



GRAHAM PAINE / CANADIAN CHAMPION

SKATING STARS: Four Milton Skating Club members returned from the All-Ontario Starskate Championships in Waterloo with medals. Earning medals were (from left) Caroline Deluce (second, pre-preliminary ladies), Taylor Smith (third, preliminary ladies), Colleen Collins (third, junior bronze ladies) and Emma Mogus (second, preliminary ladies). Kaitlyn Bell (fifth, senior bronze ladies) and Erin Rodenburg (10th, junior silver ladies) also competed in Waterloo.

Peewee Winterhawks fall behind in OMHA final

The Milton Peewee AE Winterhawks were faced with overcoming a rough final period in order to keep their dreams of winning an Ontario Minor Hockey Association championship alive. With the best-of-five final tied at one game apiece, the Winterhawks were still in contention through two periods of Monday's game at Memorial Arena. However, the Stouffville Clippers exploded for six goals in the final 14 minutes on their way to a 9-3 victory and a 2-1

series lead. Game four was to be played Tuesday night in Stouffville. Results were not available at press time. Game five, if necessary, would go tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. at the Milton Sports Centre. Stouffville scored the only goal of the opening period but Milton's Austin Spiegelhalter tied it up early in the second. Lucas Accettola and Colin Moffat drew assists. The Clippers took the lead midway through the second and added

a power-play goal with 2:14 remaining in the period. They built on that momentum in the third, scoring just 75 seconds into the period and quickly added two more for a 6-1 lead. Milton's Braden McArthur would score a pair of goals in the third, one on a one-timer from the slot midway through the period and another banging in a rebound with 1:33 remaining. Matt Harris set up both goals and Jeremy Farquharson and Peter Carusi also drew assists.

Milton rink wins Ontario Colts title

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It was supposed to be a tune up. It was supposed to be a chance for Bill Craig's rink to throw some rocks and get ready for the provincial intermediate championships. And had the zone playdowns for the Ontario Colts not been in Milton, they wouldn't have even bothered entering. By the time they reached the provincial final weeks later, Craig just didn't want to embarrass himself. So when his rink won its first game, he breathed a sigh of relief. "At least we won't finish last," he thought.

The Milton rink, which includes vice David Ellis, second Scott Gillard and lead Steve Craig, went on to stun everyone — including themselves — by posting a 6-1 record to win the Ontario Colts championship Saturday in Toronto.

The tournament is for players without provincial championship experience or as Craig describes it: "for good, young up-and-coming teams, (not) old farts like us." All the members of the rink are at least 45, except Ellis. The 26-year-old ice maker at the Milton club joined the rink for the zones because regular Colin Henderson was on vacation at the time. Their bid for provincial title didn't get off to a glorious start. They lost their opener at the zones but came back through the B draw to win it all. In what became their hallmark in their run to the championship,

the local side rallied late in the regional semifinals, scoring two in the ninth end, stealing one in the 10th and then another in the first extra end to reach the final. They lost to Kitchener's Mark Kean in the regional final but earned one of the two berths for the provincials, where it once again came down to Craig and Kean. The two rinks met again in Friday night's draw at Leaside Curling Club. They came into the matchup tied for first with 3-1 records. Trailing 5-3 in the eighth end, Craig's rink scored one, stole one in the ninth to tie the game and another in the tenth for a 6-5 victory over Kean, who would end up alone in second with a 5-2 record. Suddenly, with two games left, the provincial title was looking like a possibility, but the Milton rink still had concerns.

"I was icing my leg and popping Advils before every game," Craig said. "We figured (the younger teams) would have a little more stamina than us," Gillard said. Instead it was the Milton rink that was continually coming through at the end. In its seven games, it outscored the opposition 24-5 in the final three ends. The big finishes helped seal the title in Saturday afternoon's final draw against Dan Cook, who could have created a three-way tie for first with a victory. "Getting prepared, we were all a little bit nervous but once we

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