

Triple-A peewees extend winning string to three games

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Orangeville and Flamborough. The loss, 4-1 to Acton, was an exhibition contest.

The first game, the exhibition loss, was played in Milton. Drawtec applied pressure early and capitalized when Chad Merritt scored, with assists to Jod Cosby and Darrell Penson.

They were not able to sustain the momentum and Acton scored on a powerplay to tie it. Acton didn't look back, scoring three more unanswered goals for the win. Milton held the visitors scoreless in the third.

The next night Milton hosted Orangeville and bounced back from the exhibition loss. Greg Moore was able to score a shorthanded goal with an assist going to Jeremy Robert. They managed to create some solid scoring opportunities but couldn't sink the puck.

In the second frame the squad kept up the good effort and Robert nailed his own for a 2-0 lead. The hard work continued and paid off in another goal by Merritt to wind up the second period.

In the third Josh Rogers, playing left wing, got a goal from a scramble in front of the Orangeville net with Cosby hitting the assist. Orangeville pulled their goalie and managed two goals to pull to within two (4-2). Penson popped an empty netter as time ran out to claim the game.

Drawtec travelled to Flamborough and claimed another 5-2 win. Again they were able to put their opponents down early, when Chris Tschirnalt scored at 2:12 of the first. The assist went to Cosby.

In the second frame Tschirnalt returned the favour when Cosby scored. A defensive lapse allowed Flamborough onto the scorecard and made the score 2-1 Milton. Penson came right back to score with an assist from Paul Rogers.

Flamborough again came back with a tally to get within one but in the third Milton put it away. Cosby managed his second marker of the game and Penson hit his second to

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finish the scoring. Ian McGonigle put in a steady performance in goal to earn the win.

Major Atom A

The Optimists had their troubles this week, taking it on the chin three times with only a tie in exhibition to show for their efforts. Milton earned a 3-3 tie with Brampton after being beaten 8-0 by Orangeville, 4-1 by Oakville and 4-3 by Erin.

Milton hosted Erin in a fast skating, high scoring contest. Mike Johnson made several good stops in the Milton net before being beaten by a shot through the defencemen's legs. The second Erin goal was scored on a three on one break.

Milton bounced back, getting one from Andy Riddle and then Brad Woods with each man also claiming an assist. Chris Chlisczyk used his stick well to strip offensive thrusts into Milton's end.

Oakville did manage to chop in a rebound but Milton roared back to even the score with a set-up from Joe Mulligan to Brad Woods to Riddle for the marker. Erin scored a powerplay goal for the winner.

The game against Oakville was marred by penalties, with Oakville eventually taking a 4-1 win. Oakville scored first on a screened shot in the first period and then managed a second goal on a tip in from the slot.

Milton maintained steady pressure but couldn't put the biscuit in the basket. Oakville could and did, with their third goal coming on another powerplay. Milton's only goal came when both teams were shorthanded. Jeremiah Tilstra fielded a pass from Ryan Marshall behind the net and swung around to beat the goalie.

Milton lost 8-0 to Orangeville, but not before putting up a strong effort for two periods. It was not until late

in the second that Orangeville hit the scoreboard!

Early in the third Orangeville charged in on a three man breakaway and scored. Milton fell apart. They lost heart and gave up six more goals in an unfortunate turn of events after two strong periods of hockey.

In their last game of the week the Optimists tied Brampton 3-3 in an exhibition game. Kent Peters and Riddle with a pair scored for Milton.

Major Peewee A

Milton Athletics played three games, splitting a pair with Oakville. Milton first lost 6-4 and then won 2-0 before beating Georgetown 7-2.

In the first Oakville game the Athletics hit the ice with spirit and pumped in three first period goals for a big 3-0 lead. The Milton defensive squad of Blanchet, Pender, Bourgon, Griffin and Pemberton played extremely well in the first frame.

