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## Scannell, Morgan are getting out

Grant Turner is willing to go it alone if he has to. And he may have to.

Both Howie Scannell and John Morgan have announced their intentions to divest themselves of the Milton Jr. B Steamers, a hockey team in which each owns a 25 per cent share. When they have covered their share of this year's anticipated losses, both Morgan and Scannell will formally withdraw from financial participation in the club. That will leave Turner and co-owner Mark Grenier, perhaps, holding the bag.

Grenier returned from Florida Monday and was apparently undecided about whether or not he would stay.

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Milton's attendance dwindled as the team wallowed in last place throughout most of last season, failing to make first-round playoffs.

In the Central Jr. B loop eight of nine teams make the playoffs, for financial as much as competitive reasons. Without first-round playoff gate receipts, a club is all but guaranteed to lose money, while the league rule of thumb is that one round means breaking even and two rounds mean profit.

Scannell said he will get out as soon as he ties up his loose ends with the club, taking care of the annual banquet, paying his share of the bills and working out a transfer of ownership stay.

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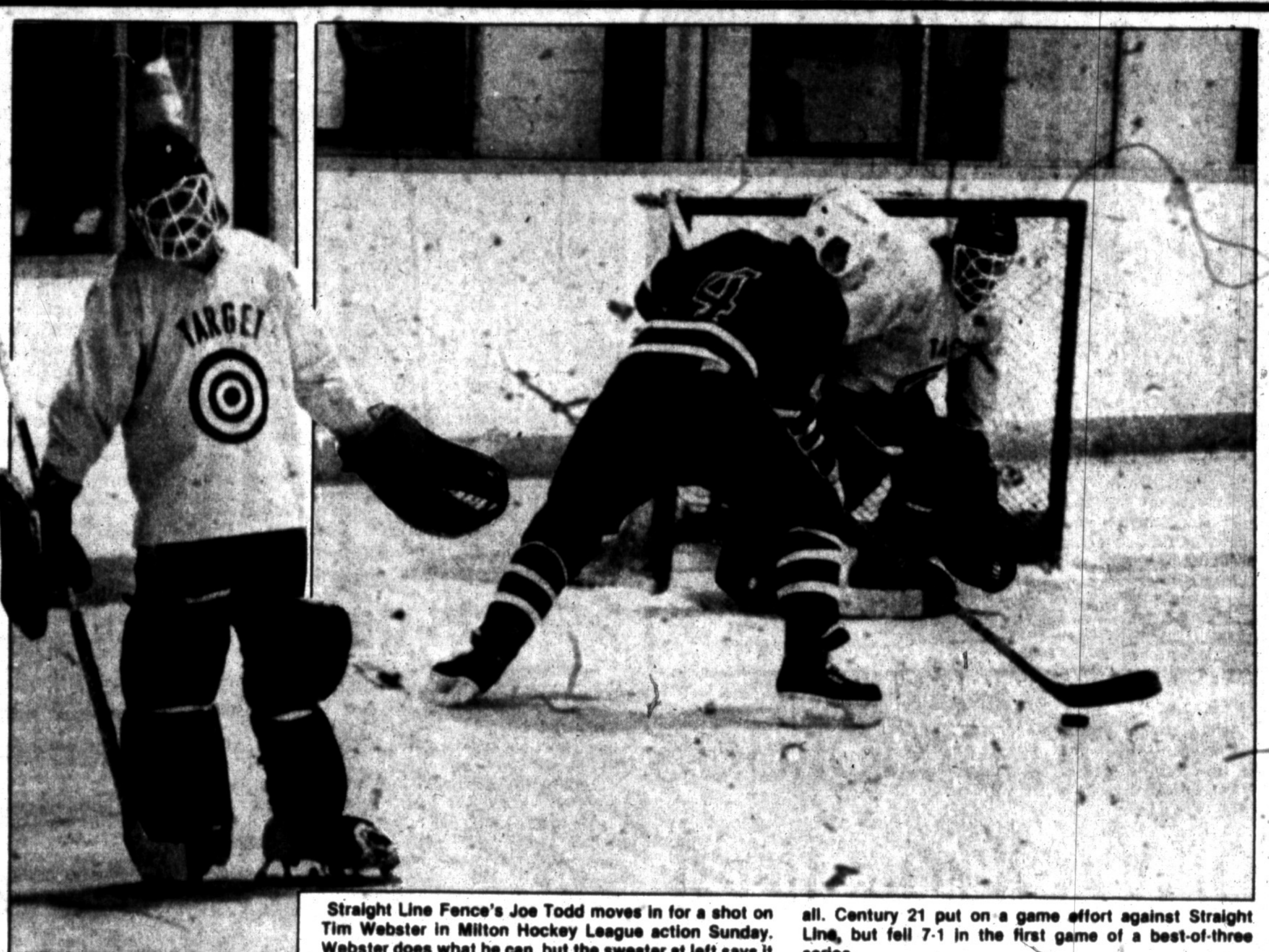
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Straight Line Fence's Joe Todd moves in for a shot on Tim Webster in Milton Hockey League action Sunday. Webster does what he can, but the sweater at left says it all. Century 21 put on a game effort against Straight Line, but fell 7-1 in the first game of a best-of-three series.

