

# Milton foursome help minor atom 'Canes capture bronze

Two seasons, two OMHA medals.

Aided by a Milton-based foursome, the minor atom Hurricanes claimed bronze at Teen Ranch Sunday — shading the York-Simcoe Express 3-2 Sunday.

Goalie Jason da Silva was between the pipes for the narrow win and turned back a number of key scoring chances, including a couple of breakaways.

His rock-solid cage work was supported by local defencemen Bryce Abraham and Ryan Stark — who provided some exceptional coverage and huge hits to preserve the victory, which served as revenge for a 7-5 loss to York-Simcoe in round one.

In particular, Abraham made a couple of diving sweep stops of opposing snipers and Stark threw the body around quite effectively to further frustrate the Express.



The minor atom Hurricanes celebrate their OMHA bronze-medal showing.

Halton jumped out to an early lead and maintained it the entire way to finish off the season on a winning note.

Meanwhile, fellow Miltonian Eddie Renaud offered a gritty performance up front, and had a goal and two assists overall during the five-team tournament.

Abraham led the local foursome in scoring with a goal and four assists, while Stark picked up a single helper.

DaSilva was also in net for the defending champion Hurricanes' lone round-robin win — a 5-4 decision over the Whitby Warriors. "They're all impact players," said coach Rob Adams of his Milton youngsters.

Halton's bronze-medal win represented part one of a pay-back double-header Sunday, as the Welland Tigers went on to avenge an earlier loss to the Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs with a 3-1 triumph in the gold-medal showdown.

# IceHawks sale falls through

It doesn't appear as though Milton's Jr. A hockey club will be changing hands anytime soon.

IceHawks owner and president Mario Forgione told The Champion Wednesday morning that an offer to buy the team has fallen through.

"It just didn't meet our criteria," he said, not offering further details on what specifically nixed the sale.

While there's other offers on the table, Forgione isn't currently in negotiations

with any potential buyer, adding, "We have some inquiries, but nothing I'd consider serious at this point. Right now we're set to run the team again next season."

The IceHawks and Mississauga IceDogs owner also squashed speculation that he has plans to move his Tier 2 Jr. A club to Thornhill.

"I actually wasn't aware of that rumour. I wouldn't even know who, if anyone, is involved."



Mario Forgione

# Madd Dawgs brush aside Ajax to win Richmond Hill tourney

Milton's major midget cagers punctuated their first tournament of the season with a huge exclamation mark in Richmond Hill Sunday afternoon.

Leaving no room for doubt as to who the better team was with the title on the line, the Madd Dawgs brushed aside Ajax 74-45 to kick-start a thoroughly hectic spring schedule in triumphant fashion.

A 27-2 second quarter was essentially the difference.

Milton showcased its depth from start to finish, dominating their fellow finalists despite missing dependable cornerstone Al Alilovic — who left the tournament early to attend a Basketball Canada Invitational CP Camp at nearby Humber College.

Three Madd Dawgs hit double digits in the champi-

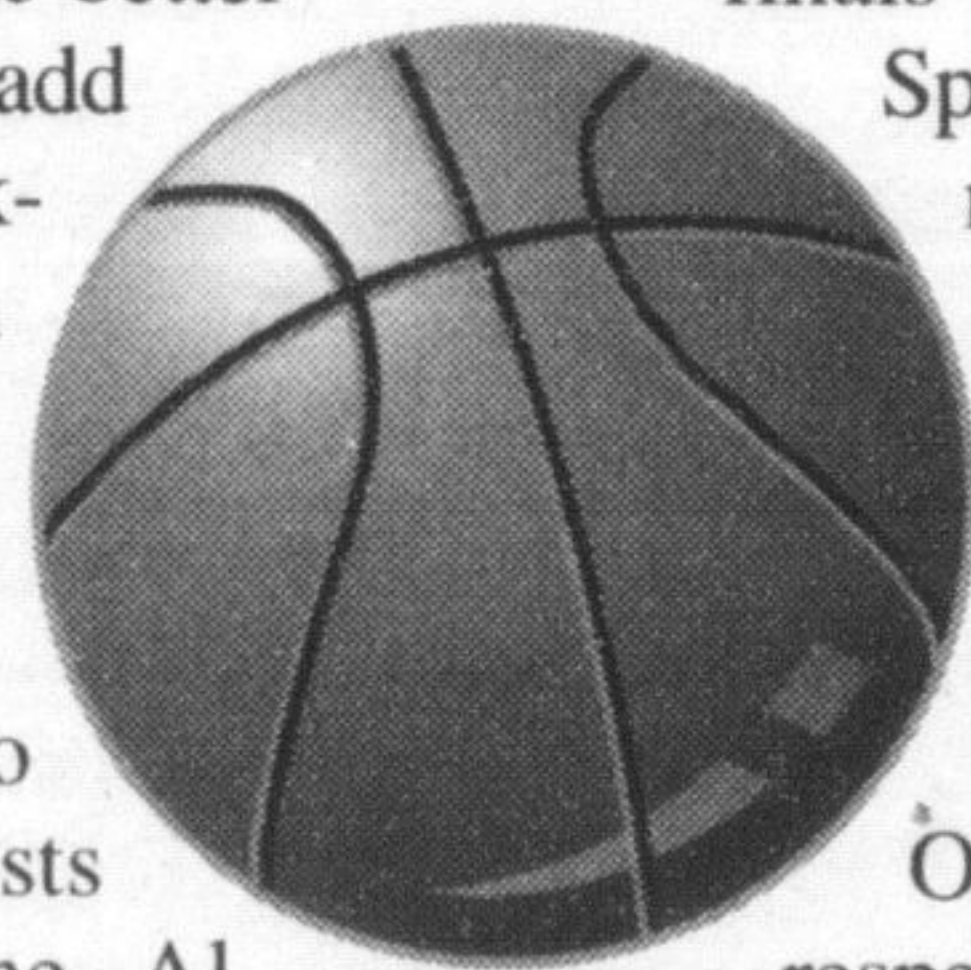
onship clash. Leading the way with 18 points was Dalton Olinoski.

