



Photo by ASHLEY CAMARA

Best foot forward

Yong-Soo Do, 18, of JSC Tae-Kwon Do showcases his skills for the crowd during the recent Milton Santa Claus Parade.

IceHawks still perfect at home

Milton now 16-0 at Memorial following weekend sweep

The IceHawks' home-ice supremacy continues. While not overly impressive during a two-game home stand this past weekend, the Western Conference front-runners pushed their record at Memorial Arena to 16-0 with a pair of two-goal victories — which lifted them to 24-2-1-1 overall.

Suffering from a lack of finish for most of the night Friday, Milton out-shot the basement-dwelling Buffalo Jr. Sabres 58-16 but only prevailed 3-1. Andrew Loverock backstopped the IceHawks to victory while scoring were Josh Saywell, Dan Falbo and captain Luke Dubbin — now back from a nasty case of mononucleosis.

Jeff Caister drew two assists in the surprisingly narrow win. Sunday afternoon the IceHawks got a goal and an assist each from Matt Price, Kevin Morrison and Chase Langerap en route to knocking off the Burlington Cougars 5-3.

Rounding out the scoring were Aaron Lewicki and Jason Bergeron, a 17-year-old point-a-game playmaker picked up last week from the Brampton Capitals along with 20-year-old Jeff Aonso — who gives the IceHawks a little more physical presence up front and another solid face-off man.

Going to Brampton was Andrew Taylor, while fellow supporting cast forward Kyle Bocek has been dealt to the Northern Conference's Collingwood Blues. Milton is also in the process of moving recently-acquired defenceman Tyler Townsend.

The IceHawks begin a two-game road trip Thursday in Brampton and are in Oakville Friday night.



Neither team or coach/GM did anything wrong: owner

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Unfortunately if George can't provide a service to this club we can't keep employing him. George doesn't deserve this — he's a good coach and a decent human being."

Forgione squashed rumours that Dupont might end up coaching the Ice Pilots, stressing, "That won't happen."

Although not getting into too much detail, the IceHawks' owner said that at the start of the season his players were asked to keep documentation on their out-of-pocket expenses so that they could be compensated later.

"We didn't want a back-alley type situation," explained Forgione. "The league is basically hanging their hat on one word (bonus). Bottom line is George Dupont didn't do anything wrong and the IceHawks didn't do anything wrong. The decision was made on a technicality."

OHA president Brent Ladds said Thursday that the OHA's three-member committee ruled based on a "copy of the agreements the team had with players that fell outside of our guidelines."

In regard to compensating players, OHA guidelines state, "Any executive or staff member of an OHA team who knowingly compensates a player financially for his services or is party to, or has knowledge of such an undertaking, other than for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, will be subject to an automatic suspension which will be determined upon investigation of the incident. Note: reasonable expenses include protective equipment, sticks and skates, travel expenses and educational expenses and/or room and board if the player is required to relocate to join his team."

Ladds said that while the players in question haven't been ruled ineligible, the Streetsville Derbys — who originally filed the complaint against Milton — are arguing that point. This subsequent protest could award the eight points the IceHawks have earned in four wins over Streetsville to the Derbys.

"I don't know what Streetsville is up to," said Forgione. "They can make all the appeals they want, but I don't think those eight points will help them come playoff time."

— with files from HERB GARBUTT

Local gymnasts show strongly at first Ontario qualifying meet

Milton Springer Heather Sadler struck all-around gold late last month at the season's first provincial qualifying meet.

Sadler took top honours in the Level 6 10-year-old division, highlighting her efforts with a first-place finish on bars and a bronze performance on vault. She also placed fourth on beam and fifth on floor.

Brittany Schrader and Celena Morgan each took home the overall bronze in their respective divisions. Schrader — a 12-year-old Level 7



gymnast — earned top marks on the vault and took silver on bars. She was fourth on beam and sixth on floor. Morgan, in her first year of provincial competition, was second on vault and third on beam,

bars and floor.

Lindsay Bright secured gold on vault in the Level 6, 10-year-old class. She also placed fourth on bars and seventh on floor to take fifth spot overall. Teammate Leighton Bannock was close behind, earning silver on vault, sixth on bars and eighth on beam to finish seventh in the all-around standings.

Maddy Bannock struck silver on vault and ended up eighth overall in the Level 7, 12-year-old division.

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Individuals cannot have the renewal or issuance of a plate denied unless they have an outstanding balance for at least 125 days. 407 ETR must follow a detailed set of legislated rules, procedures and timelines.

What If I Have A Dispute?

You have the right to dispute a plate denial notice to an independent arbitrator.

As part of the plate denial process, you are given the opportunity to take a dispute to an independent arbitrator. The independent arbitrators are selected by the Ontario Government and the disputes will be resolved expeditiously.

Where Can I Get More Information?

For more information regarding plate denial, please go to www.407etr.com/platedenial.

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