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Beaver Tournament ready to roll at both rinks

For the first time in its 13-year history, Milton's Beaver hockey tournament will use both town arenas for free full days to accommodate 40 teams.

In the past, John Tonelli Sports Centre has been used for spill-over games from Memorial Arena, but this year Tonelli will be busy three out of four tournament days. Finals will be played at Memorial Arena.

The tournament runs Dec. 26-29 and is Milton's big annual hockey extravaganza for out-of-town teams.

The Beaver tournament has also been a big money maker for the Milton Minor Hockey Association. Last year, the Beaver was one of the principle reasons the MMHA enjoyed a cash surplus at year end. The cash came in handy when

registration dropped by approximately 100 players this year.

Terry Brandt, MMHA president, said "hopefully it's going to be a financial success. The only thing missing is the two Milton teams (there is no minor bantam or midget Milton team - the Beaver is a minor tournament). That may drop the gate considerably."

As well, at press time Brandt said the MMHA had not, to his knowledge, struck a deal with either the Milton Referees Association or the Town over ice time.

Last year, MMHA was charged substantially less than the going rate by the referees association. And last year, MMHA paid the town only \$50 per hour in ice fees for the tourna-

ment, down from the standard \$70. Tournament co-ordinator Bob Davidson said the referees association gave him a deal on the lower age levels, (novice, atom, pee-wee), charging less than Tri-County rates, while the association opted for regular Tri-County charges for bantam and midget. "That's a three-man (officialing) situation," Davidson explained.

Davidson added that negotiations with the Town over ice fees were ongoing.

Brandt said volunteers are still needed to man the timekeepers box throughout the tournament. There is a schedule of games at Memorial Arena and volunteers can pencil in when they will be available to help out.

Medics avenge Oakville loss

Milton's Docs and Dents AA minor atom hockey reps not only swept both their weekend opponents, they evened up for a previous loss.

Medics are first in the Tri-County league with 21 wins and a tie against only two losses on the year. One of those losses came at Oakville's hands by a 3-1 score.

Sunday, Milton returned the favour by one extra goal, knocking

Ancaster got the winner at 11:49 elapsed of the final frame.

Milton played well against the top guns, despite the loss. Andrea De Vito was particularly strong on defence and goaltender Alex Fiorini made some excellent saves.

Sockets stats speak

P.L. Robertson novice Sockets can let their statistics speak for themselves.

Sockets increased their winning record to 16 victories and three ties against only two losses with three more victories in recent AA rep hockey action.

Milton has 123 goals for and only 31 against heading into the Milton Beaver tournament over the Christmas holiday.

Milton downed Flamboro 6-1, notched a 5-0 shutout against Oakville and bombed Brampton 10-2.

Ryan Smith patrolled the pipes for all three Milton wins.

Jeff Haydar led Milton to the 6-1 win over Flamboro. He scored two goals and added an assist. Mike Maltais and Justin Lynch each added a goal and an assist while Darryl Loader and Stephen Seifert contributed single markers. Doug Frehs led the assist parade with two while Mark McPhail, Todd Belford Scott Bertoli and Kyle Arbuckle added single assists.

Following a scoreless first period against Oakville, defencemen Trevor Kuhn and Scott Bertoli fired unassisted goals to put Milton in the driver's seat. Seifert plugged two goals in the third period while Haydar picked up a single to go with his two assists. Bertoli, Justin Lynch, Arbuckle and Todd Belford added single assists.