Milton upstaged Toronto Five-0 54-49 in the semifinals — thanks to 10-10 double-double by Spencer Troop and some impressive playmaking by newcomer Andrew Smith.

Before that they won two of three round-robin games to reach the final four.

Alilovic's 21-point showcase fueled a 53-41 decision over Brampton in round one, while Malik Diaz Mercurius and Olinoski stood out with 19 and 17 points respectively in a 78-30 dismantling of Ottawa.

The Madd Dawgs are off this weekend, but then begin six-tournaments-in-as-many-weekends stretch that culminates with the provincial championships in Windsor May 13 to 15.



# Bants swept in Tri County finals

One last glimmer of hope and then it was all over. Returning home under do-or-die pressure Tuesday evening, Milton's AE2 bantams erased a second-period deficit before surrendering six straight goals to the high-octane Acton Tanners.

The 7-1 final capped a best-of-three Tri County finals sweep in rather humbling fashion for the Winterhawks, who'd dropped the opener by a respectable two goals and looked poised to offer another stiff challenge at Memorial Arena.

But Milton just couldn't build on Liam Hope's backhand deposit a minute-and-a-half into the middle stanza, and gradually broke down defensively in front of a solid but heavily-tested Joel Herder.

The Winterhawks cager turned back nearly three dozen saves, preventing what could very well have been a double-digit differential.

Scott Dumencu was denied on first and third-period breakaways, while defenceman Jim Shepherd hit the post on a late blueline blast.

One of only two Milton teams to reach the Tri County finals this year, the AE2 bantams have one final crack at securing some championship hardware.

That opportunity comes this weekend at their newly-renamed April Fools Classic (formerly the Optimist Tournament). They begin against Essex tonight at 7:20 p.m. at Milton Sports Centre's Rink A.



Halton Healthcare

## Milton District Hospital "Passport To Wellness" Fair

Don't miss the 16th annual "Passport To Wellness" Fair presented by the Milton District Hospital on Saturday, April 2nd from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Milton Mall. The fair is organized by Halton Healthcare Services in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association. The event is supported by the Milton District Hospital (MDH) Foundation. There will be over forty interactive exhibits providing lots of information to help individuals make informed decisions about their health and healthcare.

There will be something for everyone at this annual event:

- Mini massages. Postural screenings and gait analysis. Breast models to teach effective breast self-examination. Participate in free blood typing to find out your blood group. Food samples by Milton Meals on Wheels. Learn about foot care from HHS Footcare and Orthotic Services will be there to discuss how to look after your feet. The spreading of disease is a major issue these days, find out the latest information from HHS Infection Prevention and Control.

- Healthy lifestyle information will be provided by numerous organizations including the Canadian Cancer Society, Milton Leisure Centre, Canadian Diabetes Association and Heart and Stroke Foundation. Attend to learn more about the choices you and your family can make to reduce your risk of heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

- Speak to representatives from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, MS Society, Arthritis Society, Wellspring, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Halton Aphasia Centre. Take an opportunity to learn to use an Automated External Defibrillator and learn the "Chain of Survival".

- Obtain information on water safety from the Halton Region Health Department. The Halton Police Community Services will be on hand with information on elder's issues and SALT, crime prevention and public safety about bike, helmet and car seat safety.

- Seniors will find many of the exhibits to be particularly relevant, including the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, ConnectCARE, Services for Seniors and Community Care Access Centre (CCAC). They will provide information about recreational facilities, pet therapy, seniors' directories, etc.

- The Halton Child Care Registry, Ontario Early Years and the Region of Halton Children's Services can address many children's issues. New parents will also enjoy speaking to the HHS Obstetrics Department.

- Agencies such as the Canadian Mental Health Association, Halton Women's Place, Halton Family Services, HHS Mental Health Program, Burlington Bereavement Resource Council, VON Alzheimer Program, Halton Ontario Works, STRIDE and Oakville Distress Centre will be on hand to address mental health issues; from counselling services, special assistance funding to coping strategies.

