

# AE2 atoms 'Hawks eclipsed in opener

The atom AE2 Winterhawks' scoring touch took an ill-timed hiatus at Milton Sports Centre (MSC) Tuesday night. Heading into the best-of-five Tri County finals with plenty of momentum — having won all six round-robin games — Milton just couldn't find the back of the net and were eclipsed 1-0 by the Arthur Vipers.

The series-opening heartbreaker marked only the second time all season the Winterhawks had tasted defeat at MSC. It was also one of the few times since joining the team midway through the year that Drew McMillen was held off the score sheet.

The reliable sniper had at least half-a-dozen big scoring opportunities, but just couldn't put one past a red-hot Vipers goalie — who absolutely robbed him on both an upstairs backhand and coast-to-coast rush in the third period. Hometown netminder was every bit as impressive, but couldn't quite get his glove on a big corner shot with four-and-a-half minutes remaining — which proved to be the difference.

The Winterhawks headed to Arthur last night hoping to even the series. The teams return to MSC tonight for game three, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

### Tykes win opener

Milton's tykes drew first blood in their best-of-five Tri County championship series with Flamborough — prevailing 6-4 in Carlisle Wednesday evening.

Chris Pelow was rock-solid between the pipes, while leading offensively with two goals and a pair of assists was Jacob Wickware. Michael Hunter and Jonathan Vaca each had a goal and an assist, with defenceman Connor Little contributing two helpers. Rounding out the scoring were Josh Blazina and Nicholas Zorzi.

The Winterhawks can be a stranglehold on the series with a win tomorrow at Memorial Arena. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

### Novice AEs face elimination

Unable to get their offensive game going so far in their best-of-five Tri County final series against Erin, Milton's AE novices hit the road tomorrow morning in a must-win situation. They fell 4-0 in Erin Tuesday evening and then dropped a 6-1 decision at MSC Wednesday night.

If necessary, game four will be played at MSC Sunday at 2:30 p.m.



**ON THE RUSH:** AE2 atom Winterhawk Drew McMillen breaks into enemy territory during game one of Tri County championship play with Arthur Tuesday night at MSC.

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