

Faucher fires four for first in Milton

A number of interesting battles are shaping up in the Milton Hockey League.

SKD has had a strangle hold on first place all season but Apple Auto Glass have flirted with the top spot. They work themselves up to a tie only to fall back.

The Winterhawks and Carefree Flyers also are vying for first place in that there are only three points separating the top four teams. That leaves Fat Freddy's and Milton Pro Sport Kings struggling to remain out of the cellar.

Greg Faucher of SKD is leading Bob Landry of the Winterhawks by a single point in the scoring race. The Apple Auto Glass goaltending duo of Mike Shepherd and Murray Hofstetter lead the league in goals against average.

In games last week the Winterhawks over-

came a stubborn Fat Freddy's crew 7-5. Landry counted four goals and a pair of assists to lead the Hawks. Guy McInnis added a pair of markers and Randy Novak popped a single. Fat Freddy's goal scorers were Ken Fox, John Hackett, Kerry Dugan, Jeff Fleet and Bruce Cameron, all with singles.

Perri Hood's shorthanded goal with less than two minutes to play gave Apple Auto Glass a 4-3 victory over the hard luck Pro Sport Kings. Randy Johnson, Steve Hawkins and Willy Ceelen had given the Devils a 3-1 lead after the opening frame, with Don Kabkirk netting the Kings' goal.

John Leoprich and Kevin Dermott both scored in the final three minutes of the second period to send the game into a winner-take-all third period. The cellar dwelling Kings seem to

have a penchant for losing one goal games while occasionally coming up with stunning upsets, like the 6-3 win the previous week over the SKD Blues.

The week's final game saw SKD score four unanswered goals in the third period to defeat the short staffed Carefree Flyers 5-4 and keep a share of first place. Jim Newman, Joe Gaetan, Brad Nadalin and Tim Lamers each scored for the Flyers to give them a 4-1 lead heading into the fateful final stanza.

Dave Demench scored his first of two on the night in the second to get SKD on the board. Richard Shannon and Greg Faucher tallied early to get the Blues within range. Demench tied the game with his second goal, knotting the score at 4-4 with but five minutes to go. John Tyndall provided the heroics with 13

seconds remaining on a powerplay goal to give SKD the victory.

Team	W	L	T	PTS
Apple Auto Glass	7	3	3	17
SKD Blues	7	3	3	17
Winterhawks	7	5	1	15
Carefree	7	6	0	14
Fat Freddy's	4	9	0	8
Milton Pro Sport	3	9	1	7

Player	G	A	PTS
Greg Faucher (SKD)	15	14	29
Bob Landry (Hawks)	12	16	28
Ken Fox (Freddy's)	14	9	23
Bob Mills (SKD)	12	10	22
John Tyndall (SKD)	9	12	21
Joe Gaetan (Flyers)	6	13	19
Jeff Bullock (Apple)	9	9	18

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It's 10-3 as Pete's can't reply to Milton barrage

By BRAD REAUME

The Milton Merchants have virtually nailed down fourth place with their 10-3 win over the fifth place Peterborough Junior Petes on Friday at Thompson Arena.

With all seven teams in the western division of the Central Ontario Junior B making the playoffs they are arranged as an eight team playoff alignment with the first place team collecting a bye into the second round.

Thus Milton will face either Peterborough or Brampton, though the former is more likely, in the first round. If they manage to advance Milton will take on first place Oakville in what is shaping up to be a great playoff round.

"I think things are peaking," said Merchant coach Rick Bince. "The team is coming together, there's a lot of camaraderie. The new guys (Clark, Taylor, Edgar and Molnar) have really fit in well."

"We've got Mike Crespeign back and I have a secret weapon. Along with that I'm still looking for another defenceman," Bince said. Mike Crespeign was traded from Milton to Cambridge in late November, he was available when the Cambridge season was over.

The Merchants can pick up players who aren't attached to other teams until February 10. While most teams have solidified their rosters Milton still has two cards remaining for players according to Bince.

Milton opened the scoring against Peterborough with a flurry which left the Family Night crowd little doubt that the home side would win in a rout. Jeff Daw knocked in a rebound at 1:46 of the first beating Jason Molnar to the first goal by only 15 seconds. Molnar's marker punctuated a two on one when he scored with the defender draped all over him.

Moments later Rob Figliano playing with Chris Clark and Pat O'Leary failed to capitalize on a point blank shot from the slot. The newly formed line is playing well together collecting 13 points in the game.

