

# Four unbeaten teams share the lead in indoor soccer

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With two weeks gone in Milton Indoor Soccer League play four teams are tied at the top with three points each.

Fat Freddy's grabbed a share of first with a 2-1 win over Hi-Five Hair Design, as did Town Chev-Olds with a 5-0 victory over Flash Gas. Webs United put an 8-1 whitewash on Oakville Rangers to share in first place honours and Halton Flour settled for a 1-1 tie with the Youth Coaches to notch a point and a look from the top of the standings.

In the only game that didn't have a bearing on the top of the list, Milton Pro Sport defeated Pratt and Whitney 3-0. The latter squad joined the Oakville Rangers as the only team without a win.

In the Hi-Five loss to Fat Freddy's the teams were evenly matched, with no scoring until the second half. Two minutes into the resumption of play John Reid of Fat Freddy's swept into the Hi-Five half with the ball and fired a precise shot for the marker.

About eight minutes later Andy Garside of

Hi-Five hammered a shot for the tie. The game wound down looking like a deadlock, but with three seconds to go Reid struck once again to notch the 2-1 win.

Town Chev-Olds took it to Flash Gas with a 5-0 win. Town took control of the game in the first half but despite some super shots they were denied a marker and the half ended scoreless.

Anthony McLaughlin used the rest to his advantage as he finally broke through for a quick goal after play resumed. Pat Brodie and Eddie McLaughlin each popped markers to raise the stakes to 3-0, Orville Reynolds and Anthony Doran added two more goals to cap the 5-0 Chev win.

Webs United crushed the Oakville Rangers 8-1, showing the league newcomers what experience will do.

Webs opened the scoring only a minute into the contest when Graeme Elder scored. Eric Geldard snapped a pair of shots for a 3-0 lead and Elder matched the performance for Webs with another pair before the half ended for a 5-0 lead.

Geldard scored his third goal of the contest three minutes into the second half to tie Elder but the latter then extended the score to 7-0 with his fourth marker. Ryan Gamble broke the shutout for Oakville with a quick volley kick to cut the lead.

Geldard managed another goal, with 30 seconds remaining, to tie Elder in that department. Geldard scored three of his four goals on penalty kicks.

Game four was a hard fought draw between Halton Flour and the Youth Coaches. Nine minutes into the first half Paul Nolan of the Flour Millers scored after a quick heel pass from Peter Wright. The goal stood through the first half.

The Coaches goal came at 7:35 of the second frame from Graham Smith to make it a 1-1 deadlock. Despite some solid offensive play the score remained tied.

Milton Pro Sport turned a 2-0 half time lead into a 3-0 win over Pratt and Whitney. Ron Poggio scored with a powerful shot three minutes after the start of the game. Gary Dawson popped a well executed goal with an ac-

curate shot to notch a 2-0 lead.

Milton Pro Sport played without substitutes and the tired defence gave up a number of chances but goalkeeper John Dwyer played well and kept the ball out of harm's way.

Dawson popped another in the second half to salt away the win for Pro Sport.

## Standings

	W	L	T	F	A	Pt
Webs United	1	0	1	11	4	3
Halton Flour	1	0	1	7	2	3
Town Chev-Olds	1	0	1	8	3	3
Fat Freddy's	1	0	1	4	3	3
Hi-Five Hair	1	1	0	4	4	2
Youth Coaches	0	0	2	3	3	2
Flash Gas	1	1	0	4	5	2
Milton Pro Sport	1	1	0	4	6	2
Pratt and Whitney	0	2	0	2	6	0
Oakville Rangers	0	2	0	1	12	0

**Next Week's Games:** Milton Pro Sport vs. Youth Coaches; Pratt and Whitney vs. Fat Freddy's; Hi-Five Hair vs. Halton Flour; Webs United vs. Flash Gas; Town Chev-Olds vs. Oakville Rangers.

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Chad Muldoon let a couple of soft rebounds elude him in Friday's Milton Merchant game against Oakville but he made some eye popping saves as well to keep Milton in a game they should have lost. Oakville scored their fifth goal less than a minute into the third period to tie the game at five. That's where it ended. Milton next plays at home on Friday when they host Streetsville at 8 p.m. at Memorial Arena.

