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Winners in the Calcutta are Noreen Hurren (lead), Dave Hughes (second), Steve Brancier (vice) and Ron Rowley (skip).

Curling Cues

with **CRAIG KERR**



It MIGHT BE HARD to believe that, with the crowds thronging the clubrooms last Saturday night, anyone would be ignorant of the results of the fabulous Calcutta spiel. In case anyone did miss it, we will give a little re-cap later in this piece.

But now—on to other matters. The action is starting to heat up in so many areas, it's indeed difficult to ensure we don't miss some event of significance. If this column is a bit of potpourri, it's because of that.

In the continuing saga of the Seagram's mixed event, some 25 or 30 spectators were treated to a great game Sunday afternoon when Bob Gould's rink defeated Brian Smith's crew to win the right to represent Milton in the cold, outside world.

The Gould team did it the hard way beating Smith twice on Sunday, thereby continuing the long standing argument as to whether it is better to come out of the 'A' or the 'B' side in these events. In any case, it was good curling and no one should be ashamed of their performance. We'll keep you posted on the progress of Bob's rink, hopefully until well into the late winter.

Another club championship rink was decided quietly this week when Morley took down the sign. Ron Tracey, Don Gibson, Leo Furlan and Reg Corp won the right to represent Milton in the men's seniors event by virtue of the fact they were the only ones to register.

We're not sure if that means there was no one else old enough to be eligible or whether this foursome simply scared the other competition away.

In any event, our best wishes go with the Geritol brigade.

Three teams have entered the men's championship Labatt's Tankard event. Rinks skipped by Ken Hannon, Ron Rowley and Jack Fraser will square off Dec. 12 (probably) with wrap-up games scheduled for Dec. 19 as necessary.

OCA schedules require this event to be completed by Dec. 21 so keep a close eye for firm scheduled dates for this one. Anyone interested in top-club curling and finding out how shots really should be called can't afford to miss this series of games.

The Masters and Colts competitions close as far as entries are concerned on Dec. 9. Late word from the bar has several rinks being formed quietly, although sign-up is being delayed apparently for psychological reasons. Look for some hard-hitting, tough, repeat contenders coming out in these ones.

Posters are up for the Halton-Peel Bonselpiel which goes January 9-16. Apparently, team formations are being impaired by the absence of club ratings—anyone in the head office get the message?

This bonselpiel is one where we traditionally field a large number of rinks and generally bring back a lot of silverware. New curlers who are interested in an outside spiel should note that 'one-pointers' are in big demand for this one, and you should make it known that you're available for the draft.

It's hard to find a spiel that offers more all-round enjoyment and variety in curling.



Skip Ron Rowley shows the form which led his rink to the spiel title Saturday.

I can't hold off the big story of the Calcutta any longer. I mentioned to a teammate I was 50 per cent correct in my predictions on this one and he allowed as that was only appropriate because that was how I'd curled in the spiel. A little lack of gratitude or something, I fear.

In any event, Ron Rowley's rink indeed did win the 'A' event in a close one over Bob McDonald's crew. Second event had Bill Gallinger's four-some drop Bob Armstrong while Steve Kindree's group did a number on Bob Gould's rink. Last event shouldn't be interesting, but the Rick Rowley-Paul Johnson contest was well worth watching. (Rick came out on top on this one).

