

Burlington best; not by much

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Milton's AA novice Sockets in their eight-team loop.

P.L. Robertson novice Sockets had a hectic schedule last week, playing three games in four days. They won one and tied two, and they could have sewn up top spot Monday night with a win over second-place Georgetown (results not available at press time).

In other recent action, Sockets shut out Flamboro 4-0 Feb. 9.

Sockets beat Brampton 6-2, tied Orangeville at three and battled to a 3-3 stalemate with a much improved Oakville side Sunday at Memorial Arena.

Shayne Ferrier and Ryan Haydar had a pair each for Milton in Brampton Saturday. Scott Bertoli and Jeff Haydar scored the other Milton goals.

It was a brother-to-brother act for Milton's first goal as Jeff scored from brother Ryan. Ryan Haydar made it 2-0 in the second unassisted. Bertoli, a defenceman, scored Sockets' third goal with a hard shot from the point. Ferrier added two more in the third and Haydar got his second to end Milton's scoring.

Sunday the improving Oakville team played heads-up hockey, jumping to a 2-0 lead in the first period.

Milton retaliated in the second, with Ryan Haydar scoring from Bertoli and Derek Hunter. But Oakville came back to put Milton on the ropes again, scoring less than a minute later.

Sockets rallied to tie the game in the final frame, as Ferrier and Ryan Haydar scored. Kyle Martin and Pat McDonald collected assists on Ferrier's goal and Jeff Haydar and Scott Guthrie helped out on Ryan Haydar's tying marker.

Ryan Haydar earned a hat trick with a goal a period against Flamboro. Martin scored the other Milton goal.

Haydar planted his first high in the right corner of the net, assisted by Kevin Boyle. Paul MacDonald assisted on Haydar's second, as Haydar picked the lower right hand corner of the net. Brother Jeff put a pass square on Ryan's stick for his third goal. Pat McDonald assisted on Martin's goal.

Close counts in this one

Close counts in horse shoes and hand grenades, they say, but when a house-league roster team holds a rep squad to a single goal, then close is nothing to be ashamed of either.

That's what Milton's Tim Horton Donuts major atom roster team did against Streetsville's A rep team recently.

Streetsville beat Milton 1-0 on a penalty shot goal in the second period in a match that saw both Milton goalie Jeff Stoddart and his Streetsville counterpart turn in outstanding performances.

Tim Horton Donuts pressed Streetsville early and often but they couldn't put the puck in the net. Milton's defence, led by Mike Glidden, Steve Swainson, Donny Smulders and Chris Morrison, thwarted Streetsville's playmaking attempts in the Milton zone. As well, Milton's Craig Lahey and Ryan McLean did yeomen work, killing six penalties.

Milton almost knotted the score with a short-handed goal late in the game.

Peewee selects split

Brad Pierrepoint and Corey Howat had a pair of goals each as Milton's minor peewee selects pummeled Burlington 8-1. But in their other recent game Milton learned a hard hockey rule: You can outshoot them, you can outplay them, but you can't win if you don't outscore them.

Milton outshot Acton's A rep team 24-4 and had a well-earned 2-1 lead going into the third period, but Acton scored three times to gain the win.

Milton goalie Jay Hutton had a shutout going until the last second of the Burlington game, when Kyle Robertson scored from a scramble. Ivano Petrelli, Derek Morley, Kristian Curran and Craig Batstone scored Milton's other goals. Petrelli had a three-point day, also providing two assists. Chris Hulme had two assists.

Kevin O'Donnell and Petrelli scored for Milton against Acton. John McLean had a pair for Acton while Jason Piper and Michael Thompson added singles.

Sounders are sharper at tournament

Tournaments prior to playoffs serve as a yardstick of preparedness, and right now Milton's Colour, and Sound A rep peewees seem more prepared than they have been all year.

Sounders will take part in their league hockey playoffs later in the month and they got a shot in the arm at the recent Stayner tournament as they advanced to the consolation finals.

Milton lost their opening game of the tournament 5-4 to Ajax, but beat Kitchener 3-2 in game two. In the consolation Sounders lost to Pickering 5-2. But Milton played some of their best and most hard-nosed hockey of the year at the tournament, and appear ready for the Tri-County playoffs.

Mike Macintosh scored two goals for Milton against Ajax, while John Finley and Danny Beamish chipped in with one apiece. Saturday Macintosh did a repeat performance, scoring twice. David Haggerty added Milton's other marker.

