

# Acton Villa and Oakville keep pace with victories

The holiday served Oakville well in Milton Indoor Soccer League action as they returned to post a tremendous 9-0 victory over league doormats Optimist Centre on Sunday.

Six different Oakville players scored. The score would have been higher except for the fabulous goalkeeping of John Dwyer.

In other games, the Halton Outdoors Shop gave The Dickens the runaround forcing defensive errors. Rob Holiday started the scoring with a sizzling run and beat substitute goaltender Bob Adamson.

Outdoors went ahead 4-1 with additional goals from Richard Sewell and Keith Forde. The lone reply came from Matt Szafer. The Debora twins attacked well in the second half for The Dickens and managed to save the point with a 4-4 final.

After two consecutive weeks of no-show Milton Honda came back with a new lineup and posted a 6-2 win over Milton Youth Coaches who tried some unusual formations and paid for it. With this newfound form, Milton Honda should be contenders for the playoffs.

Hi-5 Hair Design went up against second-placed Acton Villa and held equal action but failed to capitalize on their chances. Acton made no such mistakes and won 4-1.

Webs United and Fearmans wound up a penalty-free week with an action-packed end-to-end game that ended 3-3.

Games next week include: Webs versus Coaches, Oakville against The Dickens, Acton Villa against Halton Outdoors, Milton Honda facing the Optimists and Hi-5 meeting Fearmans.

## Standings

	W	L	T	Pt	+/
Oakville	8	0	0	16	+29
Acton Villa	7	1	0	14	+19
Halton Outdoors	4	1	2	10	+10
Dickens	4	2	2	10	+5
Fearmans	3	3	1	7	-5
Webs United	3	4	1	7	-8
Youth Coaches	2	5	1	5	-7
Hi-5 Hair	2	6	0	4	-3
Milton Honda	2	6	0	4	-7
Optimist Centre	0	7	1	1	-33

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## Merchants' chances at third place fading

### Inexperience shows as Cougars prevail 7-2

By BRAD REAUME

Milton Merchants chances for third place are "melting, melting."

A 7-2 loss to Burlington at Central Arena on Saturday may have sealed their fate.

Again, refereeing reared its ugly head in the contest but this time the Merchants were on the raw end losing 7-2 in a game which was tied at two well past the midpoint of the second period.

**Burlington 7  
Milton 2**

With the score 2-1 and momentum decidedly in Milton's hands, referee Cliff Gautier gave Burlington a penalty midway through the second period after nearly letting a fight and the game get out of hand.

The ensuing Milton rush was mistakenly whistled down offside and then as the Burlington goalie left his net the puck was flipped toward the empty goal. Gautier immediately handed out an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty to Pat O'Leary to negate the Milton power play.

Milton's momentum was halted though they did manage to tie the game on a great individual effort by Warren Hart.

Burlington then took charge drilling a pair of goals 14 seconds apart. First, Mark Visheau wound up and rolled a change-up at Evershad in the Milton net and then Cory Holbrough hit Dino Felicetti with a perfect pass on the doorstep left of Evershad.

The first two players in a series of Merchant additions, promised by head coach and general manager Rick Bince, joined the Merchants prior to Saturday's game. Tonight (Wednesday) at midnight is the trading deadline.

Jason Molnar, leading scorer of the 3-31-0 Stoney Creek Warriors of the Golden Horseshoe Junior B League, and Jeff Edgar, who played for Sheridan College last season, saw their first action with their new team against Burlington.

Molnar counted the first Merchant goal of the evening after Burlington had taken a 2-0 lead on goals by Matt Turek and Kevin Gauthier.

Turek scored on a rebound under goalie Jay Evershad and early in the second Gauthier banged a shot through Evershad's legs on a pass from the left corner.

