



Peeking over their shoulders are Harry Rowlands (left) of Straight Line Fence and John Dent (right) of Lou's Place Hawks in MIHL action Sunday. The Fencers won 4-2 to take second place overall and face The Edge in what promises to be a low scoring affair.

Fencers move to second

Strong defensive play aids Straight Line

Certainly the surprise team thus far in the Milton Industrial Hockey League is Straight Line Fence.

Taking a proven coaching tandem of Bert Bertoli and Al Jones, and combining that with many new players, Straight Liners have surprised a few people, including themselves, in taking over second place in the league.

Among those pleased but cautious with the club's performance is Jones. A former centreman with Firefighters, Jones retired this year and was induced back into the coaching ranks by Straight Line owner Rick Rivett.

"When we drafted the team," said Jones, "we were looking at fifth spot. We're a little bit surprised about how well we're doing."

Last year, Straight Line jumped out of the starting gate with a vengeance before slumping over the latter half of the year to finish fourth. The club was put out in the first round of the playoffs by Halton Hogs.

The key to the club is its overall defensive play. Despite a record of two points over 500, Fencers have the lowest goals-against average. With netminders Ed House and Craig Jubb dependable in the nets, Straight Line has kept the score close in every contest of the young season.

Another key to the club appears to be the coaching pair of Bertoli and Jones. The tandem has coached Tri-County rep hockey in town for several years. In addition, Jones has coached the team from Air Canada for a couple of years.

With both considering retiring this year, it seemed only a natural to have the pair resume their partnership. Bertoli works on the defence while Jones handles the offence.

While defence is the club's strength, it's a little shy on offence. "We're not going to blow anybody away," explains Jones, "but we guarantee all games will be close."

The offence centres around Harry Rowlands, Ian Wanless and Ralph Serafini.

Two other players were signed later from the draft after the club learned a couple of players wouldn't be able to play. That enabled the team to pick up Mike Ford and Bill Chapman who were both released from The Racer's Edge.

The two players can gain some revenge Sunday when The Edge, now on a six-game winning string, plays Straight Line at 7 p.m. at Milton Sports Centre.

Fencers moved into second place with a 4-2 win over Lou's Place Hawks. In other games, Milton Chrysler-Dodge received a much-needed tune-up and beat John Burns Stable 4-3 while The Edge struck for five unanswered goals in the third period for an 8-3 win over the shortstuffed Miltonwe Realty Majors.

Straight Line and Lou's Place played a contest which was restricted to the blue lines for much of the match. Straight Line scored single goals in the first two periods and then after allowing Lou's Place to tie the score in the third period, bounced back to win the game with two goals in the final five minutes of the contest.

Harry Rowlands led the charge with two goals and an assist while linemate Ian Wanless picked up a goal and two assists. Ralph Serafini had opened the scoring in the first period.

Calvin Snow and Lou D'Orazio replied for Lou's Place which again fought back in the third period.

Steve Wilson scored with 54 seconds left in the game to give Milton Chrysler-Dodge a 4-3 victory over Burns Stable.

After the teams exchanged single goals in the first period, Burns carried a 2-1 lead into the final frame.

Pat Haggart scored a power-play goal three minutes into the third period and then a minute later Chrysler went ahead when Perry Caputo scored.

Ron Armstrong got that back five minutes later when he scored from Derek Griffiths and Dave Marshall before Wilson pulled out the victory with his last-minute tally. Peter Rota also scored for Chrysler while Jay Norland and Marshall tallied for Burns.

The Edge and Miltonwe locked up in a close game until the third period when Racer's erupted for five goals in nine minutes for its sixth consecutive victory.

Miltonwe led 1-0 after one period when Marty Seeds scored an unassisted tally with a minute left in the frame.

The Edge scored three straight goals in the second period before Miltonwe replied with a single tally by Blake Smiley with just three seconds left in the frame to narrow the gap to 3-2.

John Volpe pulled the teams even when he scored in the first minute of the third period before The Edge rallied again to earn the victory.

Richard Murray and Lester Wilson scored two apiece for The Edge while Bruce Bousfield, Al Fritzeley, Larry Scott and Eric Ellison added singles. Tom Chuchmach, Ellison and Scott had two assists apiece.

Notes: The MIHL executive permitted a trade for a draft choice last week when Straight Line dealt Roger Delnin to Chrysler Dodge for a second-round 1982 draft pick. The executive broke with tradition in granting the trade noting it was for the best interests of all concerned.

The decision moved the executive to grant trades for draft picks providing the player involved has played two full MIHL seasons and is playing his third.

In another league decision, the executive allowed Miltonwe Majors to add goalie Glen Amis to its roster if the team desired. The club had one card available. Amis, the team's main goalie for the past few years, broke his arm before the start of the season.

The crowds are dwindling at Milton Sports Centre for the games and most are at a loss to explain the reason.

