

# Jaycees A bantams advance to OMHA semi-finals

The Milton Jaycees major bantam A reps have advanced to the semi-finals of the OMHA playoffs with series victories over Acton and Strathroy.

Milton downed Acton by dominating all games, although they had trouble solving the Acton goaltending puzzle until the last encounter, when Milton overcame a 4-2 first period disadvantage to post a 6-4 win.

Things didn't look too good in the initial encounter with Strathroy. Milton played their worst game in months and lost 4-1. Andrew Sharpe, from Jason Medeiros, scored Milton's lone goal.

In the first period of game two, however, Milton played inspired hockey, scoring three times enroute to a 4-2 victory. It was to pave the way for two subsequent Milton wins, both 2-1, to clinch the series.

In game two, Trevor Petherick, Bill Robbins, Doug Taylor and Paul Meehan scored. Assists went to Grant Heffron (two), Mike Walsh and Medeiros.

Superb goaltending highlighted game three. Peter Dennis provided excellent support to his sputtering offence. Mike Brown, from Robbins, and Chris Mutcherson unassisted, provided Milton's only goals, but Dennis shut the door until three minutes remaining in the game.

It was Blair McTrach who supplied shutout goaltending until four minutes remaining in the deciding contest at Strathroy. Sharpe (Taylor) and Miles Seeds (Robbins) were the Milton goal scorers.

## Two ties for Wallace in Tri-County

The Wallace Pontiac major atom A reps earned ties in both their Tri-County league playoff games on the weekend, battling to a 4-4 stalemate against Fergus and a 1-1 draw with Arthur.

Both of Milton's opponents are considered among the top teams in the league.

The Wallace squad stormed out of the chute in both games. In Arthur, John Stringer scored 16 seconds into the contest. Steve Harding assisted. Milton enjoyed the edge until well into the third period, when Arthur scored the tying goal.

In Fergus the game was a seesaw battle. Scott Birmie, from Matt Craig and Dylan Hardy, made it 1-1 for Milton. Fergus took a 2-1 lead, but Steve Chuchmach fired an unassisted marker to knot the score.

Shawn McConnell put Milton up 3-2. Chuchmach and Chris Holmes drew assists. Fergus then tied two quick goals to take the lead back.

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With 2:34 left in the contest, Harding scored on a wraparound to gain the tie. John Stringer assisted.

The Milton goaltending duo of Jeff Johnston and Todd Chiappino shared netminding and turned in outstanding performances.

Sound team play and hard work characterized the Milton efforts in what some spectators saw as their best games of the season.

## Three exhibition wins for Optimists.

The Milton Optimist major peewee A reps have been filling their time constructively between hockey playoff rounds, garnering three exhibition wins.

Milton beat Georgetown 2-0 and

5-0 and downed a visiting Hamilton Select squad 5-3.

Jon Foley got the shutout as Milton blanked visiting Georgetown in the opening encounter. The Milton defensive corps of Justin Hamilton, Bob Hicks, Brad Madden and James Lighthall kept the Georgetown opportunities to a minimum.

Goals came from Mike Depelsmaecker and Mike Copeland, with assists to Lighthall and Jon Glover.

The win over Hamilton wasn't a pretty affair. It was replete with missed checks and errant passes, but Milton finally bore down in the final frame. Jack Turner played a strong game in goal.

Depelsmaecker, Copeland, Joe Mulligan and Phillip Ercolani each had a goal and an assist. Bob Hicks also scored, assisted by Marco Labella.

The rematch with Georgetown was a wild affair, but Milton players con-

trolled their tempers.

Slick passing and hard hits from Paul Hasselfeldt and Lindsay Neelands frustrated the opposition.

Labella opened the scoring on a pass from Lighthall, which he buried with a wrist shot from a difficult angle. Travis Rogers assisted on Glover's goal just 11 seconds later. The remainder of the game belonged to Depelsmaecker and Copeland. Copeland had two goals and an assist while Depelsmaecker collected a goal and two assists.

## Win and loss for truckers

The Grand Transport minor novice AA reps opened their round robin playoff for the Tri-County championship with a win and a loss as Milton beat Burlington 4-1 but was shut out by Orangeville 3-0.

Hespler is the other squad vying

for the Tri-County title.

Goals and assists were spread over more than half the Milton team in the game against Burlington. Kyle Goertz was solid in net, backed up defensively by Brett Lewis and Drew Evans. Darren Yorke and Mike Rutherford skated well up front.

The truckers opened the scoring late in the first on a fine effort by Jonathan Räm, assisted by Darryl Teed and Barry Kosmowski. Teed put Milton up 2-0 in the second, with helpers from Ram and Mike Novak.

Burlington hit the scoresheet with four minutes to go in the third to cut the lead in half, but a minute later Mark Hearn jammed one through the five hole. Ryan Pilarczyk and Rory Johnston sent him in. Adam Rutz rounded out the Milton scoring with an empty netter.

In Orangeville the truckers had a little air taken out of their tires, dropping a 3-0 decision.

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