Molnar deflected a Trevor Dodman slapshot past Burlington netminder Glen Erskine to start the

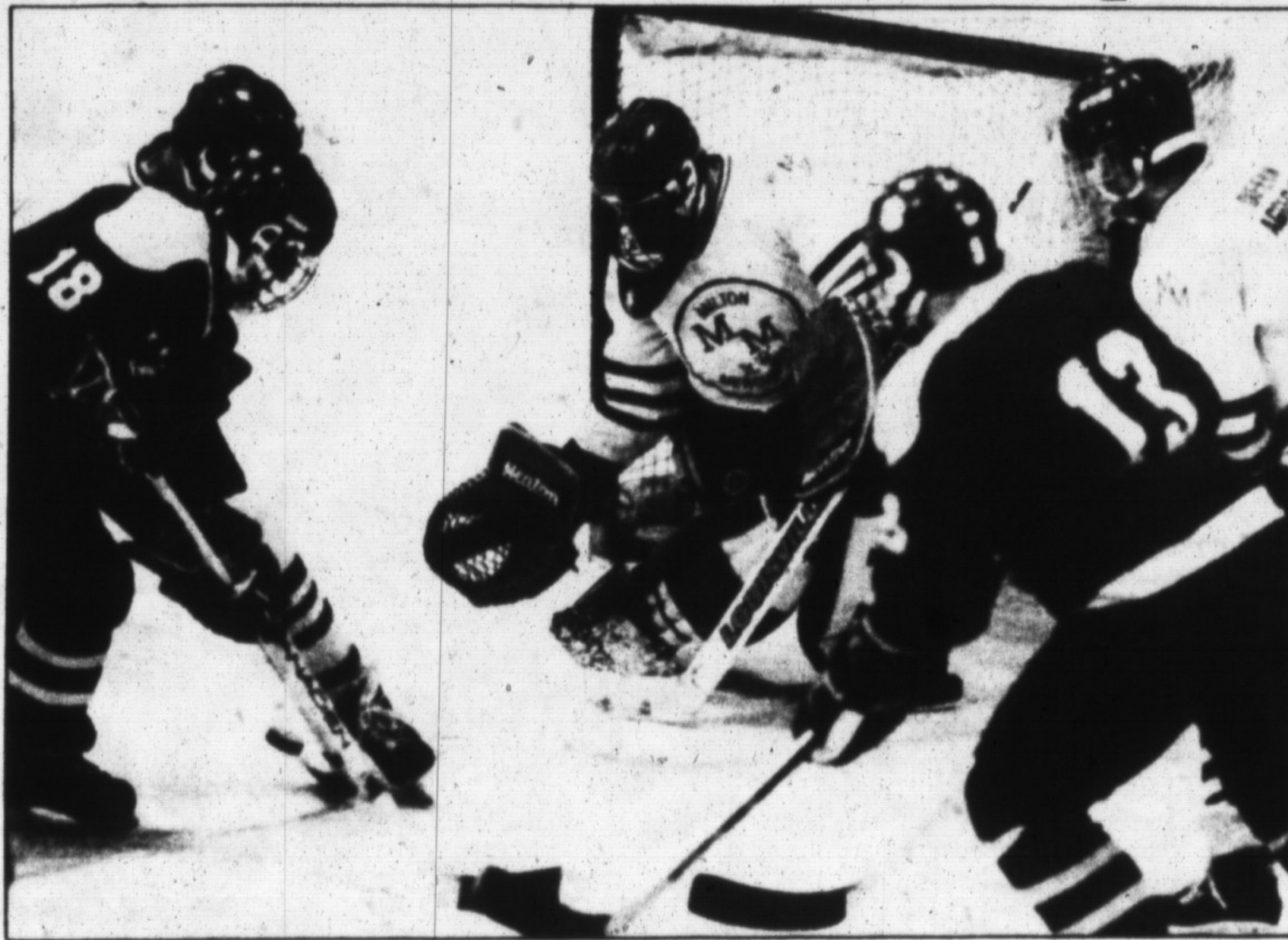


Photo by JOHN WARREN

Chad Muldoon, covers as much of the net as possible while players fight over the puck. Both Muldoon and his Brampton counterpart Vito Mazzoli tried to lunge out to cover pucks and were burned when they were beaten to them during Friday's 7-5 Milton win.

comeback at 8:06 of the second.

