

Credible road trip for atoms

The AA atoms may not have come away with any wins from their hectic road trip, but they sure offered Tri County's uppercrust some stiff competition.

Facing the top teams in a three-games-in-three-nights stretch, the Winterhawks finished with two low-scoring defeats and a tie — delivered in Orangeville Monday evening.

Milton actually looked poised to punctuate its busy stretch in victory, but had to settle for a 3-3 draw after surrendering a pair of third-period goals to the formidable Flyers.

Jacob Quinn and Ben Preisner each had a goal and an assist, with Rourke Ferguson rounding out the scoring and Sam Robson contributing two helpers. Connor Hallyburton was between the pipes.

The tie broke a three-game losing skid for the Winterhawks, who lost 3-1 and 2-1 to the Oakville Rangers and Stoney Creek Warriors respectively last weekend.

Both games were essentially one-goal decisions, with the Rangers cementing their win with an empty-netter Saturday.

Adam Wilson was the lone marksman in that hard-hitting affair, while Justin Browne scored against Stoney Creek. Milton nearly evened things up with the extra attacker in the

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final minute of play.

Hallyburton and Nicholas Hoffman split the cage work over the weekend.

Now 8-18-1, the AA atoms close out regular season play tomorrow at Milton Sports Centre against Oakville. Game time is 5:30 p.m.

AE bantams on a roll

The additional entry bantams packed an awful lot of intrigue into two recent road trips.

In Erin Tuesday, the Winterhawks toppled the Shamrocks 5-3, despite losing starting goalie Pat Fitzpatrick to a fighting ejection midway through the night and being shorthanded for seven minutes as a result.

Milton minimized the damage from this — giving up just one goal — and got a solid performance out of impromptu replacement Michael Haringa. Michael McClelland tallied twice and Richard Monk had a goal and two assists.

Also scoring were Dillan Paradis and Ryan Ramiah.

Three days earlier in Flamborough, the Winterhawks spotted the Sabres a 2-0 lead before sling-shooting past them for a huge 8-3 victory.

Monk led with three goals

and an assist, with multi-point efforts also turned in by Ramiah, Andrew Boivin, Justin Ganly and Nick Williams.

The back-to-back wins lifted the AE bantams to 9-13-2 heading into last night's trip to Georgetown.

AA midgets edged

Injuries and suspensions took their toll in Georgetown Tuesday night, as the depleted AA midgets fell 4-2 to the Raiders — dropping them to 15-7-3 in league play.

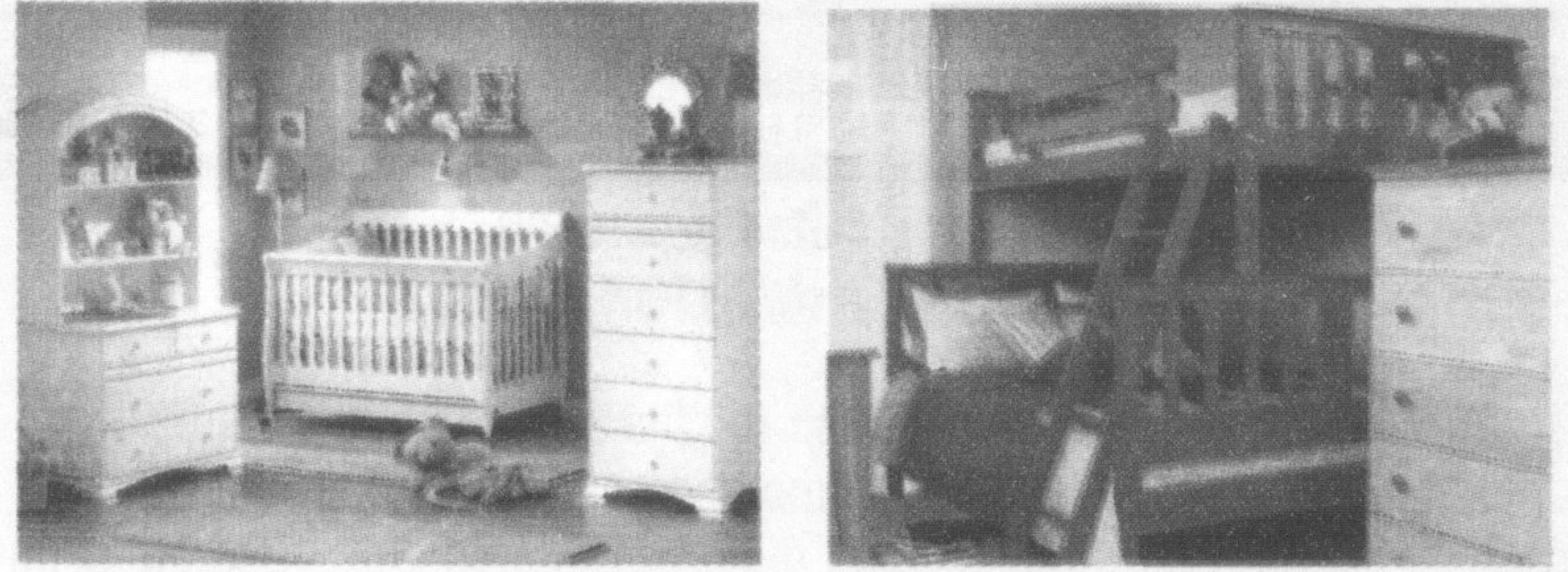
A late Milton surge saw Mike Powers pull his team within a goal — with an unassisted shorthanded tally — before the hosts sealed the deal with an empty netter.

