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EMERGENCY HOUSING ADVISORY GROUP

An Invitation to Join the Emergency Housing Advisory Group For a Presentation of their Report on Recommended Criteria for Locating and Operating an Emergency Shelter in Oakville.

Thursday, October 24th, 2002
Halton Regional Centre
1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville
In the Auditorium 6:30 pm registration/ 7:00 pm start

A question and answer period following the presentation will provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions regarding the report and receive clarification on outlined criteria.

Individuals interested in attending are invited (but not required) to pre-register by phone at 905-825-6000 ext. 7998 or by e-mail at advisorygroup@region.halton.on.ca. On-site childcare will be available for participants but pre-registration for childcare spaces is required. A copy of the report will be available on the Web site or for pick-up at the Halton Regional Centre early in the week of Oct. 21st. Please refer to the Emergency Housing Advisory Group site at www.region.halton.on.ca for further details.

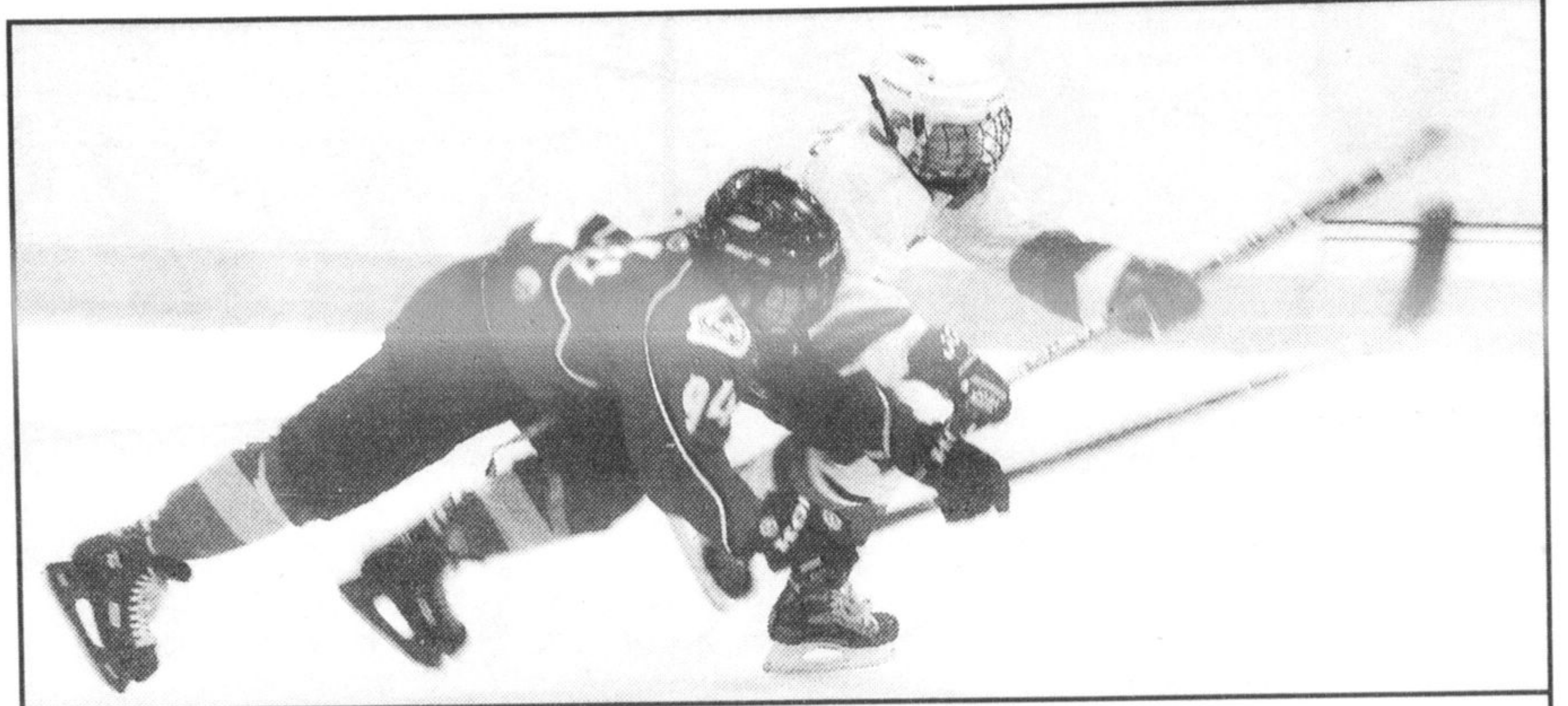


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One step ahead

Winterhawk Michael McClelland has the inside track in a race to the puck with an Ancaster opponent during 'A' major atom play at Memorial Arena Saturday afternoon. Milton lost 8-1.

Merchants unbeaten at Michigan tourney

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

The Merchants are no doubt hoping that last weekend's results prove to be a microcosm for the season at large.

Constant improvement is arguably the number one objective for any championship-minded team — and that's exactly what the local juniors delivered (albeit on a rather small scale) during their inaugural visit to the Compuware Fall Classic Tournament in Plymouth, Michigan.

Milton got noticeably stronger as the cross-border showcase wore on, and put the finishing touches on an undefeated round-robin campaign — that unfortunately wasn't quite good enough for a final four berth — with a 3-2 triumph over the Springfield Spirit Sunday in a time-shortened morning clash.

Rich Meloche got the Merchants on the board early with his fifth goal in four games and assisted on the second-period winner — a highlight-reel type deposit by Pat Lee.

Rob Ricci helped set up goals two and three, while notching the second tally was Dean Strong. Cody Spicer was steady between the pipes in his second straight appearance at the tournament.

