

# Sockets 'thankful' winning gold in Buffalo tourney

## And hand Stoney Creek its first loss

Milton's P.L. Robertson major AA novice squad has had a busy few weeks. First they defeated Stoney Creek 2-1 handing the Creek its first loss of the season.

Milton goals were scored by Kris MacDonald with the pair, Jamie Sweetland collected two assists and Jeff Chaisson and Jonathon Glover were awarded one each.

On Nov. 23, Milton travelled to Buffalo for the Buffalo Regals Major Novice AA Thanksgiving Tournament which they won when they defeated the Wheatfield Blades 3-1, in the championship game.

MacDonald, Cory Leigh and Scott Neal popped goals for Milton with assists going to Adam McIssac, Cory Broussard, Kevin Miller, Leigh and Sweetland. The goaltending tandem of Mike Johnston and Wayne Ervin were superb.

Milton opened the tournament with a 14-0 massacre of Etobicoke's West Mall team. McDonald led the scoring with seven points on two goals and five assists. Broussard followed with four tallies and an assist, and Jamie Sweetland managed two goals and four assists. Twelve players on the team picked up points.

Milton followed with a 7-1 trouncing of West Seneca. Six different Miltonians popped markers led by

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MacDonald's pair. Neal cranked in a goal after collecting four assists in the first game. Nine Miltonians hit the scoresheet in the game.

The third game featured a warm-up for the final against the Wheatfield Blades. The two teams felt each other out playing to a 3-3 draw to set up the championship finale. Leigh led Milton with a pair and Neal contributed the third.

Back in league play, Milton crushed Oakville 6-1 getting a couple of goals from both MacDonald and Leigh.

Mike Johnston played well in the Milton net. Then the Miltonians defeated Burlington 6-4 as MacDonald continued his prolific scoring with a hat trick.

Sweetland contributed a pair and Neal popped another. Wayne Ervin had an excellent game in the contest which was Milton's sixth consecutive win in league play.

### Strong goalkeeping guides Legion success

The goaltending duo of Jim Leworthy and Jeff Langille came up with strong performances to lead Milton Legion major atom AA reps to a win and a tie in recent action.

Milton hosted Dundas and after a slow start got on track late in the first period. With continuous pressure on the Dundas goal Trevor Petherick notched the Legion's first and only goal of the contest. Leaworthy's strong goaltending earned him a shutout as the Legion went on to a 1-0 victory.

Milton came back with their strongest team effort of the year when they faced Stoney Creek. With both teams fighting for top spot in their division the play was fast paced with plenty of end-to-end action. Solid goaltending by Langille, especially in the early going, kept Milton in the game.

Stoney Creek scored first to take the lead but the Legion bounced back when Doug Janjevich tipped in a Colin Pace shot to tie the game. Stoney Creek scored again and held a 2-1 lead at the end of the first.

The Legion's offence jumped into gear in the second, scoring three unanswered goals to take the lead 4-2.

Mid-way through the period Milton got the tying goal when Tom Baynton scored on a fine individual effort. Moments later Andrew Hartholt put the Legion on top for the first time in the game. Then Jamie Smulders passed to Steven Roy, who padded the Milton lead with only 31 seconds remaining in the period.

Stoney Creek came back with two goals in the third to force a tie. The game ended 4-4.

### Hondas gain split in close games

Milton Honda minor AA peewees started last weekend with a 5-2 win against Streetsville but ended with a split when they lost to Burlington 3-1 in only their third loss of the season.

The first period against Streetsville was scoreless. Milton took the lead early but Burlington tied it, repeating the pattern again to make it 2-2.

Milton broke it open in the third with three unanswered goals. Daryl Loader, Trevor Kuhn, Falco Panto, Shawn Kesik and Jeff Hayder each had a goal for Milton Honda. Jeff Merk played well in the Milton net.

On Sunday, Milton took their third loss of the season 3-1 against a super Burlington side. Milton did not play up to their usual high standard in the contest.

Burlington scored the first two goals but seemed to regain their confidence when Hayder popped one in the second period. Burlington slapped their third goal past the Milton netminder and the comeback steam went out of the Hondas.

