

Connectors go on scoring spree

Milton's Gold Connection minor peewees went on a scoring spree in their last two games, while holding the opposition to only three goals.

Milton easily upended Oakville by a 9-1 count and then went on to defeat Burlington 5-2.

The Connectors defence of Andrea DeVito, Bobby Gaetan, Jason Kovacs and Devon Hutton are to be credited with keeping their opponents from adding to their totals.

The strong goaltending work of Primok and Fioroni has also made the job for Milton's defencemen easier. The game against Oakville ended with Milton victorious by a mark of 9-1. Roberto Savio and Jason Chuchmach scored twice each, while Stuart Curran, Paul Nunnaro, George Kaldenbach, Rick O'Donnell and Andrea DeVito netted one goal apiece.

Milton scored twice in the first period to take a 2-1 lead against Burlington. George Kaldenbach and Roberto Savio did the damage for Milton. Burlington came back to tie the score at 6:16 of the middle frame.

No more than two minutes later Randy Symmers stole the puck at his own blue line and skated to the Burlington net and fired it home. Kaldenbach then scored in the third period once again assisted by Holley and Chuchmach to put the game out of reach from the opposition. Savio added another insurance goal, unassisted as the Gold Connection went on to win 5-2. Primok and Fioroni played well in goal for Milton.

Optics' comeback effort nets deserved 3-2 win

Michael's Optical atoms rebounded with a strong performance to turn back Brampton 3-2 Saturday at Memorial Arena:

Milton trailed 2-0 early in the first period, before staging its rally. It was spearheaded by Scott Feddery.

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who played his strongest game this season. Feddery performed with some excellent forechecking and ledwith some superb rushes, helping the Optics climb back in to the game.

In the second period Feddery set up Erick George in the high slot area following some great corner work on his part. George sent a knee-high shot toward the net which deflected

Early in the final frame, Feddery took a loose puck from his blue line and rushed deep around Brampton's cage and tried to stuff the puck in the long side, but was thwarted. Rob Tiralongo banged in the rebound to tie the game.

George scored the game winner with 2:40 remaining in the third

after beating the Brampton defence to a loose puck and drilled a wrist shot to the upper right corner.

Brampton made a strong bid to tie the game but goaltender Chris. Brown held his ground to secure the Milton travelled to Chinguacousy Sunday afternoon but failed in another comeback effort. However, the team is exhibiting a never-say-die attitude lately.

Once again, the Optics fell behind early although Ching got a couple of lucky breaks to carry them to a 3-1 lead after two periods.

Milton came back again in the third by controlling much of the play. Stuart Mills scored to close the margin and with five minutes left Vince Montagner set up Brian Macks in front, who redirected the puck into the net to tie the score.

Less than a minute later. Ching went ahead for good and although Jason Atkinson stopped four consecutive shots from point-blank range, he could not stop their fifth

ECD wrestlers grasp title at Nelson meet

The E.C. Drury wrestling team started the new year will in two competitions last week. Although the team continues to be shorthanded because of injuries and other commitments, both events resulted in solid showings.

On Wednesday, Drury won 37 bouts, while losing just eight at the Nelson's Halton All-Comers Meet. The top performance was turned in by Steve Dodd, who recorded a perfect record of five wins and no losses

Dodd, a four-year veteran, conto put together his best season. Also undefeated at the me were Thomas Jensen (4-0) rookie Jason Madden (4-0, record improved to 13-5), Tom Woodward, Kirk Rowbottom (both 3-0) and rookie Rick Fascianato (2-0, now

Other Drury winners included Jamie Madden, who returned from the disabled list to go 4-1; and Wade Jolo and Nick Thompson, with three wins apiece. Adam Benjamin held a record of 3-1 in his season debut. Rounding out Drury winners were rookies Jamie Pearson (now 17-5) and Derek Deleon

The Spartan grapplers travelled to Thorold on Saturday for one of Ontario's top wrestling events. Approximately 300 wrestlers and 19 schools took part in the toughest Thorold tournament in several years. Drury placed fourth overall, as 12 of 13 Spartans scored victories and the

team won 27 of 47 bouts overall. Drury was led by co-captain Tom Woodward (134 lbs), who won his third tournament title of the year. Woodward now 24-1 with 21 pins, went 5-0 including a championship

victory over highly regarded Burt Laforme of Hagersville.

Rowbottom went 4-1 to claim the silver medal. Rowbottom now 23-2 reached the final with four straight wins, three by pin before bowing to Johnathon Smith (7-0) of Hagersville. Smith is considered by many to be the top contender for the OFSSA 97-lb. title.

Thomas Jensen, (149 lb.) had his undefeated streak end at 28, when he was upset 4-0 in his opening match by National Cadet Team member Aaron Pomeroy of Thorold. The loss seemed to fire up Jensen, as he went on to totally dominate his next four matches, two of which were against top wrestlers, who lost narrow decisions to Pomeroy. Jensen claimed second place overall.

Randy Proulx placed fourth with a record of three wins and two losses. which extends his season totals to 20-3, including 18 pins. Proulx reached the bronze medal match but lost a narrow 9-7 decision.

Steve Dodd had a strong performance placing fifth with a 4-2 record. Dodd won four straight to reach the pool finals, before bowing

Other Drury winners included Liat Tan (2-2), Nick Thompson and rookies Rick Arsenault, Jamie Madden, Jason Madden and Colin Catherwood.

Drury's Spartans will host the second annual ECD Invitational meet tomorrow (Thursday). More than 10 schools are expected, including most Halton teams. Hamilton's top two teams, Brebeuf and Bishop Ryan, plus several Peel schools which have returned to OFSSA competition. Last year's event was won by Drury,

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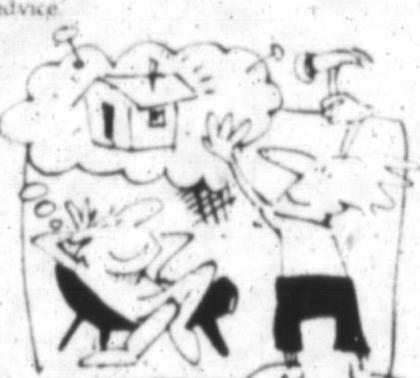
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