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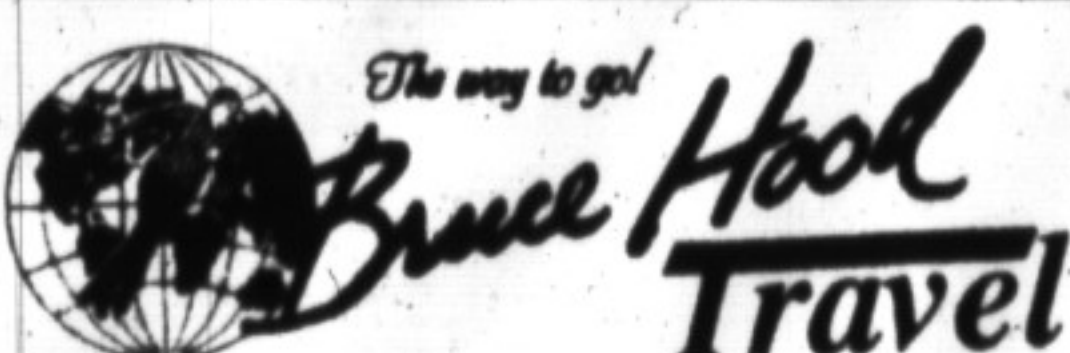
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A lack of practice shows

• from MERCHANTS on page 15
against Bramalea and second-round victims Mississauga.
In a reversal of fortunes, the Merchants fell behind early Tuesday and played catch-up all night. While able to erase two separate Blues' leads, they couldn't stop a two-on-two break by John Nail and David

Zunic that resulted in the game-winner at 11:57 of the third.
Defencemen Mark McPhail and Mark Cooper were beat cleanly on the play, with Nail redirecting Zunic's cross-ice pass over cage guarder Lloyd Lafrance.
Troy Walczak had potted Milton's second and final equalizer just one minute earlier, lifting in a rebound left by both Cooper and McPhail.

Bramalea showed much more offensive creativity than in the first three games, although their output was minimized by a brilliant 25-save effort by Lafrance.

Key performances were turned in by Kyle Amyotte, Craig Hewitt, Joe Goodenow and former Georgetown Raider Dave D'Amizio, who broke through Milton's defensive web and buried an upstairs wrist shot for his team's initial goal.

Ron Baker cut into Bramalea's early two-goal lead with a diving stab tally past DaCosta at 19:17 of the first. Initiating the play with a lead pass was captain Steve Clarke, one of few defensive-minded Merchants on the night.

Capitalizing on their third power-play was Darren Hayda, who backhanded in Jeff White's blueline blast. Assisting on the play was Travis Riggan, who, along with Matt Van Arkel, was unimpressive around the opposing net.

The two have combined for just one goal over their last three outings.

Merchant notes: At press time, game five of the West Conference finals was scheduled for Friday night in Milton. If necessary, game six would revert back to Bramalea tomorrow (Monday) at 7:45 p.m. Details will be published Tuesday.



A word from the Sensei...

by Sensei Scott Hogarth

- 剛 GO Strong, Unyielding
- 柔 JU Soft, Flexible
- 流 RYU Style

For example the difference between the Oak & the Willow. The Oak tree is the "GO" (strong) and yet, will break in the wind. The Willow tree is the "JU" (soft) and able to withstand the wind but not strong enough to support its own branches.

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Sandstone leads 2-1

Rallying from a game one defeat, the Sandstone Transport AA midgets put a chock-hold on Peterborough last weekend with back-to-back wins in their OMHA championship series.

Milton pulled off a come-from-behind 5-4 victory Saturday afternoon in Peterborough. Brent Van Loosen provided the heroics with the game-winner inside the final two minutes of play. Assisting on the go-ahead goal were Jeff Mitchell and Steve Turner.

Paul Pento, meanwhile, was the star with a pair of goals. He erased Peterborough's first and final leads. Blair McTrach was sharp between the pipes. Also scoring were Paul Loader and Jeff Seeds while Mitchell and Luc Redditt chalked up two assists each. Single helpers went to Seeds, Cory Leigh, Steve Szafer and Ben Wilson.

Peterborough held a brief one-goal lead the following night in Milton before the local truckers stormed back with three unanswered goals for a 4-2 triumph. Pacing the offensive efforts with a goal and two assists was Seeds. Redditt and Szafer each scored once and added an assist. Dan McDuffe also tallied, with assists to Van Loosen (2), Turner and Jeff Chaisson. Kyle Garon earned the win in net.

Peterborough hosted game four Friday night. Results were not available at press time. If necessary, a fifth game will be played this afternoon (Sunday) at Alcott Arena in Georgetown with a 2:30 p.m. start.

Monarch midgets win gold in Hamilton tournament

It took them a couple of games to shift out of neutral, but the Milton Monarch midget boys basketball team eventually cruised to the championship title at the Hamilton Tournament.

Rebounding from early losses, the crew recently posted a 66-59 win over the Ancaster Magic to claim the gold.

Danny Merritt and Cam Ivens provided the bulk of the

scoring with 17 points each. Matt Bagley and Robbie Skinner also contributed on offence, while supporting cast member Steven Harding grabbed eight rebounds.

Anchoring the defensive efforts was Ron Massey.

Guiding this year's team are coaches Lance Postma and Peter Matsell. Their next challenge will come April 25 and

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