## Bince unhappy with effort as Merchants tie

By BRAD REAUME

The Milton Merchants played bad, real bad, and still scooped a point in a 5-5 tie with the Oakville Blades Friday night at Milton's Memorial Arena.

Milton coach and general manager Rick Bince was not a happy man after the game. Oakville scored the last goal only 51 seconds into the final frame but Milton couldn't put on any sustained pressure to recapture the lead.

"We all went flat on the same night," Bince said. "We weren't in Olympic form, it was more like high school."

Bince admitted that Oakville had outplayed his Merchant squad but he alluded to contests last season in which an extremely powerful Oakville team had managed to get a point from Milton despite a poor effort by the Blades.

"They could do it last season," he said. "Now we're that strong — that we can play poorly and still get a point. In all fairness they should have taken two points."

"We played super," said Oakville assistant coach Tom Herstad. "We worked on our zone defence and the forwards came back strongly. The defence used the boards and the body to control the zone."

Oakville carried the play in the first period but a Milton flurry in the middle of the period produced a goal off the stick of Jamie Selfridge on a

Merchants	5
Oakville	5

knuckleball shot from the right boards. Assists went to Jason Ritchie and Chad Muldoon, the Milton goaltender who had made a number of spectacular saves in the early going.

Oakville tied it up only 27 seconds later when Craig MacDonald stole the puck and potted an offspeed shot. Muldoon continued the heroics when he robbed Shawn Kelly, who was trying to convert a pass to complete a two on one.

Milton hit their stride with a pair of Jason Ritchie goals only 10 seconds apart, with the first one at 11:56 on a breakaway. Ritchie's shot was just under the crossbar, past Darren Murchie's glove and shoulder. Ritchie notched the second on a defensive breakdown when Murchie missed a poke check and left the net untended.

The 3-1 lead didn't even last the period as the Blades managed three goals to take a 4-3 advantage. Kelly tapped home a loose puck that got behind Muldoon at 13:31. Less than four minutes later Rick Borthwick

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## Hockey Spartans corral Mustangs in front of large crowd at opener

By BRAD REAUME

For teams accustomed to playing in front of cold, empty bleachers, for players whose abilities are usually assessed by coaches and teammates, Monday's raucous crowd at John Tonelli Sports Centre was a different experience.

E.C. Drury's Spartans took on the Mustangs of Milton District High School in the opening game of the 1990-91 Halton high school hockey season and thrashed them in front of about 200 screaming fans. The Spartans, who didn't even ice a team last season, claimed a 4-2 win over last year's also-rans, Milton District.

"We've got a pretty good team," said Spartan coach Barrie Elliott. "We play hard, disciplined hockey."

Among other impressive credits, Elliott coached the Milton juvenile AA team which went to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association final tournament last season. He put together the Drury team on request.

"I wasn't planning to coach this year but Darren Bain and Rob DelPapa approached me over the summer to start a team at Drury," Elliott said. "They wanted to concentrate more on their studies, so the grind of three nights a week that rep hockey requires was too much."

Elliott was intrigued by the challenge but insisted that the boys check to see how many players would be interested in a team, prior to announcing its formation.

"The players pushed the game then and they're pushing it now," he said, referring to the crowd at Tonelli Centre. "They really hyped it up. Even at exhibitions there was a minimum of 60 fans."

The Drury squad went 4-2 in exhibition play.

Milton District coach Bob Pitt said the Drury team is much more experienced than the Mustangs. "Most of our players come from house league. There are only three or four guys with rep league experience on our team, where Drury has quite a number. Their guys are just so much more experienced."

The Richardson Division, in which all three Milton high schools play, also sports teams from Aldershot, Central, Pearson, Robinson and Nelson in Burlington. The Burlington teams have long been the quality squads in the high school loop.

