

Hectic three-game stretch productive for local tykes

Milton's tykes began and ended a three-games-in-three-days stretch in victory — with wins over two traditionally tough rivals during the past week.

The Arthur Electric/Fifth Wheel Winterhawks capped off this hectic run by downing top-ranked Caledon 5-2 Tuesday. Bryce Abraham scored two unassisted goals to highlight a commanding first period, and then completed a huge four-goal performance with back-to-back deposits in the third.

Netminder Tristan Kivac shared the spotlight with a shutout through his half of the night, while also lighting the lamp for the victors was Gareth Browne.

Two days earlier, the local rink rats amassed three shorthanded goals en route to outdistancing Georgetown 6-4.

Abraham led with a hat-trick — scoring two of those while his team was killing penalties — while tallying twice was Browne. Milton's other shorthanded marker came from Drew McMillen.

The Winterhawks' lone defeat over this busy stretch was a 3-1 setback to Burlington Monday.

Jason DaSilva made many key saves to keep his team within striking distance. McMillen gave a stand-out performance on defence, while the lone goal was sunk by Ryan Stark.

Four-game split

Milton's AA minor bantams held their own last week in a four-game stretch that featured stiff competition at every turn.

The Milton Machine Shop Winterhawks got things rolling by knocking off previously top-seated Burlington 7-3. An inspired two-way effort afforded the local lads this huge win — with Nick Nevins backstopping the club to victory. Luke Hartwick led offensively with a goal and three helpers, while delivering a hat-trick was Daniel Kearns.

From there, the Winterhawks journeyed to the Fort Erie Tournament, where they won just one of three games but kept things tight throughout the weekend.

A 6-5 nail-biter over Tecumseh highlighted their

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efforts. Milton overcame a pair of two-goal deficits to prevail. Narrow losses came to top league rival Brampton and highly-touted Rochester.

Feast or famine

It was feast or famine last weekend for Milton's AA minor atoms, who found themselves on opposite ends of the production spectrum during back-to-back games.

They kicked things off in explosive fashion — dismantling Guelph 9-2 Saturday. Sean McGovern had two goals and two assists, while also standing out with a goal and three helpers each were Bryden Curran and James Hart.

Chipping in singles for the Dunsford Landscaping Winterhawks were Nicholas Cragg, Marcus Dunsford, Luke Kimmerer and Kevin Thomson.

Against much-improved Orangeville Sunday, Milton short-circuited offensively and lost 4-1.

Hart broke the shutout six minutes into the third.

Straight victories

Milton's A major atoms got the month off to a prosperous start with back-to-back wins over Hespler — with sharp defense and goaltending factoring heavily into both games.

The Gorrud's Auto Winterhawks started with a 4-0 whitewash November 2. Brandon Grant earned the shutout, while goals came from Jordan Dias, Brendan Ervin, Brendan Farrell and Kyle Stevens.

Blueliners Steve Bennett, Dustin Christo and Jacob Love suffocated opposing snipers.

The following day, Milton completed the sweep by a 4-2 margin — with Ervin and Farrell once again denting the twine. Also scoring in round two were Richard Monk and Mackenzie Zuest.

Konkle lights up Marian

Jarrett Konkle is nothing if not versatile.

The Milton teenager helped make headlines on the ball diamond this past summer as a member of the provincial champion Junior Red Sox.

And he's been no less impressive on the ice this fall with the NCAA's Elmira College. The Division 3 sophomore forward — who toiled with fellow Miltonian and current Merchants captain Craig Macdonald last season — has been averaging two points a game with the Soaring Eagles.

But last Friday, Konkle's early-season pace seemed almost conservative when he exploded for five goals and a pair of



Jarrett Konkle

assists to highlight Elmira's 10-2 rout of Marian College.

The Milton sniper scored in almost every conceivable fashion last Friday. He began with a first-period wraparound and during a particularly prosperous middle frame struck on a deke, goal-mouth scramble and cross-ice redirect respectively.

He then capped things off in the third by racing down the right side and one-timing a blast cleanly by Marian cager Terry Dunbar.



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Junior Spartan cagers edged in quarterfinals

Perfect regular season followed by rather quick playoff exit

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

The Champion

It's been said time and time again that the playoffs are a whole new season.

