

'AA' minor peewees extend unbeaten run with blowout

The AA minor peewees pushed their unbeaten streak to eight games with a 9-1 pasting of host St. Catharines Tuesday night.

Liam Robinson amassed four goals, while matching that point total with a hat-trick and a single assist was Connor Hakime.

Matthew Hunter and Eric Schroder rounded out the scoring, while Cameron Stockall also stood out with three helpers.

This followed back-to-back ties — the latter of which came in Oakville Saturday, when the Winterhawks battled to a 1-1 stalemate with the Rangers.

Ross Morgan was the lone marksman, scoring a shorthanded tally with help from Robinson.

The AA minor peewees sat at 12-11-3 prior to last night's trip to Guelph. They close out the regular season tomorrow evening in Oakville.

Minor atoms on a roll

The AA minor atoms scored two

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more victories earlier this week to extend their win streak to five games.

The latest of these came at MSC Tuesday evening, when the Winterhawks got goals from Marcus Kotyk, Ben Preisner and Graydon Wessinger to topple Ancaster 3-1.

Robert James drew two assists, while Nicholas Hoffman was sharp between the pipes.

At MSC Monday night, Milton dumped Oakville 5-1.

The decisive win came on the strength of topnotch cage work by Connor Hallyburton — whose shutout bid was broke with under two minutes remaining — and a two-goal, one-assist outing from Aidan Atkinson.

The AA minor atoms, now 13-9-5, finish out the regular season

tonight at 6:30 p.m. at MSC against Stoney Creek.

AE atoms earn split

The AE atoms earned a two-game split last weekend, highlighting their efforts with Saturday's 5-3 decision over visiting Erin/Hillsburgh at MSC.

Matthew Bergman potted two goals and assisted on another by Ryan Tanason, who set up both of his goals.

Victoria Medeiros also had a three-point game with a goal and two helpers, while Tanner Briggs scored unassisted.

On Sunday at MSC, the Winterhawks offered a fundamentally-sound performance, but fell 4-1 to Georgetown.

Their lone goal came on a penalty shot from Tanason.

Now 9-14, the AE atoms wrap up regular-season play Sunday at 3:30 p.m. against Elora.

Juveniles finish first

Milton's juveniles may have needed a couple of weeks to shift out of neutral this season, but after that they certainly cruised to an impressive regular season showing.

The Winterhawks punctuated Niagara District league play on an 18-game win streak at Memorial Arena Saturday night — downing West Lincoln 4-2.

"We're really clicking right now and playing particularly well in our own end, which is a big plus," said head coach Brett Elliott, whose juveniles finished first with an overall 20-2 record. "Basically, we're just playing great hockey."

The Sam Tomlinson, Chris Whiting, Nick Vipond line accounted for two of the goals, while also lighting the lamp were Mark Galick and Adam Rutz — who was back from a three-game suspension.

Mark Galick was tested less than a dozen times, while his West Lincoln counterpart was red-hot between the pipes and was about the only reason things stayed respectable, as the hosts

fired 40-plus shots his way.

Three nights earlier at Milton Sports Centre, the Winterhawks blanked Thorold 5-0.

Austin Vandenboom earned the shutout, while sharing the spotlight with a fierce competition was the forward trio of Galick, Barry Kosmalski and Harley Mouscos.

Vipond also stood tall with two goals.

The Winterhawks will now have a rather lengthy layoff until their playoff run begins. Having earned a first-round bye, they likely won't start until February 1 — when a best-of-five series gets underway against either Stoney Creek or St. Catharines, each of whom beat Milton back in October.

While a three-and-a-half week hiatus isn't exactly ideal at this time of year, it does give captain and two-way spark-plug Chris Coates additional time to heal up from a serious knee injury sustained back in November.

Said Elliott, "Chris is our leader on the ice and in the dressing room. His return will be big for us."



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