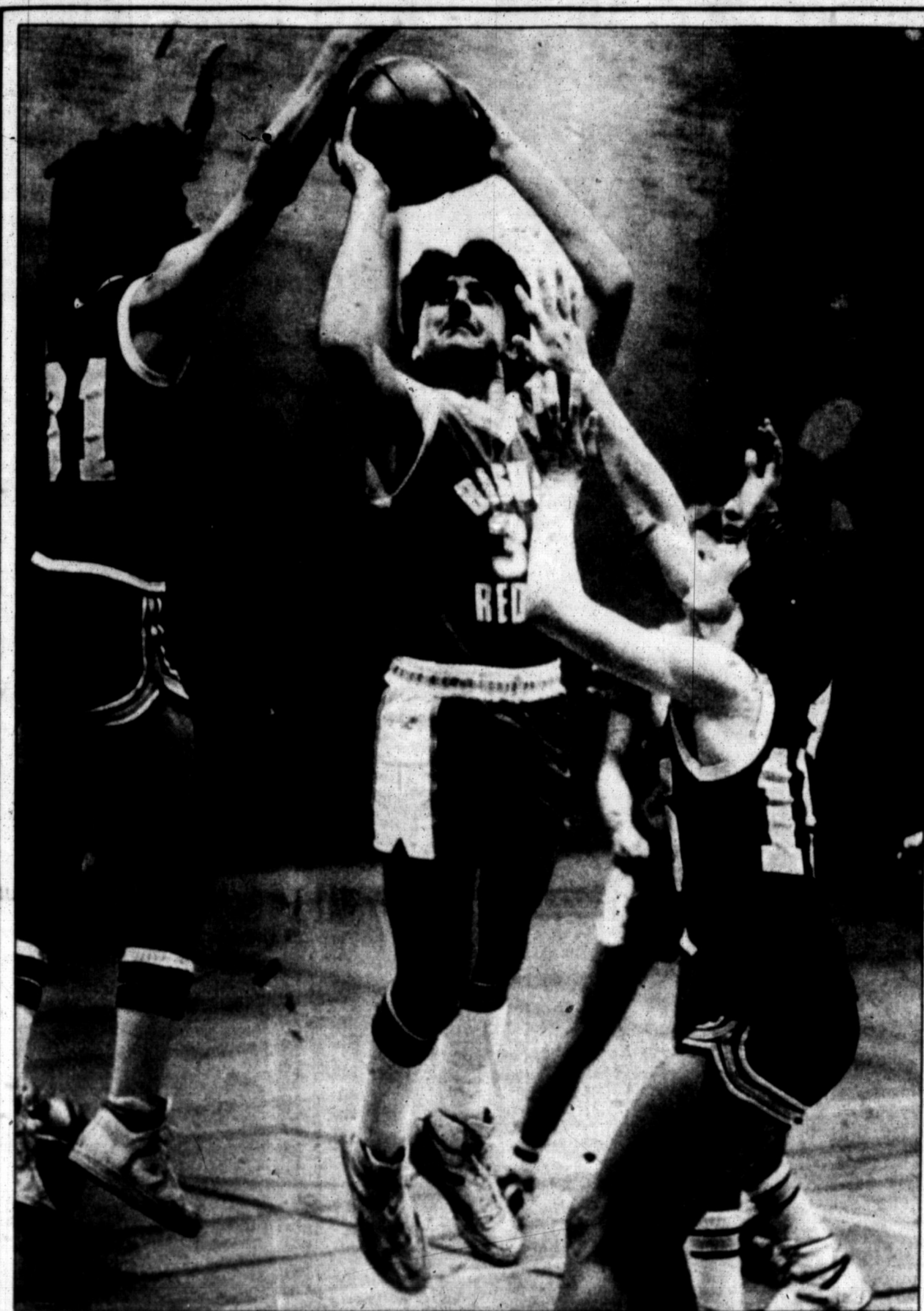
Bertoli was the main man in the Brampton barrage, banging in two goals and adding three assists. In points order after that came Frehs with a goal and three assists, Haydar with two goals and an assist, Maltais with a goal and two assists, Loader and Seifert with a goal and an assist each, Lynch and Scott Hamill with two assists, Arbuckle and Mark McPhail with an assist each. Scott Tovey and Chris Griffen put in solid efforts with good defensive play.

Bees sting Ancaster

Milton's Beeline Transport Novice A hockey reps registered two impressive wins over Ancaster in weekend play, taking the first game 6-1 in Ancaster and doubling the visitors 8-4 at Memorial Arena Sunday.

In the first game, Matt Hart opened the scoring at 1:51 elapsed of the first period. Milton, converting on a passing play set up by Jason Courtney and Cameron Davies.

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Bishop Reding shooter Mark Di Giallonardo goes for the hoop. Photo by JON BORGSTROM

Spartans shade Reding in OT

It took them overtime to do it, but E.C. Drury's midget boys basketball team downed Bishop Reding 55-53 Thursday at Drury.

"It was tight all the way," said Drury Spartans coach Les Hoogland. "We were down 15 points at one point."

"We were up by six at the half (25-19) but the third quarter was bad for us," said Reding coach Gene Moher. "They had two guys

who played really well, number 12 (point guard Camillo Cipriano) and number 31 (Rob Mason)."

Drury is 2-2 with the win. They lost 69-42 to Oakville Trafalgar at Drury Tuesday. "That could have been a lot closer," Hoogland said.

Cipriano scored 26 points for Spartans against Reding. He would have done more, as in won the game for Drury in regulation,

if he had made two late foul shots. But he nailed only the one.

Hoogland also praised Ken Trickey's work against Reding. Trickey played despite being ill.

