

Merchants turn it around

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depositing the puck close to the stick side from the right wing face-off button at 16:40.

Milton pressed for the tying goal, Chipman vacating the net with 47 seconds remaining, but they were unable to score.

"It's the way we played all year," said Falcon coach Mark Barrick, "we try to be at the puck first."

Barrick said that the hitting style of game had been tried against his club but that they had developed tactics to combat it. While Bince was unable to scout St. Catharines prior to their series, Barrick said that he saw Milton play on a couple of occasions but that watching and playing were two different things.

"You gotta give credit to both teams," he said. "Neither team got here by having their name pulled out of a hat, but tonight we deserved to win, we outshot them 44-23."



Mickey Mitrovic

Bince said that Milton was surprised St. Catharines was as good at virtually every aspect of the game. "I think they woke up in the third period."

"We're playing a team now that won't let us turn it on and off," Bince said. "We have to work all the time. We have to go into their rink and slow them down with grenades."

In the return match Milton took a 3-1 win getting goals from Jeff Daw, Mitrovic and McArter before St. Catharines scored a powerplay goal with only 24 seconds remaining in the middle frame on a scramble.

Daw scored at 3:42 of the first on a slapper. Only 90 seconds later Mitrovic knocked home a Steve Rocco rebound. McArter's goal came at 10:23 of the third.

"We played like we normally do," said Bince. "Their building is small. It's shorter and narrower than Milton and it suits our club. We were able to slow them down and kill their transition game which stifled their speed."

Peel juveniles claim junior title, ready for national championships

Ontario women's volleyball was at its best on Saturday at Scarborough College. The women's junior provincial championship featured 11 teams competing for the right to represent Ontario at the Nationals next month in Quebec.

The Peel Selects maroon team, although juvenile age, went into the tournament ranked second. After a near perfect opening round the squad went on to win the gold medal.

The Selects first match in pool play was a split 15-13, 12-15 with Windsor AKO. Thunder Bay's Lakehead Nor'Westers felt the wrath of the Selects in the second match of the day falling 15-3, 15-3. The Selects controlled the third match in pool play 15-10, 15-4 over the Scarborough Comets.

The Voyager Vees from Sudbury fell to the Selects 15-2, 15-2 and in the last match in pool play, the Waterloo Tigers dropped to the Selects 15-13, 15-4.

The Selects exceptional performance in the preliminary round earned them a bye into the semifinal round. In that match the Selects faced their archrivals, Scarborough Eclipse, another strong juvenile team. The Selects won 15-13, 14-16, 15-13.

Monarch boys win conso title

The Milton Monarch midget 'A' boys basketball team won four of five games at the Brantford Briers ninth annual invitational basketball tournament held March 27-29 and claimed the consolation title.

In their first game Milton took on the Mississauga Marauders and came away with a 76-66 victory. Strong performances by Mike Gleeson and Andy Wyman each with 21 points paced Milton.

In the second and third contests defensive efforts by Mike Charron, Steve Lidstone and Rob Wands kept the team's seasonal unbeaten record intact.

Throughout the tournament top-notch contributions came from Rich Aggio, Neil Bagley, Sean Johns, Clayton Magnus, Shane Ridley, Pat Sweeney and Rob Hans.

"The real strength of this team is its depth," coach Mike Wyman said. "Being able to substitute frequently without any loss of momentum is a great asset in these multiple game tournaments."

The Monarchs only loss came at the hands of a team from north Toronto, a squad Milton had beaten once before.

In the final, a three out of five match, the Selects played Toronto Junior, from the University of Toronto. Although all team members had been playing since 9 a.m., the gold medal match, played at 8 p.m., was outstanding. Rallies were long, attacks were strong and varied and the defensive play was exceptional. The Selects rose to the occasion and claimed the win 15-5, 15-6, 11-15, 15-12.

Team member Tracy Fowler was a member of this year's Bishop Reding Secondary School, senior

girls Halton Championship team. Marsha Van Cedar, also on the Selects played as well for Milton District High School.

The team will be travelling to Drummondville, Quebec for the junior women's nationals on April 30.

The Selects are naturally ranked first in their juvenile category and will be competing in Midland this coming weekend in the provincial championships. A win there would see them advance to the juvenile nationals in Winnipeg next month.

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