As the periods progressed Milton's fire died and they were overtaken and beaten by Oakville. Goal scorers for Milton were both Ridleys and Chris Healey.

In the return match they were determined not to be taught from behind. The first period ended scoreless, with Milton concentrating on defence and goaltender Matthew Hart leading the team. Goal scorers were Myles Seeds and Russ Fleming in the 2-0 win.

Milton travelled to Georgetown on Sunday and collected a 7-2 win. Only 14 seconds into the contest Georgetown scored, but Milton came alive and brought it right to their northern neighbours. Goal scorers for Milton were Jenkins, Sean Ridley, Fleming, Davenport, Pemberton and Newton with a pair.

REP AAA

Minor Peewee AAA

With a modest two game winning streak on the line Halton faced off against Chinguacousy at George-

town's Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena on Tuesday evening.

In a seesaw battle that saw the Hurricanes take the lead four times Halton skated to a 4-3 win and improved their season record to 7-4-2.

The scoring opened at 5:02 of the first when Hurricanes winger Darin Finlayson deflected a Colin Page point shot into the top corner. At 2:27 Chinguacousy tied it, only to see Halton regain the lead at 1:11 on a Justin Davis marker, this one set up by Finlayson.

The slim lead held up until 2:49 of the second, when a Chinguacousy sniper found some room on the short side and tied the game 2-2. With 47 seconds remaining in the period, Halton took the lead for the third time on a power-play goal scored by Davis, his second of the game, with assists going to Doug Janjevich and Peter Mashinter.

Not to be outdone, Chinguacousy rallied for yet another goal at the 40 second mark, taking the game into the third tied at three. The stalemate continued until 5:35 of the final period, when Davis combined with Finlayson and Page, giving Halton the 4-3 lead. This was a big night for the trio with Davis picking up the hat trick, Finlayson getting a goal and two assists and Page notching a pair of assists.

Before it ended Halton's Jeff Langille came up with the mandatory game saving stop. This one was a pad save on a Chinguacousy three on one, preserving the win with only 37 seconds left on the clock.

Major Peewee AAA

The Hurricanes hit Buffalo on the American Thanksgiving weekend and claimed top honours in the Buffalo Regals Tournament by beating the hometown favourites 3-2 in the final. In only their second tournament the team picked up its first title.

The road to the final included wins over the Niagara Falls Thunder 4-1, the Buffalo Regals 2-1 and West Seneca 11-1.

In the first game the smooth skating Halton squad took it to the hulking, black clad Thunder. Scott Bertoli led the team with one goal and two assists, followed by Daryl Loader with two goals. Halton's fourth goal came from Marc Boucher, with assists going to Paul Sandifer and Robin Crawford.

In their second game Halton hit the ice at 7 a.m. but their opponents, the Buffalo Regals, drew first blood. Jeff Haydar popped in the tying goal, with assists going to Bertoli and Loader. The second Halton goal, and the winner, came from Bertoli's stick in the last half of the third. Halton goaltender Kevin Wilson shut down the Regals from the 33 second mark of the first period.

Halton's third game, exactly 11 hours after their second, was an 11-1 thrashing of West Seneca. Loader, Philip Sanderson, and Trevor Kuhn each had a pair of goals. Bertoli chipped in with a single, as did Sandifer, Robin Crawford, Todd Belford and Iain Macintosh.

The win put them into the final, played the next day against the already vanquished Regals. Halton drew first blood with a goal by Haydar but the Regals stormed back to take a 2-1 lead going into the third.

With the Regals getting stronger, Halton took advantage of some good forechecking and Macintosh scored, assisted by Mark McPhail and Sanderson. Less than two minutes later Sandifer scored the winner from Crawford, who stickhandled the puck in from a Regals' corner.

