

Maverick Mark McComb (right) lays the body on Wallaceburg Red Devil John Orton during Milton's final regular season home game at John Tonelli Sports Centre Saturday night. The Mavericks dismantled their guests 17-5 and closed out the holiday weekend with a 15-2 hammering of the Brantford Posse. Milton's playoff hopes hinged on last night's Owen Sound/Orangeville game. Should Orangeville have prevailed, the Mavericks will make the playoffs — certainly an impressive accomplishment for just their first year back in the league.

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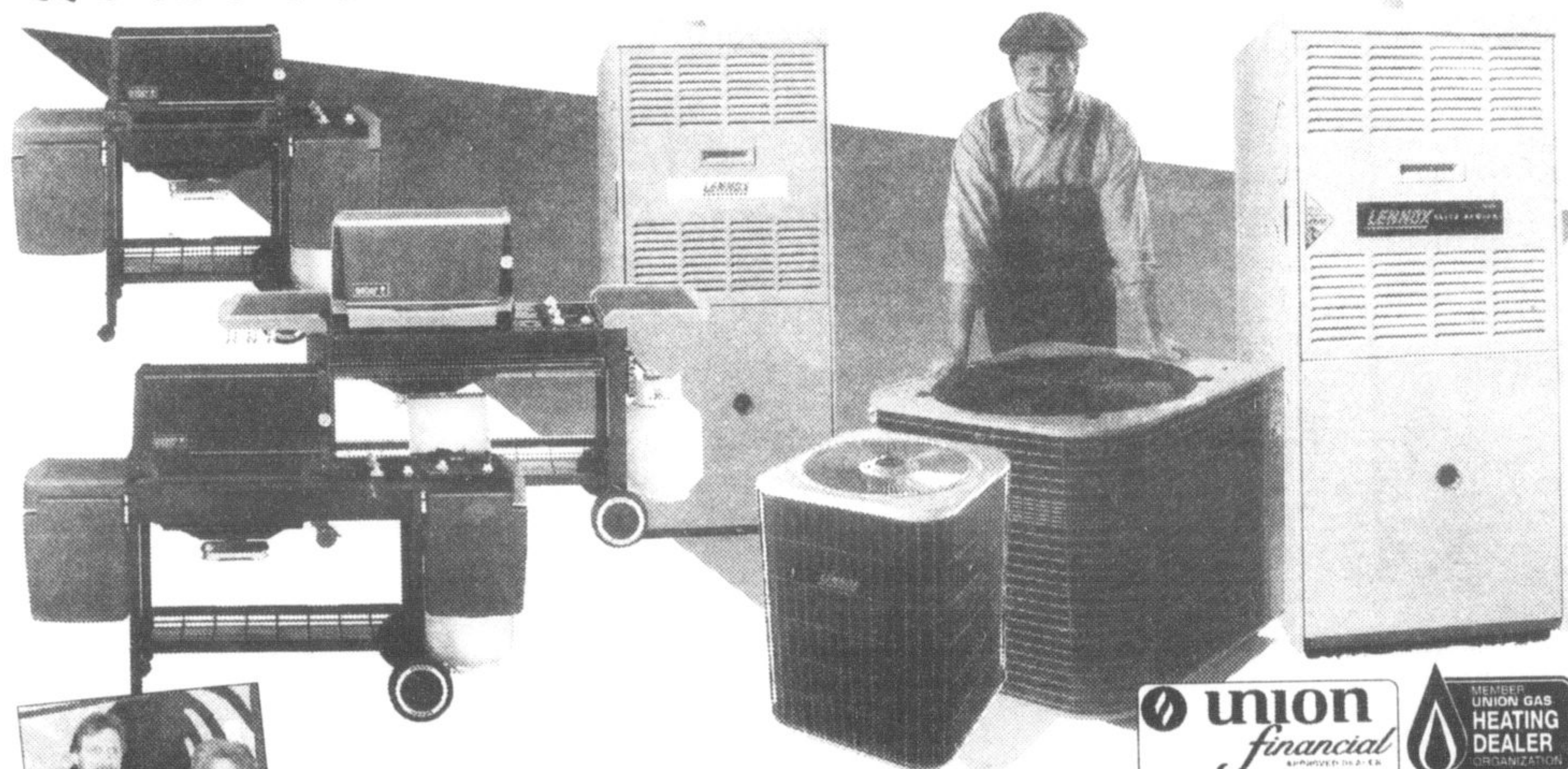
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2	HOLY ROSARY	10	8	2	0	16
3	SOUTH SIDE '2'	11	8	3	0	16
4	ST. GEORGES	13	7	6	0	14
5	NEW LIFE 'A'	13	6	6	1	13
6	SOUTH SIDE '1'	11	7	4	0	14
7	NEW LIFE 'B'	12	5	5	2	12
8	BOSTON	11	5	6	0	10
9	ST. PAUL'S	12	5	7	0	10
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Mavs' playoff hopes go down to the wire

Milton plays waiting game this past week after winning twice

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
The Champion

The Jr. B Mavericks were no doubt a little antsy by last night.

That's because they'd been playing the waiting game for the past four days — with playoff hopes effectively resting in the hands of division rivals.

An Orangeville victory last night in Owen Sound would give Milton the fourth and final post-season berth in the OLA's Mid-West Division.

Owen Sound and the Mavericks sat tied at 17 points as of last night — with the latter winning the tie-breaker by virtue of their two-game season sweep.

Should Owen Sound have prevailed, Milton will still have a chance to squeak into the playoffs with an optional make-up contest in Onondaga, New York — which if needed, will be played sometime this weekend.

The Mavericks kept themselves in the playoff picture with lopsided decisions over lower-echelon competition over the holiday weekend.

Wrapping up its regular season home schedule Saturday, Milton thumped Wallaceburg 17-5.

With just three regulars in the lineup, the visitors were never in a position to win but did salvage the night — to some extent

anyway — with a four-goal third period. Call-up John Orton scored three times for Wallaceburg.

Meanwhile, Milton enjoyed a balanced attack with 13 players denting the twine. Ryan Harris and Steve Turner each scored their first goals of the season in the third period, while tallying twice were Rick Gallinger, Derek Mewhinney and Paul Pedulla.

Singles were chipped in by captain Kyle Hagel, Trevor Ford, Kyle Goertz, Chad Henry, Mark McComb and Drew Petkoff.

Crush Posse

In an even bigger blowout the following afternoon in Brantford, Milton handed the winless-in-two-years Posse a 15-2 beating to lift its record to 8-12-1.

Goertz pushed his season scoring total over the 60-point plateau with four goals and three assists, while chipping in three points apiece were Henry, Pedulla and Justin Corke.

Scoring one goal each were Hagel, McComb, Petkoff, Kyle Johnston, Bob MacDonald, Ian Robertson and Adam Rutz.

Adam Elias was between the pipes the first two periods of both weekend contests, while netminding partner Josh Arnold played the final frame.

If the Mavericks make the playoffs, they'll begin a best-of-five opening round showdown with the top-seated Elora Mohawks within the next few days.

The series would likely start in Elora either Sunday or Wednesday night.