"Some of us are gelling. Figliano, Clark and O'Leary are one tough line to deal with," said Bince with a smile.

Sean Healey popped a goal at 8:53 on a well executed two-on-one which preceded Peterborough's first flirtation with the scoresheet when league co-MVP Willie McGarvey passed the defence and flipped one behind Jay Evershad in the Milton goal.

Before the period ended Warren Hart hit the twine when he was presented with an open net thanks to a rebound off a defenceman and Pat

O'Leary nailed one on a scramble at 19:25.

The Merchants entered the second period the way they finished the first managing a pair of goals the first by O'Leary and the second by Clarke, and both in the sixth minute of the period. O'Leary's goal was the prettiest of the night with Clark making a perfect fake to draw the Peterborough goaltender before delivering a drop pass to set up the open net.

Peterborough's Corey Stillman popped a goal on a breakaway realized after a sloppy play by Milton at the Petes' blueline. After a major for cross checking to Molnar and a bench minor to Milton for delay of game when Bince decided to question the call, the visitors connected again with Milton two men short. Scott Wainman finished the play.

Ken Guilford continued his scoring ways with a goal that bounced high off the falling goaltender and bounced slowly into the net at 18:29 to make the score 8-3.

Milton zipped two more before it was over. Brad Thompson completed a scramble and O'Leary completed his hat trick with a change-up off the heel of his stick which fooled the Peterborough netminder.

"We got a lot of hardworking goals," said Bince. "I call them 'it's about time goals'. Our guys in front were cashing rebounds."

"He called everything in the first and then let it go when the pressure (due to the score) was not life or death," said Peterborough coach Bud Stefanski after the game.

"For the first three goals the puck was bouncing around and the goalie got himself out of position by flopping too early. But we can't label one person or one thing. There's nothing you can do when you lose one-on-one battles in the corner."

"It's in the code of the zebra," said Bince. "When a team's up five goals you try to stop the chippiness."

With regard to the bench penalty, "I made my point to the ref. I didn't think that the five minutes was necessary when he missed a spearing and a couple of others. It is my impression that when the man stays on the ice (which Kelly Roberts, Molnar's victim did) that their is no major."

Despite the big crowd, due to Family Night promotions and giveaways, Bince said that people should get out to see the team which needs support. He attributed the 10 goal performance, in part, to the big crowd.

"It's worth the four bucks to see the product on the ice," he said. "Come out to the pond. We're wearing your name."



Merchant coach Rick Bince doesn't look like a guy with a 7-2 lead. Perhaps that's why he has a 7-2 lead. During the second period of Friday's game against Peterborough, which ended 10-3 for Milton, Bince prolonged his complaints about a five minute cross checking call on Merchant Jason Molnar so long that Milton received a bench minor for delay of game. Peterborough scored during the ensuing two man advantage.

Sandstone Transport goes on road with 1-0 lead in series

The Milton Sandstone Juveniles jumped out to a quick lead in their best of five OMHA quarter final series with a 9-0 victory over Georgetown on Saturday night.

After a highly successful year in the Tri-County League the Sandstone team is gearing up for a run at the OMHA Juvenile AAA Championships.

"At the beginning of the season we wanted to put together a team that would be competitive in the league. This team has far surpassed any expectations placed upon them," said head coach Barne Elliot.

Mark Harrison recorded the shutout for Milton. His mates gave him an early lead to work with when Mike Brooks scored at 1:33 of the first from Brett Elliot and Shawn Hasselheldt. At 10:55 Jason Caccamo popped one from Hasselheldt, and two minutes later Brooks zipped his second of the night on a repeat scoring play of the first goal.

Elliot scored the only goal of the second from Colin Grieve. The third period included goals by Scott Meley, Hasselheldt, Jamie Pearson, Matt McCandless, and a second by Pearson. Only four minor penalties were handed out to each team.

"We finished among the top three teams in a nine team division with 15 wins, five losses and six ties and gained respectability around the league. The boys are playing a disciplined brand of hockey and if everyone contributes to the best of their abilities we will be serious contenders for the championship," Elliot added.

Milton is normally a AA juvenile team but because of limited entries in the division the locals must play up at the AAA level.

There next game is scheduled for Thursday night in Georgetown at 8:30 and game three returns to Milton Memorial Arena on Saturday evening at 8:30.