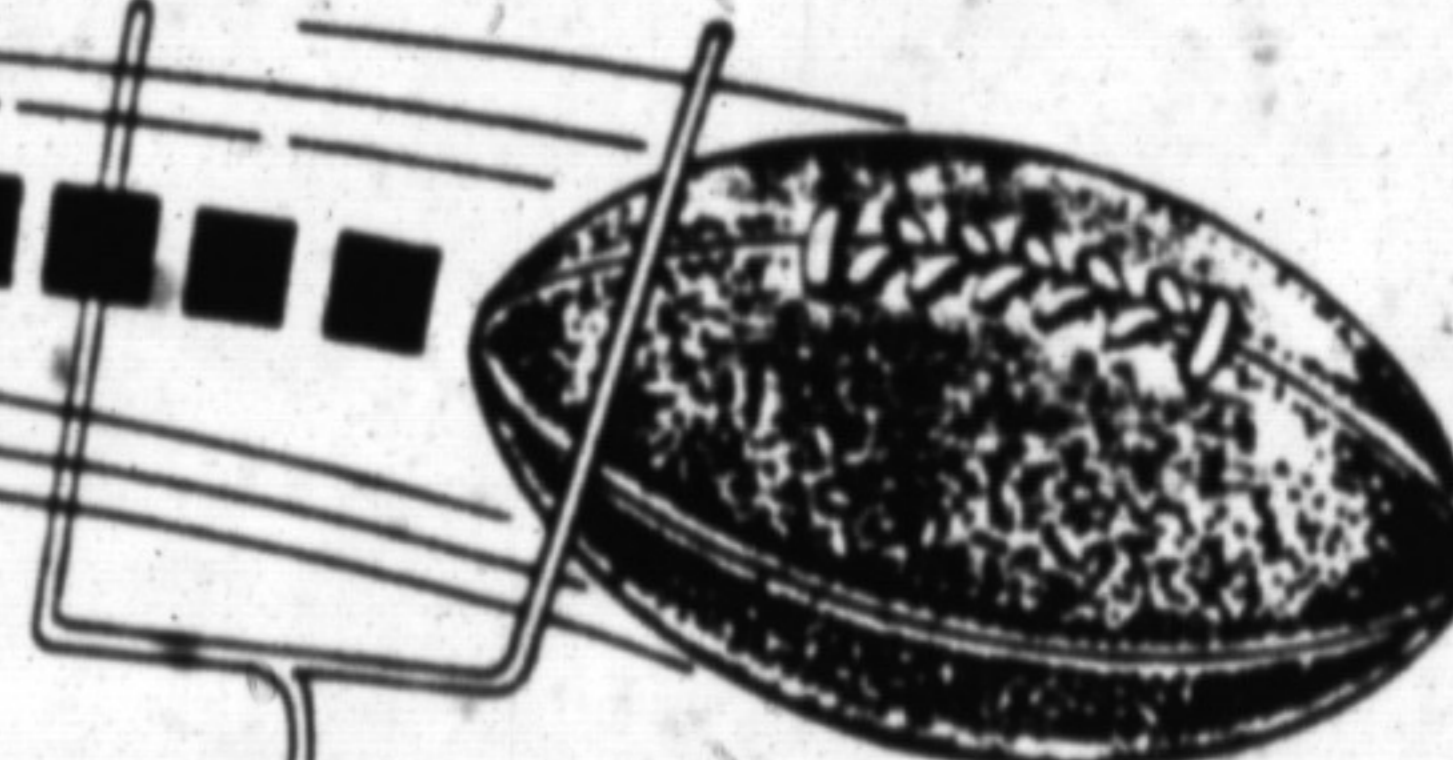
The Hurricanes took two penalties within 18 seconds and Buffalo pulled its goalie for a six on three situation, but the Hurricanes hung on to win. Bertoli won the MVP of the game award for Halton.

The team split a pair of league games prior to the tournament, beating Burlington 5-2 and losing to Brampton 7-4.

The loss was only Burlington's second of the season while the 'Cans have four losses, all to Burlington.

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