

Spartan wrestlers earn several medals in final tune-up

E.C. Drury wrestlers tuned up for next week's Canadian Junior and Cadet Championships and the soon to follow Halton Championships.

On Friday Matt Davenport, Kirk Rowbottom, Chris Spence and Colin Widdis were part of the Central Western Ontario all-star team for the Super-8 Dual Championships in Oshawa. Spence and Rowbottom both placed sec-

ond overall, helping the club to a silver medal.

Also on Friday, five Spartans competed in the Port Credit Blue and Gold Classic. John Stevenson led the way with a 5-1 record and a strong silver medal performance, his best of the season, in the 29 man 119 pound division.

In the same division Lee Black went 4-2 to place fifth overall, Brent Pickett also scored a medal, a bronze, going 5-1 at 112 pounds.

Simon Vanellis won two at 141 pounds but fell short of the medal round.

On Saturday, E.C. Drury sent 11 cadets to Hagersville, finishing second overall in the team standings, just shy of Haldiman Wrestling Club. James Miller led the cadets with a gold medal victor over 1992 Canadian bantam champion Harold Humber. Miller came from behind to earn the title.

Also earning golds were George Vanellis, his first ever, and Chris Price who won his fifth tournament title of the year. Russ Arsenault and Jason Near both captured silvers while Scott McLaughlin placed fourth overall.

The national championships start Thursday in London. E.C. Drury will send 12 wrestlers to the event. On Wednesday Bishop Reding will host the Junior Halton title.

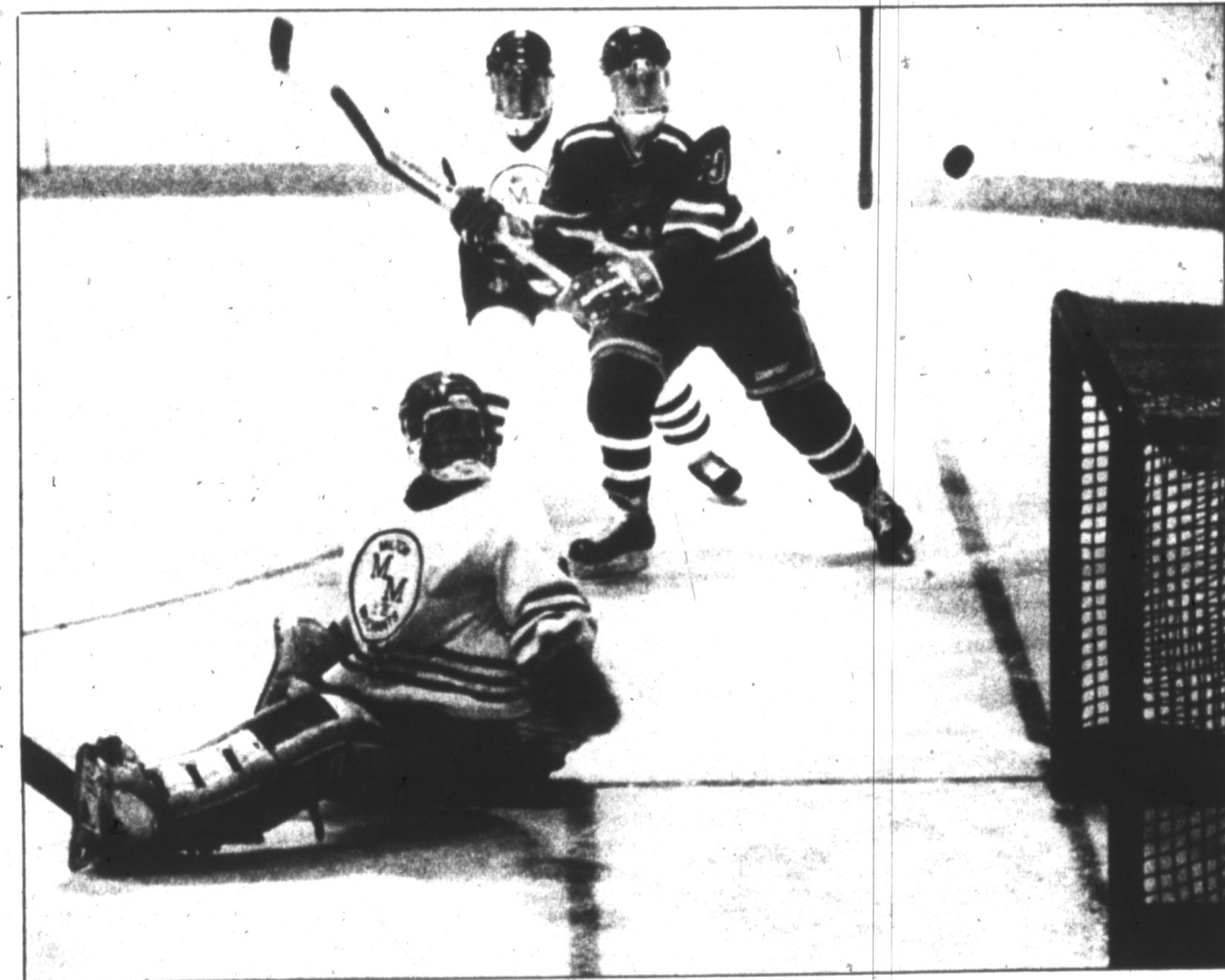


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Milton goaltender Jason Chipman watches helplessly as a puck sails towards the net in Friday's fifth game of the Central Ontario Junior B final. The puck went over the net and the Merchants downed Aurora 4-3 and then beat them again in Game Six 4-2 to force yesterday's (Tuesday) seventh and final contest.

