

# ECD grapplers have best ever competition

The E.C. Drury High School wrestling team turned in their finest tournament performance ever Saturday with a second-place finish at the Thorold Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

The Thorold tournament is one of Ontario's top events. Drury finished ahead of such perennial powerhouses as Thorold, St. Catharines, Lakeport and Bishop Ryan of Hamilton, the defending champs and Milton's probable main rivals in the Golden Horseshoe.

Drury was just six team points behind St. Jerome's of Kitchener, a team considered to be one of Ontario's best. The difference between first and second was two narrow defeats in the medal round.

Several Drury wrestlers turned in their season's best efforts, and overall it was the team's most solid performance.

Drury won seven medals, compared to only three last season, while 12 of 15 A team members reached the finals, with all placing in the top five.

Tom Woodward (141 lbs.) and Kirk Rowbottom (84 lbs.) led the Milton squad with gold medal performances. For Rowbottom, it was the third gold medal of the year, while Woodward continued his undefeated season by totally dominating his division.

Milton's Dave McKay, a Thorold camp at 84 lbs. last year, brought home a silver medal at 90 lbs. with a 4-1 record. McKay reached the finals with a solid 10-6 victory over Jonathan Smith of Hagarville. McKay lost to Mike Church of St. Jacobs in the finals.

Torbjorn Jensen earned a silver medal for Milton at 134 lbs. with four victories. The wins included an outstanding 6-2 victory over Mike Doucet of St. Catharines Collegiate.

one of the pre-tournament favourites.

Kevin Bates also finished strongly for Drury, winning four straight before bowing out to Thorold's John Copolla, considered by many to be the province's top high school wrestler at 156 lbs.

Thomas Jensen captured his second straight Thorold bronze at 127 lbs. with five wins. Jensen enjoyed one of his best matches with an exciting 6-3 victory over Lakeport's Sean Sebastien, a member of Canada's World Junior team.

As was the case last year, however, Jensen had to settle for a bronze after losing his pool final to provincial defending champion Doug Boucher. Boucher, 16-year-old, is one of the nation's top 20-year-old wrestlers.

The Jensen-Boucher match was voted the tournament's most outstanding bout by officials.

Randy Moore added to his medal collection with a strong third-place finish at 165 lbs. Moore was 3-1 on the day. Craig MacKinnlay (119 lbs.), Randy Proulx (112 lbs.) and Steve Browne (177 lbs.) placed fourth for Milton after losing close matches in the bronze medal round. Brown also lost on a 4-4 decision to eventual winner Joe Sardo of Bishop Ryan.

Neil Garrett placed fifth despite a 4-1 record for Drury. Garrett found himself in a three-way tie for first in his pool but was eliminated from the medal round by a complex tie-breaking formula.

Other top finishers for Milton were Rich Harrison (104 lbs.) and Chris Clarke (90 lbs.), both fifth. Liet Tan was sixth at 127 lbs.

In a tri-meet Thursday at Drury, Milton knocked off Georgetown and Lord Elgin. Drury defeated Georgetown 15-13 and beat Lord Elgin 12-4.



Liet Tan looks like he's trying to get a sleeper hold on his opponent at Thursday's Tri-Meet at E.C. Drury High School. Milton defeated Georgetown and Lord Elgin. Drury is looking good for upcoming regional competition.

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## Peewees get a title

It was a long time coming, but Milton's Home Hardware major peewees finally have a tournament championship trophy.

In their fourth tournament of the year at Lindsay (the longest-running peewee tournament in Ontario), Milton's AA reps finally put it all together to take the title with a 3-2 victory over Kingston.

That was for the AA championship, in what is known as the Grand Championship. Milton defeated single-A tournament winners Midland, 4-1.

The grand championship result was never in doubt as Milton exploded for three goals in the first 2 1/2 minutes of the contest. Home Hardware coasted to the 4-1 win with Ian Ellis netting the hat-trick and Patrick Henneberry rounding out the scoring.

In the AA championship game, Milton had to come from behind to claim the title. Mike Lee scored Milton's opener less than three minutes into the contest to stake Home Hardware to the early lead.

Before the second-period intermission, however, Kingston had taken a 2-1 lead.

With just less than five minutes remaining in the game Milton's, David McDuffie tied it with a long low shot. Two minutes later, Mike Cox fired a screened shot high to the goalie's stick side to clinch the championship.

In league action, Milton played a

key Tri-County match-up, skating away with a well-deserved 3-1 win in Georgetown to keep Home Hardware's undefeated Tri-County record intact.

Following a scoreless first period, Georgetown took the lead on a power play goal by Trevor Elinsky. Late in the period, Milton's Damien Dubien, on a good second effort, rifled a shot home to tie the score.

Cox gave Milton the lead early in the final period as he took a pass from Kevin Davidson and skated in alone from centre ice to score the winner. Ellis put the finishing touches on the Milton victory with a shorthanded marker as Brad Pierpoint fed him a perfect breakaway pass.