In MHL semi-finals

## Game but over-matched C21, D & D fall in openers

The snow may be melting, the sap may be running and the score was definitely 5-1, but Dale Hadden isn't conceding anything.

"We're not ready to shine our golf clubs yet," the coach of D&D Aluminum said.

His team had just dropped its first Milton Hockey League playoff game to Racer's Edge. Each team had taken 13 minor penalties. Fifth-place D&D had held Racer's Edge, the third-place finisher, to a goal in each of the first two periods of a rough hockey game.

"We were expecting a little bit easier time," admitted Racer goalie Mike Shepherd. "They really came to play tonight. Just at the last we got a few quick goals but they were never out of it."

Shepherd elaborated on the change he had seen in D&D.

"You've got to play hard. You've got to show up to play against these guys now. It's not like years gone by."

Which is true. D&D finished the regular season with 11 points as opposed to three last year and they lost some close games. Privately, members of the club will concede that they are two or three players short of contending for the league title. And they know they face an uphill battle against Racer's. But as one player said Sunday night, "it would be nice to take one game," and if Racer's lapse at all D&D could well do that.

George Trencs scored twice for the winners while Rick Chapman, Ken Russell and Bruce Bousfield got the other goals for the winners. Dan Tielemans scored for D&D,

early in the third period.

Chapman opened the scoring for the Edge in the first with a power-play goal. Russell scored the Racer's second-period marker and Trencs got the first of his pair on a power play. Tielemans replied but Trencs popped his second unassisted goal and Bousfield finished off the scoring at 5:29.

Ralph Serafini and Earl Sheppard scored a pair apiece as Straight Line Fence drove to a 7-1 victory over Century 21 Real Estate in the other playoff contest.

Century 21 goaltender Tim Webster, one of the prime candidates for most sportsmanlike player in the league, endured the onslaught the same way he had endured it all year. He smiled, shrugged, hammed it up a bit and came

up with as many saves as he could under the circumstances.

Century 21, the last-place finishers, ran on adrenalin through most of the contest, taking it to Straight Line when the opportunities occurred. But they lack the sharp shooting and the sharp passing necessary to win playoff games. And they don't have a coach.

Mark Whitten and John Loeprich (unassisted) scored for Straight Line in the opening period. Serafini and Sheppard scored in the second. Bruce Allworth, Serafini and Sheppard scored in the third. Tim Smeiko broke it up for Century 21 early in the third period. Playoff action resumes Sunday at John Tonelli Sports Centre. Games start at 8 p.m.

In rep A hockey

## Remax on to final ko's Orangeville

The Tri-County hockey season is over for Orangeville, courtesy of Milton's Remax A bantam reps. Milton bumped Orangeville out Friday in Orangeville with a 4-3 victory. But it wasn't easy.

Milton had to come from behind after Orangeville mounted a 2-0 lead. Following a rally, Jeff Closs scored a tip-in from the side of the net to win the series.

