

# AE atoms' bid for sweep falls short

*Hawks can eliminate Oakville on road tonight*

Tasting defeat for the first time in 11 games, Milton's additional entry atoms had their advancement to the OMHA semifinals put on hold Saturday night.

Facing all kinds of resistance from the desperate Oakville Rangers, the Winterhawks were denied a sweep in their best-of-five quarterfinals — losing 3-1 at Milton Sports Centre.

This marked their first loss of the playoffs.

With their backs to the wall, the Rangers delivered a formidable performance and notched the eventual game winner on a buzzer beater net crash deposit at the end of the second period.

Stuck in neutral through the early going, the hosts would fortify their forechecking and defence over the last two periods, but had trouble penetrating Oakville's blueline for most of the night.

Alex Cutrara was the lone marksman for Milton, scoring in the second period on a lengthy wide-angle wire. Assisting were Thomas Mastantuono and Alby Kerr.

Goalie Brayden Wesseling weathered an early storm, but left after the first period with an abdominal muscle pull. Tandem partner Jacob Brough

turned back 15 of 18 shots over the balance of the contest.

The Winterhawks had put their neighbouring rivals on the proverbial chopping block two nights earlier, winning 3-1 in Oakville.

Antony Lamontagne scored both the game winner and insurance marker, while Matt Kerr also lit the lamp.

Brough came up big on a couple of



penalty kills, while Cutrara also stood out, assisting on the last two goals.

Chipping in with single helpers were Scott Martini and Brandon Earl.

The AE atoms will look to close out the Rangers tonight in Oakville. If necessary, a fifth and deciding game will be played at Memorial Arena Sunday at 6 p.m.

# Revitalized AA bantams start Tri County playoffs with big victory

Building on a strong finish to their OMHA round-robin campaign, Milton's AA bantams kicked off Tri County playoff action on a high note Saturday.

Overcoming an early deficit and enjoying a fundamentally-sound performance, the Winterhawks knocked off the host Guelph Jr. Storm 5-2.

Milton's win was thanks in large part to a big finish to the second period, when Michael Bergman and Andrew Dodson both scored with under two minutes to play.

Setting up both markers was Sean Walter, who finished the night with three assists.

Bergman scored again in the third

to provide a little breathing room, while Brett Everson notched a big unassisted shorthanded goal in the second, moments before Guelph evened things up on the same power-play.

Jacob Quinn sank Milton's initial goal, with Ben Preisner and Scott Clarke drawing the other assists.

Backstopping the Winterhawks to their fourth straight victory was Nick Hoffman.

The AA bantams — who finished second in regular-season play with a 21-2-5 record — will look to keep their winning ways going tomorrow at Milton Sports Centre against Burlington. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

# Swim club enjoys tidy medal haul at regionals

Led by its boys this time around, the Milton Marlins Swim Team amassed 10 medals — three of the golden variety — at the recent Central Regional Championships at the Etobicoke Olympium.

Among those victories was a relay win for the 16-and-over boys medley foursome. Macrae Hewitt, Colm Whitford, John Swan and Colin Scarffe combined to prevail in the 200-metre race in 1:54.39.

Swan was also golden in individual competition, turning back all challengers in the 16-and-over boys 100m backstroke — clocking in at 1:01.45.

Jason Lacsamana topped the 200m backstroke field among his 13-year-old swimmers, hitting the wall at 2:27.33.

The Marlin boys accounted for the rest of the medal haul, with a dual silver lining for 14-year-old Martin Marinov. He placed second in both the 100 and 200m freestyle.

Also medaling in Etobicoke were Joseph DeVilla (2nd in 15-year-old 200m butterfly), Jack Whitford (2nd in 12-year-old 800m freestyle), Christian Arseneau (3rd in 14-year-old 400m individual medley) and Colin Scarffe (3rd in 16-and-over 50m freestyle) and the relay team of Whitford, Sawn, Scarffe and Christopher Leeder (2nd in 16-and-over 200m freestyle).