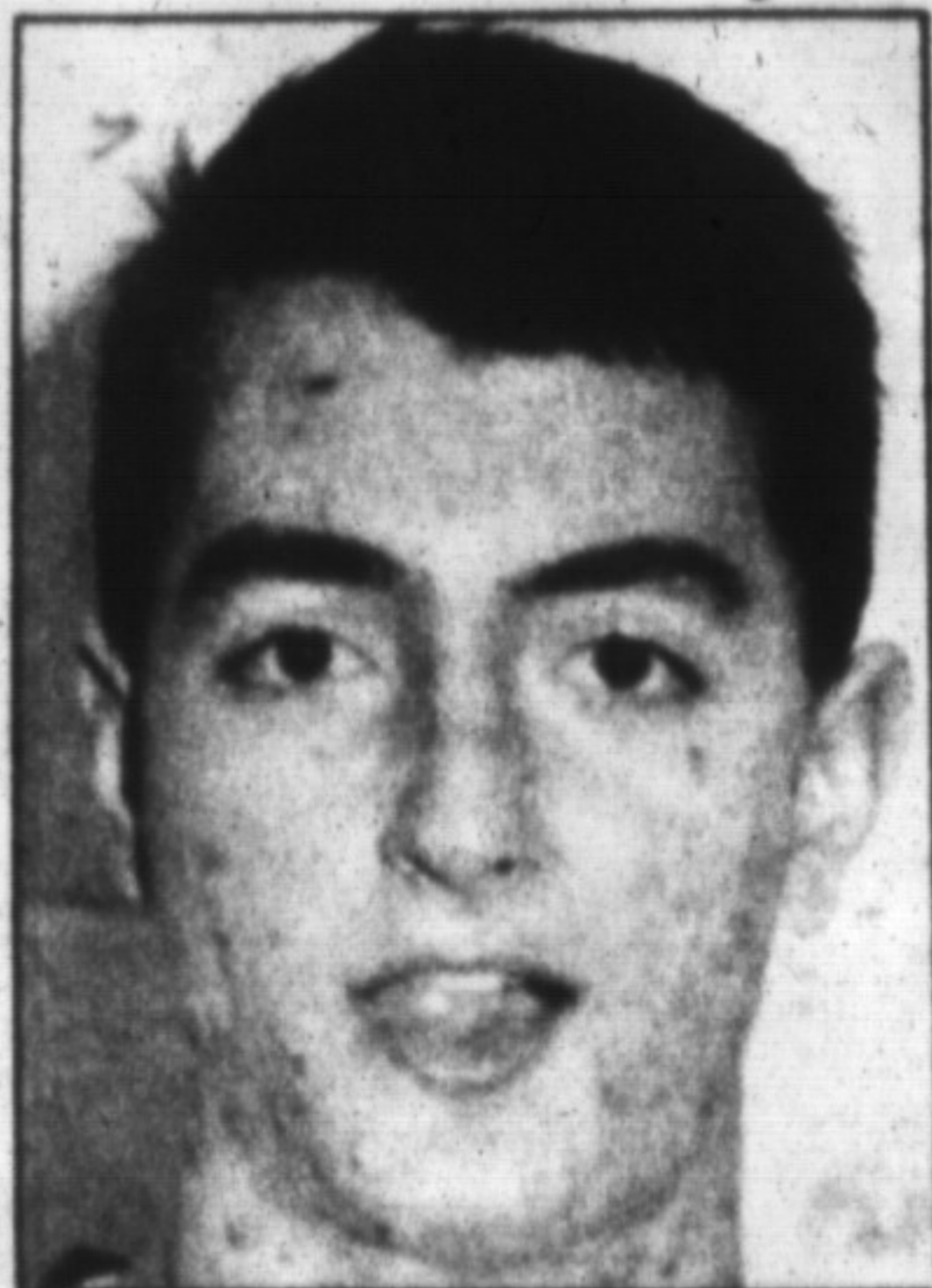
Six teams make the playoffs and Pitt says that it will be tough for his squad to crack that spot in the standings considering the quality of the competition. "You can't win unless you've got a lot of rep experience. Milton can only draw from players with double A experience while the Burlington schools can draw from triple A players."

All Pitt says he's looking for is improvement and the ability to compete with these teams. He tips Nelson and Pearson as the top dogs in the division while he thinks the Milton schools and Burlington Central will battle it out for bottom playoff berths.

The big crowd on Monday made for a distinct lack of disciplined hockey as the players were anxious to make things happen. In addition delays, including mending the glass and an injury to a referee, slowed down the contest to the point that there wasn't time to flood the ice.

The resulting ice conditions were deplorable. By the third frame the puck did more bouncing than sliding.

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Trevor Dodman  
... Dartmouth scout watching him



Jason Ritchie  
... two goals