

Major bantam 'Canes on a New Year win streak

The Halton Hurricane AAA major bantams continued their march to a playoff spot with two wins last week.

In Chinguacousy January 11 the Halton squad hoped to break away from a tie with their hosts in the league standings and succeeded with a 4-2 win. The Leaver Mushroom sponsored bantams also succeeded in extending their New Year unbeaten streak.

Ching' started the game with a flurry of shots on the Hurricane net. A steady defence backed up by Kevin Wilson in goal held the opposition to one goal until the offence could get untracked. The resurgence was led by the third line who forechecked and bumped with a vengeance. These efforts paid off in two goals from Ben Bombardieri as Ian MacIntosh, Paul Brennan and Stephen Eagle assisted. The first goal changed the momentum of the game and started the 'Canes toward the win.

Last Wednesday's snow storm caused a game against the top placed Barrie contingent to be cancelled.

The players were primed for their 8-0 win Saturday against Guelph in the Olympic sized rink at the University of Guelph. After a slow start everyone jumped into the play and skated away from their rivals. Guelph attacked hard in the first two minutes but couldn't break Kevin Wilson's goaltending. The 'Canes rebounded with an onslaught of their own to dominate the match with 34 shots to Guelph's 8.

Halton is preparing for next week's three game finale to the schedule and hoping to get a lock on the third place rung.

Peewees score relay win

A relay team win was the highlight of December's Milton Beaver tournament for the Primary Electric Supply minor peewee AA squad.

Teammates Jeff Mitchell, Matt Jenkins, Steven Szafer and Paul Boaden won the relay event in their division of the skills competition. The team also posted some wins but couldn't get past Humber Valley in both of their match-ups, including the consolation game.

In the first game Milton defeated Port Credit 11-1, with strong offensive play by the entire team. Szafer got a hat trick, Cory Broussard and Jenkins each scored two goals with Brent Van Loosen, Scott Corfield, Jeff Mitchell and Paul Boaden each scoring one.

Although Szafer (2), Scott Neal and Corfield scored, Humber Valley won 8-4. In the third game, Milton came back to defeat Burlington 3-2. Szafer (2) and Matt Jenkins scored with the assists to Miller, Boaden and Kris Kovacs.

The fourth game against London was exciting. Szafer scored at the end of the first period, London came back early in the third with three quick goals but in the last four minutes of the game Jenkins, Neal and Szafer each scored, to defeat London 4-3. The final score in the final game was 7-1 in Humber Valley's favour.

The regular season resumed with a 4-3 win over Oakville. Kovacs, Szafer, Neal and Boaden each scored in the good end-to-end game at Oakville.

The peewees split a pair of games in last weekend's Woolwich Tournament in St. Jacobs and Elmira. The early Saturday morning game against Georgetown was a cliffhanger, Szafer with the assistance of Kovacs and Jenkins, scored in the first period. Georgetown came back to tie the game in the second period.

The game ended in a tie. The first overtime period was scoreless. In the second, three-on-three sudden death overtime period, Matt Jenkins on a pass from Beaulieu and Szafer, netted the puck to win 2-1. An excellent game by goaltender Wayne

Ervin. In the second game, Milton met up with Markham and although Jenkins and Broussard scored with the help of Beaulieu and Boaden, the team fell to defeat 4-2.

Legion ends season with 22 wins

Milton's Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 136 completed their season in fine fashion, taking three of a possible four points in their final two games.

Against Orangeville the Legionnaires managed a 4-4 tie, while trouncing Chinguacousy 5-0. This meant that the locals earned top spot in their division with an outstanding record of 22 wins; two ties; and only four losses.

In their match against visiting Orangeville, the Legion squad just couldn't find their legs and they owe a lot of thanks to goalie Paul Perrot who had a tremendous amount of work but kept his team in the game allowing them to come away with the tie.

The visitors went up by a goal early in the first, but Mike Wheelihan got it back with the assists going to Adam Hearn and Bryan Gent. This would be the trend, with Orangeville taking the lead then Milton evening the score. Milton's second goal came from Adam Hearn with help from Daniel Bonham and Kevin Heffron, then Derek Birnie made it 3-3 with Darryl Penson and Andrew Peers picking up the assists. Wheelihan scored his second of the game to salvage the point with linemates Hearn and Kevin Heffron getting the assists.

In their final encounter, the Milton team completely dominated their opposition. It was a good night for the line of Chris Bramwell, David McFarlane and Greg Moore as they picked up a total of 8 points in the 5-0 victory. Both Bramwell and Moore had a goal and two assists, while left

winger McFarlane netted a goal and an assist. Also contributing was Wheelihan with an unassisted goal and Derek Birnie counted a goal while Daniel Bonham and Galen Davies each earned assists. Netminder Brett McClure had another terrific outing, getting his sixth shut-out of the season.

