

IceHawks lack discipline: coach

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The IceHawks' College Weekend sojourn was certainly educational.

Up against the defending provincial champion Wellington Dukes Sunday afternoon at Erin Mills Twin Rinks, Milton got a crash course in what a seasoned and structured junior hockey team is supposed to look like.

"We're young and inexperienced, and an experienced club showed us that today," said head coach George Dupont.

His IceHawks' 6-3 loss was by no means embarrassing. But it was a clear-cut reality check for a group of youngsters that after three straight victories over — at best — mediocre competition, may have been under the impression that skill alone will equal success at the Tier 2 Jr. A ranks.

Stressed Milton's bench boss, "These guys have got to learn to play within the system. Either they adapt or we're going to have some holes to address. Everybody's running around trying to do the other guy's job. We're not initiating the play."

Now 3-2, the IceHawks did offer arguably their best defensive outing to date in front of crafty cager Kain Tisi Sunday. But it was overshadowed by some haphazard play up front and a lack of discipline. Veterans Andrew Bonello and Wes Clark provided the most costly example of the latter — drawing back-to-back minor infractions shortly after their side drew within two goals midway through the final frame. Their ill-timed trips to the sin-bin allowed the powerhouse Dukes to nix any comeback hopes with a two-man advantage deposit with six minutes to go.

Clark did stand out overall with a pair of markers — to continue a productive season start — while Ryan Angelow blasted one into the top right corner for goal number three.

The IceHawks were down to five defencemen following an undisclosed injury to freshman Jason Fortino Friday night at Memorial Arena. There Milton enjoyed its first cakewalk of the year — brushing aside the hapless Buffalo Lightning 9-2.

Jamie Flury was solid in net for the victory, his first with the local juniors, while Angelow led offensively three goals.

IceHawk Notes: Former Milton sniper Brad Efthimiou scored the only goal in the IceDogs' 1-0 season-opening victory over Sudbury Friday night ... Milton recently picked up California native Shane Mohr, a 20-year-old winger who last toiled at the Jr. B level ... Angelow and Clark have lit the lamp in four of five games so far ... Milton travels to Oakville's IceSports Arena tonight to face the Blades. Game time is 8 p.m.

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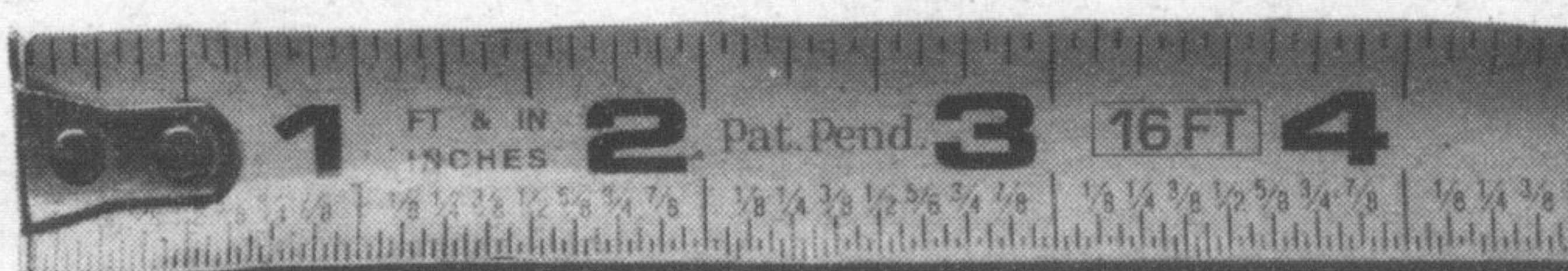
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