

Drury players get ice time with NHL Oldtimers

Seven E.C. Drury School for the Deaf student athletes put on a solid showing against an NHL Oldtimers team recently as the young hockey players vied for a place on the Canadian Deaf Team.

Deaf players from across Canada will be

competing for a spot on the national squad that will go to the World Deaf Tournament in 1995 at Helsinki.

Milton's Jeff Lillie, Matt Brownell, David Rollings, Chad Broussard, Mark Couture, Sean Terry and Dale Sharp took the ice

against the NHL Oldtimers, a team that included Norm Ullman, Paul Henderson, Bill Harris, Bill McCreary, Wayne Carleton and Milton's Peter McDuffe in goal.

The Oldtimers beat the younger players 6-5, but the Deaf Team was a winner where it

counted for the evening. The fundraiser netted \$10,000 to help finance its efforts.

Milton's Barrie Elliott, who coaches the national team, said he saw a lot of talent, adding the national team should have a strong showing at Helsinki.



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Winning week vaults Merchants into second place

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Special to The Champion

The Milton Merchants buried their competition last week in Central Ontario Junior A action, gained the maximum possible six points and have locked horns with their archrivals Brampton Capitals for second place with 24 points.

The Merchants posted a pair of lopsided victories over the Royal York Rangers last week, a 10-2 slaughter Wednesday in Royal York and a 7-1 pounding Friday night at Memorial Arena. In their biggest game of the week, the local squad turned in a great team effort and destroyed the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders 10-1 Saturday night.

While these two teams are stationed at the bottom of the Central Ontario Junior A West Division standings, they still count as wins and Milton did have to work for the two points each night.

Newcomer Bradley Glassford has looked outstanding in net for the Merchants. He played in all three match-ups last week and allowed only four goals. Milton's defensive unit put in solid performances and the forwards showcased their talents big time all week long.

Milton got off to a slow start last Friday in front of home town fans and weren't moving the puck around very well in the opening minutes of the first period.

This would soon change when Steve Rocco, taking passes from Daner Finn and Pat Henneberry, blasted a slapshot from the blueline past Royal York netminder David Belitski at 4:27.

This was the start of Milton's fastest three goals of the season. Ryan Delorande buried a backhand shot in at 4:41 and Daner Finn drove home a tally at 4:52. Three goals in 26 seconds — you can't beat that.

Forwards Travis Riffin and Clancy Seymour scored one apiece for Milton in the first and the locals were up 5-0 after one period.

Mike Murray, Finn and Henneberry each picked up two assists in the opening frame.

The Rangers were skating better in the second period and moved the puck around well during some strong rushes to the net, turned back by a sharp Bradley Glassford.

Merchants Mike McPhail and Pat Henneberry looked particularly impressive in the second with strong skating and good puck handling.

Milton's lone goal in the second frame came at 9:07 from John Dasso (slapshot inside point) and was assisted on by Sean Lindsay and Jason Ritchie.



Jason Ritchie

A bad goal off a mis-directed pass cost Bradley a shutout Friday as Barry MacDonald and David Quinney combined for Royal York's only goal.

The Merchants played disciplined hockey in the final stanza and skated to an easy win. Ritchie added one more goal for Milton at 4:59 with the help of Lindsay and McPhail.

Riffin and Ranger Kevin Shaw had butted heads all evening long and went at it late in the final period. The local centre smoked his adversary and earned a one game suspension as the instigator.

Head coach Rick Bince was pleased with the win Friday night but is fully aware of the dangers of lopsided scores.

"We came out flying in the first period and then it was as if some of the guys tend to forget what they learn in practice because they figure they have a big lead to work with," said Rick Bince, "But a win's a win and I'll take the two points."

Bince didn't have to worry about any lack of effort from his players Saturday night in Georgetown. While it was clear from the word go that the Merchants were the dominant force, they never let up and put up a double-digit score for

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Sponsor for soccer sought

The Milton Indoor Soccer League, which just kicked off another season at E.C. Drury High School, is still looking for a team sponsor.

Any area business person interested in sponsoring one of the 10 teams should contact Frank Czikk at 876-1852 or Roy Christopher at 876-2287.