### Winning string runs Carriers' record to 11-3

Halfway through the season, Beeline Carriers major AA peewees are in first place with an 11-3 record.

The team is currently on a four-game winning string beating Chinguacousy, Georgetown, Oakville and Ancaster, allowing their opponents only two goals during the streak.

After 14 games the squad had compiled an average of over 4.5 goals per game on offence and allowed under two markers each game to their opponents.

Steven Hunter with a goals-against-average under one leads a three-man goaltending squad. Kevin Boyle gets high marks on defence cementing the strong corps which includes Kirk Kennedy who switched back to defence from forward for the good of the team.

The consistent, aggressive play of Shawn Holloway, Erik George and Darrin Murphy is also a major reason for the fine record the team enjoys, said coach Frank Hardy.

Only the power play is a concern with the troops only scoring on 22 per cent of their chances. Penalty killing is exceptional as Beeline has successfully killed off 96 per cent of their opponents opportunities.

### Gruelling schedule leaves Farmers at 1-4

The Sargent Farms major bantam AA squad managed a 4-1 tie against Burlington early last week and then embarked on a gruelling five games in five consecutive nights.

The wear and tear showed when the dust cleared Milton had ended the swing with a 1-4 record and some heartbreaking losses.

In the tie game, Dion Comba, Don Smulders and a pair by Mike McPhail carried the squad.

After a short rest they began the toughest part of their schedule with a loss to Georgetown 6-3. Jamie Janjevich collected the only marker for the home team.

The next day the team played up to its potential downing Orangeville 5-2 with goals by Jim O'Driscoll, Cam Allan, Comba, Chris Morrison and McPhail.

Sargent Farms then travelled to Georgetown where they lost a tough one 7-6 getting goals from O'Driscoll with a pair, Trevor Thompson, Allan, McPhail and Comba.

Another day and another game for Milton as they played Stoney Creek and took a 6-1 knockout blow. Chad Wigglesworth had the lonely Milton

marker. In the final game of their consecutive stand, the Milton squad lost a heartbreaker 1-0 to Flamborough who scored with only 11 seconds remaining for the win.

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#### Muffers silenced in Fort Erie tourney

Milton Minute Muffer novice A team played three games in a Fort Erie tournament over the weekend ending a disappointing 0-3 with some fine individual efforts.

Milton took the ice against Depew, New York to open the tournament for both teams.

Milton started strong but were unable to create many meaningful scoring chances. Tough play in front of the Milton goal rewarded Depew with a goal late in the first period.

Depew kept the play in the Milton zone for most of the second frame and as a result added three more markers to take a commanding 4-0 lead.

Milton players Kaegen Sherriff, Kris Kovacs, Joe Mulligan, Brent Van Loosen and Kyle Smith all had strong games despite the score.

Depew struck again early in the third capitalizing three times in the first minute against Milton's top line. Only some good defensive play kept the score at 7-0 where it ended.

Milton then matched up against the host team from Fort Erie at 8 a.m. Saturday. Even though Milton lost 5-3, they played a strong game. With 25 seconds gone in the second period Milton's Joe Lake fired a hard shot from in front of the net to notch the game at 1-1.

A hard shot from the top of the circle beat Milton goalie B.J. Forsyth on his glove side and a second goal was flipped over him as he lay sprawled on the ice. After a few minutes of some exciting action, Milton's Matt Brown capped it with a goal from a nice passing play by Ryan Brown and Chris Tschirhart.

Down only by a single goal Milton could not rally. Fort Erie collected a goal on a two-man breakaway. The home side popped another when Milton's defence was caught out of position again. Colin Carroll drilled a goal to go with an earlier assist but it was too little, too late for Milton.

In their final game of the tournament, a 4-0 loss to Saltfleet; the game could have gone either way. The teams were well balanced and play was evenly distributed between the teams.

Saltfleet scored on a shot from the point in the first and Milton's strong defence kept it a 1-0 hockey game until Saltfleet pushed another goal over from a point shot.

The final game was typical for Milton. The offence only managed one shot on goal to 19 shots by Saltfleet. The Milton player of the tournament was goaltender B.J. Forsyth who played three good games.

