

## New Venture Travel loses two

The New Venture Travel A Winterhawks came up on the short end of two recent Tri-County playoff games, against Hillsburgh and Elora respectively.

Game four of their round-robin series ended in a 3-2 heartbreaker to Hillsburgh, who jumped out to an early 2-0 lead and cruised to victory the rest of the way.

Starting netminder Jody MacGibbon allowed two quick goals in the first period before being replaced by Craig Patterson, who allowed one more in the second. Counting goals for Milton were Jeff Webber and Doug Potruff.

The following game the 'Hawks were blanked 5-0 by Elora.

## Heart-breaking end for Merchants fans again

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Osborne said he was pleased with Milton's third period effort, stating "I felt good about the way they finished."

Along with Jones and DelMonte, Mark McPhail, Jeff McArthur and Dave Aussem

all took costly penalties Friday.

Replacing Dolecki again in game two, back-up Steve Bewley did a great job keeping his club in the hunt for most of the night. Despite being shell-shocked for four goals in the second, he came up big with numerous blocker saves and diving stops in the opening frame. At the other end of the ice, Blues' back-up Mike Bednarz was solid through games three and four substituting for Bob DeCosta, but didn't see nearly as many shots as Bewley.

Their final game of the season saw goals come from unlikely sources, as third-line forwards Wes Barbowski and Aaron Rosenberg found the mark in the first and third periods respectively. Equally as surprising was a second-period marker by Steve Adams, who had not scored in nine previous post-season outings.

Richard Reid, perhaps Milton's brightest star in this season's playoffs, drew two assists while single helpers went to DelMonte, Tom Baynton, Jeff Haydar and midget call-up Doug Janjevich.

**MERCHANT NOTES:** Friday's loss meant the end of several junior hockey careers as well, as Dolecki, Barbowski, Rosenberg, James, Adams, Aussem, Pavo Kekki, Kevin Lamb and David Boldovitch are all going overage. A number of these players could be moving on to play university hockey, among them Dolecki who has been sought after by R.P.I.

While unsure what capacity he'll be returning to, Carrigan seems intent on spending next season with the Merchants. He has already brought aboard long-time scout Sid Urevich, who recruited for him in Caledon.

"I'm not sure what capacity I'll take next season, we're going through a restructuring now that will benefit the team next season," said Carrigan.

## Winterhawks selects lose in final round

The Milton 7-year-old selects ran into some ungracious hosts last weekend as the Orangeville Orangemen exacted a 3-1 decision in their tournament's championship match.

Winterhawks' netminder Greg Robertson turned in a strong performance to keep things close, but Orangeville scored late in the first and early in the third en route to their tournament coronation.

Milton pulled to within a goal late in the game on a goal by Connor Mitchell, assisted by Geoffrey Strank and David Gooding, but the Orangemen struck again to seal their fate.

The 'Hawks finished first in their division after an undefeated round-robin showing. After tying one on with Bradford — in a 3-3 final — Milton claimed 4-1 and 3-2 wins over Downsview and Georgetown respectively.

Luc Hartwick netted the game winner against Georgetown to put Milton in the championship game. Assisting on the play were Matthew Price and Ashley Rutz. Counting the other markers were Strank and Jordan Gleed while Bobby MacDonald picked up two assists and Mitchell drew one.

Jacob deMarsh tallied twice to anchor Milton's game two win over Downsview. Also scoring were Gleed and Mitchell, with Gleed, Strank, Hartwick, Price and Scott McTrach drew assists.

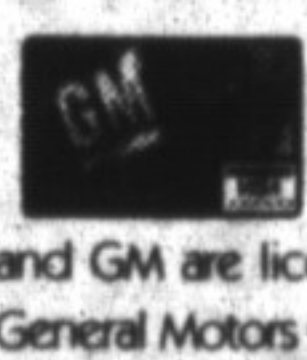
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