

# Docs and Dents sweep Streetsville

## Minor Atom AA

Milton Docs and Dents minor atom AA rep team opened the playoffs on the right note, sweeping Streetsville 2-0 in the first round.

Milton had little trouble with their neighbours as they cruised to 4-1 and 5-1 victories.

The first game of the best-of-three series was played in Streetsville and the visitors came out with a 4-1 win. Milton built a 4-0 lead after two periods before the home side finally broke through and scored. Notching markers for the winners were Doug Janjevich with two, Jeff Seeds and Andrew Harholt with one each.

The following night the two teams travelled to Milton to continue the series. Little changed from the first contest as Doc

whipped Streetsville 5-1.

Janjevich earned the hattrick and singles went to Jeff Seeds and Trevor Petherick. Milton now faces Chinguacousy in another best-of-three series.

## Bantam AA

It came down to the last game of the season, but Milton Sargent Farms bantam AA rep team locked up first place overall in the Tri-County league. Milton split a pair of games with Burlington before knocking off Georgetown to wrap up the league title.

Milton knocked off Burlington 5-4 and Georgetown 5-1 but lost to Burlington 1-0.

In the home-and-home series with Burlington, both squads won on their home ice. The first of the games was played in Milton and Glen Trickey backstopped Sargent's to a

5-4 win.

Trevor Brandt opened the scoring and Gio Piazza made in 2-0 before the first period was over. Burlington fought back to take a 3-2 lead but Brandt fired his second of the game to tie the score. Colin Catherwood then scored a pair of goals, including the winner, to give Milton a 5-3 lead. A late goal by Burlington was as close as they would get, though.

Defence and superb goaltending were the order of the day in Burlington as the home team scored with 6:14 remaining in the game to earn the 1-0 victory. Ryan Peddie was outstanding in goal for Milton, but the locals were unable to put one by the Burlington netminder.

In order to take control of their own fate

and seal the league title, Milton had to win in Georgetown, which they did quite handily, 5-1.

Trickey just missed the shutout in the Milton net. Piazza opened the scoring in the first. In the second, power-play goals by Cox and Brandt put the game out of Georgetown's reach. Cox and Piazza both notched their second goals of the game before the final buzzer.

The first-place finish gave Milton a first-round bye in the playoffs. They now face Georgetown, who knocked off Chinguacousy in the first round of the playoffs, in a best-of-three series. The series opened Monday night and resumes tomorrow in Georgetown. The third game, if necessary, will go in Milton on Feb. 6.

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## Safe at First

The Royal Canadian Legion held their first annual Snow-Pitch tournament over the weekend. Although the weather didn't cooperate (notice the lack of snow), everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. The winners were Grand Transport, who knocked off the Marauders in the finals 11-9. In the consolation final Anchor Team Sports beat Webbles Warriors 16-9. All the proceeds from the tourney are going to the Milton junior baseball team, which is planning a trip to the Dominican Republic in the spring.

# Merchants lose to Mimico, hurt their chance to avoid the league basement

By JEFF PASQUALE

Coach Gary Ford of the Milton Merchants wasn't about to mince words.

"We just didn't play very well. We didn't put the puck in the net," he said.

What he was talking about was the 6-2 thrashing the Merchants suffered at the hands of the Mimico Monarchs in Central Ontario Junior B Hockey League action Friday night at Milton Memorial Arena.

One thing Ford didn't rule out was the Merchants catching Mimico for sixth place in the league and thereby avoiding the Burlington Cougars in the first round of the playoffs, something neither team relishes.

"Mimico hasn't exactly been burning up the league, other than beating us, and there are still six games left in the season, so anything can happen."

Mimico led Friday night's game 2-1 after the first period, Milton's goal going to Sean Laverty. Mimico came out strong and scored twice in the second period before Scott Gale trimmed the lead to 4-2. Mimico closed out the scoring in the second and added one in

the third to make the final 6-2.

The third period turned somewhat ugly, once both teams saw the game was safely won. Milton had three minor penalties, a fighting major and a game misconduct in the final 49 seconds alone while Mimico matched them penalty-for-penalty, except for taking one less minor.

The biggest problem for Milton proved to be their power play. Despite both of their goals coming with the man-advantage, Milton didn't take quality shots or capitalize when they did.

"We moved the puck around pretty well when we had it in their zone, but we just couldn't put the thing in the net," he said. "Some kids can score and others can't. Unfortunately scoring is one thing you can't teach somebody."

The Merchants played the game short-handed once again, with Graham Taylor, Robb Wilson, Paul Hartley, Mike Dunphy and Dwayne Churchill all sitting out suspensions for an earlier brawl against Georgetown. They were particularly hurt on

defence where they had only three players.

"It was more like two-and-a-half, actually, with Brian Harings playing with a bad hand. It really hampered him," explained Ford. The other two regular defencemen were Mark Zebede and Paul Jeffrey.

One-way Ford attempted to overcome the shortage was to put Chris Reier, the team's high scorer, back on the point, especially while the Merchants were enjoying a man-advantage. The problem with that strategy is the front line is weakened.

One player who rejoined the team for the first time this season was Geoff Pollen, a standout from last year. Although he didn't look that out of place, he did appear rusty and his instincts a trifle slow.

"From what I understand Geoff is at university and would have trouble travelling with the team so he won't be rejoining us."

The Merchants hosted Oakville last night and their next game is Friday when they travel to Burlington. After that they host Oakville again this coming Tuesday, 8 p.m. at Milton Memorial Arena.

# Guzman surprised by Victoria

The saying goes 'I'd rather have an ounce of luck than a pound of talent'.

Milton's Jennifer Guzman already has the talent, but her luck ran out when she travelled to Victoria, B.C., on the weekend to race for a spot on the Canadian junior, womens cross-country team. The top three finishers were added to the team, which already had three members from an earlier race.

Guzman finished 12th in the race, but through no fault of her own, said her coach and father Omar Guzman.

"We were told the course around the University of Victoria campus was very flat,

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# Milton Ski Club back on winning track

The Milton Heights Ski Club got back on the winning track on the weekend as they split four races.

The MHSC Red team, undefeated so far this season, stayed that way when they beat Caledon at Osler Bluff, 117-79, Sudbury.

On the boys side, Marc Hoewing of Norval led the way with a first overall finish. Marc Cornwall and Real Latreille of Oakville finished second and third, respectively.

For the girls Holly Bamber and Maryanne Doyle of Oakville finished second and third, respectively while Jennifer Quinn of Burlington took fourth.

The Green team also remained undefeated with a 99-71 win over the Horseshoe Valley Ponys at Glen Eden.

Monique Hoewing of Norval led the way for the girls with a first overall finish while Heidi Heckman of Oakville finished second and Michelle Sutherland of Milton was third.

For the boys, Mike West and Ryan Page of Oakville finished second and fourth, respectively, and Ian Vice of Burlington was sixth.

The MHSC Mountain League team dropped a 109-87 decision to Devil's Elbow at Snow Valley Saturday.

Mark Cooper of Burlington finished first overall for the boys team while Kevin Martin of Campbellville was third and Matt MacIntosh of Milton was sixth. Meghan Powell of Burlington led the girls with a fourth place finish while Siobhan Doyle of Oakville was seventh and Andrea Kaesermann of Mississauga was eighth.

The MHSC Blue team took it on the chin, 90-48, at the hands of SkeeHi at Hamilton.

Stuart Green of Campbellville was third, Alan Gordon of Oakville sixth and Marc Riddell of Burlington seventh.