

McCuaig takes Tri-County title

At the beginning of the year it was uncertain whether they would have enough players to ice a team. At the end of the year they were the league champions.

McCuaig Insurance minor midgets swept Brampton to take the Tri-County title, clinching the season-ending honours with two 6-2 victories Wednesday and Thursday.

After losing to rival Georgetown in their provincial playdown bid, Milton went on to steamroll through Tri-County playoffs without a loss.

"After a rough series with Chinguacousy, Brampton tried their rough tactics on the Insurance boys," Milton manager Gary Ellwood said. "But as is so often the case, penalties don't win hockey games."

McCuaig Insurance was the least penalized team in the loop.

Geoff Pollen led the way at Memorial Arena Wednesday with a goal and pivotal assists on four others. Travis Cole, Phil Collier, Wayne Rivers and Darryl Hebert cashed from his set-ups. Scott Hilson

scored Milton's other goal. Collier collected two assists while singles went to Scott Ellwood, Grant Thomson, Cole, Doug Drennan, Hebert and Rob Wilson.

Thursday in Brampton Hilson and Collier had two goals apiece as Milton ended the series. Pollen and Ellwood added singles. Rivers, Pollen and Ellwood had three assists each. Drennan added one.

"The game could have been an ugly affair," Gary Ellwood said. "Brampton's game plan was easy to read from the beginning; run at goalie Steve Wiczaryk. This proved foolish because his teammates gave few opportunities to their opponents to even penetrate the blue line in the last two periods."

Ellwood praised the work of the officials in keeping the game under control.



Phil Collier

Ancaster ousts Remax

Seven seconds can be a long time when you're playing shorthanded. It can be the longest time. It was for Remax a bantam hockey reps.

It was time Ancaster used to good advantage Easter Sunday at Memorial Arena as they scored the goal that won their long, close Tri-County playoff series.

With seven seconds remaining and a man advantage, Ancaster scored from a goalmouth scramble to win 3-2 in the sixth game of what was supposed to be a six-point series.

Remax had been assessed a minor penalty for hitting from behind with a minute to go in the game, thereby setting the stage for Ancaster's tie-breaker.

While disappointed with the loss, Milton coaches Ray McRobbie and Doug Gingrich were proud of their team. "Ancaster is a fast, hard-hitting team," McRobbie said. "But we were able to play and stay with them because of the desire of the team, and because of great goaltending from Brent Currie and Glen Thomas."

Ancaster had dumped Milton in three games from provincial playdowns, but when Ancaster re-

appeared in Tri-County the tables were turned, at least temporarily. Milton won the first two games of the series to put Ancaster on the brink of elimination.

But Ancaster fought back, winning the next two games. The fifth game in Ancaster last Tuesday resolved nothing as the two teams battled to 3-3 overtime draw.

The squads traded goals in each period. Ancaster took a 1-0 lead but Jeff Closs put Remax on the board with 11 seconds remaining in the opening period. Jan Spagnuolo assisted. Ancaster nosed into the lead again in the second but Spagnuolo knotted it again, assisted by Andrew Champagne. Remax took the lead in the third period, when Mike Swales set up Mike Brooks, but Ancaster tied it to force overtime.

Ancaster scored first Easter Sunday but Mike Brooks put Milton back in the picture in the middle period, assisted by Cory Wilyman and Mike Brooks. Ancaster took the lead at 9:01 remaining of the final frame but a minute later Scott Charlton scored for Milton with a low slapshot. Nick Van Zutphen provided the set-up on Milton's last goal of the season.

Feast or famine

It was feast or famine for Milton's Tim Horton major atom roster team at a recent tournament in Maple. Milton lost their first game 6-1 but won their next two 9-0 to take the consolation title.

Cookstown put Milton out of the running for the main title, allowing only one goal by Cam Allen from Luke Doering.

But it was a different story in game two as Milton took Alliston to the cleaners. Kyle Jones, Chris Morrison and Michael Gliddon each notched a pair apiece in that one-sided affair. Singles went to Chad Wrigglesworth, Cam Allen and Dion Comba. Luke Doering had three assists while Comba added two.

Jones led the way with a hat trick against Huntsville for the consolation championship. He also chipped in with three assists. Doering and Allen had two goals apiece. Wrigglesworth

and Ryan McLean had single goals. Jones' linemate, Craig Lahey, played a strong game for four assists.

While not figuring prominently in the scoring the Milton blueliners, Donny Smulders, Steve Gilray, Steve Swanson and Gliddon limited the opposition to only 16 shots on net throughout three games. Scott Auger made good saves for Milton when called upon. Doering, Gliddon and Jones were chosen game MVPs by a tournament committee.

In other recent action, Milton won one and lost one at a Newmarket tournament.

Milton beat East Gwillingbury 4-2 but lost to Burlington 4-3 in overtime.

Gliddon, McLean, Comba and Jones scored for Milton against East Gwillingbury. Allen scored twice and Comba added a single against Burlington.

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Royals tryouts

The Milton Royal City Royals senior baseball team will begin holding indoor workouts at W.I. Dick Middle School tonight (Wednesday). Royals play in the highly competitive southern loop of the Central Ontario Baseball Association's senior division.

Royals are interested in new talent and anyone who is interested should call Rick McTrach at 878-0360. Or come to the workout tonight. It begins at 8 p.m. Travelling distances aren't more than an hour's drive through the regular season, usually less, to centres such as Dundas, Burlington, Oakville and St. Catharines.

This is baseball on a well-organized, formal level. You don't have to be in top shape to play but you have to have better than average game skills. There is no love lost between teams. Usually two games and a practice per week. Milton needs pitchers.

