tournament, Milton made a quick beeline to the finals — only to be white-washed by the Aurora Tigers 3-0. Netminder Daniel Plater, who surrendered just four goals in five weekend games, was steady between the pipes to keep his teammates within striking distance.

The Optimist Club Winterhawks wound up on the more favourable end of shutout play in the semifinals, blanking London 2-0. Plater secured his third goose egg of the tournament while scoring were Bryden Curren and Sean McGovern.

Assisting on the insurance marker was Matthew Dupont.

Milton's two other shutout wins came against Malton (1-0) and Georgina (3-0) during rounds one and two last Friday. Then the local minor

novices tied Richmond Hill 1-1 Saturday morning.

Round-robin scoring was done by Dupont, McGovern, Nicholas Cragg, Oran Ferguson and Kevin Thomson.

The second-place finish followed an OMHA first-round loss to Burlington. The Hawks won the initial clash but gradually lost their edge and were eliminated in five games by a seven-to-three points margin.

Last Thursday, Burlington clinched the series by trimming Milton 4-3. Ferguson and McGovern potted third-period goals to make things interesting, while also lighting the lamp was Dupont.

This trio led series scoring with two goals apiece.

Plater's only brush with mediocrity in playoff action was last Wednesday's 6-1 loss — which set the stage for the team's eventual exit.

## Madd Dawgs' hopes for title repeat fall just short

The Madd Dawgs' hopes for a tournament title repeat fell one game short last weekend in Huntsville.

Milton's bantam boys basketball team scored straight victories to reach the finals — but once there had little left in the proverbial gas tank and were topped by Orillia 60-23.

En route to the gold-medal match, the local cagers knocked off the Nepean Bobcats (40-33) and Barrie Royals 46-33.

Lance Codner's 45-point weekend powered the championship drive, while a strong supporting role was provided by Spencer Troop.

Meanwhile, Milton's minor bantam squad came up winless at last weekend's Guelph Friendship Tournament.

They stayed competitive with the



Milton's bantam boys basketball team proudly display the silver medals secured in Huntsville.

hosts — falling 48-38 — but had all sorts of problems with Caledonia and were pounded 44-12.

Aaron Hnatiw led with 15 points in the first game. It was the second time this year he hit double digits in a game.

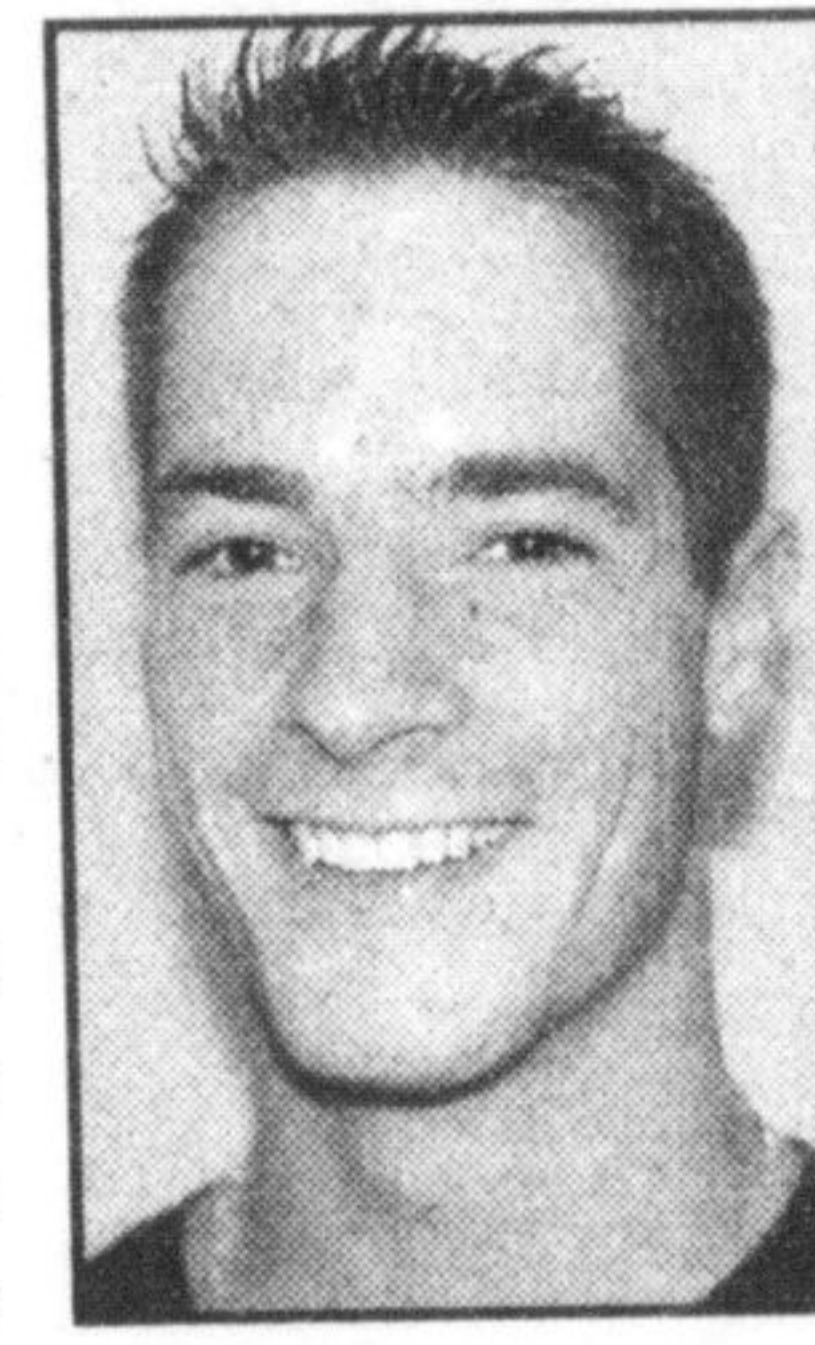
## UNH wins big despite rather quiet weekend from Haydar

So New Hampshire University can in fact win the big ones without an explosive night from Darren (Mini) Haydar.

