

Minor bantam 'Canes secure OMHA bronze

The Hurricane minor bantams secured their sixth straight OMHA medal late last month in York-Simcoe, claiming bronze with a pay-back victory over Whitby.

Halton was whitewashed 2-0 by Whitby in round-robin play, but exacted revenge in the battle for third place with a 4-2 triumph — thanks in no small part to a Milton-area trio.

George Kopas scored one of the goals and picked up game MVP honours, while Michael Sgarbossa also dented the twine and Brandon Denham drew a pair of assists.

The three locals are also instrumen-

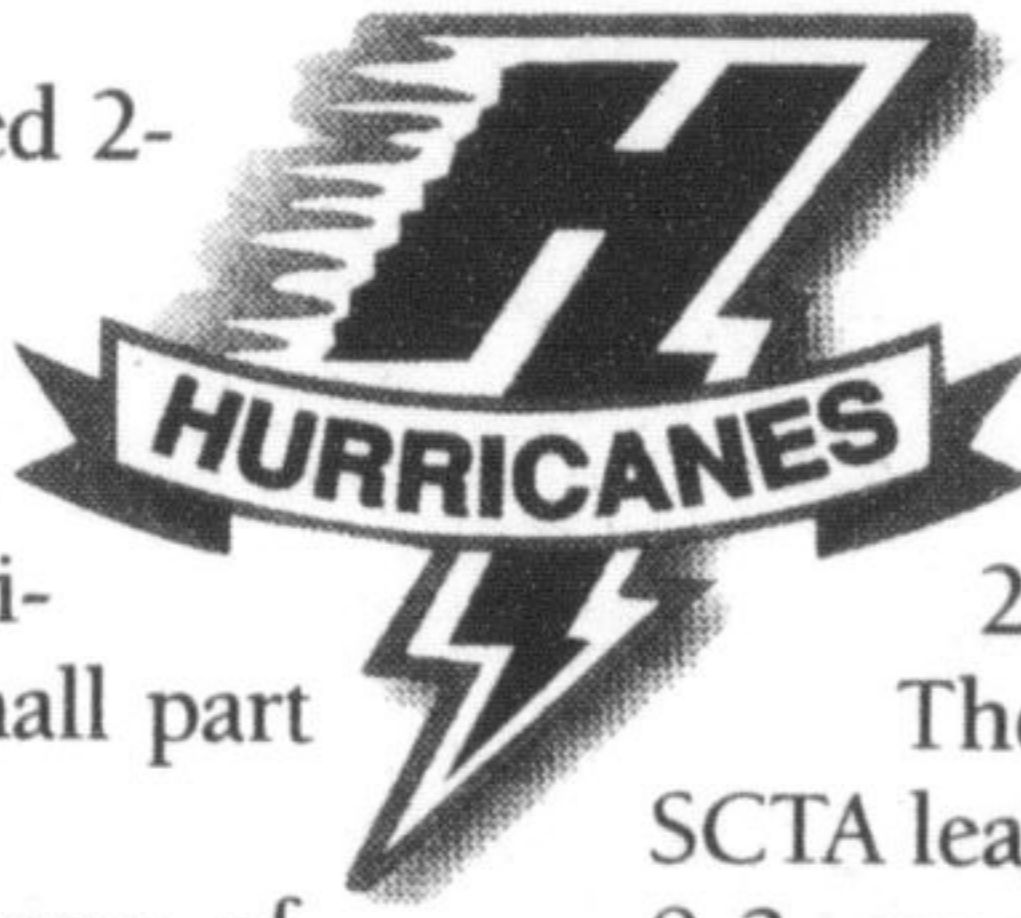
tal in a must-win 3-2 squeaker over St. Catharines to end a 1-3 round robin campaign.

Sgarbossa scored and Denham and Kopas each contributed an assist.

Halton's two other round-robin losses came against the hosts (3-1) and Markham (4-2).

The Hurricanes finished first in SCTA league play this season with a 25-8-3 record and went 4-1-0 at the OMHA qualifying tournament in St. Catharines.

The team's four bronze and two golds represent the longest OMHA medal streak in Hurricanes' history.



Martial arts fest here tomorrow

There'll be a veritable smorgasbord of martial arts competition tomorrow at John Tonelli Sports Centre.

That's where Céad Bua Fighting Arts Centre will host the inaugural Great Toronto Martial Arts Championships — featuring three local clubs and a host of others competing in karate, traditional kung fu, sport jiu-jitsu and contemporary wushu.

Among those taking part in the day-long festivities — as both a competitor and instructor — will be Elvis Stojko, who trains at Céad Bua and claimed silver in traditional kung fu soft-style forms at this past fall's World

Kickboxing and Karate Association championships.

Stojko will hold a seminar shortly after opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. — which will feature a traditional Chinese Lion Dance — and compete around noon.

Also representing Milton will be about 20 Céad Bua competitors, as well as those from the Milton School of Jiu-Jitsu and Fighting Griffin Martial Arts.

Admission to tomorrow's event — co-hosted by Milton Home Hardware — costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. Proceeds will go to Rose Cherry's Home for Kids.

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