

Tykes cap season with shoot-out win

Milton's tykes punctuated their regular season with a spirited shoot-out victory over the Hespeler Shamrocks February 12.

And the Arthur Electric/Fifth Wheel Winterhawks' chief gunslinger — Bryce Abraham — factored heavily into the win. He reached the 50-goal plateau early on and then struck three more times to help the local lads triumph 7-5.

This marked the ninth league game this season in which Abraham had three or more goals.

Gareth Browne stood out as well with a two-goal performance, while sinking the other tally was Ryan Stark. The Shamrocks capped a relatively quiet third period with their fifth goal inside the final minute.

Tandem partners Jason DaSilva and Tristan Kivac both delivered dazzling saves to pull out the win, which followed a tough 4-2 defeat at the hands of the Guelph Storm February 8.

A two-goal effort by Abraham wasn't enough, as the Winterhawks' four-game unbeaten streak came to an end. The local tykes finished with a regular-season record of 14-10-4 — losing just three of 10 games since the holiday break.

Their Tri County playoff schedule wasn't finalized at press time, but is expected to begin sometime next week.

Milton Skating Club set to send half-a-dozen members to COSIC

The Milton Skating Club will be sending another strong contingent to the Central Ontario Section Interclub Championships (COSIC) February 28 to March 2 at Orangeville's Teen Ranch, following some impressive results at the recent interclub showcase in Georgetown.

Half-a-dozen skaters cleared that hurdle for one of the biggest qualifying groups in club history. Here's a look at who moved on, as well as the other Milton Skating Club participants:



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE
Milton Skating Club's COSIC qualifiers are (clockwise from left) Hugh Ritchie, Angela Schrempp, Julia Cenedese, Melanie Koso, Danielle Clarke and Kendra Paguaga. The six skaters will represent their club at Orangeville's Teen Ranch next weekend, after advancing past the interclub level recently in Georgetown.

COSIC qualifiers

Kendra Paguaga — Preliminary Ladies Freeskate: 1st in Flight & Final

Danielle Clarke — Preliminary Ladies Freeskate: 1st in Flight, 2nd in Final; Senior Bronze Ladies Solo Dance: 4th in Flight & Final

Julia Cenedese — Pre-Preliminary Ladies Solo Dance: 2nd in Flight, 1st in Final; Pre-Preliminary Mixed Dance: 1st in Final

Hugh Ritchie — Pre-Preliminary Men's Solo Dance: 1st in Final; Pre-Preliminary Mixed Dance: 1st in Final

Angela Schrempp — Senior Silver Ladies Freeskate: 1st in Final; Introductory Interpretive: 2nd in Final

Melanie Koso — Junior Bronze Ladies Freeskate: 1st in Flight & Final; Junior Silver Ladies Solo Dance: 5th in Flight

Other participants

Amanda Austen — Pre-Preliminary Ladies Freeskate: 6th in Flight

Melissa Cherry — Pre-Preliminary Ladies Solo Dance: 7th in Flight

Sarah Goncz — Junior Bronze Ladies Solo Dance: 1st in Flight, 4th in Final

Suzanne Koso — Gold Ladies Freeskate: 4th in Final; Gold Ladies Solo Dance: 4th in Final

Rachel Nadalin — Senior Bronze Ladies Solo Dance: 4th in Flight, 3rd in Final; Introductory Interpretive: 8th in Final

Janine Nash — Senior Silver Ladies Solo Dance: 3rd in Flight, 7th in Final

Alana Petrie — Senior Silver Ladies Solo Dance: 6th in Flight

Lisa Petrie — Senior Bronze Ladies Freeskate: 8th in Final

Katie Preisner — Preliminary Ladies Solo Dance: 3rd in Flight, 9th in Final

Tiffany Richmond — Gold Ladies Freeskate: 3rd in Final; Gold Ladies Solo Dance: 3rd in Final

Leanna Ritchie — Preliminary Ladies Solo Dance: 4th in Flight

Rosslyn Schultz — Pre-Preliminary Ladies Freeskate: 3rd in Flight, 4th in Final

Laura Stratton — Senior Bronze Ladies Freeskate: 3rd in Final; Junior Silver Ladies Solo Dance: 3rd in Flight, 6th in Final

Emma Williamson — Junior Bronze Ladies Freeskate: 5th in Flight

Sonia Zaichuk — Junior Bronze Ladies Solo Dance: 4th in Flight, 6th in Final

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Mustangs' title hopes get dashed

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to within three points at 53-50, with 57 seconds remaining. After a timeout they worked the ball to Christnik for the open three-pointer. Maybe a fraction of an inch more and the ball wouldn't have bounced off the rim and into the hands of an Irish player. Notre Dame suddenly started hitting their foul shots and that was the game.

"It almost went in. That would have been nice," said Christnik, glancing towards the offending hoop. He still managed 21 points to lead all Milton District scorers. "They were pressuring us and we weren't used to it," said Christnik, adding that it took them a while to adapt. "If our shooting was on, we could have beat them. They were hitting threes like crazy."

Captain, Sean McGee, who led the Mustangs with seven rebounds, also thinks the Mustangs could have won. "We kept it close, but our shots weren't falling. We're usually a much better shooting team. We haven't faced a team that small and that quick.

"Up until today we were 11-0, so it's been an incredible season," said McGee, noting that from the start of the year to that point they had become a 'team'.

"It could have gone either way," said coach Steve Oliver. "The guys were getting tired, that was the difference."

Oliver also gave credit to Notre Dame: "They're strong defensively and they don't turn the ball over very much."

He also noted that two players — McGee and Stanley — fouled out but that the players didn't quit. "It's been a great season. I don't think any Milton District team has ever gone 10-0."

The season isn't over yet. Monday's quarterfinal game against QE Park doubled as a qualifier for the Ontario AA championships. The Mustangs won 70-64, getting 31 points from