Merchants win twice to force 7th game

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

It's glory days for Mike Cox.

The Milton Merchant led his team with a pair of two-goal performances on the way to a 3-3 series tie with Aurora. Milton trailed the series three games to one before Cox's heroics in Game Five in Milton on Friday and then Game Six in Aurora on Sunday.

"I benched Cox and McArter for portions of Game Three and Four hoping to get their fire up," said Milton coach and general manager Rick Bince. "Between periods I told the team that somebody was going to have to pick up the slack because our top line was being checked very tightly."

There has been little difference between the two teams in the series though Milton has held a slight edge in the overall play. Like a tug-of-war the Merchants are slowly beginning to gain the edge. They outworked the Eagles on Friday to win 4-3 and then carried the play in Game Six, emerging 4-2 winners.

"I watch the other team's bench constantly," said Bince after Game Six. "They were beginning to lose their composure when we had the 2-1 lead."

On Sunday, Aurora scored first at 17:32 of the first, a power-play goal by Steve Brown with Milton's Mike Murray in the penalty box for elbowing. Assists went to Chris Stoner and Paul Boissonneault. Brown redirected Stoner's pass from the right boards past Jason Chipman and a crowd of players.

Milton evened the score 25 seconds into the second frame when Mickey Mitrovic banged home a rebound of a Mike Murray wrist shot from the top of the right wing circle.

Mike Dunphy, back from a slightly separated shoulder suffered in Game Three, cost the Merchants a power play a few minutes later. Aurora's Devon Colquhoun dumped Shawn Healey as the Merchant broke around him, drawing a penalty. In the ensuing melee Dunphy was taunted by a towering Aurora player. His reaction was to swiftly land him on his back, drawing a roughing call. The guts and effort of Dunphy seemed to spark Milton.

The teams opened it up, relying on their goaltenders to hold the other team out, making for some exciting end-to-end hockey. Milton broke through when Cox put in a rebound after a Steve Rocco shot from the point set off a scramble in front of Steve Thorpe in the Eagle net.

Moments later Murray was stopped as he went in alone when Aurora was caught on a line change. He failed to slip the puck through the five hole.

Both teams dodged close calls before Brown got his second goal of the contest. Chipman deflected a harmless shot from the right wing

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

E.C. DRURY REPORT

Drury wins badminton

E.C. Drury's badminton team defeated 11 others to take the Bishop Reding team tournament last week. The Spartans downed their hosts in the final.

Team members include Dave Sharpe, Lily Lam, Jen Cheevers, Sonya Lyall, Eric Devine, Michelle Maynard, Blair Zachary and Kyle Martin.

Wrestling: The wrestling team travelled to Welland for a four-team competition. Drury won 18 of 25 matches.

Leading the way with a perfect 3-0 record was Brent Pickett. Also going undefeated were Chris Price, Lee Black, Jay Black, Russ Arsenault, Chris Chamberlain and Chris Spence. In addition John Stevenson recorded his 100th career victory making him only the ninth Spartan to ever reach that milestone.

Basketball: The senior all star game went on Friday with Garth Moore representing E.C. Drury in the three point shooting contest. Dan Medlar played in the game as the Drury representative.

Sockets prepare for playoffs

The P.L. Robertson Sockets major novice double A hockey team is experiencing a little bit of life in the slow lane while Tri-County playoffs get underway.

Fraser Komow has moved to the disabled list after injuring his hand and will unfortunately not be able to play for the remainder of the season.

Milton played catch-up against Oakville during an exhibition game. After giving up a three goal lead, Milton turned the game around late in the second period on goals by Matt Ventura and Andrew Marshall, with assists by John Stringer, Kris Beal, Jason Holota and John Melito. Steve Chuchmach went in alone late in the third period and the game ended tied at 3-3.

The first game of the Tri-County playoffs was against Georgetown. Caleb Moffat, Chuchmach and David Kornick provided Milton's firepower as their line scored both goals in the 2-1 Milton victory.

Dundas fell to Flamborough in the OMHA playoffs so Milton met them again in the Tri-County. The first period told the story as Milton fell behind by three. Dundas scored one more in the second and Ventura replied with Milton's lone goal in the 4-1 loss.

Kitchener agreed to back-to-back exhibition games. The first, in Kitchener, was a real nail-biter as Milton kept coming back from behind. Down by two after the first period Caleb Mof-

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fat was assisted by David Kornack and Beal for the only score of the second.

Kitchener made it 3-1 early in the third but Mat Ventura closed the gap and Kornack assisted by Moffat tied the game with just under four minutes remaining. With 1:45 left Kitchener went ahead again. Milton pulled goalie Garrett Lauzon and with only 18 seconds remaining Sean Mahoney helped Moffat give Milton a 4-4 tie.

Back in Milton goals were scarce as Ventura accounted for the only Milton marker in a 2-1 loss.

Major atom AAA

It was 'lights out' for Nadalin Electric for another season when they were knocked out of the league playoffs by Burlington in their round robin contest.

Halton started out well with an exciting 3-1 win over Chinguacousy. Goalie Jamie Van Der Spyker had one of his best games of the season, stopping Chinguacousy on numerous occasions. Scoring for Halton were Cory Leigh, John Nadalin and Matt Jenkins. Assists went to Kris MacDonald with two, Neal McDowell with two and Adam Drover.

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