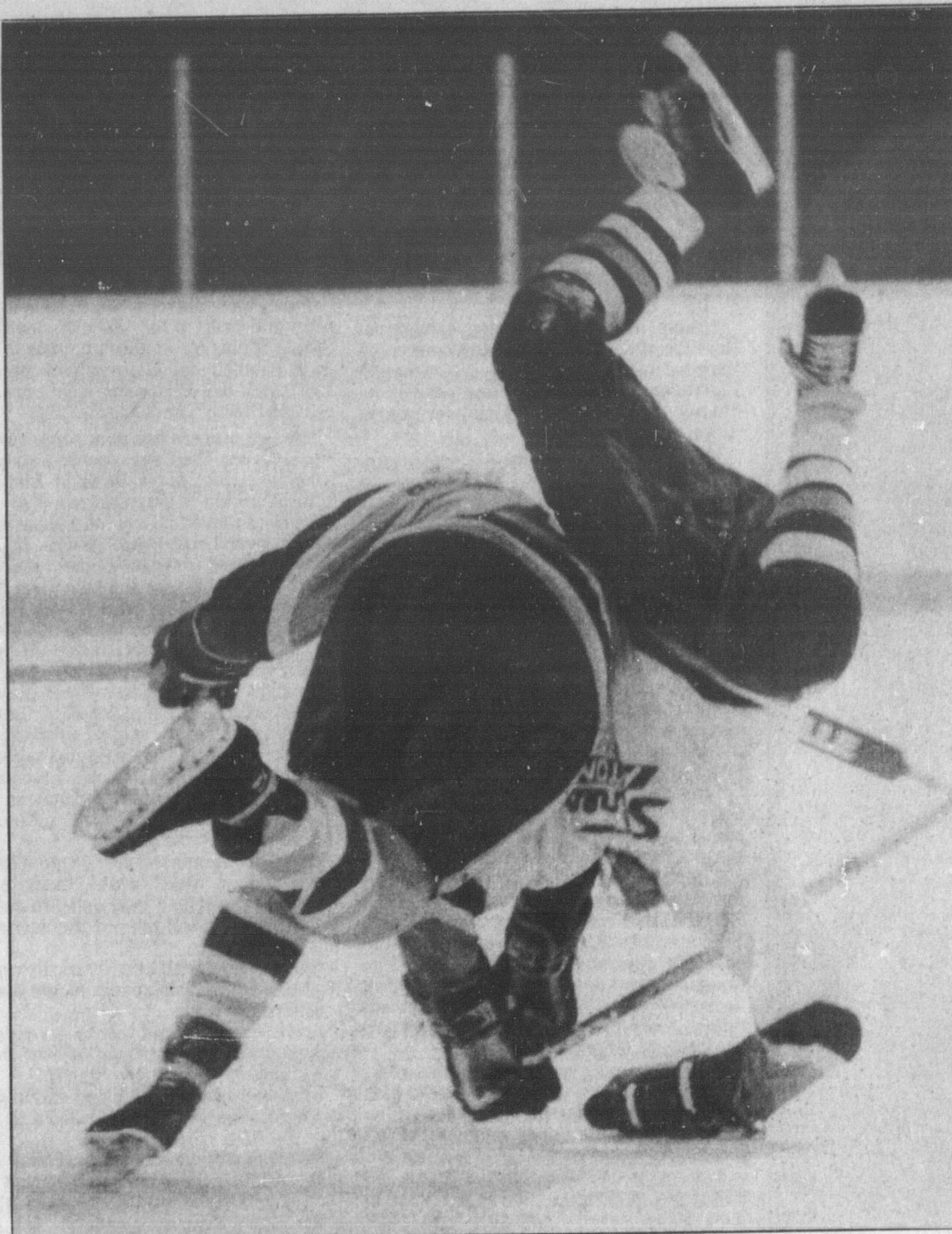
While thanks to all concerned have been expressed from every conceivable source, one group in particular must have special mention.

On Saturday night alone, there were 16 draws for high-quality prizes and this is only a portion of the total support offered by some 19 sponsors. Please read this list carefully as these concerns are real friends of the Milton Curling Club and deserve full appreciation for their quality support of this major event.

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Question of the week: When you're late getting to the club, and can only park at the side, and it's cold and snowy or raining, and you rush to get—why do you always have to go around to the back door?

P.S. To Mike Comba—Your suggestion was not ignored. Watch this space in the next couple of weeks.



