

Minor peewee Hurricanes capture Central crown

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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 minor peewee triple A Hurricanes played at the top of their form at exactly the right time this season as they won three playoff series to capture the Central Ontario league title.

The final series matched the Halton side against tough rival Chinguacousy. While the series format was best-of-five, the teams went to a sixth contest due to a tie.

After suffering losses at the hands of Chinguacousy during the regular season, the Halton team came on strong to start the series. The first and second games, although close matches, went to the home team and it looked as if the Hurricanes might wrap up the series quickly. However, after a 10-minute overtime in game three, the score was still tied and the points for the series were Halton 5, Chinguacousy 1.

Feeling confident and in control of the match the Hurricanes went to the

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next game hoping to ice the series. But Chinguacousy took the next two games, forcing a sixth contest.

The final game was on home ice for Halton, though the Hurricanes only had a slight advantage because they were forced to play in Erin, where they had practised but never played.

Jeff Seeds scored for Halton on a slapshot from high in the slot at the two-minute mark. Halton took a 2-0 lead when they demonstrated excellent work in front of the net and Adam Bertoli put the puck under the pad of the netminder.

Killing off penalties with disciplined play was the order of business for Halton through most of the game, and they managed to keep Chinguacousy scoreless going into the third frame. At 6:27 of the final frame Bertoli scored another, allowing his mates to relax a little.

Halton netminder Ryan Billingham was outstanding. They controlled play rigidly in the final minutes and were rewarded with a 3-0 win.

Coaches Mike Phillips and Ron Quinn celebrated the league victory with members Bertoli, Billingham, Wes Blight, Kevin Brow, Brad Davidson, Darren Haydar, Curtis Hoogendam, Adam Korozyk, Paul Loader, Matthew Peers, Jared Robinson, Mike Roy, Jeff Seeds, Shane Thompson, Jason Turvil and Ben Wilson.

Bantam AAA

Tom Martin's work of eight months came together when the Pro Sport bantam Hurricanes captured the Ontario Minor Hockey Association championship on March 22 in Oshawa.

Martin had several objectives in assembling his team, but the overall thrust was the Ontario championship. The team has only existed for two seasons, due to the creation of

the Hurricane triple A system.

The five-game series began in Oshawa, where Halton earned a 6-2 win. An early Oshawa goal was finally matched by Halton's Doug Sheppard in the third on passes from Kevin Nascimben and Ardon McIntosh. Oshawa regained the lead four minutes later, only to have Mark Aldridge tie it again from Greg Manes and Brent Wilkinson.

Regulation time ended with the tie. Martin struck 12 seconds into the overtime with assists from Sheppard and Kirk Kennedy. Two minutes later Sheppard scored another Halton goal. Sheppard scored the fifth Halton goal a few minutes later and Kennedy topped up the score with a high shot for a convincing 6-2 win.

Game two was played the following evening at Memorial Arena in Milton. The visitors shone. Sheppard tied the game early at one, but Oshawa was too strong, moving ahead 3-1 by the mid-point of the contest. The 'Cans battled back gamely, with Shawn Holloway scoring, but Oshawa matched the marker and then did it again after Kennedy's goal. They won 5-3.

Two days later in Oshawa the home side took the lead quickly and added to it with a shorthanded goal. Midway through the second frame David Griffiths blasted a wicked slapshot from the outer edge of the faceoff circle for a Milton goal. Bertoli struck at the 11-minute mark of the third and tied the game.

Nascimben broke the tie late in the game but committed a too many men infraction with 2:03 remaining. Utilizing the extra attacker from a pulled goalie, Oshawa was skating six on four and tied the contest with 52 seconds remaining. Halton picked up a point for the tie.

The next game was in Milton and the home crowd was ready for a

great evening of hockey. They got a 6-6 tie on a blown lead. Sheppard scored to knot the score at one and just minutes later Kennedy notched number two. Oshawa tied the game, but Martin flipped the puck to Kennedy, who bashed it in for a lead. After an Oshawa penalty Halton scored again when Kennedy stole the puck in the Oshawa zone.

Oshawa must have sensed their demise before taking control of the play and popping two goals to tie the contest. No goals interrupted the 10-minute overtime and the teams left with another tie.

