

Sunday night hockey swings back in action with many changes

The Sunday Night Non-Contact Hockey League regular season began this week with predictable results. Last year's top three finishers all easily handled their respective opponents in one-sided contests.

The Apple Auto Glass Devils, first-place finishers and playoff finalists a year ago, steamrolled over the short-staffed SKD Blues 11-0.

Jeff Bullock, Chris Turner and Ken Fox paced the Devils with a pair of goals each. Single tallies were counted by Perri Hood, Joe O'Grady, Doug Wilson, Darren Bain and Craig German.

Goaltender Mike Sheperd earned the shutout.

The evening's second contest saw Steve Fleet of Warren Kelly's Co-op Insurance ruin Alex Giannuzzi's shutout bid with just 20 seconds left on the clock. The Milton Capitals won 6-1 on the strength of two goal performances by Scott Malcolm and Fred Pennell while Tim Lamers and Wally Kennedy netted singles.

In the nightcap league champion Milton Winterhawks had no trouble in handling Milton Pro-Sport Kings 5-0. Five different players accounted for the Winterhawk scores. Trevor

Reibot opened the scoring in the first period with Mike Bolton and John Barnes doing the honours in the second frame.

Rounding out the scoresheet were Paul McCann and Bob Landry in the third. Rick Landry was between the pipes for the shutout.

Notes: The league has seen a great influx of new players this year due to the relaxing of eligibility rules and the discarding of the draft and numerous retirements. It appears early this season that the best recruiting of talent has been done by top three teams notably Apple

Auto Glass, the Winterhawks and the Capitals.

Player movement is at an all time high as each team is looking for the right combination for a championship squad. The biggest trade to date has sniper Ken Fox wearing the red of Apple Auto in a three for one deal with Co-op Insurance. The rumour mill is working overtime and trade winds are blowing strong.

Next week's action has Apple Auto playing Co-op Insurance at 7:30, Winterhawks at the Capitals at 8:50 and at 10:10 SKD Blues take on Pro-Sport.

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Something might be gaining

Dion Comba (33) scores on a long run from scrimmage in the first half of Milton District High School's junior tilt with St. Thomas Aquinas of Oakville on Wednesday. Despite Comba's two touchdowns and another pair by John Stetic Milton lost 28-26. Aquinas blocked a field goal late in the game to preserve the victory. The Mustangs ranks were depleted with six starters off on a school field trip. The Mustang seniors lost their game on Tuesday 31-6 to Burlington Central. The juniors play their last regular season game on Wednesday at Lester B. Pearson in Burlington. The senior travel to Blakelock on Friday.

Equitation division

Diane Flynn seventh in equestrian at CNE

Diane Flynn, 12, of Milton finished seventh overall in the equitation division at the Ontario Trillium Equestrian Championships at the CNE recently.

A seventh grader at Sam Sherratt School, she won the Central West Division Equestrian Championships equitation title for boys and girls 12 years of age and younger, which qualified her for the Ontario title bid.

Ontario is divided into six regions with the top five from each region competing at the CNE. Flynn competed in 10 shows throughout the summer months in which she earned points toward the regional title.

Equitation is a competition where the rider, rather than the horse, is judged on various equestrian concerns. The riders are judged on how they carry themselves in controlling the horse, jumping, and cantering, among others.

Goalie Muldoon plays well

Merchants claim workmanlike 3-2 win to maintain league lead

By BRAD REAUME

The beat goes on.

Thanks to a goal with eight minutes to go by Rob Figliano the Milton Merchants beat Streetsville Derbys 3-2 and extended their record to 6-1-1 good enough for the lead in the Western Division of the Central Ontario Junior B.