In the opening game at the Lindsay tournament, Milton gave up three power-play goals to Stratford and ended up on the losing side of a 3-2 score. Cox and Pierpoint had given Milton a 2-1 lead at one point.

Burlington was Milton's next opponent. Following two close periods in which the score was tied at one, Milton exploded for four goals to win 5-2. The scoring came from Gio Piazza with two, Craig Batstone, Ian Ellis and Mike Lee.

Owen Sound fell victim to a late third-period rally as Home Hardware won 4-3. Todd Mulley was the scoring hero with a pair of goals and two assists. Henneberry and Cox scored single markers and Piazza chipped in with three assists.

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## Sockets win tourney title

P.L. Robertson Novice Sockets came away champions in the East Guilimbury hockey tournament, and Milton's AA team didn't have to face their Beaver tournament nemesis.

Sockets defeated Richmond Hill for the title, 4-2, following three straight wins.

Milton beat Goulding Park 5-1, shut out Markham 2-0 and blanked Bolton 5-0.

Unionville won the Beaver Tournament, but fell victim to Mississauga in the first round. Sockets were eagerly anticipating an encounter with Unionville Jets.

Ryan Smith was Milton's net-minder for all four games, allowing only three goals. He played especially well in the 2-0 shutout over Markham.

Scott Bertoli had a fine series for Milton, picking up enough hardware to start his own tournament. As well as his championship trophy, Bertoli was best defenceman and tournament MVP. Bertoli earned his awards, but in a fine display of sportsmanship he indicated he felt his MVP award should be shared with his hard-working teammate, Jeff Haydar.

In the opening game against Goulding Park Haydar, Justin Lynch, Fabio Pento, Bertoli and with his second goal in as many weeks, Mark McPhail scored.

McPhail is a steady defenceman who takes his job seriously. The goals were his first in three years of rep hockey.

Mike Maltais, Stephen Seifert and Pento all had two assists while Bertoli and Doug Frehs had singles.

Haydar scored both goals against

Markham, with Scott Tovey and Bertoli setting up the second marker. It was a different game for Milton. Normally Sockets outshoot an opponent by about 20 shots, but they only had a four-shot advantage in a tight checking contest.

Bolton had upset Newmarket previously, but they proved no match for Milton in the 5-0 shutout.

Mike Maltais led the way for Milton with two goals and an assist. Trevor Kuhn, Haydar, Bertoli (Maltais) and Todd Belford (Haydar, Pento) scored the other goals.

Richmond Hill was well rested coming into the final while Milton only had an hour between semifinal and final games.

In an extremely physical contest Richmond Hill opened the scoring in the second stanza, but 50 seconds later Bertoli had tied it assisted by Seifert. Sockets forged ahead 18 seconds later on a Pento goal. But Richmond Hill tied the game before the end of the second period.

Bertoli was hurt by a slash just before the second ended, but it only made him and the rest of the Milton squad more determined in the final frame. Sockets hemmed Richmond Hill in for the first few minutes of the third, and Bertoli scored from Maltais and Darryl Loader.

Milton continued to press and Haydar scored the insurance marker unassisted. Milton outshot their opponents 9-3 in the final period.

Milton team executives praised the novice team for a fine display of sportsmanship and a 100 per cent effort from all the boys throughout the tough tournament.

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## Hard worker in spotlight

They may have had some trouble playing their potential in the past, but Milton Honda minor peewee AA reps had no problems last week.

Milton Honda won all of their four hockey games, downing Streetsville 3-1, beating Ching 3-2, edging Hamilton 4-3 and shutting out Burlington 2-0.

"We're just starting to season," said Milton coach Doug Gingrich. "The players are playing with more confidence, knowing just what a one hundred per cent effort means to the team."

Forwards Mike McPhail and Jacques Maltais always make their marks with their quickness and strong overall play, but another forward who is making his presence known is winger Jamie Janjevich.

Previously described by the coaching staff as an outstanding worker, Janjevich netted four goals and two assists this past weekend.

"Janjevich has a real competitive nature," said Gingrich. "His quickness is his best quality."

Not citing credit to just individuals, Gingrich had nothing but praise for a total team effort on the weekend.

In the Streetsville contest Milton scored the lone first period goal

from Cameron Allen, assisted by Bill Gillies and Trevor Thompson.

Milton netted two second period goals. Maltais scored from McPhail and Jeff Morrison and Tom Baier added the other from McPhail. Streetsville netted one in the third to break Chris Heipel's shutout, although Heipel played well.

Against Ching Milton came back from a two-goal deficit to win with only 27 seconds remaining in the game.

Ching jumped in front with a goal in both the first and second periods. Milton finally put things together in the final frame, with all three goals coming in the last eight minutes.

Brian Mallany got Milton's first goal, from Jacques Maltais and Tom Baier. Janjevich tied the game from Mike Brouwers and McPhail.

Maltais netted the winner from McPhail and Mark Elkins. Mike Bennett patrolled the pipes for Milton.

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