Sockets finish with 10 consecutive wins

The P.L. Robertson novice AA hockey squad finished their Tri-County schedule on a 10-game winning streak.

Playing five games in five days, the Milton team posted convincing wins over Flamborough, Orangeville, Dundas, Hamilton and Ancaster. In the 11-0 victory over Flamborough, the winners were led by Andrew Kirkland, Zack Cosby, Caleb Moffatt and Thomas Houlihan, who scored two goals apiece. Single markers were notched by Frank Fazio, Mark Roselle and Evan Jeans. Tyler Saliba and Billy Gleed shared the shutout.

The next Milton victory was a 5-2 win over Orangeville. Leading the winners was Rick Nadalin with two goals and one assist. Travis Van Loosen and Houlihan had one goal and one assist each, while Evan

Jeans potted the fifth goal. Frank Fazio chipped in with three assists. Darryl Langstone and Kevin Sales played solid defensive games.

In an 8-1 trouncing of Dundas, Moffat and Van Loosen scored hat tricks to pace the onslaught. Kirkland with a goal and an assist and Cosby scored the other Milton goals. Fazio again assisted on three goals while Kevin Sales and Jeans collected two assists each.

A see-saw affair with Hamilton saw Milton outwork their opponents in gaining a 6-4 margin of victory. Leading the way was the line of Fazio, Nadalin and Van Loosen who popped three goals in 34 seconds late in the second period to put the home side ahead for the balance of the game. Fazio and Jeans scored twice, while Houlihan and Nadalin notched single tallies. Ryan Harper and Jon Gleed starred on defence, while each of them collected two assists.

The fifth game was a convincing 5-1 victory over Ancaster. Five Milton players Van Loosen, Jeans, Houlihan, Nadalin and Kirkland accounted for the scoring. Harper, Fazio and Justin Mastrangelo each added two assists.

Milton now advances to the OMHA playdowns commencing within a week.

Merchants close in on first place with 3 wins

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Sonny Cardillo and Kris Kostopoulos. Milton wasted no time Friday night and mounted a 5-0 lead by the end of the first period with goals coming from Sean Lindsay, Pat Heneberry, Mike Cox, Clancy Seymour, and Bill Laforge. Assists were collected by Travis Riffin, Jason Ritchie, Cox, Matt O'Dette, Laforge, and Seymour.

Milton added a goal in each of the final two periods and skated away with a big win. Scoring for Milton in the second was Seymour (assisted by Mike Murphy) and in the third was Sean Lindsay (assisted by captain Daner Finn and Travis Riffin).

Veterans Mike Murray and Steve Rocco led a strong defensive unit Friday, allowing Mississauga attackers few shots on net. Coming up with big performances Friday on offence were Lindsay, Seymour and Riffin.

The following evening in Georgetown, the Merchants had some trouble with the last-place Raiders in the first two periods before mounting a four-goal attack in the third to claim the victory.

Daner Finn scored the only goal for Milton in the first two periods at 7:58 of the second (from Murray and Lindsay). Georgetown came back with a goal by Jonathan Levack half a minute later to tie the score at one after two periods of play.

Milton had plenty of offence on Saturday but couldn't beat starting netminder Jason Sirota for most of the first two frames of action.

Sirota, who turned in a good effort between the pipes, was let down by his defence in the third and came away with another losing effort.

Scoring for Milton in the third were Mike Murphy, Daner Finn, Sean Lindsay, and Jason Ritchie while Seymour, Murray, Lindsay, Riffin, and Finn picked up assists. Bradley Glassford was in net for Milton and took the win.

Glassford was also in net Tuesday evening at home when the Merchants took down Georgetown. Scoring for the home team were Mike Cox (2), Mike McPhail (2) and Mike Murphy.

Recording assists were Pat Heneberry, Mike Murray, Sean Lindsay, Matt O'Dette, Clancy Seymour, Jason Ritchie and Cox.

The Merchants had a chance to move up on the first-place Burlington Cougars Monday evening in Burlington. Game results were not available at press time.

Milton plays Royal York Rangers this Friday at 8 p.m. at home before travelling to Mississauga Sunday night to battle the Derbys.

Standings

West Div.	W	L	T	F	A	Pt
Burlington	25	9	2	200	149	53
Milton	24	8	2	199	129	50
Brampton	23	8	2	221	155	48
Caledon	20	9	3	184	108	44
Oakville	16	18	0	154	143	32
Mississauga	13	21	1	164	193	28
Royal York	6	28	1	113	241	16
Georgetown	4	31	1	136	253	9

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



MIKE MURRAY

Milton Merchant defenceman Mike Murray was a key player in Friday night's match-up with the Mississauga Derbys. His team won. Murray pitched in with an assist in games against Georgetown on Tuesday & Saturday night. Merchants winning both. Merchants are tied for second place in league standings.

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