While Milton was quite impressive against Springfield Sunday, the same couldn't be said for weekend-opening play against the Michigan High School All-Stars — which ended in a 4-4 draw.

The local juniors fired a dozen shots on net during the first period but headed into intermission in a scoreless stalemate. From

there, they coughed up a pair of two-goal leads, the latter with less than three minutes remaining.

The tying tally was sunk with just nine seconds left to play. Alex Evans was in net for the tournament opener.

Meloche, Ricci, Lee Swallow and Wes Clark were the marksmen in game one. Vic Oreskovich provided a pair of assists to kick off a thoroughly productive weekend — which was highlighted by a three-helper performance in round two versus the Soo Indians Saturday.

This factored heavily into a much better overall effort by the Merchants, who battled to a 5-5 tie. Heartbreak would be the end result again, however, as the Indians knotted things up inside the final 90 seconds. Meloche tallied twice, while singles were chipped in by Ricci, Strong and Swallow.

Defencemen Andrew Bonello and Phil Sbrocchi drew assists against both the Indians and Michigan High School All-Stars.

Among those who picked up single helpers over the weekend was Emerson Mish, a big blueliner signed just before the tournament who last toiled with the NAHL's Cleveland Barons.

Shawn Mole was unavailable for the tournament, while continuing to nurse injuries were Craig Macdonald and B.J. Gallant.

Milton resumes league play tonight at home against Streetsville at 7:30 p.m. and closes out the weekend Sunday at 3 p.m. against Oakville.

Milton Minor Hockey Association

MMHA WEEKEND GAMES

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Friday October 18 @ Tonelli Arena

7:30 p.m. Brian's Auto Repairs vs Absolute Transportation

8:45 p.m. Chudleigh's vs Gus Mowbray Ltd.

Sunday October 20 @ Tonelli Arena

9:00 p.m. Scooter's Snack Shacks vs Nu-tech Recruiters

BANTAM

Sunday October 20 @ Tonelli Arena

4:00 p.m. Brian's Auto Repairs vs Canadian Tire

5:15 p.m. Industrial Light & Electric vs Millweld Enterprises

6:30 p.m. Dreamcar Garage TV vs Docs & Dents

7:45 p.m. Home Cinema Video vs Presse law Office

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Monday October 21 @ Tonelli Arena

7:35 p.m. Key Centre vs Johnson Controls

8:53 p.m. Milton Dodge Chrysler vs High Five Photography.

10:11 p.m. Kwik Kopy vs Total Team Image

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