

'A' major peewees win opening round in four games

Milton's A major peewees cleared their initial OMHA playoff hurdle Sunday afternoon — whitewashing the Flamborough Sabres 3-0 to take the best of five series in four games.

Parker Mott earned the goose egg — turned back all 21 shots fired his way — while Kyle Johnson's shorthanded tally in period two proved to be the game winner. Assisting was Duffer Black.

The Liebert Canada Winterhawks sank a couple of insurance markers in the final five minutes. Doing the honours were Jonathan Riding and Daniel Lewandowski — who sealed the deal with an empty-net deposit.

Brad Mazzocato assisted on goal number two, while standing out defensively were Jonathan Cragg and Richard Tam.

Three nights earlier in Carlisle, Milton limited its hosts to 14 shots and prevailed 3-1 — thanks in large part to Mazzocato and Riding, who led with a goal and an assist each.

Also denting the twine was Jordan Haggart, while single helpers went to Riley Duke and Matt Russell. John Forcier stood tall between the pipes. The A major peewees began second-round play against Georgetown last night. Game two is set for tomorrow at 6:15 p.m. at Memorial Arena.

Minor bantams win opener

Milton's AA minor bantams exacted a measure of revenge in their second-round opener — outdistancing heated rival Brampton 6-4 Sunday in an emotionally-charged exhibition game.

The Machine Shop Winterhawks dropped a tournament semifinal game to the Battalion back in November, and since then bad blood has existed between the two teams.

Milton struck the latest blow in the rivalry thanks to two-goals by Michael Vipond and singles from Mac Fillman, Luke Hartwick, Craig Howse and Daniel Kearns — who enjoyed the lion's share of overall production with three points.

Daryl Brinke chipped in a pair of assists. One night later in Burlington, a physically-drained Milton squad was thumped 7-2 by the Eagles in game one of their second-round OMHA series.

Scoring was done by Kearns and Cole Madansky. The Winterhawks will look to regroup and square the series tomorrow afternoon at Memorial Arena. Game time is 3:15 p.m.

Peewees get swept

Milton's AA major peewees were involved in another OMHA series sweep last week — but this time around were on the unfavourable end of it.

The Oaks Pavers/Polybelting Winterhawks dropped round two in short order, getting eliminated in a minimum three games by the Caledon Hawks — who edged the local lads out of Tri County championship honours last spring by virtue of an overtime deposit in the fifth and deciding game.

But there was no such suspense in last week's second-round series, which was cemented with an authoritative 5-0 shutout Saturday night in Caledon. This followed 5-1 and 5-2 decisions — the latter coming in front of the hometown crowd January 30 at Memorial Arena.

Nick Digillanardo and Taylor Prestidge combined for some fairly solid netminding in round two.

Matt Elliot scored in the series opener, while doing so in game two were Dane Horvat and Jeremy Price. Brian Hunter picked up an assist in the first two games, with single helpers chipped in by Elliot, Price, Wade McGinnis and Mark Thompson.

Major atoms in tough

Milton's AA major atoms have enjoyed a rather rough start to Tri County playoff action — securing just one point in their first two games.

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That came in a 2-2 stalemate with host Caledon last Friday. Spencer Abraham and Ricardo Raduka were the marksmen in the penalty-filled affair, while assists were registered by Jeff Clarke and George Kopas. The following day on home ice, the Collins Sunoco Winterhawks were vanquished by Brampton 3-1.

Lauren Kelly set up Clarke for the lone tally in a game that featured plenty of effort but little fortune or finish for Milton.

Minor atoms eliminated

Milton's AA minor atoms pushed their opening round OMHA series to the limit, but just didn't have enough fire power for the fifth and deciding tilt in Carlisle January 30.

The Dunsford Landscaping Winterhawks mounted an early lead, but couldn't muster any more offense through the second half and were topped 5-1 by Flamborough.

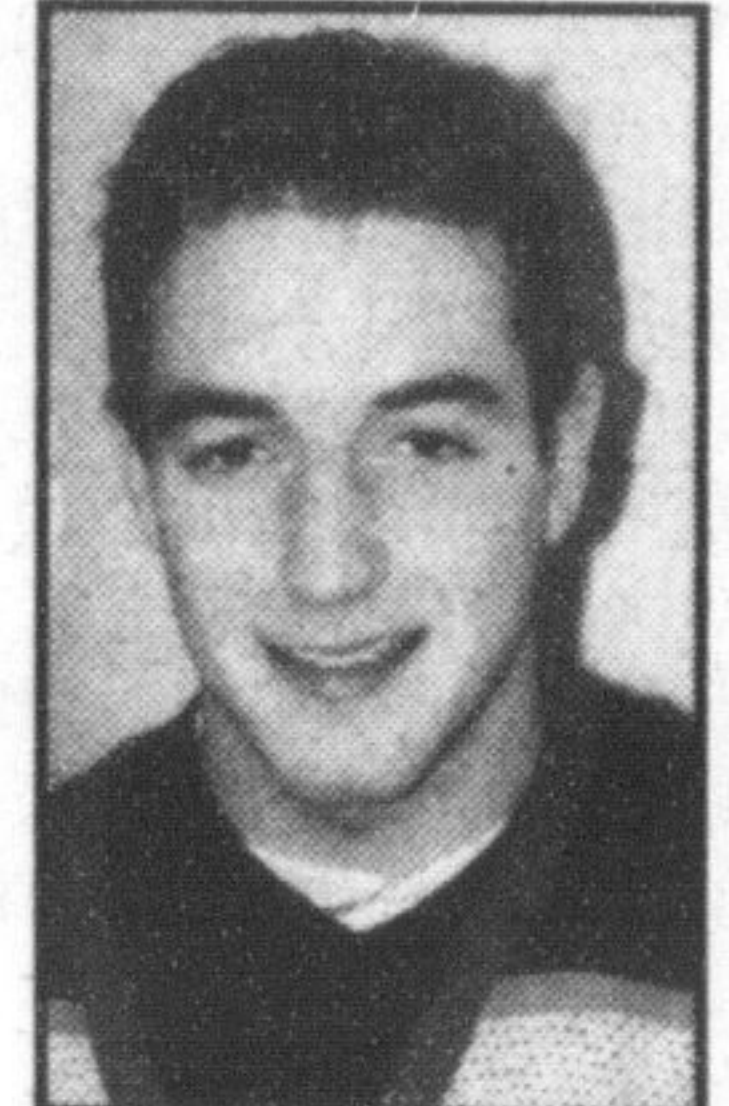
James Hart buried a doorstep rebound for Milton's lone marker.

Merchants past and present shine



Darren Haydar

Darren (Mini) Haydar became the first Milwaukee Admirals player to score a goal in an AHL All-Star Game in Portland, Maine Monday night — tallying twice and adding an assist to lead Team Canada past the Americans 10-7. The electrifying sharpshooter — who continues to sit among the AHL's top-10 point-getters — scored early on to help erase a 3-1 deficit and then struck again to make it 9-7 for the eventual victors.



Rich Meloche

Rich Meloche may have fallen just short of the 50-goal plateau — missing a late empty net opportunity in Hamilton Monday — but his 49 markers puts him third on the Merchants' all-time single-season scoring list. The gifted winger, who finished the regular season with 105 points, scored 10 times in his last seven games to make an exciting but unsuccessful bid for 50 — a feat reached by only two Merchants.

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