The Milton Tennis Club plans to increase the number of junior teams it fields this year.

Recently the club received an award from the Ontario Tennis Association for its development of junior tennis. If you're interested in having your son or daughter compete on one of the Milton teams, phone Tony Schafer at 878-4942.

This year the Milton Tennis Club will play host to a national level junior tournament, the Eastern Canada Junior Championships. The club will have some of the country's top juniors competing in the last week of July through Aug. 2.

Jason Near, Greg Kilburn and Samantha Semper of Milton's Himeji Judo Club recently qualified for the Ontario Junior Judo Olympics.

The event will be held in Scarborough on Sunday April 13. The three Milton athletes made good showings at the central west qualifier. "They are all good fighters," said Himeji sensei Paul Michels.

Milton Minor Baseball Association rep team tryouts will be held this weekend, April 4 and 5. All participants must be registered before trying out. A schedule follows:

- Bantam (14 or 15 in 1986) 10 a.m. to noon Brian Best Park.
- Midget (16 or 17 in 1986) noon to 2 p.m. Brian Best Park.
- Juvenile (18 or 19 in 1986) 2-4 p.m. Brian Best Park.
- Major Tyke (11 in 1986) 10 a.m. to noon Bronte Meadows Park.
- Major Pee wee (13 in 1986) 1-3 p.m. Bronte Meadows Park.
- Minor Pee wee (12 in 1986) 4-6 p.m. Bronte Meadows Park.
- T-Ball rep (9 in 1986) 10 a.m. to noon Rotary Park.
- T-Ball all-star (7 or 8 in 1986) noon to 2 p.m. Rotary Park.
- Minor Tyke (10 in 1986) 2-4 p.m. Rotary Park.

A large part of the credit for last Saturday's Championship Day, Milton minor hockey's season-ending extravaganza, goes to Milton Minor Hockey Moms. So it was nice to see one of them walk off with the \$0-50 draw prize, worth more than \$1,000. Peg Hilson was the winner.

The day ran well and it was less of a hectic mob scene than usual. Games started earlier this year, and that made the operation run more smoothly. There were less people in the arena at any given time.

The third annual River Oaks run will take place Sunday June 1, with races of two, four and 10 kilometres. There are various age group prizes. Entry fee is \$2, \$4 or \$6 depending on which event entered. May 24 is the registration cutoff date. For more information contact Bruce Burton at 827-1984.

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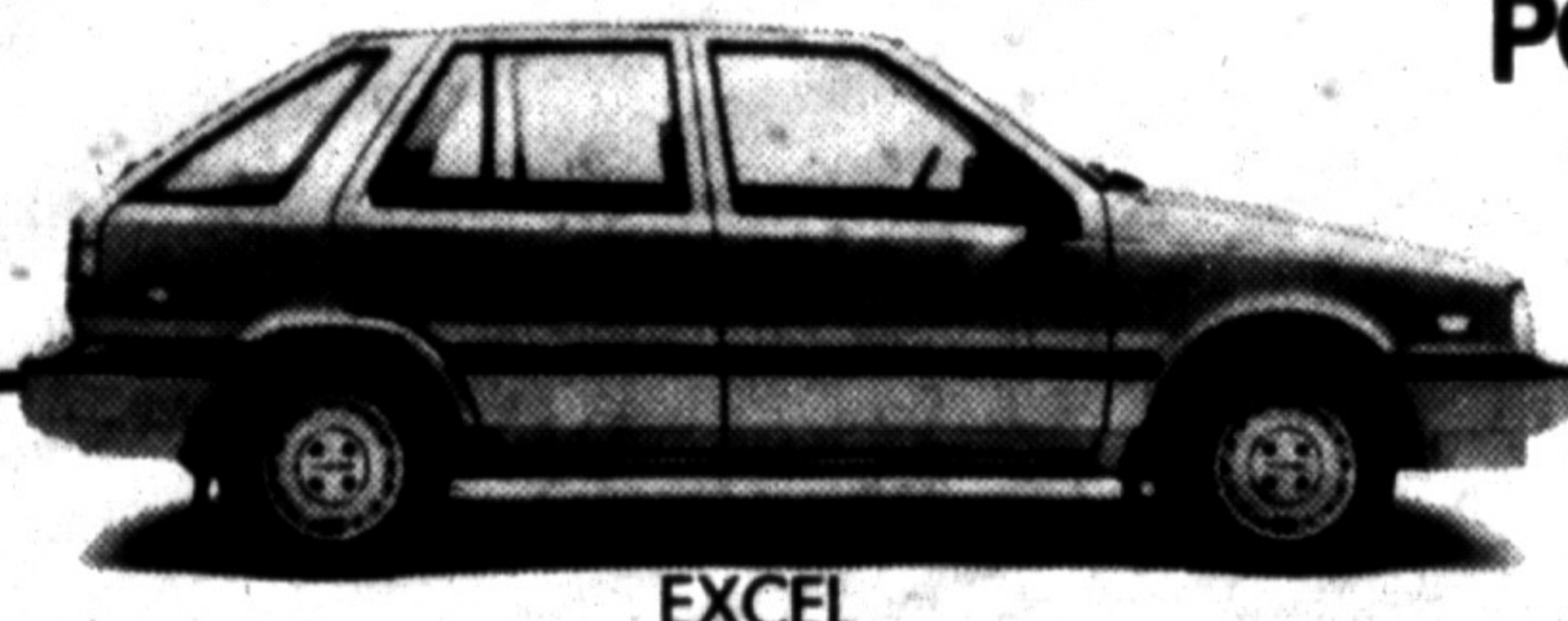


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