#### Freighters bow twice including a heartbreaker

The Milton Freightfasters minor atom A team lost twice last week, 4-0 to powerful Ancaster and a 2-1 heartbreaker to Orangeville.

The games were both rough contests. Milton lost a game which was closer than its final score in Ancaster playing with poise on both offence and defence.

On Sunday, Milton and Orangeville were tied 1-1 after the first. It wasn't until late in the third period that a deflected shot put the score in Orangeville's favour.

Coach Marshall pulled his goalkeeper to go with six attackers but they could not force the tie. Milton's goal was scored by Ryan Marshall. The goaltending tandem of Ryan Billinghurst and Blair McTrach was superb.

#### Optimists' defenders go on attack

Milton-major atom A Optimists had a heavy four-game schedule recently and ended at 2-1-1, beating Erin and Oakville while losing to An-

caster and tying Erin to begin the week.

The first two games were a home-and-home series with Erin. The first ended in a draw 1-1 with Milton's Stephen Glover giving an excellent show in goal. Erin opened the scoring at 3:36 of the first period.

Milton tied the game at 6:05 of the second when Darryl Van Loosen took a pass from Derek Rockel to score on a close-in shot. Graham Darling also assisted.

The second of the pair of games ended in a 3-2 Milton win when the Optimist defensive corps scored two picture perfect goals. The first came with only 1:23 left in the game. The winner was at 14 seconds remaining.

The first period was scoreless, with the action going end-to-end. Erin went on the offensive and led 2-1 at the end of the period.

The Erin goalie had been peppered with shots by Milton, but he managed to keep his team in the lead. Andrew Sharpe fired the puck along the ice and under the Erin goalie at 1:33. Assists on the play went to Stuart Colvin and Ryan Leal. The teams fought it out for the next 13 minutes without scoring.

Van Loosen took the puck from his own end and charged down the right side. He used the retreating Erin defender as his screen and fired high into the top right side to tie the contest.

Stuart Colvin picked up the puck about a minute later in the Erin end and with some fine skating and stickhandling worked his way in to the left of the goalie to pot the game winner, unassisted.

Peter Dennis played a strong game in goal for Milton.

Oakville came to Memorial Arena and dropped a 7-6 contest to the Optimists. It was Milton's highest-scoring game of the season. Oakville opened the scoring with two goals in the first but Milton blasted in four in the second with only one answering goal for Oakville and the game stood at 4-3.

Andrew Sandziuk backhanded the first one to the right side of the net. He also scored the second Milton goal when he broke in alone after receiving a perfect pass at the Oakville blueline. Billy Robbins scored from close in on a pass from behind the net and Jon Ellison one-timed a pass from the left slot into the net. Assists on the second period Milton goals went to Aaron Curran, Ryan Leal (2), Andrew Sharpe, Ellison, Robbins and Jason Medeiros.

In the third period the teams traded three goals each. Colvin wristed one along the ice for the fifth Milton marker.

Sandziuk popped his third when he collected a perfect bounce by the side of the net and Darling took a pass in the slot and converted it into the game winner. Assists to Milton in the third period were collected by Derek Rockel (2), Darling, Sharpe and Curran.

The fourth game was Milton's only setback. It was possible that the frantic schedule contributed to their demise when Ancaster blew them away 7-1.

Milton's goal came in the third period after Ancaster had already scored six. Ryan Leal scored the marker with assists going to Sharpe and Sandziuk.

#### Athletics double up Dundas 4-2

The Milton Athletics major A peewees trounced Milton Two 8-1 on Friday.

Scott Guthrie led the way with a pair and Derek Hunter, Corey Tiede, Rob Miller, Jim Heffron, Vince Montagner and Blair Kitchen all managed singles.

Greg Otterenshaw replied for Milton Two. Mike Bell was superb in net for the Athletics.

On Saturday the Milton Athletics faced Dundas and doubled them 4-2. The Athletics collected goals from Kevin Nascimben, John Moffat, Heffron and Guthrie. Greg Marlin popped a pair for Dundas. Chris Glover handled the goaltending duties for Milton.

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