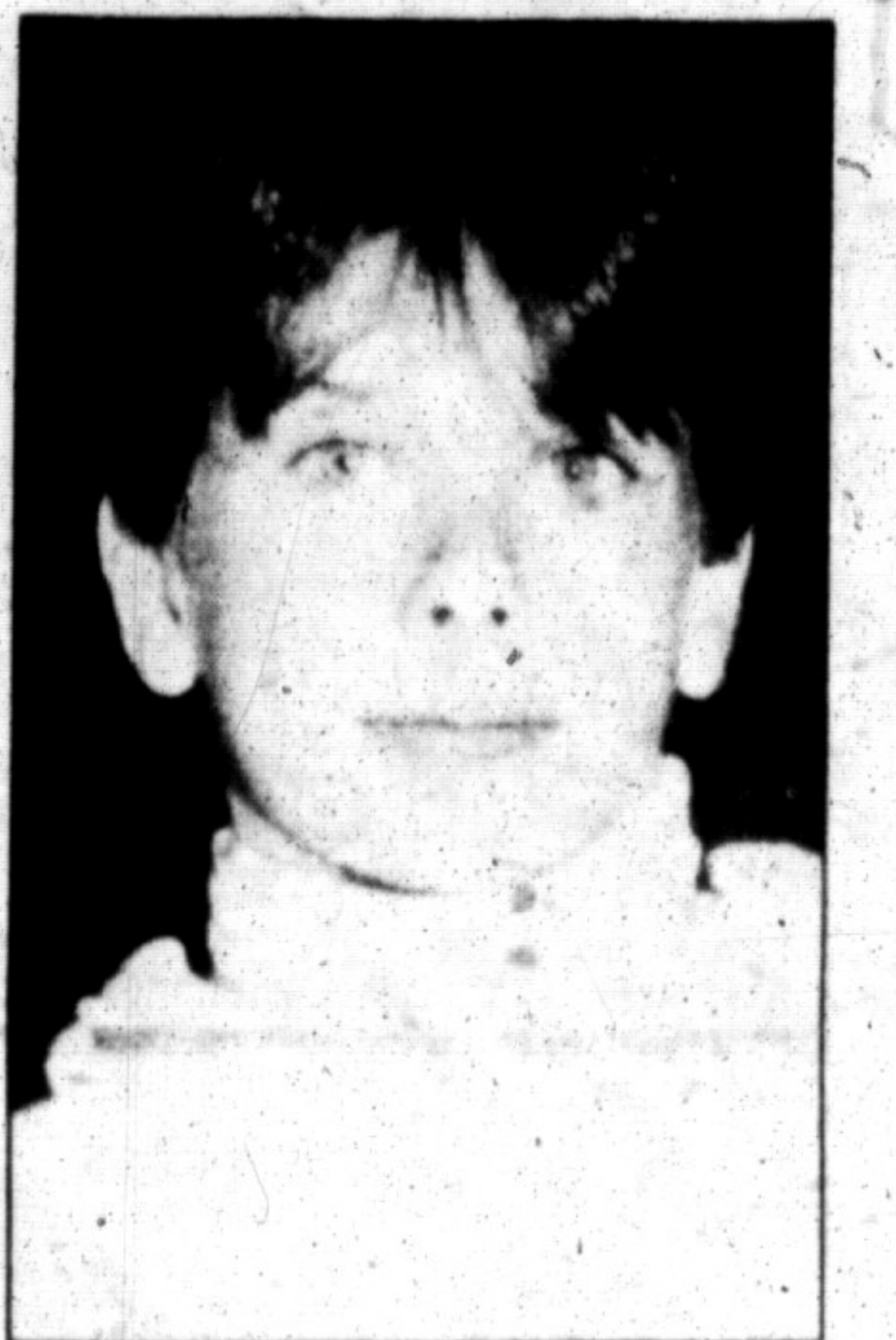
Moher said he thought at the beginning of the year his defence would be the Reding forte but "our forwards are becoming our strength. He said Steve Kokejl, Alex Piazza and Jim Lawrence played well against Drury. Tim McDonald also worked hard.

Two grab golds

E.C. Drury High School's wrestlers capped a successful first leg of the wrestling season with a solid fourth-place finish at the highly competitive Lakeport (St. Catharines) Novice Tournament on the weekend.

But they probably could have done better.

Drury scored 44 team points, only



Kirk Rowbottom

four points from second place and three from first. But Milton had two tournament withdrawals due to sickness. And two Drury wrestlers didn't compete because they missed the team bus.

