

Peewee Red Sox open season with split

It was feast or famine — production wise — for the peewee Red Sox this past week.

Milton exploded out of the gate in season-opening play at Bronte Meadows Park Monday evening, but struggled to deliver at the plate the following night in Waterdown.

As a result, the local lads were upstaged 5-2 in the latter game and fell to 1-1 on the year.

The Red Sox kept pace through the early going — highlighting their efforts with a huge throw-out at home from outfielder Mike Hopkins and shortstop cut-off Jay Muise — but faded down

the stretch.

Offensively, Muise went 3-for-4 and drove in both runs, while James Marshall contributed two hits and a pair of walks.

Pitching was by committee, with a handful of players seeing early-season mound work.

On Monday, Milton enjoyed a much more potent attack to sink Mississauga 10-3.

A seven-run surge in the fourth inning put the hosts in firm control of the season-opening festivities — which was highlighted by three-hit efforts from Mike Robertson and Tyler Wilson.

Todd Campbell and Tyler Moir each hit safely twice — with Moir recording a bases-loaded triple to essentially put things out of reach — while an equally solid pitching campaign was turned in by the evening's victors.

Hopkins, Muise and Moir all delivered one scoreless inning of relief to stymie Mississauga. Moir struck out the side in the last inning to punctuate the lopsided affair.

The peewees have a chance for pay-back against Waterdown at Bronte Meadows Park Monday. Game time is 6:15 p.m.

Brush's 'Blades reach ECHL finals

Canada's hockey-viewing public will no doubt be glued to their television sets this weekend as the NHL playoffs continue.

But at least one native Miltonian is more interested in tonight's start of the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL) championship.

That's because Craig Brush — who grew up in town — is general manager and part owner of the Florida Everblades, who're set to take on Idaho in the Kelly Cup finals.

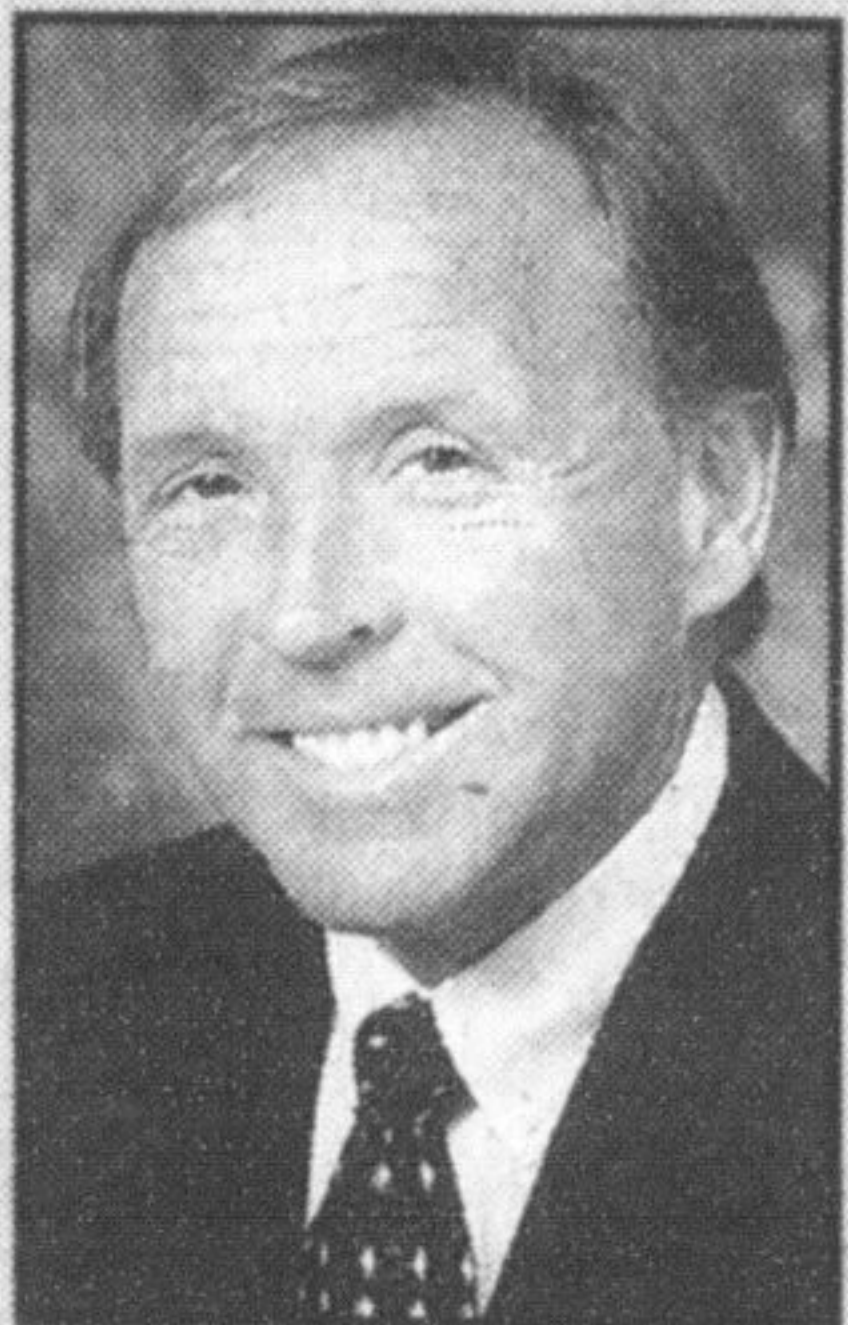
"We've never even made it past of the first round before," said Florida's GM, looking back at his six years with the club. "Yeah, we're pretty excited about this."

