### This town kicked us in the teeth', says Bince

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'The hardest thing for me to swallow - and I love the kid - is Vito. He stoned me," said Bince. "Even in the games we won he stoned us."

worked to get that kid a scholarship," Bince continued. "I'm drained, not be-

either way. I'm the coach and I lost."

Mazzoli returned to Brampton early in the New Year after a stint at Miami (Ohio) University on a hockey scholarship. Not co-incidentally "Vito's my boy. I found him. I that is the time the Capitals fortunes began to turn.

"We've turned a lot of people on to cause I lost, my emotions are going Junior B hockey," said Carnevale.

The crowd for the seventh game almost filled Memorial Arena, with people along the glass, in the snack bar, along the upper level beer garden and spilling out of the stands.

Bince agreed, "I'm really proud of my team. They brought hockey back to Milton and they've got nothing to be ashamed of. They didn't get beat

by a better team, they got beat by a great goaltender."

In the seventh game, Milton was stymied by Mazzoli but Chad Muldoon who donned the pads for the Merchants was equally as good. In the early stages of the game Milton gave up a number of golden opportunities which gave Muldoon

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chance to shine.

Nick Davero scored the opening goal from a scramble at 16:34 of the first after Milton's Rob Figliano was stopped twice on point-blank shots from the right side. The second period was only 4:17 old when Bob Mc-Grath extended the Brampton lead on a slow screen shot from the point.

The vocal Brampton supporters used the two markers and began taking the home ice advantage away from the Merchants.

'My kids we're so upset that the Brampton fans outcheered Milton fans," said Bince. "I'm bitter, I'm upset with this town after all we've done with minor hockey and the local guys. It was the deciding factor. This town kicked us in the teeth."

In the fifth game, Warren Hart scored to get Milton back into a game they eventually won. He took the puck down the left boards, head faked inside, and swung around the net to stuff it in the far side. "You could do that again 55,000 times and never score again on Mazzoli," said Carnevale after the fifth game.

He was wrong. At 12:54 of the second period in the seventh game Hart did exactly the same thing and again propelled his team back into contention trailing 2-1 after two.

Only 46 seconds into the third period, Brampton turned a scramble and a couple of whacks at the puck into their third goal. Figliano converted a nice back pass by Chris Clark into a goal when he found the high short side on Mazzoli with a quick shot seven minutes later.

Milton began to press, putting a large number of good chances together over the following few minutes. A tripping penalty to Brampton, producing only the second power play of the game, heightened the tension at 14:23. Clark got in alone during the adwantage but was stick checked to end Milton's best chance to tie the score.

After the penalty expired Milton continued to press but a defensive mistake gave Anthony Miele a clear crack at Muldoon in the Milton net. One, two cracks, it was in and the Merchants' hopes of coming back were dashed.

'The difference was we didn't have our 10-minute lapse," said Carnevale. 'They scored and we came back stronger."

There were some upset guys in there," said Bince after he emerged from the Merchant dressing room. Three guys are finished junior hockey because they're over age. I

feel bad for the owner (Brad Grant)." The sixth game the previous night in Brampton was a tough loss for Milton. They took a 2-0 lead on goals by Jeff Daw and Ken Guilford before the midway point of the first period but Brampton came back with two of their own before the period ended.

The goals by Dance and Marty Wells were followed in the second period by goals from Aki Kyrou early in the second, and Marciello late in the period to establish a 4-2 lead.

The game was a penalty-filled affair with over 30 penalties called in the game. There were misconducts, including one to Porco for throwing his gloves at the referee, an illegal stick call by Bince, a game misconduct for three stick penalties to Hart and numerous other calls.

The Merchants managed a goal at 2:20 of the third on a blast from the point by Taylor. Brampton returned the favour six minutes later when Wells scored to make it 5-3 Brampton. Figliano scored with 52 seconds remaining but the Merchants could not score the tying goal despite a couple of good chances.

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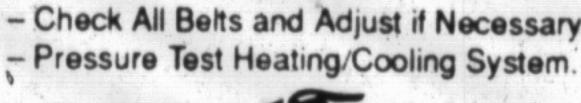
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