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OMHA finals just a win away

The drought ends tonight.

While that might be a bit presumptuous, all signs clearly point to Milton's AE2 peewees putting the finishing touches on a best-of-five semifinal sweep of the Owen Sound Jr. Attack at Memorial Arena.

That would give the Winterhawks their

first OMHA championship appearance since 2003, and a local peewee team its first trip to the finals in about a decade.

Having yet to lose in the playoffs, Milton all but stamped its ticket to the big dance last weekend, delivering convincing backto-back shutouts over Owen Sound.

Though far from necessary, Connor Kaszycki's flawless performance between

the pipes at Milton Sports Centre Sunday night created quite a notable side story to a 6-0 rout that put the Jr. Attack on the proverbial chopping block.

Making his first season shutout quite memorable despite the lopsided score, Kaszycki highlighted a 16-save effort by turning back three penalty shots — leaving parents to question if that was a first in local hockey circles.

He got his right pad on the final one — a low slapshot — with under a minute remain-

ing to touch off a mini celebration by fans and teammates alike.

While not exactly pressured overall, Kaszycki weathered a brief Owen Sound uprising early in the second period when the game was still up for grabs — remaining focused after facing just two long-range shots

in the opening frame.

Wasting no time exerting their dominance, the hosts had a 3-0 lead before the game was six minutes old and won pretty much all of the individual battles.

Continuing a productive post-season campaign, Austin Spiegelhalter led game two with three goals and an assist, while Trevor Murphy tallied twice and captain Lucas Accettola had a

IN HOT PURSUIT: Milton's Ryan Murphy (right) gets up close and personal with Kyle Billings of Owen Sound while chasing down a loose puck in game-two action Sunday.

goal and an assist.

Accettola stood out with a hat-trick and Michael Harwood stopped 19 shots for his third shutout of the season in Owen Sound Saturday afternoon, as Milton kicked things off with a 5-0 whitewash.

Franco Del Rosso and Jeremy Farquharson were the other marksmen, while Matt Harris drew three assists.

Tonight's game starts at 8 p.m. Assuming they win, the Winterhawks will take on Ajax or Stouffville in the OMHA finals.

Limited time offer. Other restrictions apply, see club for details.