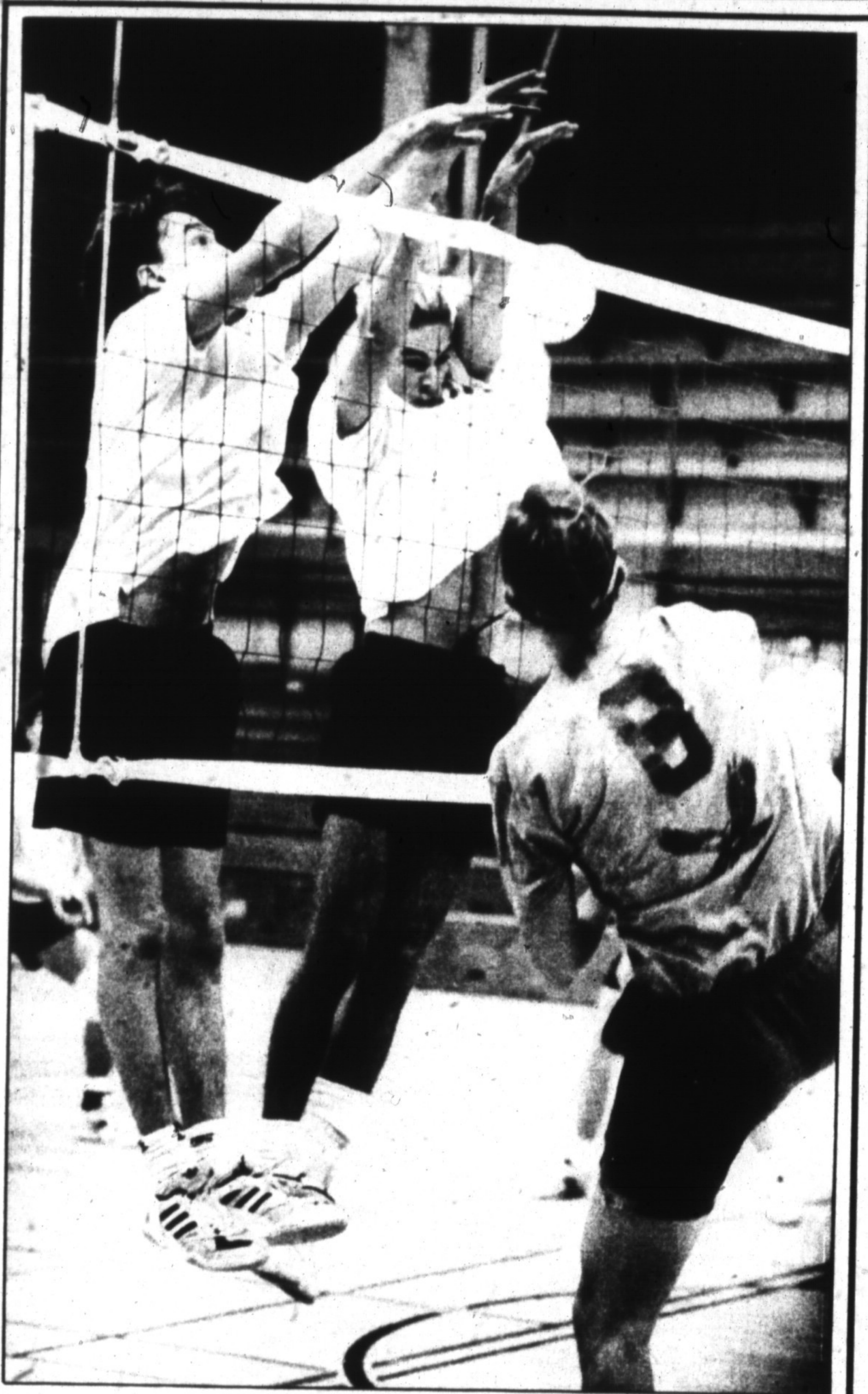


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Block buster

E. C. Drury's Mark Lawrence (left) and Don Smulders attempt to block the spike from Queen Elizabeth Park's Chris Lowe in quarter final volleyball action November 10. The seniors won two games to one as did the juniors but the Spartans were bumped off later in the week.

Fletcher cleans up hobby racers' awards

John Fletcher won the lion's share of the hardware at the Hobby Club Awards Banquet in Guelph November 7. The event marked the end of the car racing seasonal circuit.

Fletcher was overall points leader, first in Flam-

borough Points and second in the Gold Cup Series. He also was Most Improved Driver, Most Consistent Driver and tied for first in feature wins with six.

Milton's Al Haringa won the Best Engineered Car Award and the Hobby Class Trophy.