Those four wrestlers may well have made the difference to Drury between winning and losing it all. Bishop Ryan, of Hamilton, took top place. Ryan is a powerhouse team in the Hamilton area, perennially strong. The Drury team, also strong, could well face Ryan for the top team honours in regional eliminations later in the season.

Kirk Rowbottom (84 lbs.) and Steve Curran (90 lbs.) won Drury's two gold medals at the Lakeport competition. Drury also picked up a silver and two fourth-place finishes.

Graham Marsh earned the silver for Drury in the 127 lbs. category despite giving up a seven-pound weight advantage. Dan Hierman and third and Dave Wilson (104 lbs.) and Chris Clarke (90 lbs.) were Drury's fourth-place finishers.

It was Rowbottom's second title of the year while Curran won his first career gold. Curran pulled off a major upset in defeating former Sam Sherratt star Sandeep Sharma (now out of Mississauga's W.J. Turner). Curran was the first Drury wrestler of five who have attempted it to beat Sharma.

Hierman defeated teammate Curran but lost to Sharma and had to settle for third spot when the three-way tie for first place was broken. Drury hosts its All-Comers Meet Jan. 8, starting at 1 p.m.

Guzman honored

Of all the honours Jennifer Guzman has won, probably none means more to her than her most recent accolade.

Guzman, the 13-year-old Our Lady of Victory student, was recently voted Female Athlete of the Year by her Etobicoke Huskies Track and Field Club.

The young Milton middle-distance runner was chosen from among a field of outstanding competitors. Alison Wylie, the Canadian Women's 3,000-metre champion, belongs to Huskies. So does Marie Edge, who was fifth in the Tokyo marathon (she is Burlington international-calibre marathoner Dave Edge's wife). Brenda Baker, sixth at the Chicago marathon, also trains with Huskies.

"It's the greatest honour bestowed on her," said Jennifer's father and Husky coach Omar Guzman. "She is

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Rep Hockey

off Oakville 4-1 at Memorial Arena. Milton shaded Brampton 5-3 Saturday. Jason McCall connected for a Milton hat trick in that game.

Medic goalies Danny Luoma (played Saturday) and Steven Hunter (Sunday) maintained their excellent goals against average at below 2.0 with the weekend wins. The duo have allowed only 38 goals in 24 games for the finest average in the Tri-County loop.

Both wins featured determined Milton backchecking by all three lines and solid defensive play.

Milton fell behind by two against Brampton but tied the contest at two in the second period. McCall connected for his first leg of the hat trick and Ryan Haydar backed him with a goal. Kirk Kennedy and Kevin Nascimben assisted on McCall's marker while McCall and Kyle Martin helped out on Haydar's goal.

Brampton regained the lead early in the third period but it was a brief lead. McCall slammed in two more to round out the hat trick. Haydar and Martin assisted.

Scott Guthrie plugged Milton's final marker, into an empty net. Team manager Jim Hunter singled out Chris Glover and Kevin Boyle for special mention for their constant digging play.

Derek Hunter was the hat-trick artist for Milton against Oakville. He scored his first in the opening period from Martin and Haydar.

The game stayed close, with end-to-end play but Derek Hunter kept digging and came up with his second (Martin, Haydar) and McCall put Milton up 3-0 from defenceman Ardon McIntosh.

Oakville spoiled Steve Hunter's shutout late in the third period when the puck took an odd hop underneath the netminder.

Derek Hunter banged in a rebound off a Martin shot to cap his hat trick and Milton's scoring drives.

Martin had an excellent playmaking night, notching three assists.

Ron Flannagan played left wing for the first time this season and put in a strong effort, hustling particularly along the boards. Flannagan moved up from his defensive spot to fill in ably for player shortages.

Medics are anticipating some tough competition at the Milton Beaver tournament, starting Friday. It'll be a chance for the top Tri-County team to see how it stacks up against out-of-area teams.

Two tough losses

Two tough games meant two close losses for Milton's Diet Centre Atom A hockey reps last week. The other game meant a blowout for Diet Centre.

Milton battled Burlington in a tightly contested game Wednesday night and came up on the short side of a 2-1 decision. Milton was on the down side of the same score Sunday at Memorial Arena against league-leading Ancaster.

But Thursday against Burlington it was a different story as Burlington bombed Milton 7-0. The coaching reaction was decidedly cool. "Any semblance of team play and the basics of hockey were nowhere to be seen," said coach Oreste DeVito.

Jason Kovacs scored Milton's goal in the initial contest against Burlington. It was a shorthanded effort, with Rick O'Donnell and Patrick McDonald assisting.