Now that's a hit

An unidentified Milton Flyer (left) sends an Acton Sabre over on his head. It was Sabres who won, though, 8-6. Photo by Dave Dorkin.

Good competition coming for Wheelers in Silver Stick play

Having passed the midway point in the schedule with just a single defeat, Milton Fifth Wheel major bantams will discover just how good they are this weekend when they play in the International Silver Stick Regional playdowns at Owen Sound.

Fifth Wheelers have impressed their Tri-County rivals so far this year with excellent teamwork and all-around good play.

In the club's lone game last week, Wheelers and Brampton played to a 4-4 tie Sunday at Memorial Arena.

After tasting near-victory against Georgetown Saturday losing 1-0,

Learning their lesson peewees gain revenge

Bouncing back a pair of losses to Burlington last week, Miltonwe peewee Steamers battled back to take a hard-fought 3-1 win over Burlington Sunday at Memorial Arena.

Miltonwe learned a lesson in the first two games with Burlington and responded with some good positional play and strong skating leading to good basic hockey.

The teams played nearly two full periods before a goal was scored. Milton had the first honors when Tyler Koshurba fired a pass into the slot and

Brampton rallied twice from behind to gain the draw. The final Brampton goal was scored with just five minutes remaining in the game with two Wheelers in the penalty box.

Milton's goals were spread evenly among Perri Hood, Chris Austin, Tracy Harding and Paul Wilson with his 12th of the year. John Ferko and Hood led the assist-makers with two apiece while Mike Mangotich and Stephen Ralph had one each.

Ferko, in particular, put in a stellar performance with an aggressive effort which neutralized Brampton in its own zone on numerous occasions.

Justin Varga pounced on the puck before putting it into the net with just 50 seconds remaining.

Two minutes into the third period, Burlington's Jason Kennedy tied the score.

Remembering their leads in the previous games which disappeared into losses, Steamers held tough and regained the lead with 11:23 remaining. Brent Tasker scored the goal on a power play and then added an insurance goal with seven minutes to go on a breakaway.

Legion enjoys best week winning 4 straight games

Milton Legion major atoms had their best week of the season, winning four straight games in awesome fashion in a five-day stretch.

The successful week began Wednesday when the team travelled to Dundas, where they skated to a 4-0 decision.

Mark Harrison shut off the Milton net in spectacular fashion while teammates Kyle Hasselfeldt and Robbie Mifsud netted singles and Jason Blanchard knotted a pair of the win. Assists for the night went to Gregg Harris with two, Shawn Healey and Scott McLeod.

The following night, Streetsville was the host for the 'Legionnaires Disease' as Milton outscored the opposition 5-1. Although Streetsville had several scoring opportunities, David Michaluk supplied his usual fine performance in the Milton net, with only one shot squeezing by him.

Jason Blanchard skated his way to another two-goal performance while singles went to Healey, Danny Allan and Chris Sheppard. Assists were picked up by Richard Bray, Todd McLeod, Kevin Moffatt, Scott McLeod, Healey and Mark French.

The big game of the week and what turned out to be the sweetest gin of all, came Friday, when the team travelled

to Burlington to play their third game in as many nights. After losing 2-1 in their earlier meeting of the season, Legion was 'up' for this one, and playing their best 30 minutes of hockey this year, won it 2-0.

Although it was obvious team effort, the acrobatics of goaltender Harrison should be given special note as he made several saves that could only be labelled 'unbelievable.'

The game was a spectator's special with both teams showing fine exhibitions of skating and passing with constant end-to-end rushes. Milton netted their first goal with 1:19 left in the

first when Todd McLeod fired one in on a precision pass from brother Scott.

The second period was scoreless with close calls at both ends. In the third, with just 1:20 left, Healey did what he does best, as 'Mr. Magic', iced the game after a perfect set-up by Todd McLeod.

Coach Harry Wiwczaryk had little to say after the game as he was too busy smiling, consistent with the win. Comments overheard from the Burlington parents couldn't be printed in this publication.

