Atoms rebound in big way

Undaunted by their heartbreaking OMHA loss to Georgetown, the Halton Lift Truck minor atom AA squad blew through their Tri-County series, finishing 5-1.

Their impressive run earned them a berth in the upcoming finals against the Oakville Rangers for the regional championship.

The Winterhawks have played aggressive hockey over the last four games, with exceptional netminding from cagers Corey Clarkson and Robert Smith.

The Burlington Cougars fell prey to the 'Hawks in a 3-1 final, a tilt which Milton dominated from the opening puck drop. Mattie Reed opened the scoring and Kyle Strong's feisty play paid off with two markers — one on a breakaway with his team shorthanded. Assists went to Steve Ellison and David Tielemans.

A 3-2 squeaker was posted against Woolwich. Down by two in the second, Jamie Webb undressed their goalie to initiate the rally and Daniel Lynch notched the equalizer nine seconds later on a Nathan Keith rebound.

Robbie Wilson then scored the game-winner from the point, with an assist from Evan Burrell.

Milton's only loss in round-robin play came against the Rangers. Standout goaltending stymied their relentless shots and helped them pull off a 6-2 triumph.

Tielemans scored on a wraparound while Wilson buried a goalmouth scramble. Burrell, Lynch,

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and Tielemans assists.

Other round-robin success includes a 5-0 shutout over the St. Catharines Royals, who were blanked by Smith.

Tallying for the victors were Burrell, Lynch, Strong, Matt Lenardon and Sam Tomlinson.

No assistance needed

The Wallace Pontiac major novice AA Winterhawks put the finishing touches on semifinal series win over Burlington last Saturday, with a 3-1 victory.

Scoring for Milton were Matt Chuchmach, Clayton Holman and Elgin Reid. All three goals were unassisted.

Michael Binnington was superb between the pipes. The 'Hawks now advance to the All-Ontario OMHA finals. Their opponent was yet to be determined at press time.

Tough Fergus edges atoms

Milton's Action Utility Trailers' ride to an OMHA title came screeching to a halt as the minor atom A's lost a hard-fought series to Fergus 3-2.

After turning aside challenges from Erin, and Elora, the Winterhawks drew powerhouse Fergus — the one team they hadn't beaten all season.

The series opener showed signs of a blowout when Fergus pumped in four fast goals for a comfortable lead. Milton clawed their way back into the game but fell just short in a 5-4 final. Riding the momentum of game one's late surge, the 'Hawks dominated the next two tilts, winning 3-1 and 5-2.

With Fergus on the ropes in game four, Milton chose an inopportune time to come up with a lacklustre performance. Nevertheless, down 2-1 with a few minutes to play, they appeared to tie the score as Mike Sonsogno unleashed a blast from the blueline.

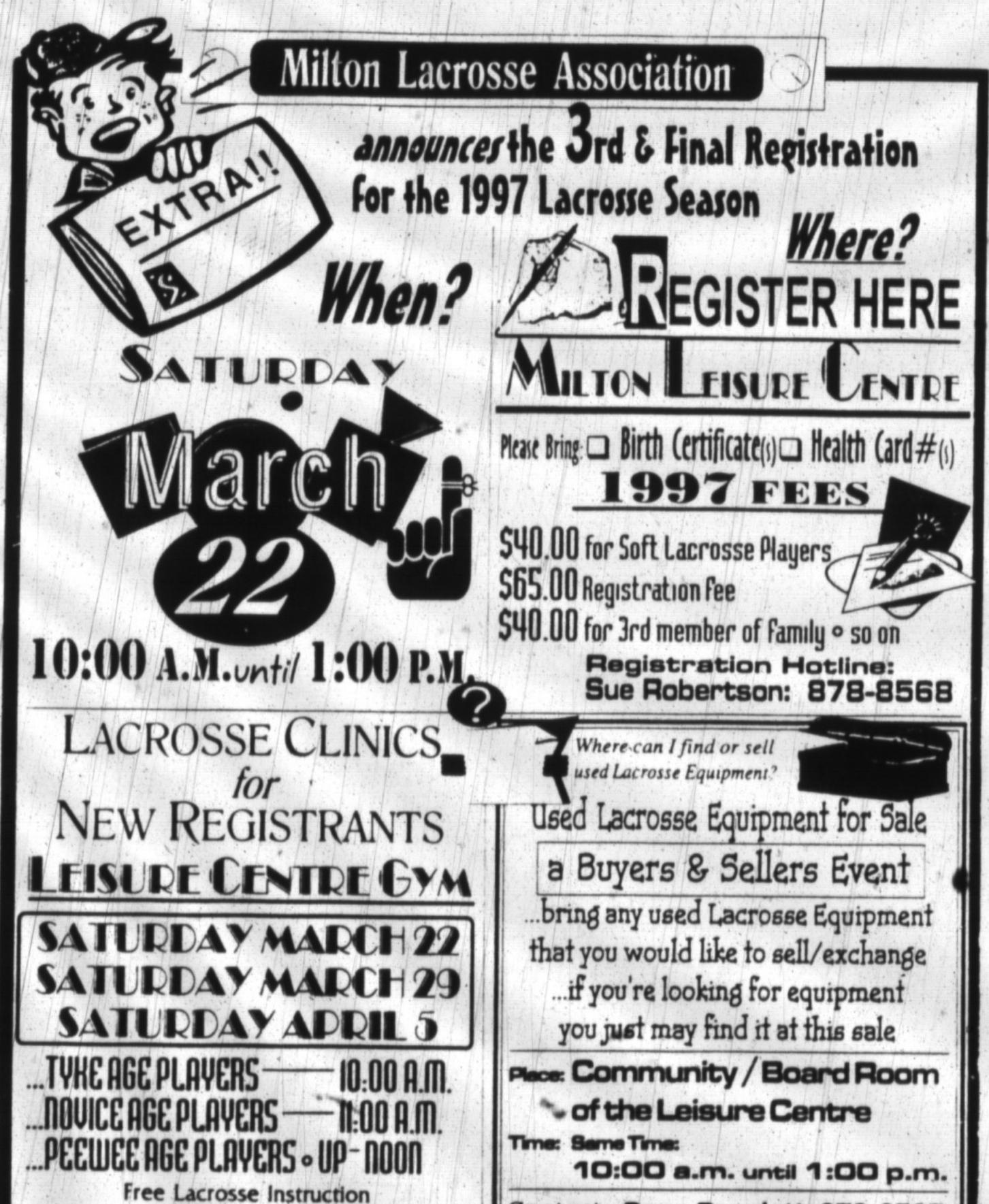
However, in a bizarre turn of events the referee ruled the goal offside despite the fact that Sonsogno had been alone on the play. Fergus took the puck from the resulting face-off and scored an insurance marker for a 3-1 triumph.

A weather-beaten, flu-riddled Winterhawk crew succumbed to Fergus' attack in the rubber match and were blanked 6-0.

Leading the scoring for the Action pack through the series was Liam Tennant with five goals. Sonsogno and and Nole Coutrouzas netted two a piece.

Adding singles were Philip Foley, Laura Lighthall; Sam Tomlinson and Tim Warmels. Greg Pepper contributed three assists, with two each from Coutrouzas, Foley, Warmels and Corey Mastrangelo. Tennant, Kyle Scott, David Aggio and Chris Hill posted single helpers.





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Special thanks to those branch members who worked so hard organizing, assembling, cleaning up and to all participants; it was a great day. Hope to see you next year.

Sharon McKeown Chairperson