

# Docs & Dents atoms show major scoring surge

The Docs & Dents major atom AA Winterhawks have played 500 hockey over the last four games thanks largely to a recent offensive surge over a previous two-goals-a-game average.

The 'Hawks played their best game of the season in a 4-0 shutout victory over Brampton with Rory Johnston turning in a flawless performance between the pipes.

Scoring for the victors were Ian Kornack, Peter Schultz, Brett Turner and Darren Yorke, who also drew a pair of helpers as did Mark Hearn.

Milton next took a two-game split with Woolwich, besting them 3-2 in their first tilt and then dropping a 5-3 decision later in the week.

Kornack provided the fire-power in their win with two goals while Hearn popped in the other. Johnston backstopped the pack to victory.

A sluggish effort saw Milton fall behind 5-1 in the rematch and have to fight to keep the final score respectable. Goals came from Johnston, Andrew Claessens and Chris Coates with Dustin Smith setting up two markers. Dan Dimeo saw plenty of rubber in net.

The 'Hawks took an identical 5-3 loss to St. Catharines. Hearn, Smith

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and Turner dented the twine with helpers from Yorke and Tyler Holman.

The 'Hawks now sit at 7-13-4 with four games left in the regular season. They will keep busy over the holidays with a spot in the annual Silver Stick Tournament in Chinguacousy.

### Minor change, major improvement

Some minor adjustments to their defensive strategy resulted in major improvement for the Halton Hurricane major novices in November.

Recognizing unharnessed potential in his ranks, head coach Craig Wells introduced a few new plays to both stop the opposition from breaking out of their own end and minimizing their attack when inside Halton's blue line.

His ideas have paid off with huge dividends, as the 'Canes strung together a near-flawless 6-1-1 performance last month and now sport an 11-3-3 record. Backstopped by Madison Schott and Simon Sharples —with

assistance by defensive corp members Deron Cousins, Tyler Gill, Blake Hamilton and Jonathan Schultz of Milton — Halton posted a stingy 1.7 goals-against average in November.

"We've got the best skating defencemen in the league," said Wells. His team is sponsored by Avanti Auto Tech, Wallace Pontiac and Safe and Sound Day Care.

Their only loss last month came against Oakville Rangers 2-1. From there, they enjoyed a pair of three-game win streaks which sandwiched a 1-1 draw with the Burlington Oilers. They took two games each from St. Catharines and Welland and also beat Guelph and Stoney Creek — whom they destroyed 8-2.

### Tecsaaw peewees come out on top

Close contests have been in big supply for the Tecsaaw minor peewee A Winterhawks recently, with a pair of one-goal victories over Elora and a tie with Hillsburgh.

Nathaniel Murray backstopped Milton to both wins against Elora, in 3-2 and 4-3 final counts. In their initial confrontation, the 'Hawks struck for three goals in the opening frame and

held on for the win. Barry Kosmalski, Jeff Nadalin and Connor Sweeney counted the goals, with assists coming from Sweeney, Greg Brown, Wes McDougall and Michael Winiarz.

Assisting Murray with the defensive efforts were Brown, Nadalin, Matt Berndt, Jordan Gunter, Tyler Hamill and Darryl Tielemans.

Julian Ricci tallied twice while Kosmalski and Davey Spahich added singles in their follow-up match. McDougall, Tielemans and Thomas Patrick drew two assists each.

Ricci established a one-goal lead in the third period, but Hillsburgh erased it minutes later in their 1-1 draw. Guarding the cage was James Kaiser while Robbie Bennett assisted on Ricci's potential game-winner.

Milton also reached the consolation finals at a recent tournament. Despite tough losses to two superior opponents, they did manage a 7-4 triumph over Chinguacousy in their second match. Ricci was the big sniper in this one with a hat-trick.

### Sandstone pads top spot

Sandstone Transport midget AA Winterhawks played to a 2-2 tie with

Brampton recently and beat Woolwich 4-1 at home the next day to extend their first-place record to 17-3-2.

Milton spotted Brampton two goals before Paul Loader cut into the lead in the second and Jeff Seeds sank the equalizer with less than two minutes to go in the game. Luc Reddit picked up assists on both goals.

Reddit collected three assists in Monday's victory, with Seeds, Dan McDuffe, Jeff Mitchell and Matt Peers counting the goals.

### Major novice AA 'Hawks need goals

A lack of scoring has seen the major novice AA Winterhawks net just one of four possible points in their last two outings.

Milton fell 3-0 to Burlington Dec. 8, and managed a scoreless draw with Woolwich December 12. The 'Hawks fared better through the month of November with a 3-2-1 record. Their wins came over Brampton, Burlington and Orangeville.

Elgin Reid has been the 'Hawks top sniper lately, with six goals and four assists in their last eight games while Kyle Hearn is close behind with five goals and two helpers.

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