



WINTERHAWKS SOAR TO VICTORY: Above, Winterhawk Connor Hakime stick handles past sprawling Caledon defender Jake DeBiasi as teammate Colin Pakard moves in to help during AA peewee Tri County playoff action at Milton Sports Centre Saturday afternoon. At left, Milton's Kevin Friesen buries a shot past Caledon netminder Arlen Dancziger, which gave the hosts a 3-1 lead. The Winterhawks would go on to win their Tri County playoff opener 7-3, thanks largely to two goals each by Ross Morgan and Andrew Smith. Cam Zuccato backstopped Milton to the decisive victory, while chipping in the other singles were Sameer Kalia and Matthew Hunter. The AA minor peewees also kicked off their Tri-County playoffs in victory Saturday — blanking St. Catharines 4-0 at MSC. Tristan Kivac earned the shutout, while Ryan Melanson and Adam Poirier each tallied twice.

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Penalties costly for IceHawks

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of five minutes in the middle stanza — the last two of which came on 5-on-3 advantages.

Vallorani went five-hole on a first-period penalty shot to even things up and batted in a floating cross-ice pass from Doug Clarkson early in the third to keep comeback hopes alive.

One of four call-ups used over the weekend to fill out the depleted ranks, midget Hurricane Dane Horvat poked in a goal-mouth scramble late in the second for the IceHawks' other deposit.

While Milton is done for another year, there's still four local players competing in the Provincial Jr. A League playoffs.

Along with Clark and Brampton teammate Jeff Bayley, Rob Sgarbossa is just a win away from disposing of Burlington and advancing to the Western Conference semis — to do battle with the Capitals — with the neighbouring Georgetown Raiders. Meanwhile, Kevin Parker and his Port Hope Predators — who finished third in the East — are up 2-0 on Oswego in their best-of-five first round.

In other Western Conference playoff action, Hamilton and Oakville will square off in the semifinals after sweeping Streetsville and Mississauga respectively.



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