Overall, the Marlins delivered personal-best swims in about two-thirds of their races, while 10 club members enjoyed top-eight finishes.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this season, the club continues a hectic February with this weekend's Eastern Canadian Championships in London, followed by the Junior Provincial Championships in Ottawa February 24 to 27.



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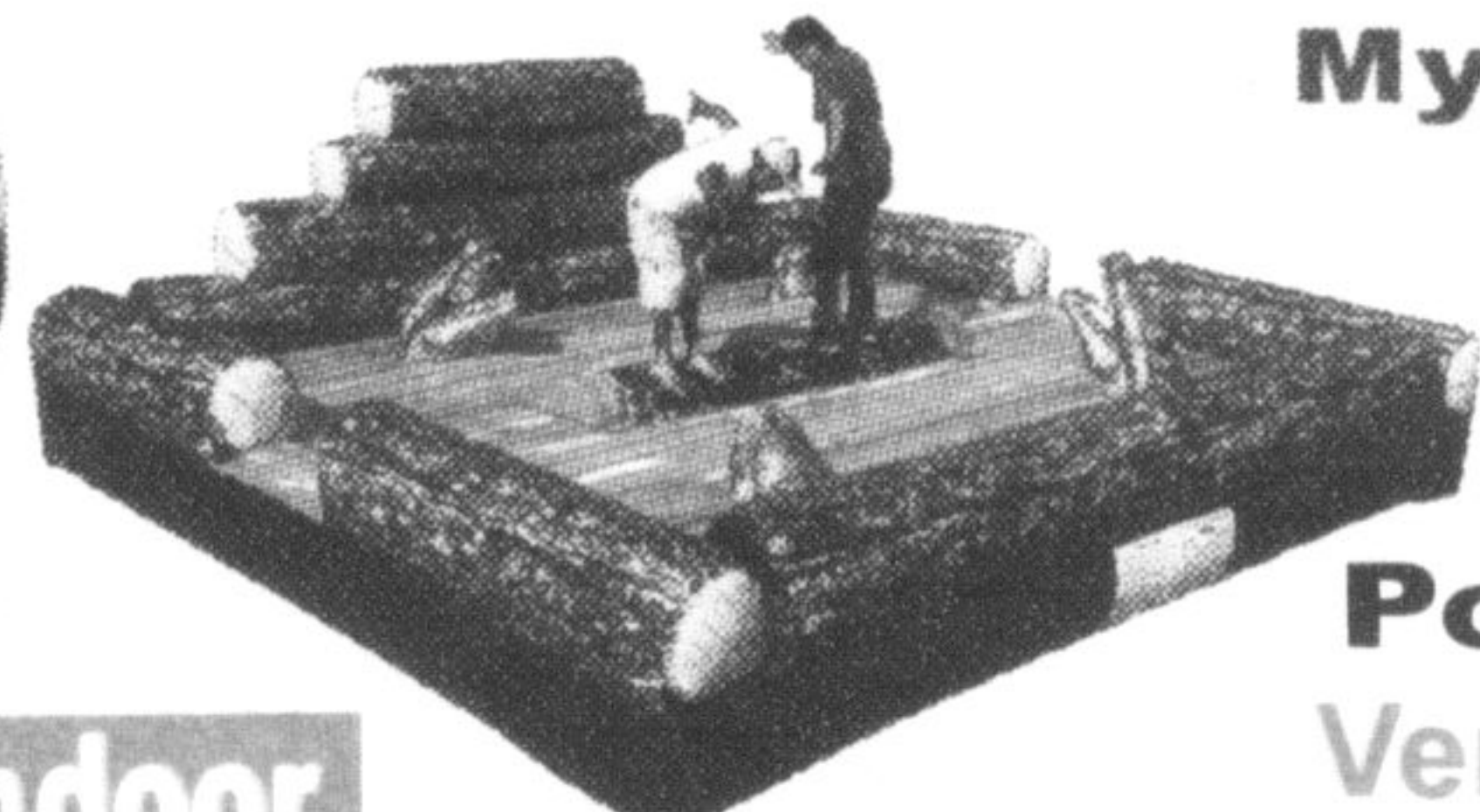
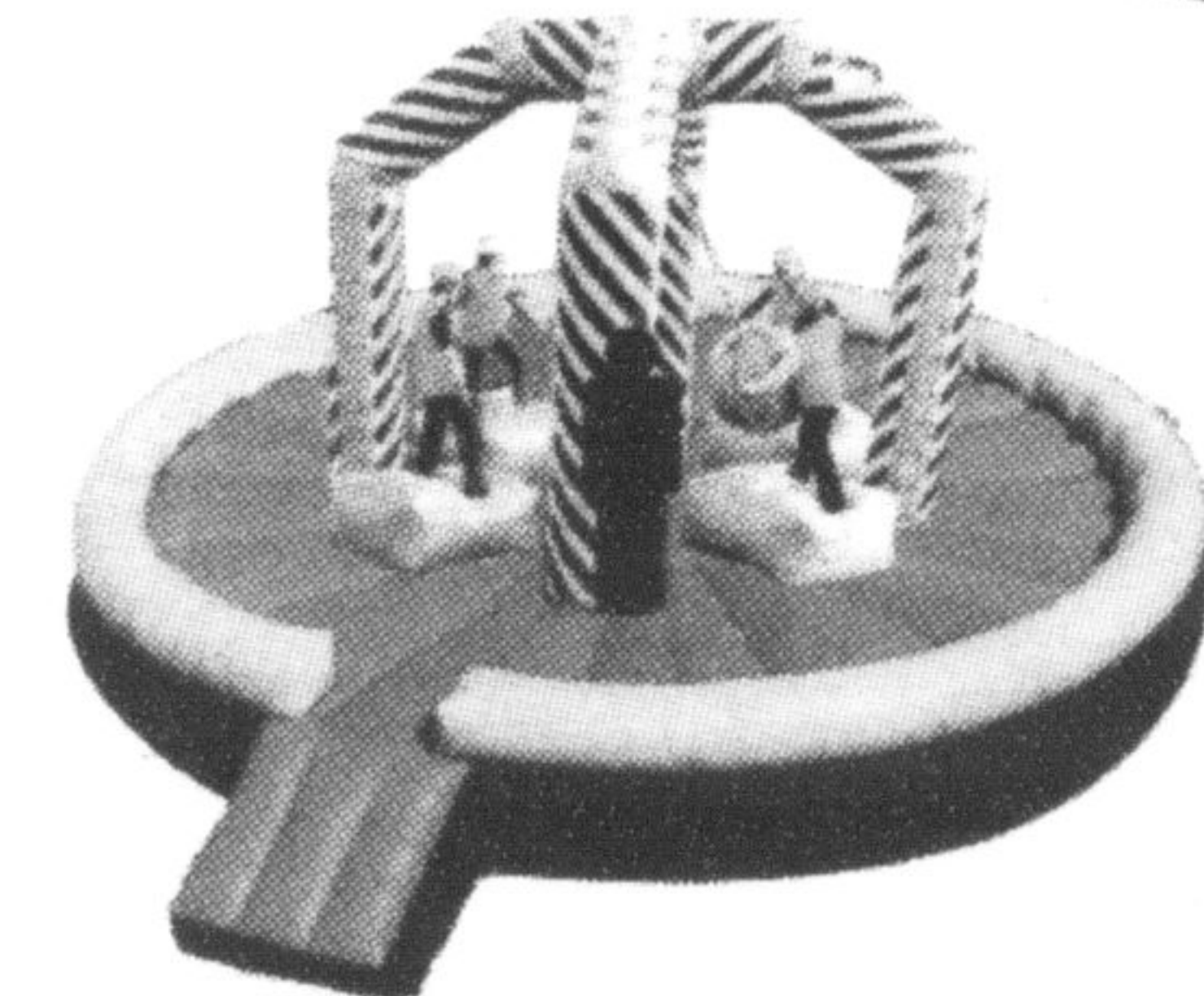
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