Burlington added to their lead early in the third period on a second goal by Gauthier. It looked like a pass but it turned into a shot which fooled Evershad.

After another quick goal by Burlington only a minute later, Milton's Hart decided to take things into his own hands.

Skating behind the play towards the Milton bench, Hart tangled with defenceman Christian Keogh. Keogh turned the other cheek when Hart pushed him, discouraged him with words and finally two-handed him across the back of the legs. Even then it took Hart to actually begin the festivities by grabbing Keogh's face mask.

Hart was banished from the game for his attempt to pump up his teammates. The Merchants, however, need Hart and his scoring touch to come from behind in games so his loss struck a definitive blow.

Referee Gautier called offsetting penalties after a hard hit right in front of the Milton bench. No signal was forth coming on the initial hit or the shove which Merchant Rob Figliano retaliated with, but when Cougar Paul Pica let loose with a vicious slash, which fortunately didn't connect, both players were tossed.

Burlington managed one more goal when Rod Hinks slid an innocent backhand past Evershad but by then the game was over.

"Molnar's not a great skater, but he moves well, and he hasn't played in a month," said coach Rick Bince. "I have to look at line



Photo by JOHN WARREN

Referee Ron McLean, moonlighting from his regular job hosting Hockey Night in Canada, hands out a few penalties and takes time to shout some instructions while explaining a call to curious Milton players during Friday's game against Brampton.

combinations and see who he will complement and who will complement his talents. That's going to take the rest of the year."

Bince realized better than anyone the import of this game.

With Burlington only five points ahead of Milton the game amounted to a four-point swing in the standings with Milton looking for third place. "They hacked and whacked us all night long," he said.

"They sent two men in to chase the puck like you'd do on a power play," Bince said. "They isolate our defenceman and the other guy picks up the puck. It's no secret, Dave King of the Canadian Olympic Team does it. Defensive execution is the only way to stop it."

The Merchants have the better part of a week off. They take to the ice again when they host division leaders Oakville Blades Friday at 8 p.m. at Memorial Arena.

### Home record improves with 7-5 win over Brampton

By BRAD REAUME

There's no place like home, there's no place like home.

For Milton Merchants, home has given them a 9-4-2 record while a trip to OZ has resulted in a 5-9-2 mark.

They added to their home success with a 7-5 victory over the Brampton Capitals Friday night at Memorial Arena.

**Milton 7  
Brampton 5**

"We had our chances but Milton played well," said Brampton assistant coach Mike McElroy filling in for head coach Frank Carnevale.

"Milton's a good-hard working club. We can't relax or they'll pop one."

It seemed the Merchants, despite controlling the game, could not put the pesky Capitals away. Milton jumped into a lead with a cheap goal 17 seconds into the contest when Trevor Dodman fired a shot from the point across the net. It hit the arm of a Brampton defenceman and bounced past a startled Vito Mazzoli in the Brampton net.

Three minutes later, Brampton tied the score in the first of a series of goaltender miscues which plagued both teams.

Merchant goaltender Chad Muldoon left the puck behind the net for a teammate who didn't want it. Muldoon lunged for the puck but was beaten to it by Mauro Mignosa, whose pass to Paul Larsens left him an empty net opportunity.

Milton picked up a power-play goal at 9:47 with Larsens off for tripping when Mazzoli raced for the puck but was beaten by K.C. Foster who moved around the goalie for an easy marker. Rob Wilson earned an assist.

**3-1 lead**

With four minutes remaining in the period, Warren Hart concocted a perfect move to draw the Brampton netminder but his pass to Jeff Daw trailing the play went unconverted when Daw failed to get good wood on it.

A minute later, Daw's chance was forgotten when Rob Figliano stole the puck with a great backcheck and went in alone and slid the puck under Mazzoli for a 3-1 Milton lead.

Only 42 seconds later, Brampton initiated the exchange of goals which would continue for the rest of the contest. A Brad Thompson misplay set up a Capital three-on-one which they converted despite a pair of poor passes and some good defensive work by Milton.

Pat O'Leary scored for Milton when he one-timed a pass from the corner

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