Sports scoreboard

MILTON INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE						
	G	W	L	T	F	A
The Racer's Edge	6	6	0	0	40	16
Straight Line Fence	6	4	2	0	21	14
John Burns Stable	6	3	3	0	19	20
Lou's Place Hawks	6	2	3	1	20	23
Chrysler-Dodge	6	1	4	1	19	32
Miltonwe Majors	6	0	4	2	14	28

Last Week's Results
S.L. Fence 4, Lou's Place 2
Chrysler-Dodge 4, JB Stable 3
Racer's Edge 8, Miltonwe 3

Future Games
Sunday—Straight Line Fence vs The Racer's Edge 7 p.m.; Lou's Place Hawks vs John Burns Stable 8:20 p.m.; Miltonwe Majors vs Milton Chrysler-Dodge 9:40 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE B LEAGUE						
	G	W	L	T	F	P
Rockton McCoy's	12	11	1	0	22	
Dunnville Mudcats	12	9	3	0	18	
Delhi Leafs	11	8	3	0	16	
St. Mary's Flyers	13	8	5	0	16	
Tilsonburg Maroons	12	7	5	0	14	
Dorchester Dolphins	9	6	3	1	13	
Milton Aeros	14	6	7	1	13	
Paris 29ers	12	5	7	0	10	
Ingersoll Merchants	13	4	9	0	8	
Port Dover Lakers	10	2	8	0	4	
Aylmer Blues	10	2	8	0	4	
Smithville 721s	13	2	11	0	2	

Last Week's Results
Milton 8, Smithville 3
Milton 6, Dunnville 2
Milton 9, Port Dover 5
Delhi score here

Aeros Future Games
Last night—Dunnville at Milton.
Friday—Rockton at Milton at Milton Sports Centre.
Tuesday—Paris at Milton.

The following is this week's schedule of Tri-County play at Memorial Arena. Dates and times are subject to last-minute change.

Thursday—Milton Legion major atoms vs Brampton 7 p.m.

Saturday—Milton Docs & Dents minor atoms vs Streetsville 4 p.m.; Miltonwe Realty midgets vs Burlington 5:15 p.m.; Milton Optimists minor peewees vs Streetsville 6:30 p.m.

Sunday—Milton novice Sockets vs Ching-uacousy 1 p.m.; Milton Docs & Dents minor atoms vs Georgetown 2 p.m.; Milton Banvil Blades minor bantams vs Burlington 3:15 p.m.; Milton Wilson's Auctioneers juveniles vs Dundas 4:45 p.m.; Miltonwe Realty novice vs Brampton 6 p.m.; Miltonwe Realty atoms vs Brampton 7 p.m.; Miltonwe Realty bantams vs Georgetown 8 p.m.

Monday—Milton Fifth Wheel major bantams vs Streetsville, 7 p.m.; Milton Dufferin Aggregates minor midgets vs Dundas 8:10 p.m.; Milton Canadian Tire Comets vs Streetsville 9:30 p.m.

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T-Birds keep battling

The battling Milton Trafalgar Motors major peewees lived up to their nickname over the weekend in a pair of tough games winning one and losing one.

T-Birds dropped the weekend opener by a 4-3 margin to Streetsville Saturday at Streetsville before holding on for a 5-3 win over Brampton Sunday afternoon at Memorial Arena.

T-Birds jumped into a 3-1 lead after two periods at Streetsville before the home side scored three unanswered tallies in the final frame including the tying and winning goal in a 33-second span.

Milton's Robbie Wilson opened the scoring midway through the first period with a goal from Doug Drennan. Two minutes later, Streetsville scored the equalizer and then with two seconds remaining T-Birds' Stuart Thorne scored an unassisted goal to give T-Birds a 2-1 lead.

The teams played through the second period in scoreless fashion until Geoff Pollen gave T-Birds a two-goal cushion with just 53 seconds left in the frame.

It took Streetsville half the period to notch its second goal of the game and then in a stretch of two minutes and 46 seconds had scored all three to win the game.

In Sunday's game with Brampton, T-Birds' Scott Hilson fired two goals within 47 seconds midway through the middle frame to offset an earlier Brampton marker and give T-Birds a one-goal lead.

In the second period, Brampton capitalized on some shoddy defensive play in the Milton zone to score the tying goal. Moments later, David Dillon put T-Birds

back on top with a blistering slapshot from just outside the face-off circle and then Robbie Wilson made it 4-2 with a score just before the period ended.

The teams traded goals in the third period with Scott Ellwood scoring for Milton on a pretty play from Pat Butler

Sockets on top for the first time

Milton novice Sockets earned their first victory of the Tri-County season with a well deserved 4-2 victory over Flamboro Sunday at Flamboro.

From the opening face-off, Sockets showed their determined play registering four shots on the Flamboro goal within the first 90 seconds of play.

After Flamboro had temporarily recovered from the onslaught, Sockets re-applied pressure which resulted in Milton's first goal with 3:33 left in the opening period. Defenceman David McDuffe positioned himself just inside the Flamboro blue line and fired a low hard shot which ricocheted off the far post into the net.

About a minute later, Flamboro went on the power play but some good hustle by Sockets didn't allow Flamboro to capitalize on the situation.

The second period featured numerous end-to-end plays with Ryan Peddie showing great form in goal for Milton.

and Thorne. Other assists in the game went to Drennan with two, Rob Wilson and Wayne Rivers.

T-Birds travel to Owen Sound this weekend to participate in the International Silver Stick Regional qualifying tournament.

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