## Minor peewees edged in do-or-die showdown

Close, but no cigar.

That was the story for Milton's A minor peewees, who came within a heartbeat of advancing to the OMHA semifinals in Caledon Sunday afternoon.

In the end, the Gorrud's Auto Group Winterhawks were nipped 1-0 by the hosts in a winner-takes-all game five showdown.

Caledon broke a scoreless stalemate in the third period — courtesy of a somewhat fortunate bounce — and weathered a late storm after its guests pulled netminder Michael Haringa for the extra attacker.

Sunday's hard-fought defeat was especially tough to swallow given that the Winterhawks held two series leads, the latter of which was established with a 5-2 victory in Caledon February 19.

Braden Lawther played a dominant role in the game three win by scoring three goals and assisting on a late back-breaking deposit by Jordan Dias.

Sachin Ghai also lit the lamp, while single helpers went to Jake Cochrane, Zakk Collins, Mackenzie Gervais, Vikram Kalia and Mackenzie Zuest.

The following night at Milton Sports

Centre, Caledon would square the best-offive quarterfinals once again by erasing a late deficit with a handful of unanswered goals to prevail 6-2.

Caledon's third-period turnaround was every bit as dramatic as the 16-3 shots on goal differential would indicate.

Prior to that the Winterhawks seemed ready to put the series away, as Cochrane poked in a second-period equalizer and Zuest buried a go-ahead goal five minutes later. Ghai, Kalia and Evan Blanchard drew the assists.

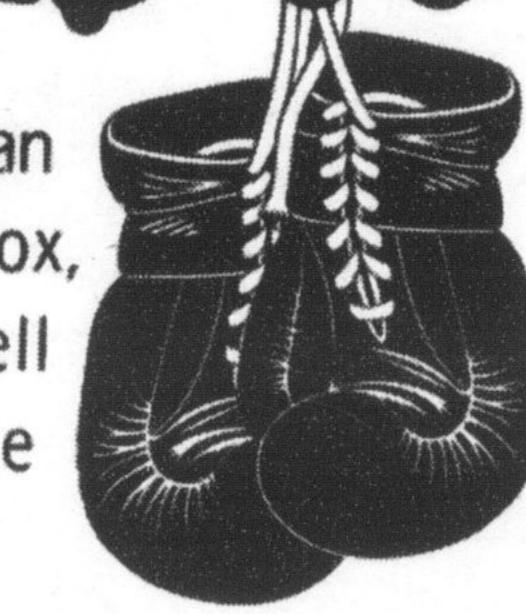
In other OMHA quarterfinal action, Milton's AA minor atoms dropped a do-ordie decision Monday evening in Brampton — giving up two late goals and losing 4-1 to the host Battalion.

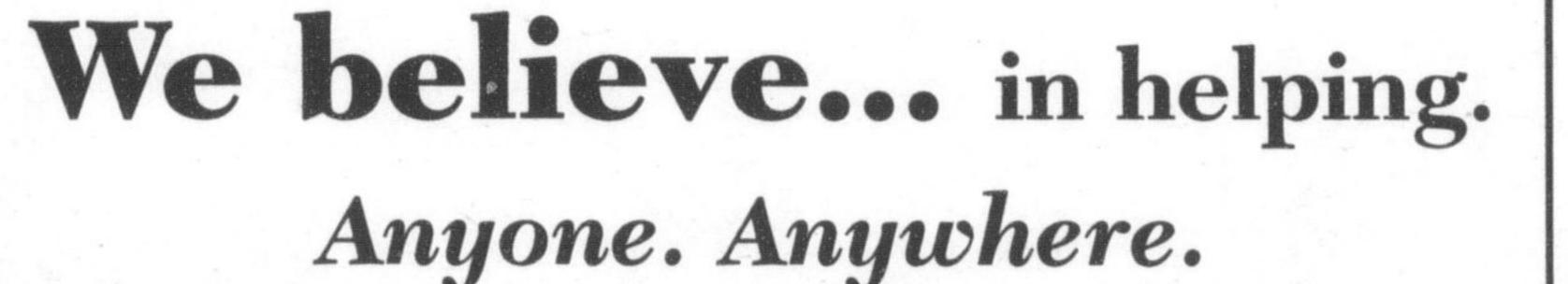
Their game three exit followed 2-0 and 3-1 defeats.

Scoring for the Winterhawks in round three were Cam Stockall and Matt McPhail, while assists were recorded by Matthew Hunter and Liam Robinson.

Tandem partners Brandon Bodiam and Justin Davidson each showed strongly to help keep the games tight.

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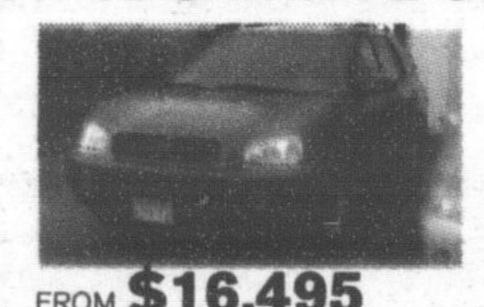


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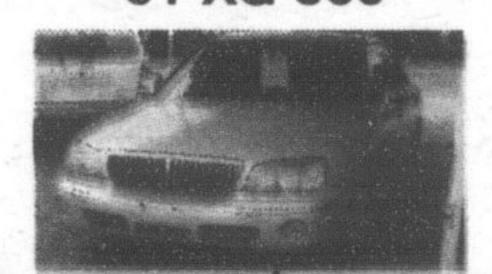
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