Finishing 37-25-10 this season, the Everblades knocked off Roanoke and South Carolina before disposing of the Reading Royals in five games to reach the finals — booking passage with Monday's 3-2 victory in front of 7,444 fans at Teco Arena.

So what's behind Florida's success this season?

"For the last month of the season we were fighting for a playoff spot, and I think that put us in the right frame of mind," remarked Brush, who added that he'd love to recruit a player from his hometown somewhere down the road. "We've had great goaltending from Rob Zepp of Newmarket and really balanced scoring."

A first-year member of the ECHL, Idaho was previously part of the West Coast Hockey League that merged with the East Coast this season under the direction of Brush, who's now chairman of the board of governors.



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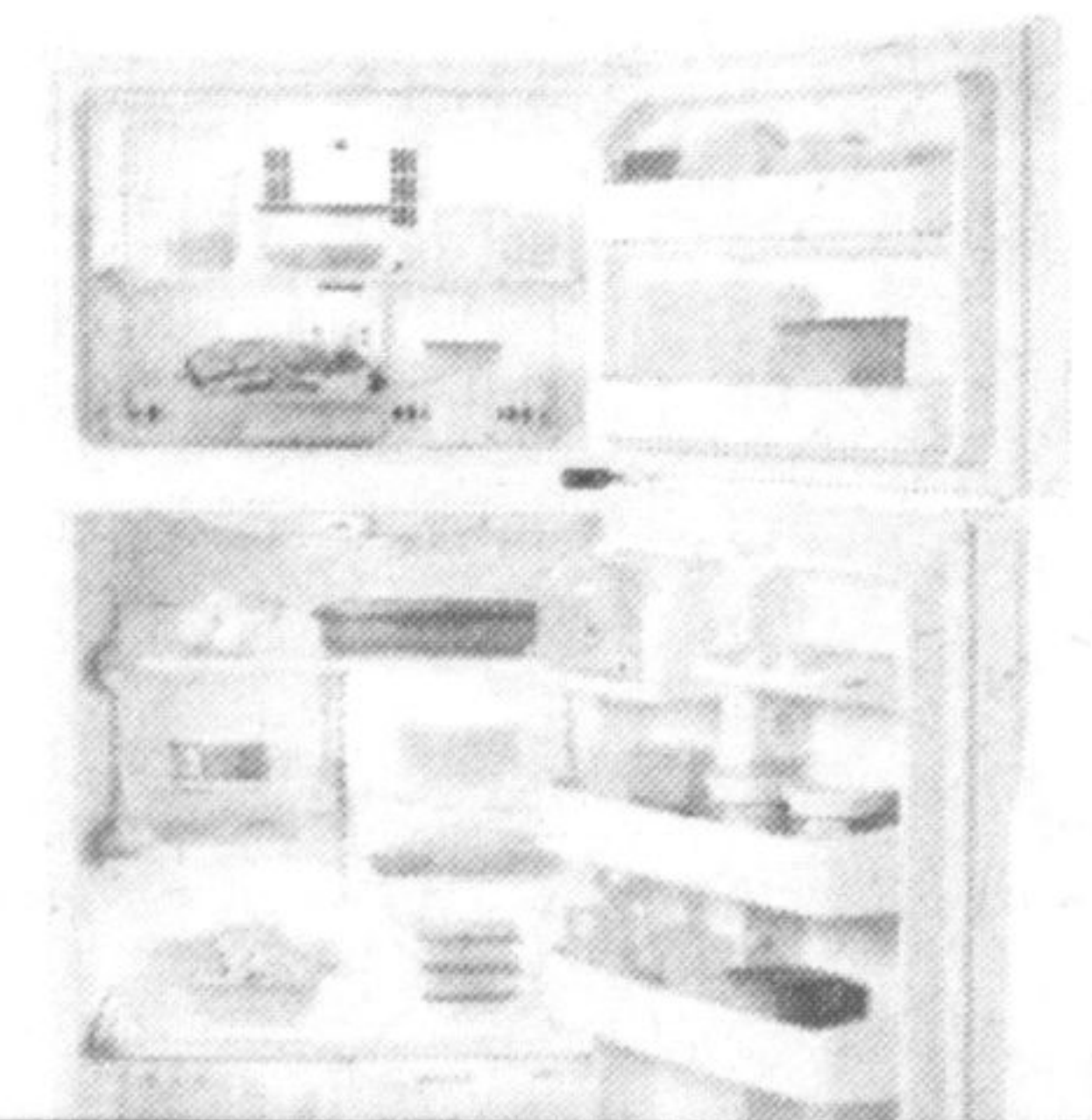
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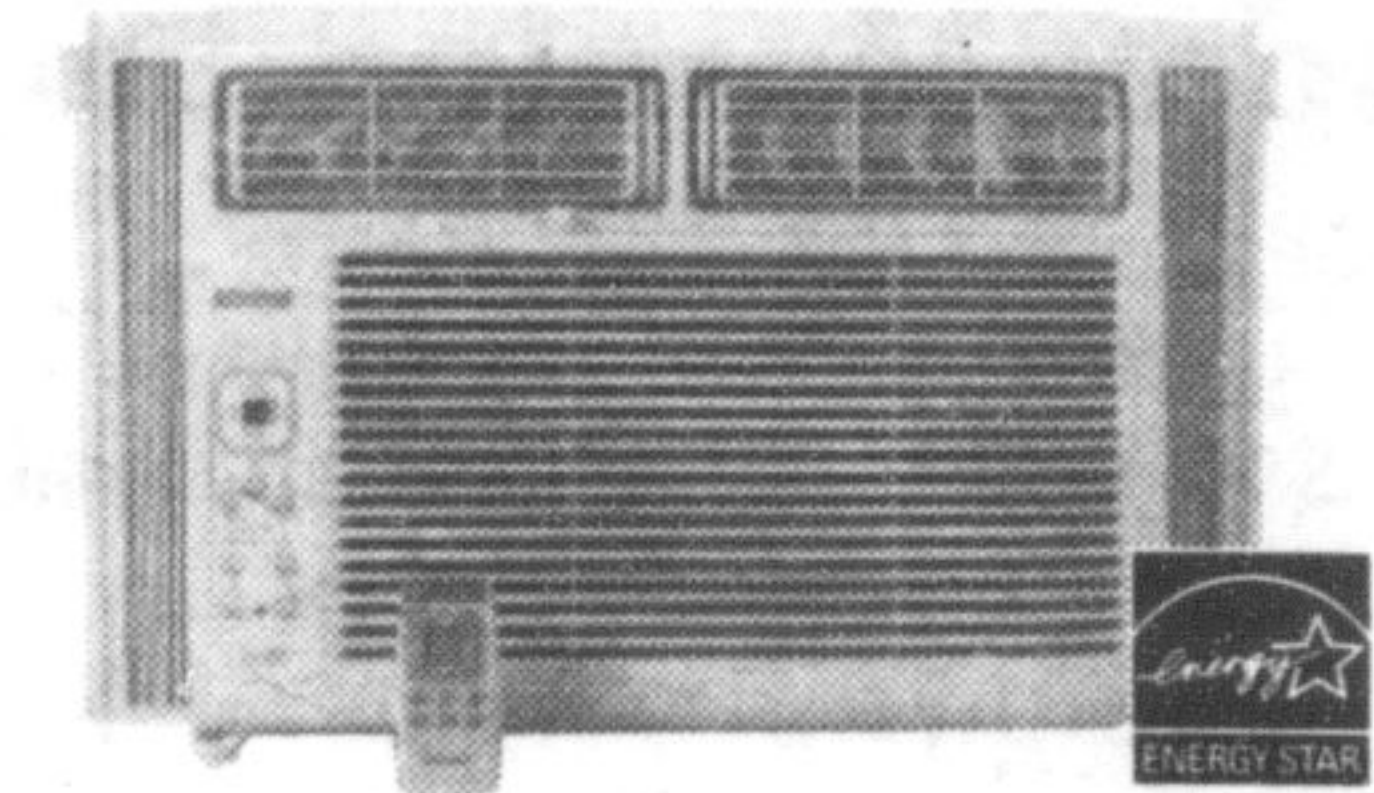
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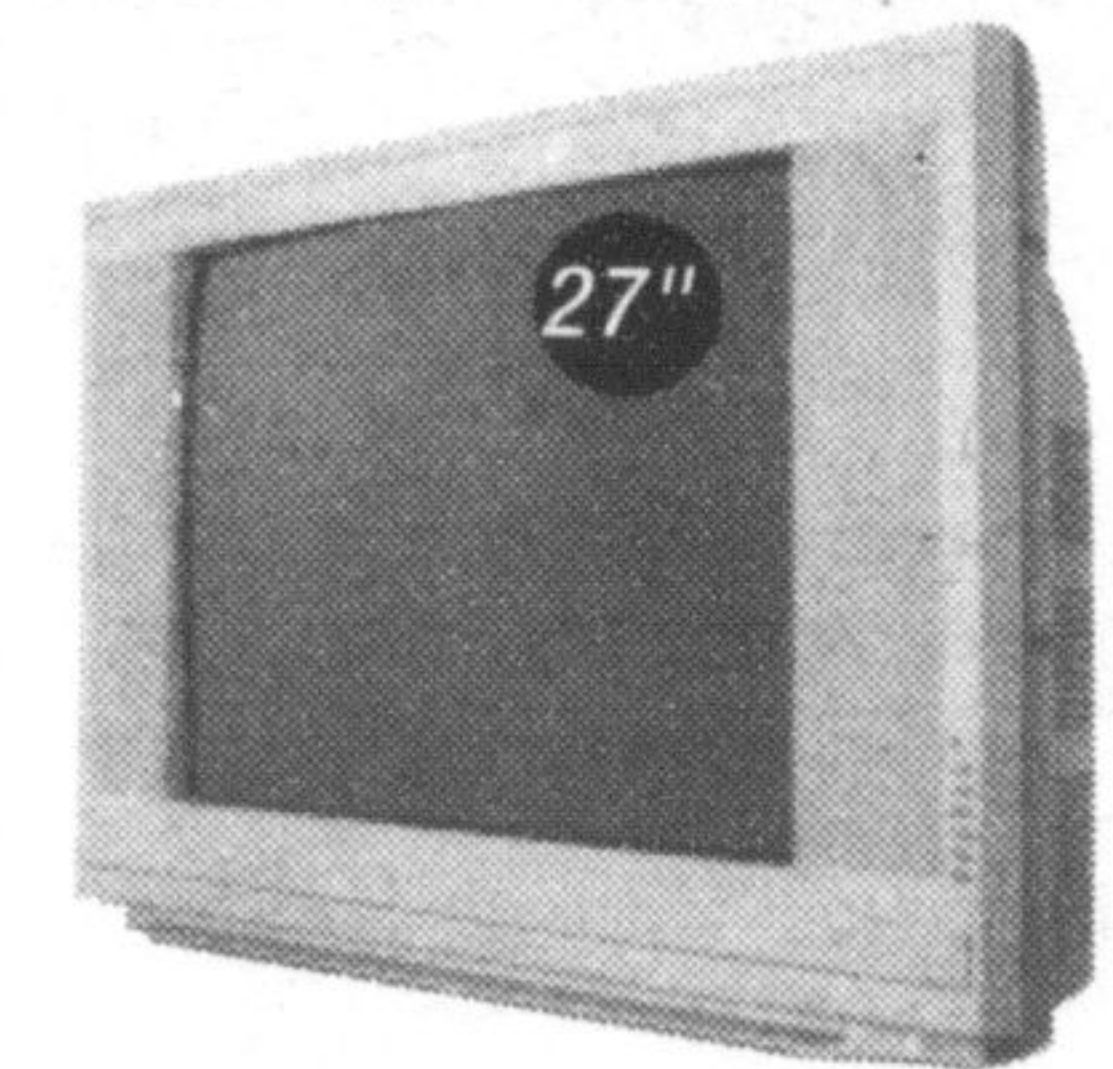
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