- Thinking about a medical career? Come and speak to a member of the HHS Career Exploration at Milton. How about becoming a volunteer? There will be many organizations present promoting volunteer opportunities for people of all ages. The Milton District Hospital Foundation and Auxiliary will also have information available about the hospital's fundraising goals and volunteer opportunities.

Don't miss the opportunity to learn more about the services provided in your community, and to obtain information that will help you and your family maintain and improve your health. For people of all ages, drop by anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 2nd at the Milton Mall.

For more information, call Cindy Popp, Health Promotion Coordinator, Milton District Hospital, 905-876-7045 or cpopp@haltonhealthcare.on.ca

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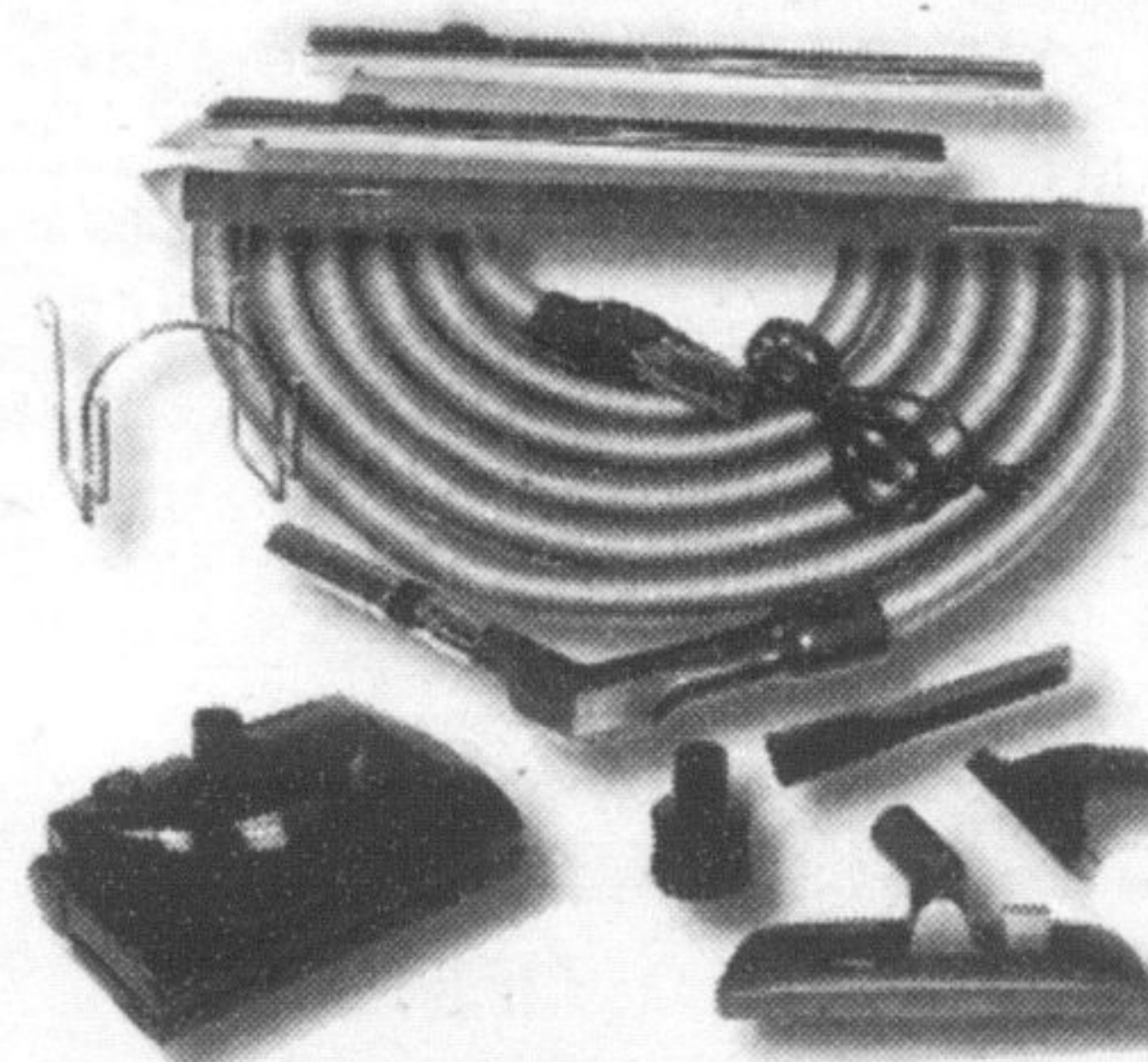
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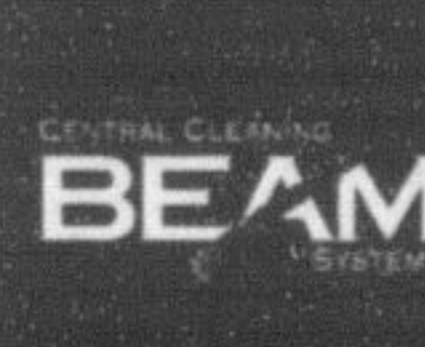
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