

Sargent Farms champions in Hespeler tournament

Major Bantam AA

Milton's Sargent Farms team won the gold medal at the 25th annual Hespeler Winter Olympics Tournament. It took five games and an overall 4-1 record to do it.

All the games were decided by a single goal. Milton took on teams from Cobourg, Hespeler, Strathroy and Fergus. There were 16 teams in the tournament.

Milton first took on Cobourg, the defending champions, and lost 4-3 in a game that featured 48 minutes in penalties.

Milton went on to defeat host team Hespeler 4-3 in another penalty filled game. This time 50 minutes in penalties were handed out. Pat McDonald scored the winner assisted by Ryan Haydar and Kevin Goodearle. Milton had led the game 4-1 with only four and a half minutes left when they let Hespeler come within a single goal of tying.

Next, Milton faced Fergus, a game that was tied 0-0 at the end of two periods. Milton finally popped two goals before Fergus scored to make it a one goal game. Mike Penson and Paul MacDonald scored the Milton markers.

In the semifinal game Milton took on Strathroy a game that went into overtime to decide a winner. After a scoreless first frame Strathroy went up quickly scoring two goals within 67 seconds. Milton got one back with one minute remaining in the second period as Haydar scored from Shayne Ferrier and David Batanoff.

Blair Kitchen tied it in the third and scored again in overtime after a Strathroy goal. McDonald got the winner. The win put Milton in the gold medal match against Cobourg.

After a scoreless first period Cobourg hit the scoreboard first as the second frame was winding down. In the first 46 seconds of the

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third Milton's Kevin Boyle tied it up. The joy was shortlived as Cobourg claimed a 2-1 lead only 20 seconds later. Down by a goal with less than three minutes remaining team captain Vince Montagner dug down deep and scored the tying marker. He kept the fire going and scored the winner only 1:22 later.

Major Novice AA

With the regular season winding down the P.L. Robertson major novice AA 'Sockets' managed to pack five games into seven days. On a Friday night the team warmed up Memorial Arena for the Merchants.

They took on Flamorough which proved too tough to crack. The visitors managed a goal in each period past Milton's Jeff Johnson, the last coming with only seven seconds remaining. Jeff Brown and Flamorough accounted for two of their three markers.

The next day Milton took on Ancaster in another trying experience, this time for goalie Garrett Lauzon. Once again Milton couldn't buy a goal while Ancaster seemed to take advantage of every miscue in Milton's end. Ancaster nailed down the 4-0 victory with three goals during a five minute stretch of the third frame.

Milton finally found the net on Sunday during an exhibition game against Markham. Jason Holota picked up a pair of goals while John Melito, Sean Mahoney, Andrew Marshall and a rested Craig Macdonald counted one each. Assists in the 6-2 win went to Tyler Rennie, Caleb Moffat, Holota, Fraser Komow, Steve Chuchmach and Mat Ventura.

On Monday night Milton hosted Georgetown. The game was scoreless until the middle of the second period when Chuchmach combined with Moffat and Holota to break the ice for Milton.

Georgetown didn't let up and by the end of the second period the score was tied. In the third Milton opened the game up as Moffat went in alone. He was followed by Macdonald with an assist by Tyler Rennie and Kris Beal and then goals by Ventura and Macdonald. Milton claimed the game 5-1.

The last game of the busy week came on Thursday. It was Milton's last game against Streetsville on the season. Once again the game was scoreless halfway through the second when Macdonald scored with a high shot.

Two minutes later it was Ventura catching the corner after taking a Dave Kormack pass. Streetsville came straight back with one but Milton nailed two more in the last minute of the period when Ventura and Marshall scored. The third frame was scoreless as Milton with a 4-1 win over Streetsville.

The Sockets then went to their second tournament of the season. There were 14 novice teams in the Simcoe Tournament with Milton losing the consolation final to the home side.

Milton entered the tourney having played only two of the teams before: Ancaster and Simcoe. In the opener they took on Ancaster winning 5-1 despite losing to them 4-0 the week before.

The first five minutes were pretty shakey for Milton as passes went astray and got out of their end. Johnson managed to maintain control around the net until things began to click.

Chris Wulfers passed to Ventura who blasted a hard shot and then

tapped in his own rebound for the lead. A minute and a half later Melito passed to Craig Macdonald. Craig deked the Ancaster goalie down and then flipped a high backhand into the cage.

In the second frame Milton controlled the game with their passing. Kevin Spahich hit Chuchmach who played the puck to Ventura who picked the corner with his hard shot. Kormack forced the Ancaster defence to cough up the puck beside their own net and slid in to put it away. Milton's final goal came as Macdonald made a crisp pass to Andrew Marshall who had gotten free in the slot. Ancaster broke the shutout near the end of the second frame.

Immediately before Milton's second game got underway the tournament organizers had set up a shoot out. Two players from each team had a chance to shoot at a miniature net from centre ice. Wulfers just missed but Ventura was the only player to score of the 28 players who tried. He won a set of hockey cards.

Milton then took on London, Oakridge. Milton was in a groove and London was playing their first tournament game with a predictable 9-1 result for Milton.

Macdonald scored four goals, Holota notched two and Marshall, Chuchmach and Ventura hit for one each. Tournament scoring gave Milton 9.5 of a possible 10 points and a three-way tie for second. Milton's third game was against Simcoe, virtually the same team that had beaten Milton in the Tri-County Novice Finals last year.

Milton came out well but Simcoe was fast and disciplined. For the first half of the game both goalies were tested but Johnson was facing the more difficult task and rose to the challenge by smothering anything that came his way.

Milton broke the ice when Beal

passed to Moffat. He moved across the blue line and passed to Holota before hitting the defence. He circled the defence and beat the goalie on the high side. Only 30 seconds later Milton made it 2-0 on Rennie's goal.

For four minutes Milton held the lead only to see it turned to dust when Simcoe exploded for four goals, three in the final three minutes of the middle frame and another in the final period. Milton added a goal but so did Simcoe and the final score was 5-3.

The half point Milton took for tying the first period with Simcoe was enough to see them into the consolation game against... Simcoe.

Milton was determined and once again got onto the scoreboard two and a half minutes into the first. Holota passed to Chuchmach in front. Five minutes later Simcoe evened the score but for the rest of the first, second and half of the third period the big plays were all defensive.

With four and a half minutes left Simcoe broke in to gain a goal advantage. A quick penalty to Simcoe gave Milton the opportunity to hammer away, first on the power play and then with the goalie pulled. Simcoe would not be beat.

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The Docs and Dents picked up wins in two of three of their contests this week.

In their encounter against Dundas the Medics lost 4-2. The visitors built up a 3-0 lead before Milton found their legs. The Medics got their first goal early in the third when Davis McFarlane scored on a set up by Chris Bramwell and Greg Moore.

A solo effort by Mike Wheelihan brought the Medics within one. Milton pulled their goalie in an effort to get the equalizer but Dundas scored

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