

# 'AA' bantams whitewashed in tournament final

The AA major bantams are drawing ever closer to a tournament title.

Following semifinal exits in Sudbury and Waterloo, the Winterhawks made that all important next step up the championship ladder last weekend — reaching the finals in Sarnia.

Unfortunately that's where payback was waiting to strike, as Chatham — whom Milton had eclipsed 3-2 in round-robin play — grabbed an early lead and cruised to a 5-0 whitewash Sunday.

"Five games in three days took its toll on us. We just ran out of steam," said head coach John Nadalin. "And they got two goals in a short amount of time early on that really deflated us."

The Winterhawks booked passage to the championship by knocking off the tournament hosts 4-1 — despite a punchless powerplay stretch in the second period.

Making up for that with two goals and an assist was Luc Hartwick, while contributing a goal and an assist apiece were Jeff

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Lynch and Daniel Kearns. In net for the semifinal victory was Nic Nevins.

Milton won two of three round-robin games — sandwiching a 4-3 loss to Sault Ste. Marie with decisions over Chatham (3-2) and Tecumseh (7-1).

### Minor atoms thrive under pressure

Milton's AA minor atoms were tested by endurance as much as their opponents over a grueling four-games-in-four-days stretch.

And for the most part, they passed with flying colours.

Following a rather lacklustre 4-1 loss to Georgetown last Friday,

the Winterhawks fended off defeat at every turn — with back-to-back ties following a convincing shutout victory.

The win came in the form of a 4-0 whitewash of Guelph Saturday at Milton Sports Centre, where Brandon Bodiam shone between the pipes and Eric Schroder led offensively with a pair of goals and an assist.

Two-way standout Liam Robinson contributed a goal and an assist, while rounding out the scoring was Nicholas Garcia.

From there the Winterhawks gutted out straight ties with top rivals Oakville (3-3) and Orangeville (2-2). The fact that the two draws came on the road made them that much sweeter.

In Oakville Sunday, Garcia tallied twice. He was set up once by Matthew Hunter, who also dented the twine. One night later it was Garcia and Ross Morgan scoring against Orangeville. Bodiam and Justin Davidson were rock-solid in net over this stalemate stretch.

The AA minor atoms will look to keep their unbeaten streak going tonight at John Tonelli Sports Centre against Burlington. Game time is 7 p.m.

### Feast or famine for minor bants

Milton's A minor bantams hit both ends of the offensive spectrum during a recent two-game stretch over the past week.

In Elmira Saturday, the Coscorp Winterhawks struggled up front and were toppled 4-1 at the hands of undefeated Woolwich. Mike Powers was the lone marksman.

It was a much different story two nights later at John Tonelli Sports Centre, where the local lads struck early and often to humble second-place Hespeler 9-2. The Winterhawks capitalized on four powerplay chances in a penalty-filled affair. Kyle Johnson led with a hat-trick, while singles were added by Powers, Duffer Black, Jonathan Cragg, Riley Duke, Matt Elliott and Nick Santo.

Parker Mott backstopped the team to victory, making 18 saves.

The A minor bantams will have a chance to sweep their home-and-home series with Hespeler on the road tomorrow afternoon. They return to Tonelli Monday night with hopes of exacting revenge against Woolwich. Game time is 7 p.m.

### Novices win two in a row

Milton's AA major novices needed a game to shift out of neutral after a lengthy break in play. But after that rusty return they rolled to straight victories last weekend.

The most recent was a 4-1 pasting of the Guelph Storm Saturday. The road win — payback for a 4-0 loss just two nights earlier at Milton Sports Centre — was highlighted by a short-handed tally from Jack Goncz. Also scoring for the Seltech/RAS Winterhawks were Taylor McVey, Evan Rudd and J.J. Stimson.

Goalie John Schaap earned a shutout in his half of the game.

Jason DaSilva did likewise one night earlier to help edge the host Orangeville Flyers 2-1. Second-period goals by Gareth Browne and Alex Kerr were enough for the victory, while an overall gritty effort preserved the narrow lead.

The AA major novices are back at Milton Sports Centre tomorrow afternoon to host Brampton. Game time is 1 p.m.

### Minor peewees split two games

Milton's A minor peewees had a tough return to Memorial Arena Tuesday evening, getting knocked off 6-2 by Arthur.

Jake Cochrane scored unassisted while Kyle Stevens set up Evan Blanchard. In net for the Winterhawks was Patrick Fitzpatrick. Arthur added two empty netters down the stretch to salt away the victory.

In Elora Sunday, Milton prevailed 4-2 — thanks in large part to credible goaltending from Michael Haringa. Sachin Ghai posted goals one and two, while cementing the win with singles were MacKenzie Zuest and MacKenzie Gervais.

The A minor peewees begin a two-game series with Acton on the road tomorrow and host the return engagement at Memorial Tuesday. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

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