The game against front-running Ancaster Sunday was a physical contest and featured good end-to-end play. Ancaster opened the scoring with about three minutes remaining in the opening period with a power-play goal.

Milton came back in the second period with a shorthanded goal from Jason Chuchmach. Carlo and Andrea De Vito assisted on the play.

One point is better than none

By ROB KELLY
Champion Reporter

One point is better than no points, but it may well have been a four-point week for Milton Merchants in junior B hockey.

Merchants played two teams which they can expect to operate on the same level with, Georgetown Gemini and Mimico Monarchs, on the weekend. Milton managed a 4-4 tie with Gemini Friday at Memorial Arena. But Saturday in Mimico the hosts downed Milton 8-6.

Georgetown is one place ahead of Milton in the Central Jr. B standings, but Milton has small chance of catching Georgetown for sixth place overall. Gemini post 23 points to Milton's 14. Mimico and Milton have almost identical records, with Monarchs also clutching 14 points. In the battle for the basement, Mimico took a round with the win Saturday, moving up to tie Milton, more or less, in the standings.

Monarchs have six wins to Milton's five in 28 starts. Milton has four ties to Mimico's two and both clubs have 20 losses. An argument could be made that such stats are almost meaningless because all eight clubs make the playoffs, but in another category the difference between Milton and Mimico is disturbing. From the Milton perspective, Milton maintains a marginal lead

in goals for (109 to 104) but Merchants have 197 goals against while Monarchs have a paltry 161. In short (this is the earthshaking conclusion part), Milton loses by bigger margins than Mimico. So day in and day out, who is the better team?

Coach Gerry Inglis maintains two primary points concerning the weekend's action. One, Merchants could have won against Gemini. Two, Mimico did Milton in with what could be most politely described as questionable tactics Saturday.

Inglis is not a great admirer of fighting in hockey, but he sees the current rules concerning that element of the game as too strict.

"I don't believe in putting a kid out of the game for fighting," he said. "Put him in the penalty box for the whole game and let him sit there and freeze his buns off."

Instead, Inglis said Mimico methodically removed his better players from the contest. "I could see it coming. It's a pool but if the rules are there, it's hard-nosed hockey."

Inglis is disturbed that it now appears possible to play that way. "The way I look at it right now you can put six guys out just to take out two opposing full lines."

Inglis lost forwards Steve Scannel, Frank Huyge and Mike

Mangotich to fighting ejections, all in the first period. "Frank got a two-game suspension just for covering up," Inglis said.

"We got down to a few skaters and it wasn't even a good shinny game in the last period. They were awful penalties. Frank and Mike don't like to fight but they don't back away either. They (Mimico) did a smart move on us."

Besides the ejections, Milton was dogged by five minor penalties in each of the second and third periods. Milton took a 2-0 lead on Monarchs in the first period and had a 4-2 lead in the second. Then "all hell broke loose," Inglis said. By the end of the second period the score was knotted at four and Monarchs slammed in four last-frame goals to Milton's two.

Against Georgetown "I thought we played fairly well," the coach said. "The kids killed penalties really well (19 minors). The game was not a classic. We could have won it in the last minute (when Sean Laverty had a chance on the Georgetown net)."

Inglis praised goalie Alex Giannuzzi for his work in his most recent starts. "Alex has played well the last few games. In Nobleton, against Georgetown. He's played well lately."

Both Giannuzzi and goalie Tom Hill have been under the gun of late.

Milton brass has been bringing fresh backstoppers to practices. Inglis has a let-the-best-man-win type of attitude.

"When they practise, (Giannuzzi, Hill) they practise really well. But (in a game) maybe they're trying too hard. I do think they're giving it everything they've got, though."

Still, if the opportunity comes up, Inglis will attempt to get another goalie, he said.

"In the playoffs, you've got to have a goalie who is 90 per cent of your team. If we could pick up a guy from a major A club we definitely would pick him up."

Inglis is still interested in at least another defenceman, preferably an older player, he said.

Perri Hood scored twice for Milton against Georgetown. Chris Rier and Huyge got the other Milton goals. Greg Gauthier and affiliated player Phil Collier each earned two assists while Huyge and Rier chalked up one apiece. Milton scored three third-period goals and Huyge scored in the second.

Huyge, Gauthier, Tom Fisher, Rier, Greg Collings and George Bach scored for Merchants in Mimico. Tom Robinson was a wreaking crew for Monarchs with four goals. Chris DePiero scored three times for Monarchs. Milton is off until Jan. 2.