After a one day rest, the major atoms hosted Flamboro Sunday. Using the combination of

goalending supplied by Michaluk, along with a total of 38 shots on the opposition net, the Legionnaires came away with a 10-0 win. Scott McLeod three for the 'hat-trick', with Healey, French and Bray fashioning a pair each. Todd McLeod added a single to round out the scoring.

Although the game was a lopsided affair, it was important in that it showed a definite consistency in the club's intensity and desire to win, which will be an asset in the upcoming International Silver Stick regional playdowns at Owen Sound and the remainder of the schedule leading up to the playoffs.

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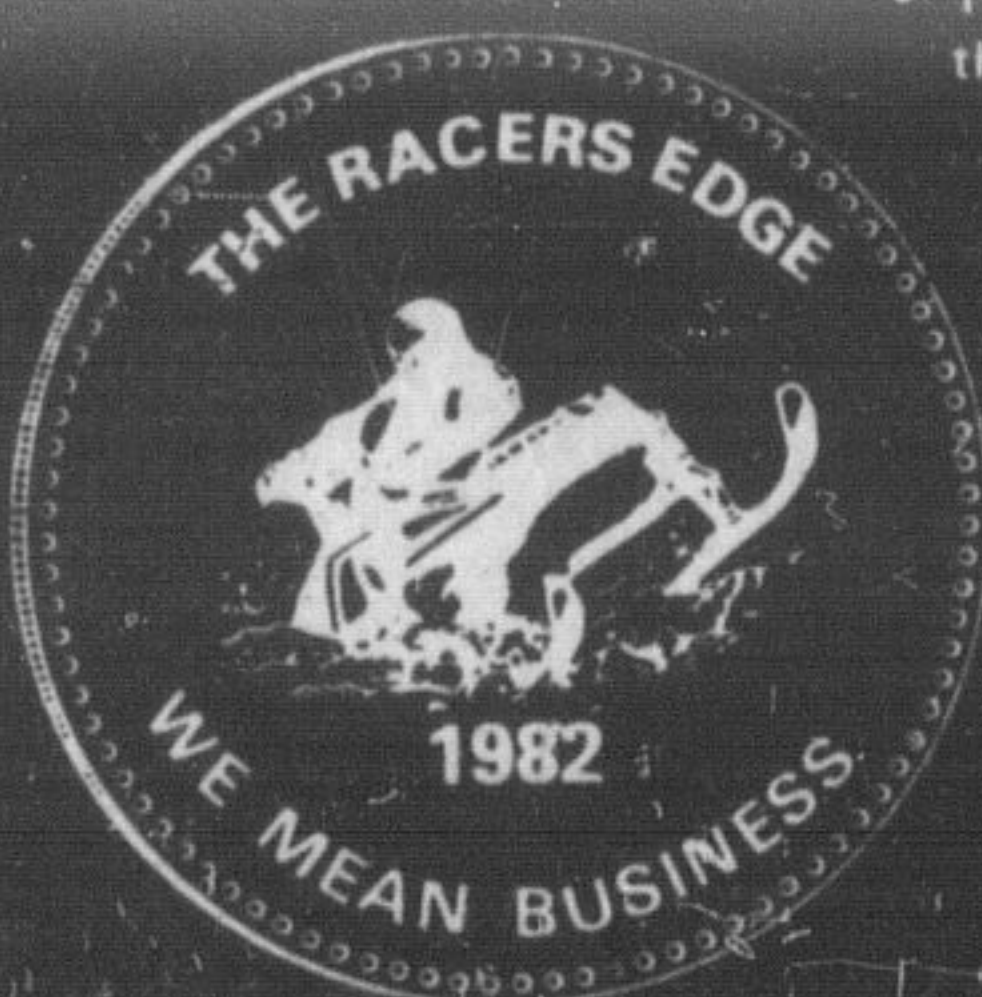
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