Milton put up a tough fight against Pickering for the trophy. Macintosh and Paul Carlos had a goal each for Sounders.

Burlington is best but not by much

The best team may have won, but they weren't sure they were the best team until the last minutes of the last game.

Burlington bounced Milton's Diet Centre atom A hockey reps out of provincial playoff contention Feb. 10 in the fifth game of a five-game series. Milton had rallied to close the margin to within a goal twice but Burlington pulled away by two and added an empty-net marker late in the last period to take the series.

Burlington had doubled Milton 8-4 and decisively outplayed them the previous night at Memorial Arena. In a dramatic seesaw battle, Diet Centre shaded Burlington 6-5 Feb. 7 in overtime. Burlington beat Milton 3-1 in the previous game and Milton doubled Burlington 4-2 in the series opener.

The third game, which started slowly and built to a frantic pace, illustrated best how closely matched the two teams were. And what a sharpshooter Bill Gillies can be.

Milton came out flat and Burlington drew first blood, but Duane Swift scored from Ian Hull to tie the score. The score stayed knotted until four minutes into the third period, when Burlington nudged into the lead. But Swift came back to tie it at two, assisted by Gillies and Hull. Burlington took the lead again with less than four minutes remaining in regulation time.

Then Milton got a power-play opportunity and made good use of it, pulling the goalie to mount a six-man attack. Gillies scored to knot it at three with 45 seconds remaining. Two more goals were scored before the buzzer.

Burlington scored with 12 seconds remaining, on a long high shot from the blue line. Milton pulled their goalie again, and Gillies carried the puck into the opposing zone and fired. His shot was stopped, but David Jelley scooped the rebound and pounded it home to tie the game at four with five seconds remaining.

Gillies came through again in overtime, scoring both Milton markers. Milton's 6-4 lead held up until the last minute when Burlington scored from a six-man attack. Diet Centre goalie Jason Way turned back 37 shots.

Burlington built a 2-0 lead by the third period of the final game. Gillies narrowed the margin to one goal, but Burlington scored again to make it 3-1. Duane Swift put Milton back in the game with Diet Centre's second goal, but it was unfortunately also their last one. Burlington came right back to make it 4-2 and then scored the late empty-net goal.

Double the shots on net meant double the score as Burlington beat Milton 8-4 in game four. Burlington led 5-1 going into the final frame but Brad Chesla slammed in three goals to put Milton squarely back in the picture. Burlington scored three goals in the last half of the final frame to cement the win. Swift had Milton's other goal while Gillies, Andrea

Devito and Scott Doohar each had a pair of assists.

In game one, Milton overcame a 2-0 lead to win 4-2. Chesla and Gillies put Milton on an even footing, then Jelley got the go-ahead goal in the second period. Gillies got the insurance goal with three minutes remaining in the game.

Burlington built a 3-0 lead going into the third period in game two, and Fred Van Zutphen was the only Milton player who could make a dent in their lead. Milton pressed in the third but Burlington's defence held tough, allowing only the one goal.

Remax AA bantams get even with G'town

What happens when you don't have your coach and one of your better players is injured for the second game of a series in which you're already down two points?

You win, of course. And while the odds were stacked against Milton's Remax AA minor bantams winning Saturday night at Memorial Arena by the circumstances outlined above, they did win to even their Tri-County final elimination hockey series with Georgetown at a game apiece.

Milton overcame an early deficit to score four unanswered goals and earn a 4-1 win. Remax coach Frank Hardy was sidelined after being ejected in the opening contest for questioning a minor penalty call (too vociferously, in the official's mind) and forward Steve Schaffer was nursing a shoulder injury.

Georgetown had shut out Milton 4-0 in the series opener at Gordon Alcott Arena Thursday night. But Saturday Milton assistant coach Dave Dermo, understandably nervous prior to the game, took over total control for the first time and guided Milton to their first win over Georgetown this season.

Georgetown opened the scoring in the final seconds of the opening period, taking the lead with a rebound counter.

Milton's strong forechecking and Mark Harrison's big saves stated to pay dividends in the second stanza as Milton held the visitors in check for the balance of the game. Milton's offence, AWOL in the first contest, clicked into overdrive.

Todd McLeod scored two Milton goals, getting his first to make it 1-1 when he drove home a backhander

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