Luc Hartwick recorded the visitors' other goal — midway through the second period — with help from Wade McGinnis and Brian Hunter.

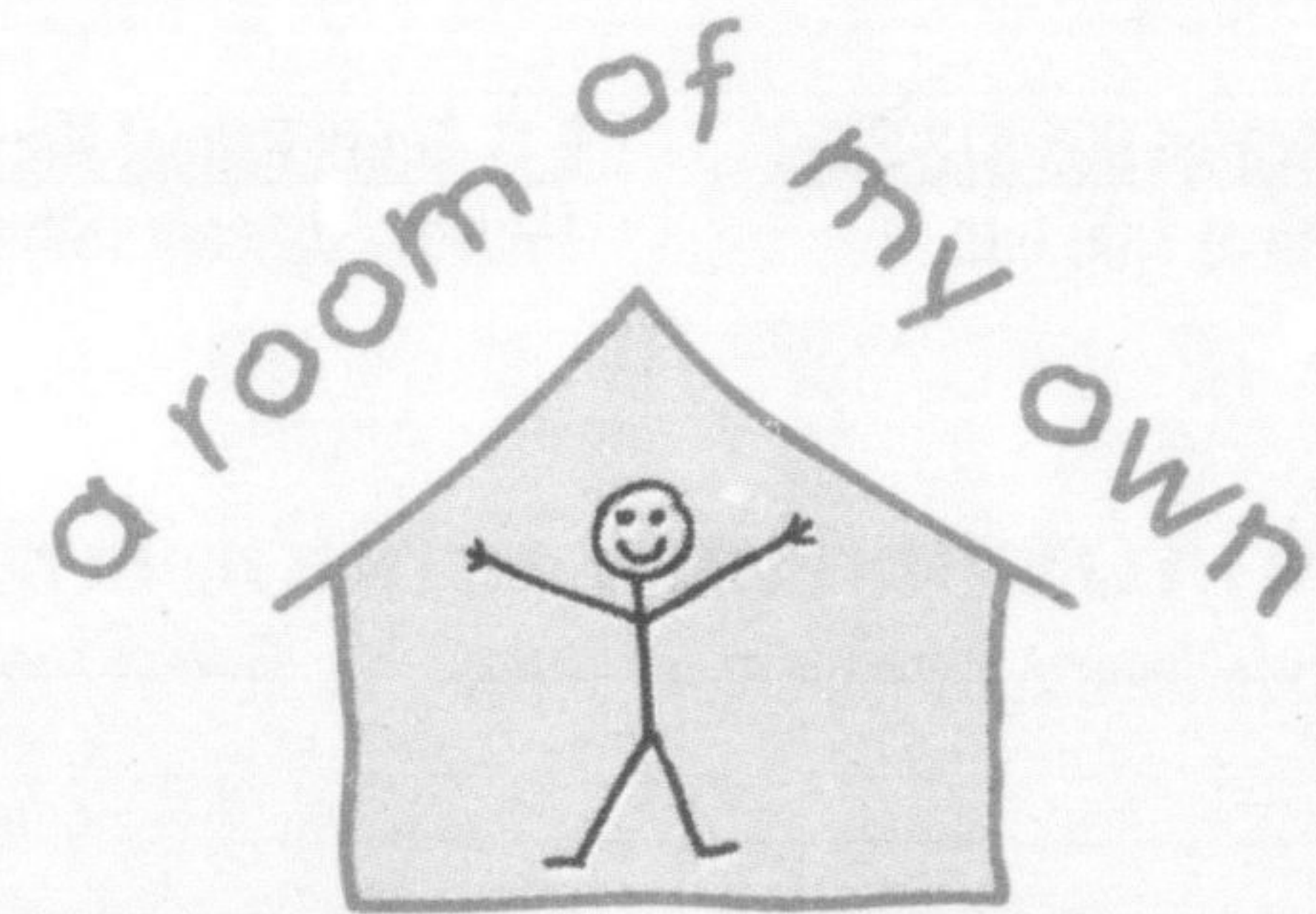
Joey DeAthe was steady between the pipes, but his evening counterpart was red hot and turned back a number of quality scoring chances.

The loss snapped a modest two-game unbeaten streak for the AA midgets, who have three games left in the regular season and will look to get back in the win column tomorrow at Milton Sports Centre against the Brampton Battalion. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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