Milton now awaits a Tri-County final series partner, either Ancaster or Burlington.

Scott Melee started Milton on the comeback trail Friday when he broke in alone and drove the puck between the goalie's legs. Orangeville came back to make it 3-1.

But then Milton sharpshooter Andrew Champagne got into the act, scoring with a hard slapshot. Closs set up Jan Spagnuolo for the tying goal of the game. Closs scored the winner to top off a crisp passing play. Nick Van Zutphen fired a pass in from the point, and Spagnuolo fed

Closs for the last goal of the series.

In other recent action, Remax advanced to the consolation final of a tournament in Pelham before being ousted of the weekend.

Cambridge turned the tables on Milton in the consolation final, coming from behind to defeat Milton after Remax got into penalty trouble.

Milton forged a 3-1 lead by 9:45 remaining of the second period but Remax took nine minors in the latter part of the second and third periods. Cambridge took advantage, scoring five goals to win 4-1.

Scott Charlton, Mike Brooks, Mike Maltby and Spagnuolo scored the Milton goals.

In the other two games, Milton lost 4-1 to Merritton and beat Pickering 7-1.

Melee scored the only Milton goal against Merritton. Mike Brooks earned a hat trick, while Melee and Sean Riley had two each against Pickering. Remax goalie Brent Currie was chosen the game's most valuable player.

Could gain home ice edge

## Sockets sew up 1st in robin

If they look like a line of cats that swallowed canaries, well they deserve to look that way.

Only four games into Tri-County round-robin hockey playoffs, the Milton novice AA rep team is assured a berth in the championship. They will face the team that finishes on top in the other Tri-County pool. Milton has two games remaining, but they

have won their first four contests handily. Last week they shut out Burlington 3-0 and clinched a championship berth by beating Stoney Creek 5-2 Sunday.

Milton will face the winner of the Georgetown-Dundas-Oakville series.

While Sunday's game assured Milton of a berth in the final round, wins in their next two games would

give Milton the home-ice advantage for the championship.

Team captain Ryan Haydar scored twice to lead Milton to victory over Stoney Creek. He opened the scoring in the first period unassisted. The Creek quickly came back to tie the game but Milton answered with a pair in the second stanza. Carlo Devito and Jeff Haydar scored.

Creek rallied to make things interesting, closing to within a goal. But Milton, well aware what was on the line, added two insurance goals. Jason McCall slammed in Milton's fourth goal, assisted by Kyle Martio and Shayne Ferrier. Derek Hunter finished Stoney Creek off on a pretty goal from Devito and Kevin Boyle.

Blueliners Kevin Nascimben and Boyle played heads-up hockey.

Following a scoreless first period, Jeff Haydar got Sockets on track. He dug the puck out of the corner and went in to score unassisted. Two minutes later Ferrier found the net, assisted by McCall and Martin. Ryan Haydar rounded out the Milton scoring, assisted by Scott Guthrie and Jeff Haydar.

Danny Luoma and Steven Hunter provided strong shutout goaltending for Milton.

In other recent action, Sockets won the consolation championship tournament in Markham, beating Mississauga Aeros 2-0. Milton also defeated Unionville 4-3. Sockets lost their opener 1-0 to Oshawa.

Milton built a big 3-0 lead against Unionville in the first period but Unionville came back to knot the score in the third. But with two minutes remaining Ryan Haydar scored the game winner, assisted by Guthrie and Nascimben. McCall opened the scoring for Milton. Ryan Haydar and Ardon McIntosh scored Milton's other goals. McIntosh scored unassisted, stealing the puck from a Unionville defender to plant a backhand in a top corner.

Nascimben set up McCall for what turned out to be the winning goal against Mississauga. Mississauga pulled their goalie late in the game only to have Martin score with one second remaining. Hunter and Luoma shared the shutout.

Milton plays a round-robin contest tonight (Wednesday) against Stoney Creek at Memorial Arena at 7 p.m. Saturday Sockets host to Burlington.

## Phantoms cinch first place

With just one week left in the New Mechanical Engineering indoor soccer league schedule, Realty World Phantoms clinched first-place honours by edging Otto's Chemical Lounge 1-0 on Sunday.

