Moms rule St. Thomas novice tourney

Milton Hockey Moms minor novices entered the St. Thomas Minor Novice Hockey Tournament last weekend and left as they arrived undefeated.

Moms tournament victory marks their third of the season, as they stretched their undefeated string to 48 games, winning all but one, which they tied.

tourament, Milton accomplished victories against Burlington 7-1, Aurora in a 4-3 squeaker and-host St. Thomas 3-2 in the final.

The final two contests were nailbiters, which could have gone either way. St. Thomas was predicting a host win, but were disappointed by the eventual outcome.

Game one against Burlington was by far the easiest game of the tournament, while the only question raised, was how many times Moms would score. Matthew Peers lit the lamp early in the first period after being set up by David Slessor and Adam Bertoli.

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Darren Haydar, who held a hot hand throughout the tourney, notched his first of four goals in the game. Haydar was selected as game MVP for his five-point effort. Mike Roy fired a shot from the point which found the net. Jeff Seeds added a goal and an assist to Milton's showing. Daniel Costelloe played well in the Moms nets and saved all but one of 15 shot on goal.

In game two, Hockey Moms found themselves up against a muchimproved Aurora team and were hard-pressed to pull out a win in a tough 4-3 battle. Milton had previously beaten Aurora 5-2 in the final of the Streetsville Christmas Championships.

Aurora struck first and took an early lead in the first period. Bertoli

tied the game with an unassisted goal in the middle of the second frame. One minute later "Mini" Haydar put the Moms up 2-1 with a goal that Ben Wilson helped set up.

Aurora stormed back to regain the lead with a pair of quick goals early in the third. With less than three minutes left on the clock, Peers scored to tie the game before Haydar took a picture-perfect pass from Bertoli to score the winning goal with only 2:08 remaining. Moms did manage to hold on for the victory.

Robin McCall played well in the Milton nets and Haydar was named the game MVP for the second consecutive time. Mike Roy, Daniel McDuffe and Paul Loader put in strong performances along the blue line. Matthew House, Ben Wilson and Kris McDonald worked hard up

The stage was set for the final against host St. Thomas. Milton took an early lead as Bertoli scored 21

seconds after the opening faceoff. Milton continued this great start when Jeff Seeds took off on one of his. patented rushes a minute later and deposited the puck into the net after deking the goaltender to the ice.

Moms led 2-0 until the final frame. Haydar scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal with just over five minutes remaining. Bertoli and Roy did the work to set up 'Mini' in front of the opposition cage.

St. Thomas was not exactly ready to roll over and die, as they responded with a pair of quick goals within a span of a minute. This created a dramatic finish to the game and gave the coaching staff a few extra gray hairs they could do without.

Seeds earned the MVP honours for his strong performance. Once again McCall performed brilliantly between the pipes, while receiving strong support from defencemen Chris Noronha, Brian Kitchen and

David Slessor, Todd Warren and Brad Woods contributed throughout the tournament and were congratulated for their fine efforts. Hockey Moms reputation is preceding it and as a result have been informed by Markham they

weren't accepted into their March Break Tournament.

Moms await their next opposition which will probably be Stratford in the final of the Zone Championships.

Medics eliminated from OMHA quarters

The Milton Docs and Dents minor atoms began their Tri-County roundrobin playoff with a 2-2 tie against Flamboro on Saturday.

Milton re-entered the Tri-County competition after being eliminated two games straight by Streetsville in the quarter-finals.

The first game was a close 5-4 loss. to Streetsville. Jeff Haydar scored twice, while Justin Lynch and Fabio Pento netted singles. Medics would prefer to forget about game two of the series, as a 38-16 shot advantage over Streetsville was not reflected by the scoresheet. Milton lost 10-4. Mike Maltais, Haydar, Pento and Lynch scored for the Medics.

Milton found themselves subjected to a new type of defence against Flamboro - clutch, grab and tackle. Medic forwards were constantly picking themselves up off the ice once they entered the Flamboro end zone. Pento and Trevor. Kuhn hit the mark for Milton.

Jewellers ousted from playdowns by Smithville After being knocked out of the

OMHA playdowns by Smithville, Milton' Roel Jewellers minor novice C rep hockey team responded with victories over Oakville and Streetsville.

Smithville shut out the Jewellers on both occasions 13-0 and 6-0 to advance. Milton was overpowered and outmatched by the major novice squad from Smithville.

The Jewellers bounced back from series they preferred to forget by edging Oakville 2-1 on goals by Matthew Jenkins and Lucas Redditt.

One of the Jewellers' best efforts of the season came against Streetsville, while playing without two of their 40-point players. Milton upset Streetsville's select team 5-0. The win was backed by a strong defensive performance in their own end of the rink, particularly by Ryan Ricci, Robert Hebert, Craig Robertson and Andrew Kiddle.

Following a scoreless opening frame, Cory Broussard got things. started when he bulged the twine while on a breakaway in the first minute. Milton added another two in the second on goals by Jenkins and Candice Ceelen.

Daniel Lennox and Jamie Sweetland insured the win with goals in the third period. Two assists were awarded to Jenkins, while

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Trevor Gillies, Stephen Coffield, Darryl Burns and Jenkins each had one apiece. Blair McTrach and Kevin Harvey shared the shutout for their combined work between the

Carriers make Beeline to playoff victory

The Carriers made a Beeline to victory in the opening game of their Tri-County round-robin game against Chinguacousy.

Milton's Beeline Carriers major novice rep A hockey team skated to a 5-0 shutout victory over Ching on Saturday at Thompson Arena.

Carriers win was supported by the play of goaltender Jimmy Leworthy, while his teammates in front of him outskated and dominated the opposition. Billy Robbins scored a pair of goals, both coming on identical plays. Robbins took a pass from Jason Medeiros and skated in on the right side and jammed the puck past Ching's goalie.

Jon Ellison's goal was the play of the game, as he received a pass at centre ice from Derek Rockel and stickhandled around the last defender to score on a low shot from close in.

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