The fifth and final contest took place in Oshawa. The home side scored first, as they did in every game in the series, but Halton tied it as Sheppard turned on the jets and pumped in the puck. He hit again minutes later, but Oshawa didn't roll over. Midway through the second they tied it, but the 'Cans retook the lead. In the third frame Halton fell into a defensive mode and hung on for the win and the series.

Major Atom AA

The success of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 136 major atom double A team continued into the Tri-County playoffs. Milton lost the final to Burlington 6-4.

After winning the first three games, the team went on to win two of the remaining three games which qualified them for the final.

In the fourth game of the Tri-County playdowns Milton defeated Flamborough 6-3.

In the first period, Jamie Sweetland and Adam McIssac both scored, with assists to Kevin Miller and Jason Enair. Enair scored again in the second with the help of Ryan Bouskill and McIssac.

Flamborough scored early in the third but Milton came back with

goals by Mitchell, Bouskill and Sweetland. Brent VanLoosen picked up an assist on Mitchell's goal and Steven Szafer got a helper on Bouskill's goal. Flamborough came back with two more markers to make the score respectable at 6-3.

Milton met their match in Oakville. At the end of the first frame Oakville had snatched a 2-0 lead. Joey Lake put Milton on the scoreboard in the middle period but Oakville quickly buried that marker with one of their own.

A minute later Szafer scored but before the end of the period Oakville again claimed the two goal edge. In the third frame both Szafer and Sweetland scored but not before Oakville managed their fifth marker, the winner in the 5-4 game.

The sixth Tri-County game was all-important. Milton needed a win to go on to the final and they got it by defeating Chinguacousy 4-1. Sweetland started off the scoring with assists to Ryan Bouskill and Blain Beaulieu. A minute later Joey Lake scored with the help of Szafer. In the second period Lake matched his second for a 3-0 lead. The teams traded goals in the final frame with Sweetland scoring for Milton.

The win put Milton into the final against Burlington. Kris Kovacs scored early, in the game with the help of Adam McIssac but Burlington came back to score two goals before the period ended. Early in the second Jeff Mitchell popped one in but Burlington came back, this time with a pair.

Szafer scored early in the third for Milton bringing them within one at 4-3 but before the ice chips had settled Burlington scored again. Kovacs scored his second of the game but Burlington again distanced the lead. They maintained the score for a 6-4 win.

Tennis club hosting under-16 championships

The Milton Tennis Club has been awarded the under-16 Philips Junior National Tennis Championship, which will run from August 17-22.

The event encompasses both boys and girls draws, and, said tournament chairperson Michele Cavanagh, is the largest tournament ever for the under-16 age group. The event has expanded to 40 entrants in the boys side and 32 for the girls.

"The event is sanctioned by Tennis Canada and organized in conjunction with the Milton Tennis Club," said Carmel Derdael, tournament director for Tennis Canada. "This will be the fourth junior national championship hosted by the club in the past few years and we look forward to another first class event."

Pre-Argo team shines in qualifying meet

The pre-Argo team did especially well in the Milton Springers Gymnastic Club's third qualifying meet of the season in Oakville recently.

Lori Cyr led the way in pre-Argo, finishing fifth overall, including fifth on bars and beam and sixth on floor. Shawna Turner repeated her gold medal performance on vault and came fifth on floor.

Stephanie Scarpino made a complete recovery from an injury and competed in all four events, narrowly missing a placing on bars. Nancy Coffin competed for the first time this year in three events and was pleased with her performance. Given that the team did not have four all-around scores, they were pleased to place third.

In Argo B, Megan Anderson had an untimely cold that put her off stride. Having a fall on bars and beam put her out of the all-around running, but in her best event, floor, she managed to place fifth.

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Vicki Chliszczyk, the club's Junior B athlete, did not compete in this meet as she is recovering from an ankle injury. Fingers are crossed for her because she did well enough after the other meets to be named to the central region team for the provincial championships. She's hopefully going to compete in Kingston in May.

The recreation club also took to the floor recently for the annual Springers in-club meet. All gymnasts who score more than 9.0 earn a first-place ribbon, while a score of 8.0 earns a second place, and so on. This year an unprecedented number of firsts were handed out.

Coach Janet Campbell expressed satisfaction with the performances of both segments of the club.

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