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Two minutes the MDHS girls team would like back

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Special to The Champion

If there were ever two minutes, Lisa Brown wanted back, they would have come Tuesday afternoon at Milton District High School.

The first-year senior girls basketball player missed a portion of the fourth quarter against Oakville's St. Thomas Aquinas, after taking an

elbow in the nose, but returned in the last two minutes and sank her team's final basket with just 1:48 remaining. The inside shot put the Mustangs ahead 42-41.

Unfortunately her heroics were not enough, as the visiting Raiders re-established their one-point lead one minute later on a lay-up by Monica Chmielewsky and claimed the first round OFSAA qualifying victory. Anne Gleeson made a Hail Mary attempt on the run in the final two seconds that went wide. Trouble inbound and a lost possession killed MD's comeback hopes in the dying seconds of play.

The Stangs loss, which followed a sound defeat to Oakville Trafalgar in the Halton semi-finals last Thursday, once again came without the services of star centre Nicole Walker, still nursing a sprained knee.

While some inspired play by Brown, Kelly Douglas, Barb Merry and Chrystal Johnston helped pick up the slack in MD's rebounding and defensive game left by Walker, foul trouble proved to be their downfall in the first half as they fell behind 26-16.

"We had to take Mary Ellen (Gleeson) out for a while because of the fouls and without her or Nicole our flow was taken away. The girls started to back off and we lost ground," said coach Martha Gleeson. The Raiders capitalized on her team's first half foul trouble, sinking nine of 15 shots from the free throw line.

MD came up with a gusty second half - led by Brown, Johnston and Laura Henderson - and pulled off a 12-6 third quarter. They took the lead three times in the final five minutes of the fourth before St. Thomas' last-minute win.

While Chmielewsky drove the final nail in the Stangs coffin, teammate Michelle Crowley dug their grave with 15 points including six from the line. Fellow Raider Toby Davidson sank 10 points. Johnston was the top shooter for Milton District with eight points, including two fourth quarter baskets that helped pull them ahead initially, while Henderson and Anne Gleeson each had seven.

Mary Ellen Gleeson hit for a field goal in the first half - as did little sister Anne - and collected six points overall, with Brown, Douglas and Merry all recording four points.

Laura French was solid on defense and scored a third quarter basket. Comprising the rest of the Stangs 1996 roster were Kari Beale, Ashley Gluck, Carrie Johnston, Megan Simpson and coach Pat Gleeson.



Proud competitors from the Milton Skating Club who did well recently in Barrie were (front row, l-r) Tiffany Richmond, Sabrina Moran-Grant, Caryl Sinasac (back row, l-r) Jessica Demkowich, Megan Ames, Christal Peebles.

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A curling hole in one

The women of the Milton Curling Club's Monday Competitive League saw some excitement on Remembrance Day when skip Joan Trimble's rink scored an eight-ender. Backing up Trimble were Noreen Hurren at vice, Kathy Sellers at second and Marg O'Flaherty at lead.

An eight-ender, curling's equivalent of a hole-in-one in golf, occurs when all of a team's eight rocks are in scoring position. There have been only four eight-enders scored at the Milton Curling Club in the past 10 years.

SPRINGER REGISTRATION

Registration for the Milton Springers Gymnastics Club winter session, beginning January 6, will be held Monday, Nov. 25 and Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the club.

Programs are available for children 18 months to 16 years. The club is located at 180 Nipissing Road, unit 5. For information, call 878-5030 or drop by the club.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

The Milton Youth Soccer Club will be holding its winter soccer registration for boys and girls five to 12 years old tonight (Friday) from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Milton Mall.

The 10-week season costs \$35 per child and begins in January.

Two going to the sectionals

Members of the Milton Skating Club recently competed at the Central Ontario Sectional Runoffs in Barrie.

In the qualifying rounds, Caryl Sinasac, Tiffany Richmond, Sabrina Moran-Grant, Christal Peebles and Jessica Demkowich competed at the Juvenile level, and Megan Ames at the Pre-Novice.

Sinasac, Moran-Grant, Demkowich and Ames were all successful in advancing to the runoffs - where Moran-Grant finished eighth in her flight and Ames came away with a third-place effort in hers. Both girls will now move on to the Central Ontario Sectional Competition, slated for November 21 to 24 in Barrie.

Goalie tandem shines for atoms

Jody MacGibbon and Craig Patterson frustrated opposing snipers this past weekend, as the goaltending duo backstopped their major atom A Winterhawks to back-to-back victories.

MacGibbon guarded the cage first Saturday against Georgetown and was flawless except for a late third period marker.

With his team ahead by one, he stopped the opposition from tying the game with some great saves in the dying minutes of play.

Sharing in the heroics was Tim Anderson, who scored what would stand up as the

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game winner. Erick Lizon scored Milton's first goal while assists came from Chad Boisvenue and Doug Pottruff.

Patterson was even less charitable than his netminding partner Sunday at home, stonking visiting Orangeville in a 4-0 win.

In what the coaching staff felt was their best game this season, the Hawks played aggressive hockey with strong skating and gritty blue-line work from Craig

Brigden, John LaBella, Jeff Webber and Daniel Wetselaar.

Anderson, Lizon, David Brown and Ryan Pilarczyk all found the back of Orangeville's net, with assists going to Lizon, Mark MacLeod and Greg Sheppard.

Lucky 13 for bantams

The major bantam AA Winterhawks notched 13 goals last week, which proved to be anything but unlucky as they scored two decisive wins over their Halton opposition.

Milton began the week by

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