For the second week in a row, Al Murphy helped prove that not always does the best team win. Last week he had a lucky winning goal. This week was a different story.

Because of the stakes involved, all the players were up for the game. Phantoms needed only a single point to become league champions but Otto's, in second place, had to win to maintain a slim chance of overhauling the Phantoms.

The fact that Otto's regular netminder Tony Brynkus wasn't in goal when the game started didn't faze them in the early stages. Liam Johnston looked reasonably comfortable in goal.

After the first five minutes had produced little worry to either goalie, Otto's almost scored. Neil Adamson read Tom Febers' mind and intercepted his back pass, but netminder Sandy McLaughlin managed to deflect Adamson's shot away. Phantoms retaliated from the threat by getting the ball quickly to the other end and scoring.

Febers set the goal up by pushing the ball into an open space in front of

the goal. Johnston advanced to the edge of his area as it looked as though the ball would reach him but Murphy was quick enough to get there in time to prod the ball into the back of the net.

Brynkus then took over the netminding, allowing Johnston to bolster Otto's defence, and the whole team to provide more positive attacks. One play, a rare succession of five passes, almost caught Phantoms. Brynkus fed the ball to Duncan Ramsay out on the right who in turn laid it off to Andy Garside.

Garside pushed it back to Ramsay, who had moved upfield. Ramsay used the back wall to find Shawn Carnegie who was poised in front of the net. But, Carnegie miss-hit the bouncing ball, letting the Phantoms off the hook. The first half ended with a slight edge for Otto's, but they were down a goal.

The goalies continued into and right through the second half. As in many do-or-die situations the game was punctuated by a lot of free kicks. The half provided more action in front of the net than the first as both teams attempted to alter the scoreline.

For Phantoms, Hugh Cranny and Mike Rukavim combined on a one-two, but Cranny's shot was wide. Bob Gibson and Arthur Harrison created

their own chances but were both denied by Brynkus' netminding skills.

At the other end, Adamson continued to give Phantom's defence a lot of problems, aided by Garside and Ramsay. But a combination of solid defence, great goalkeeping and the pressure to win stymied Otto's.

Febers was the only person able to get the ball past McLaughlin, but the goal was quickly over-ruled by the infringement of Otto's forwards.

As the game neared the end and it became apparent Otto's attempt was in vain, the team looked dejected. At the same time, the Phantoms finally showed some confidence, looking relieved to have claimed the title.

Otto's may not even post second place due to the other results.

Gordon Carpets went a point ahead of them by downing Frankel Steel 3-1. Iggy King, Anthony Goodbar and Keith Forde did the damage, Al Clucas got one back for Frankel.

Hobo's blanked the MYSC Coaches 5-0. Ian Hamer got a single while both Steve Draper and Ronnie Wright notched a pair each.

Maplehurst managed their first win of the season at the expense of Abacus Scales. The result was 2-1. Aubrey Gonsalves and Dave Black scored for Maplehurst before Ray Cartwright got one back.

## Girls win Keene a second time

Whoever said history doesn't repeat itself was wrong. It did on the weekend.

Milton's Videoflicks bantam girls won the championship at the Keene Hockey Tournament Saturday. It marked consecutive C division championships for the Milton squad.

Milton started slowly, losing to Scarborough 7-0. But they rallied to defeat Stouffville 13-0 and shut out Leaside 3-0 for the title.

The championship match was scoreless until the third period, when Kim Lee put Milton on the board with a high backhand. Margie Parker and Carrie

Gallant assisted. Karen Haringa scored Milton's second goal, assisted by Helen Knowles. Knowles scored unassisted for Milton's third marker.

Milton goalie Kelly Picard was selected the championship match's most valuable player.

Haringa and Joanne Wanless netted a hat trick each as Milton blew by Stouffville. Christanne Tremills had two goals while Laura Kosurba, Gallant, Lee, Knowles and Kim Hagan had one each. Knowles earned three assists, while Parker, Hagan and Wanless had two each. Haringa, Kosurba and Tremills had one assist each.