

Truckers get to conso semi in Streetsville tourney

The Grand Transport minor novice AA reps made it to the semifinals of the consolation round in the Streetsville Novice Hockey Tournament recently.

The truckers dropped their initial two-game total score encounter with Oakville 3-2, despite winning the second game 2-1. Milton lost the initial game 2-0, with the second goal coming at only eight seconds remaining in the contest.

Milton's goals were by Jonathan Ram, on a solo effort, and Mark Hearn, assisted by Adam Rutz. Overall, Milton put out a strong team effort.

In subsequent games Milton went to the wall with Dundas, battling through successive overtime periods to win 3-2. It all ended for the truckers a game later, however, when Aurora doubled them 6-3.

Dundas was the team that edged Milton in provincial playoffs. In this contest, which went to six periods of overtime, Milton prevailed.

Ram put the truckers up early, scoring only 34 seconds into the contest on a set-up by Darryl Teed. Mike Novak got Milton's second goal, midway through the first period. Dundas scored late in the first and midway through the second to knot the score.

Two five-minute overtime periods failed to determine a winner. The subsequent overtimes were two minutes apiece, and following each one the number of skaters was reduced by one per side.

Action was end to end, without play stoppages. Barry Kosmalski came close for Milton in a two-on-two, but hit a post.

When it was one-on-one, Teed responded, summoning the energy to do so after back-to-back rushes to put it away for Milton.

Kyle Goertz played an outstanding game in net for Milton, with good defensive support from Kosmalski and Drew Evans.

Against a strong Aurora team in the semifinals, Milton kept pace for most of two periods, trailing only 3-2 at the second buzzer. But Aurora scored three unanswered goals in the third.

Rory Johnston and Darren Yorke scored for Milton. Hearn, Kosmalski, Rutz and Ram assisted.

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Good tournament efforts also came from Matt Reed, Taylor Coulombe, Brett Lewis and Ryan Pilarczyk.

Hurricanes break jinx in playoffs

The Halton Hurricane minor bantams are off to a good start in their OMHA AAA best-of-five championship hockey series with Brantford Bandits. After losing the first game 9-6 in Brantford they came back with a fine effort last Friday, winning 7-4 in Georgetown.

The most amazing thing about this triumph was that the Hurricanes had faced them twice during the season, and were outscored — get this, 18-0.

Beating them now is a major tribute to their perseverance and a result of a confidence boost, according to coach Fred Sharer, who took over the reins midway through the season. "It was just a matter of convincing them that they could do it. They're (Brantford) a bunch of 14 year olds also, not supermen."

The coaching staff also did a little extra preparation, scouting the Brantford team and then simulating their powerplay in practice. That appeared to be a key factor in the game, because the Halton penalty killing was excellent.

The game didn't start off so well for Halton, with Brantford getting most of the early chances, just missing on a number of them and stymied by goaltender Josh Lancaster on the rest. The Hurricanes appeared a little rattled and seemed to be just trying to get the puck out of their zone.

Captain Jared Robinson, Ken Braithwaite, Wes Blight, and Paul Loader (of Milton) all dished out some nice bodychecks in the early going. Loader also contributed with some fine defensive play.

Brantford scored first, after some pressure, with 4:51 left in the first period. Lancaster was already down from the last save, and since he only has two legs and two arms (although it appeared otherwise much of the game), he couldn't make the additional save.

In fact, to save a little time, just add "great save by Lancaster", after

every sentence or so, and you'll get the idea.

Halton got it back a little over a minute later on a nice passing play between Mini Haydar (Milton) to Adam Bertoli (Milton) to Ryan Crechiola all alone in front.

Brantford carried play for most of the first period, however, and ended up outshooting the Hurricanes, 12-5. The momentum shifted in the second period, with some good work by Jeff Seeds (Milton) and some nifty playmaking by Haydar to earn more chances. Brantford went ahead, however, on a screen shot from the corner boards that made its way through about eight players and into the far corner of the net.

Milton earned a two man advantage later in the period and Seeds was able to tie it. He went the length of the ice, dippy-doodled by everyone, and then tucked it into the net.

Brantford went ahead again with 1:50 left in the period on a shot from the faceoff dot along the ice that eluded Lancaster (remember though, "great save by Lancaster" after each sentence) and went to the dressing room up 3-2.

Halton tied it up early in the third on a bullet blast by Matthew Peers (Milton) on a pass from Seeds. The line of Seeds, along with outstanding checker Beau Spencer, and speedy Peers was a dominant force throughout the game.

The line of Haydar, Spencer and Crechiola also did some nice work, combining on several outstanding passing plays, many originating from Haydar's stick.

Spencer scored the winner when Haydar finessed the puck to him through some traffic. In the last minute Halton added two more, one by Crechiola on a nifty two-on-one passing play with Brad Davidson. Brantford scored with 11 seconds left, and eight seconds later, Crechiola added another one.

The Hurricanes traveled to Brantford Monday night for game three of the series. Game four is Friday night at 9:00 at Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown.

Heartbreaker in conso final for atoms

The Wallace Pontiac major atom A reps ended their year playing in the Optimist Invitational Tournament, where they lost a heartbreaker in the consolation final.

Game one featured an exciting end-to-end match which ended in a 3-3 tie against Acton.

With Acton up 1-0 game, MVP Matt deRee fired a high hard shot to put Milton on the board. Kevin Spahich and Shawn McConnell drew assists.

Milton's second marker came from a scramble in front of the net.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

RECONSTRUCTION OF GUELPH LINE FROM DERRY ROAD TO 1.1 KM NORTHERLY, TOWN OF MILTON PR-1248B

A Public Information Centre will be held:

DATE: Thursday, April 7, 1994

TIME: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

PLACE: St. George's Anglican Church
7051 Guelph Line, Campbellville
Auditorium

The Regional Municipality of Halton has scheduled to reconstruct Guelph Line from Derry Road to 1.1 km northerly this Summer. The reconstruction will include alignment improvements along Guelph Line, concrete retaining walls, replacement of a box culvert at Limestone Creek and a road closure & detour.

This Information Centre is being held to provide the public with an opportunity to view the construction drawings for the works and discuss with Halton staff any concerns they may have on the construction activities of the project.

Interested persons are invited to drop in any time during the above hours to review the plans. If you are unable to attend the Public Information Centre, but require further information, please contact Mr. D.K. Inouye, CET, Manager of Construction at extension 7608 from one of the following numbers:

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