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Milton Merchant Family Night prize winners Julie Burnett picked up a ten-speed bicycle, while Donna Simpson won a colour television. Both winners were presented with their prizes by team assistant captains Paul Micallef and Tim Lammers and captain Frank Huyge.

Coulson named sportsman of the year by Halton

Bruce Coulson joined the Halton Sportsmen Association 30 years ago for the fellowship aspect the club had to offer. This weekend he was awarded with the club's highest honor it can bestow.

Coulson was named the Halton Sportsman of the year for 1987, by the board made up of the clubs four past presidents.

"It sure knocked the wind out of my sails that's for sure. It took me by complete surprise," said Coulson, 47, who has been a Lowville resident all his life.

Coulson was recognized by his peers for contributing to the conservation and preservation of wildlife in his surrounding community. Coulson spearheaded the clubs drive last year to clean up the Milton Millpond and its tributaries. He was also behind the communities involvement with stocking the Millpond with trout.

"He's certainly a very deserving winner, especially considering the contributions he has provided for the kids of our community," says the Sportsman Club public relations man John Woelfle.

In response to the kind of hunting and fishing which is still available to sportsmen in Milton and surrounding areas, Coulson says that "we'll be able to hunt and fish in this area for a long while yet." Some of the game still available includes rabbit, deer, partridge and pheasants, not to mention numerous species of fish within the varied waters of Halton.

Coulson, who prides himself as more of a hunter than an angler, says that the area of Lowville hasn't changed that much over the years, except "a lot of people from the city have moved to the country and they bring the city with them." We wish they wouldn't," he says.

Sounders fail London test

The Milton Colour and Sound minor atom C reps discovered that losing isn't easy to take, especially after your team has played its best game of the season.

Sounders experienced a tough weekend of hockey in London, as they failed to pick up a single point in three straight tournament games. Milton dropped its opening game to Sarnia 3-1 and then lost by duplicate 3-0 scores to Flint, Michigan and South London.

In the view of most Milton fans, the Sounders played their finest game of the year in their opening contest with Sarnia's double-A team. The game was fast paced and featured great end-to-end action. Sarnia opened the scoring early in the second period on a wicked backhand shot, but Milton stormed right back on a goal by Iain MacIntosh, setup by Joey Rodrigues and Cameron Davies.

Moments later Sarnia regained the lead and carried a 2-1 margin into the third period. Milton applied tremendous pressure and had numerous scoring opportunities. The best of which was a breakaway by Shawn Kesik, however, the Sarnia goalkeeper made a big save. Sarnia's third goal was scored into an empty net with one second remaining in the game. Greg Ollerenshaw and Jeff Merk made some exceptional saves to keep Milton in the game.

Later that afternoon, Sounders faced off against Flint and failed to maintain the same level of intensity and were shutout 3-0.

The following day Milton played the host South London team and were once again held scoreless. The home team built up a 2-0 lead in the second period, however, Milton refused to roll over and play dead. Sounders looked as though they got a goal back when Eric Medeiros fired a hard shot which trickled near the goaline, but the referee whistled the play dead. Some untimely penalties by Milton and some hot goaltending by South London kept Milton off the scoresheet.

Milton coach Paul Rodrigues characterized the tournament as a good learning experience for the team, as they faced some stiff competition which is helpful in building for next season. Rodrigues also felt that his squad had performed defensively well, as Corey Bourgon, Jason Courtney, Darren Pemberton, Joey Rodrigues and Cameron Davies shone with their checking.

MVP player awards went to Iain MacIntosh in game one, Corey Bourgon in game two and Kyle Arbuckle in game three.

In OMHA zone playdowns, Milton played host to Erin last Wednesday and lost the opening game by an 8-2 score.

Both sides battled through a scoreless opening frame, however, Erin jumped on their scoring opportunities to score three unanswered goals by the midway point of the second period. Milton got back into the game on a breakaway goal by Eric Medeiros on a fine passing play set up by Shawn Kesik. Two minutes later, Joey Rodrigues set up Iain MacIntosh in the slot to pull within one.

The third period belonged to Erin as they clicked for five goals to put the game away.

Merchants win with Flair

The Milton Merchants have finally lived up to their billing. Well for one brief moment they did. The Merchants gave its audience of 400 plus a good performance on ice with an added touch of 'Flair'. One could also say that little bit of esprit came from the bleachers, as the local pop group Flair provided Family Night visitors to the Memorial Arena with some musical encouragement on Friday night.

