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From left, historian Jim Dills, former NHLer Enio Sclisizzi and project co-ordinator Gloria Brown look at a few of the old photos featured in the Milton Historical Society's Hockey Memories calendar.

Milton's rich hockey heritage featured in 15-month calendar

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
The Champion

Milton's NHL alumni now have more in common than just their hometown.

They're part of a recently-released calendar — the latest project of the Milton Historical Society.

Entitled Hockey Memories From 20th Century Milton, the 15-month calendar (from October 2004 to December 2005) hit local stores late last month and profiles the five players and two officials who reached hockey's innermost sanctum.

Seven months of the calendar feature a different NHLer, complete with an individual photograph and one of their local team shots. They begin with Enio Sclisizzi — Milton's first professional hockey player who toiled with Detroit and Chicago from 1946 to 1952 — and end with current Nashville

Predators hopeful Darren Haydar.

"It's a real honour," said Sclisizzi, who became a Milton coach after his NHL career and still resides locally. "Any time you have a chance to stand out like this it's a good feeling."

Also featured are notable standouts John Tonelli and Bruce Hood, as well as Peter McDuffe, Mike Kaszycki and Leon Stickle.

The calendar's remaining months showcase classic team pictures spanning nearly a hundred years.

"It focuses on an important part of the town's heritage and reflects the high interest in community sports," remarked calendar co-ordinator Gloria Brown, who spearheaded the project alongside fellow Milton Historical Society member Jim Dills.

Having a 15-month calendar instead of the traditional 12, Dills said, allowed the historical society to get in more photos

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Pacers still perfect after series start

Shanghai Phil and Weiss Hanover prevailed in the \$15,000 opening leg of the Dream Maker Series for two-year-old pacers last Tuesday night at Woodbine.

Both of the colts remain undefeated in two career starts.

Not willing to occupy the pocket early, Shanghai Phil and driver-trainer Dustin Jones moved well before the quarter pole and never trailed — delivering a 1:55.3 mile to start things off in the first division.

The son of Blissful Hall and Master Of Style reached the first three stations in :28.4, :59.1 and 1:28.4 before coming home with a :26.4 final fraction to shed one-fifth of a second off his lifetime record.

Milton's Steve Condren tipped All Over The Place from third in the final turn and finished second,

two lengths back. Fellow Miltonian Mario Baillargeon and McCabe Hall were four lengths behind for third.

Perfect so far in his young career, Shanghai Phil is owned by Jones and Hudson, Quebec's Bami Farms Inc. The bay colt now has \$15,000 in earnings.

It was a grudge match in the second split, as Weiss Hanover mowed down a stubborn Whata Buster in the lane to triumph in 1:54.2.

Baillargeon sent Weiss Hanover to the lead early and turned in a 28-second opening quarter. Trainer-driver Doug Brown came calling from the three-hole with Whata Buster and made it to the front before the :58.2 midway mark was reached.

As the flow started coming from the back of the pack, Condren sent Oliver Jackson out from fifth for a bid for the lead. Continuing to roll on the point, Brown and Whatabuster passed the three-quarter pole at 1:27.1 with Weiss Hanover occupying the pocket.

The colts and geldings showed their muster in the final quarter though, as Baillargeon had Weiss Hanover on the attack from second. Whata Buster didn't want to surrender the lead that easily, however, as the Badlands Hanover-What A Bruiser gelding dug in through the lane and made Weiss Hanover earn every bit of her quarter-length victory.

Oliver Jackson and Condren placed third, finishing two lengths in arrears.

Pennsylvania's Sampson Street Stables owns Weiss Hanover, a Western Hanover-Wet Paint bay colt, with New Yorkers David Scharf, Steven Arnold and Jerry Silva. Unbeaten in his first two career starts, Weiss Hanover is trained by Duane Marfisis and has \$15,000 in earnings.

The Dream Maker Series continues tonight at Woodbine, with the \$15,000 second leg. The \$58,800 final is scheduled for August 10.



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