Milton's most electrifying sharpshooter had been the driving force behind UNH's 17-4-2 record heading into last weekend's home-and-home clash with Boston University.

While Haydar had a relatively quiet series — with just one third-period goal in each game — his Wildcats still managed to earn a convincing sweep and vaulted their way into second place in the national rankings.

Last Friday's 6-1 win and Sunday's 5-3 victory showed UNH doesn't always have to rely on



Darren Haydar

multi-point outbursts by their standout performer to win key games — an encouraging sign for the team's upcoming national championship drive.

With nine games remaining in regular-season play, Haydar sits atop NCAA scoring with 24 goals and 55 total points.

Meanwhile, former Merchants Ed McGrane and Kevin O'Flaherty also lead their NCAA Division 1 teams in scoring this year with 23 points apiece.

McGrane has 14 goals — including four shorthanded — and nine assists with UMass Lowell while Clarkson has gotten 10 goals and 13 assists from O'Flaherty.

## 'A' midgets stage late comeback to even series with Georgetown

Milton 'A' midgets nearly passed the point of no return in Georgetown Monday evening — but three late goals pulled them back from the brink.

The Winterhawks had to overcome an unproductive start to nip the Raiders 3-2 and even things up at one win apiece in best-of-five first-round provincial play-down action.

Dropping a second straight game would surely have been too much to battle back from — even against the basement-dwelling Raiders, who won just two games through regular-season play but have suddenly become a legitimate threat to beat Milton.

Barry Kosmalski capped the rally with under two minutes remaining, burying a blueline shot off a draw won by Josh Caswell.

Tim Anderson's unassisted marker knotted the score, while goal number one was recorded by Wes McDougall.

Setting him up was Tom Patrick.

Nathaniel Murray turned back about two dozen shots for the win.

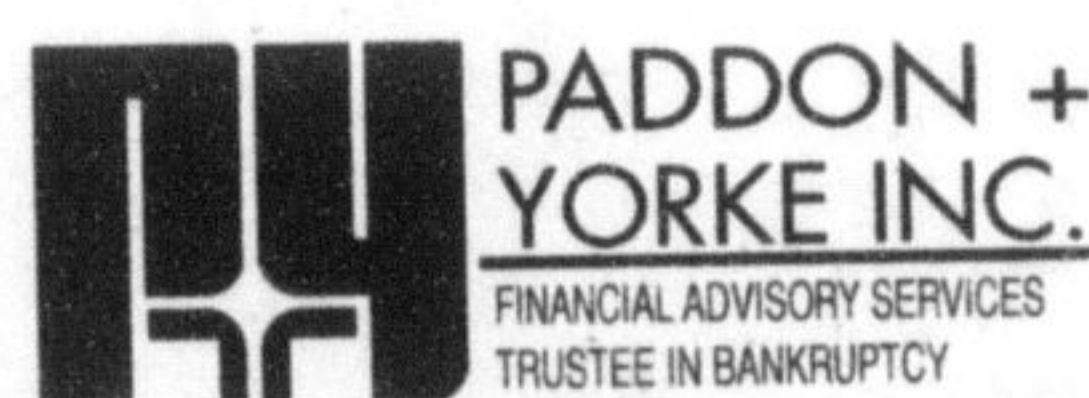
The Milton-Georgetown playoff tilts have been a stark contrast to the regional rivals' regular season encounters — which were all won handily by the Hawks.

Game three will be played tomorrow night at Memorial Arena. Game time is 8 p.m. Georgetown hosts game four Monday at 7 p.m. at Gordan Alcott Arena.

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	PEEWEE MINOR	BRIAN'S AUTO REPAIR	N/A	ROSS DIXON FINANCIAL	N/A
		DREAM CAR GARAGE	N/A	CANADIAN TIRE	N/A
		PRESSE LAW OFFICE	N/A	HOME CINEMA	N/A
JAN 27	NOVICE	SHOPPERS DRUG MART	3	AUSTEN NOBLE INSURANCE	2
		BRIAN'S AUTO REPAIR	5	NUTECH RECRUITERS	1
		GOODLIFE FITNESS BLUE	0	GOODLIFE FITNESS RED	0
		GOODLIFE FITNESS GREEN	2	GOODLIFE FITNESS BLACK	3
JAN 26	ATOM	SEARS	5	LIONS' CLUB	2
		GUS MOWBRAY	5	MCCUAIG INSURANCE	3
		GALLINGER FORD	8	BRIAN'S AUTO REPAIR	4
JAN 25	BANTAM	ROGERS AT&T	6	SUNNY OASIS INTERNET	4
JAN 27		BRIAN'S AUTO REPAIR	5	CENTRICUT	3
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