Two table tennis tournaments on tap

Eastern Canadian Open expects more than 100 players at Reding

The Eastern Canadian Table Tennis Open is slated to be played in Milton at Bishop Reding Separate Secondary School March 31-April 1.

Approximately 100 players are expected to compete, although any member of the Ontario Table Tennis Association is eligible.

"I'm hoping people from the Milton area will come and watch the high level of play at this tournament," said Laurie Lawrence of the Milton Table Tennis Club.

The tournament was originally scheduled for London but they were unable to provide the

facilities necessary, according to Lawrence. Table tennis is an Olympic sport and claims to have the second largest participation in the world. Only soccer is bigger, Lawrence said.

Serious table tennis players never refer to their sport as ping pong.

'The difference between ping pong and table tennis is the speed of the ball," said Lawrence. "When you play ping pong it sounds like 'ping-pong.'

The acceptance level of table tennis is large, especially in Eastern Europe and the Far East.

The tournament goes from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. There are 23 events to be run during the two day af-

The West Central Region is having a tournament at Martin Street School on Saturday, April 7 and welcomes local people.

Entry forms can be picked up at the club on Friday evening or from both Rolf Gollin, who can be reached at 878-1088, and Ashmine Solanki, at 878-3037.

Entry fees are \$3-4 depending upon the event. There are four junior divisions, three open divisions and three doubles divisions.

"Hopefully the two tournaments will boost interest in the local club, which holds its games on Friday evenings at the Martin Street School," Lawrence said.

"We're looking for new members and new ideas to help increase interest in the sport."

Volleyball Qualifiers

The Westside Volleyball Club midget team has managed an undefeated season. The achievement qualifies them for the provincial championships on March 24-25 at Loyola Secondary School in Oakville.

Jody Brown, a Grade 10 student at E.C. Drury High School and Georgetown high school students Randy Bond and David Sands play for the Westside midget club. Club volleyball is one step above high school volleyball. Many players will later compete at the university level or higher.

A Westside win qualifies them to represent Ontario at the Eastern Canadian national volleyball championships in Fredericton, New Brunswick on April 27-28.

Soccer restructuring

With the premier division of Mississauga league indoor soccer complete for 1989-90 the governing body is preparing for the summer season. According to outgoing Milton team president Reg Griffin, there is a movement to link the premier team with high school soccer at E.C. Drury.

The idea is still in its infancy but parties representing both groups will meet to discuss possible arrangements, according to Griffin. He has worked for a number of years towards a linked arrangement for all levels of soccer in Milton.

Karmax rolls over Dundas to reach Tri-County finals

The Karmax major midget reps easily eliminated Dundas in three straight games to advance to the finals in Tri-County playoff hockey action.

In the opener of the series, early penalties to Dundas set the tone of the game and Milton jumped to a three goal lead on first period goals by Rob Crowe, Gio Piazza and Rob Delpapa. A giveaway late in the game resulted in the lone Dundas goal and spoiled goalie Richard Saliba's shutout bid.

Game two was a penalty filled contest in which Milton skated off the ice a 3-2 winner. Piazza scored twice and David McDuffe chipped in with a goal and an assist to lead Milton's offence.

until a knee injury forced him out of the contest in the third period.

Facing elimination, Dundas took to the ice in the third game ready to fight to the finish. Milton led after the first period on goals by Trevor Brandt and Crowe but Dundas fought their way back with a pair to even the score.

Milton managed to restore their two goal margin thanks to Piazza and Mike Cox, but early in the third Dundas chipped one in to reduce the lead to one. McDuffe scored early in the third and it proved to be the game winner as Dundas, refusing to give up, managed another goal.

The Karmax major midgets now await the winner of the semifinal series between







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