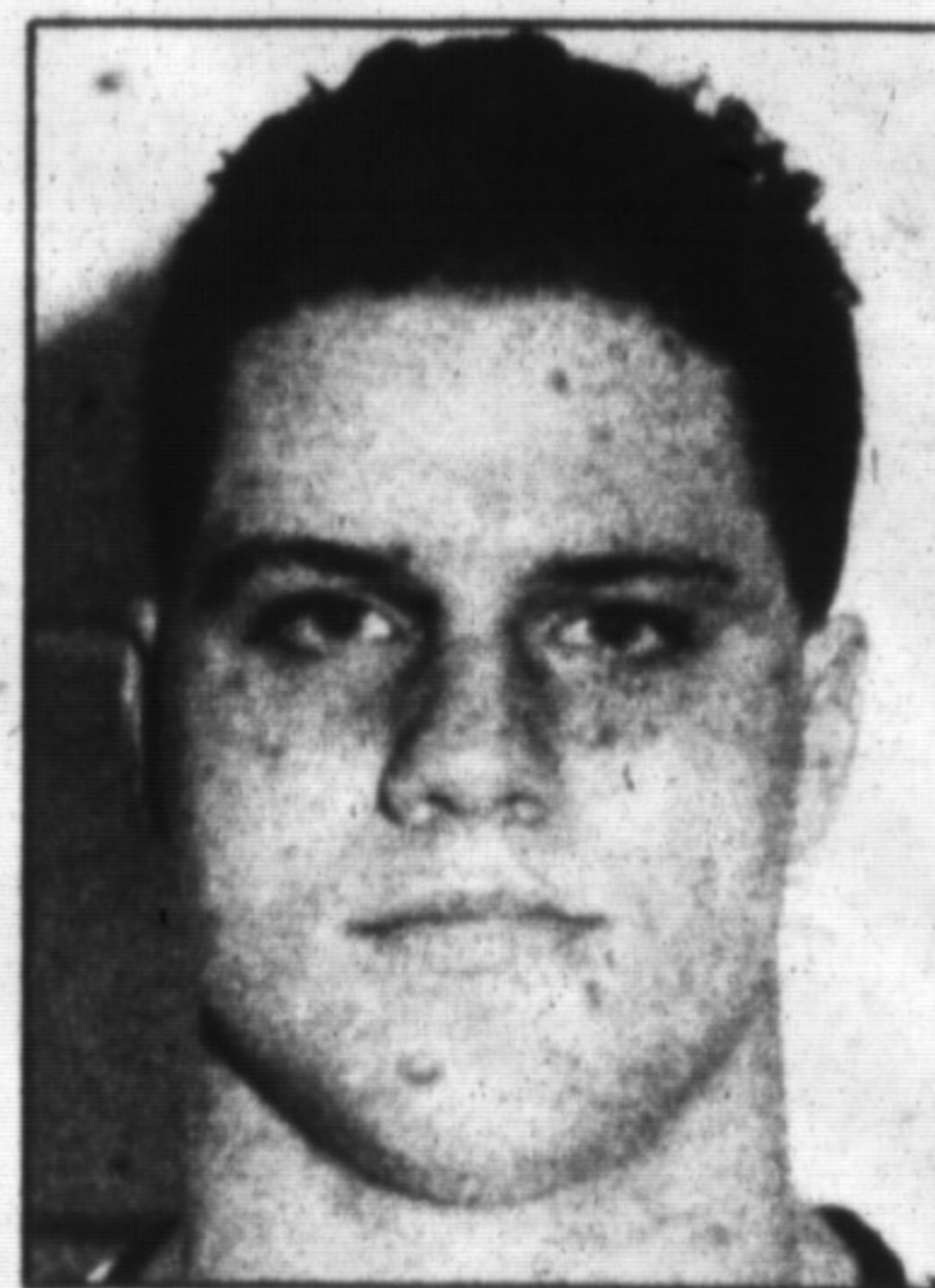
"We played as well as we had to," said a less than contented Rick Bince, coach and general manager of the team.

"That's not really what you'd like to see but a win is a win."

Brian Casey, on loan to Milton from the major junior A Kitchener Rangers, opened up the scoring with his first of the season but Streetsville tied it up late in the opening frame. A beautiful power play goal by Shawn Simpson in the second staked Milton to a 2-1 lead.

At the midway point of the final period Streetsville tied the game with their own power play goal but two minutes later Figliano matched the marker to restore the Merchant lead.

"The game wasn't rough, in fact it was very scrumbly and wide open," said Bince. "The passes of both teams were off and, both goaltenders



Chad Muldoon

played well. Chad Muldoon put in a good game."

Muldoon started Friday's game between the pipes but was replaced by Richard Kim late in the second period after three pucks found the twine in a 78-second span.

Milton's next game is Friday at Memorial Arena at 8 p.m. when they host Brampton Capitals.

The Capitals knocked Milton out of the playoffs last year in a thrilling

seven game quarterfinal series.

"Brampton has an offensive club," said Bince. "To beat them we'll have to play like we did against Oakville (a 7-3 Milton win) because a lapse or two could cost us."

Bince says he is going to ride with the team in its present configuration until something prompts him to make changes.

With Brampton and Burlington shaping up as the teams to beat, and three of Milton's next four games against those clubs, that could be the test of the present alignment of lines and systems for the Merchants.

"You don't fix something when it isn't broken," said Bince.

"Don't count Oakville out, they just have to make a few adjustments and they'll be right there." Bince is convinced that the division is closely matched this season.

Central Ontario Junior B

Western Division	W	L	T	F	A	Pt
Milton Merchants	6	1	1	51	28	13
Burlington Cougars	5	1	1	42	24	11
Brampton Capitals	4	2	1	31	32	9
Georgetown Raiders	2	3	0	22	31	4
Streetsville Derbys	1	5	2	34	51	4
Oakville Blades	1	2	1	20	17	3
Peterborough Petes	0	5	0	21	38	0



The eyes have it

Milton Merchant goaltender Chad Muldoon watches the puck at Streetsville Arena Tuesday night. Muldoon rebounded nicely from a poor game against the same squad last week in Milton to claim the win 3-2 in the rematch. The Merchants record goes to a division leading 6-1-1.

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