Backed by the encouraging sounds produced by the band's organ, Milton skated to a spirited 6-4 win against the Orillia Travellers. However, the following day the Merchants had the wind knocked from their pipes, as the host Burlington Cougars hailed victorious by a 6-5 count.

Merchants jumped out to a 3-0 first period lead on Friday before a season record high audience. Defenceman Stephane Deschenes opened the scoring on a setup by captain Frank Huyge and Tim Lammers. Huyge increased Milton's lead four minutes later with his powerplay marker and first of three goals on the evening.

Huyge tapped in a rebound that lay in the Orillia crease for his second goal at 18:58. The Travellers dented the armor of goaltender Les Sirota at 4:28 of the middle frame, while the Merchants were



Grant Poremba a man short Orillia came within a goal, five minutes later when Mike Decoff scored to make it 3-2.

Poremba onto Orillia's doorstep. High flying centreman Poremba scooped up a loose puck near centre and skated in on a partial breakaway, before backhanding his 47th goal over top of Orillia goaler Kevin Clark.

"I like playing at top potential before the playoffs. I think we're going to do well once we get there. I want our team to get back to playing 500 hockey. I've never played on a losing team before," noted Poremba, a Streetsville resident.

Orillia struck for a pair of late goals while the Merchants seemed to be relaxing. This same Milton team would be hard pressed to be caught napping the following day in Burlington against the Cougars.

Former Merchant goaltender Bill Martin recorded a 6-5 win for his Cougars, while Milton's new backstop Alex Giannuzzi got his feet wet with some Junior B action against one of the league's powerhouses. Giannuzzi turned aside 34 shots in a losing cause.

George Bach scored twice for Milton. Grant Poremba, Paul Micallef and Chris Reier were the other Merchant marksmen. Paul Constan and former Merchant Perri Hood led Burlington with two goals each. Hood also had a pair of assists. Kevin Gauthier and Kevin Sheddton added singles.

Honda captures Silver Stick tourney

The Milton Honda minor peewees accomplished something that hasn't been done for a long, long time, when they won the championship game of the Newmarket International Silver Stick Tournament on the weekend.

Milton embarrassed Chatham 7-1 in the tournament finals, after going undefeated throughout the tourney, holding a 4-0-1 record. The entire team deserved a lot of credit for the win over Chatham, as everyone could smell the sweet aroma of victory and were quite prepared to work for it.

Joey Pedulla appeared most willing to claim victory by scoring a hat-trick and as a result, was named the MVP for Milton. Honda broke the game open with an early 2-0 lead in the first period, as Pedulla notched both markers. Chatham scored on a

powerplay with one second left in the period to make it close.

This was as close as Chatham would get, as Honda moved into overdrive and lined the opposition goal with four unanswered goals in the middle frame. Milton coasted to the finish line by adding one more in the third.

Milton's second period outburst started with Cole firing the puck into the twine after receiving a good pass from Ian Davidson. Jeff McKenzie banged home a generous rebound left for him after Pedulla's initial shot was stopped. Robinson turned the red light on, as he parked himself near the side of the net. With

the puck and the rest of the line heading off on a change, he skated in towards the Chatham net and fired. Pedulla completed his hat-trick performance on a pass from Ollerenshaw with 43 seconds remaining in the period.

In the third Ollerenshaw got the puck away from the Chatham defender while doing some fine forechecking and passed out front to Robinson, who promptly put it in the net for the seventh goal. The team spent most of the final frame breaking up Chatham's desperate attempt to mount a comeback. Kevin Gale was holding the fort for two and a half periods in the nets before Craig Power came in to prove he was unbeatable.

The rest of the Honda squad made up of Mike Rusk, Sonny Cardillo, Steve Webb and Rick Warren (in-



Kevin Gale (injured) also played their hearts out to earn this victory. The coaching staff consisting of Paul Webb, Al Johnston, Jim Bissonette and Danny Bowes were very proud of the way the team performed, playing good,

clean hockey throughout the tournament.

In order to qualify for the final round, Milton defeated Humberview 2-0, Ajax 3-2, Whitby 2-0 and tied Unionville 2-2.

Milton Honda roared from the starting blocks by shutting out the MTHL team from Humberview, which is tied for first place in its own league. The win was worth three points in the scoring format being used, as a shutout constitutes one point. Kevin Gale backstopped the team for this important win, while Pedulla and Davidson handled the scoring for Milton.

Game two of the Silver Stick tourney was a rough affair, as Ajax seemed mentally prepared for the contest, as they needed a win in order to stay alive in the round