E.C. Drury's junior girls basketball team came face-to-face with that harsh reality on home court Tuesday.

The Spartans had put the finishing touches on a perfect regular season just one week earlier and were no doubt expecting to keep their unbeaten streak going in the quarterfinals.

But Oakville's Holy Trinity Titans had other ideas — and managed to squeak by their favoured hosts 36-32.

Pressure too much?

A 10-0 regular season certainly put a lot of playoff pressure on the junior cagers, and this as much as anything else may have contributed to their demise.

Holy Trinity's stall tactics factored into the quarterfinal upset, but the hosts' sub-par shooting was just as big of a stumbling block — perhaps even more so.

Getting outdone in the paint didn't help matters either.

"They out-boarded us," stressed dejected head coach Kevin Houldcroft, whose junior girls enjoyed a first-round bye before being eliminated Tuesday.

"I thought the game might be swinging our way when their point guard fouled out and we were down by just two at the half with the bonus. But we missed some easy shots and they got a lot of boards."

Laura Wellstead drained three straight foul shots and added a quick follow-up basket to ignite both teammates and fans late in the third quarter.

Scoring lapse costly

However, this just wasn't enough to overcome a big second-quarter scoring lapse — not unlike during the team's regular-season clash with Holy Trinity two weeks earlier — and an overall lack of accuracy.

Katherine Greaves — EC's most dependable scorer heading into the playoffs — had serious trouble firing from the perimeter beyond the opening frame, while her teammates coughed up the ball a little too much in the second half.

The Titans enjoyed a fairly balanced attack and kept the game at a snail's pace for much of the afternoon. They led for all but a few seconds past the first quarter en route to advancing to the final four.

For the Spartans, Wellstead topped the scoresheet with 11 points while Greaves collected nine.

Sara Fredricks was about the closest thing the hosts had to an effective rebounder and sank two baskets — including one right at the final buzzer.

Lauren Gunding and Ashley Rutz had four points each as well.

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MILTON MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Weekly House League Schedule	Tonelli Arena		BANTAM	
	BEGINNER		Nov. 17 4:00 p.m. Docs & Dents vs Brian's Auto Repairs	
	Nov. 15 6:30 p.m. Timbits Red vs Timbits Green		5:15 p.m. Canadian Tire vs DreamCar Garage TV	
	Nov. 16 9:00 a.m. Timbits Orange vs Timbits Black		6:30 p.m. Home Cinema Video vs Industrial Light & Electric	
	10:00 a.m. Timbits White vs Timbits Yellow		7:45 p.m. Presse Law Office vs Millweid Enterprises	
	TYKE		MIDGET	
	Nov. 16 7:00 a.m. Berkshire Securities-Doug Eley vs Chudleigh's		Nov. 15 7:30 p.m. Chudleigh's vs Nu-Tech Recruiters	
	8:00 a.m. Mitam Stone Construction vs Hunt Chrysler		8:45 p.m. Brian's Auto Repairs vs Gus Mowbray Ltd.	
	NOVICE		Nov. 17 9:00 p.m. Scooter's Snack Shacks vs Absolute Transportation	
	Nov. 17 2:00 p.m. Goodlife Fitness Green vs Goodlife Fitness Blue		SENIOR	
3:00 p.m. Goodlife Fitness Red vs Goodlife Fitness Black		Nov. 18 7:35 p.m. Milton Chrysler Dodge vs Johnson Controls		
ATOM		8:53 p.m. High Five Photography vs Total Team Image		
Nov. 16 4:00 p.m. Gallinger Ford vs Elsley Optical		10:11 p.m. Kwik Kopy vs Key Centre		
5:00 p.m. Milton Firefighters Club vs Nu-Tech Recruiters		MEMORIAL ARENA		
6:00 p.m. Investors Group vs Travel Choice		PEEWEE		
7:00 p.m. McCuaig Insurance vs Brian's Auto Repairs		Nov. 16 7:00 a.m. Shoppers Drug Mart vs Austen & Noble Insurance		
		8:20 a.m. Brian's Auto Repairs vs Towne Dental Group		
		9:40 a.m. Sears Milton vs Nadalin Electric		

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