

Transport topples SLF

Sandstone Transport rocketed into sole possession of first place in Milton Hockey League action on Dec. 23 as they edged Superchoice Country Market 5-3. The win put Sandstone atop the league with a two-point (16) cushion. Directly below sit both Century 21 Golden Hawks and Straight Line Fence, each with 14 points.

Hawks kept momentum with a 7-3 decision over West End Bulls but Straight Line, perennially a powerhouse squad, faltered. Haggart Crane Service handed them a 7-1 pasting. With 12 points Haggart is but a win away from the two second-placed clubs.

Sandstone scoring was well-spread; no player had more than one goal. The game was fairly even (in terms of scoring) until the latter part of the final frame. It was tied at one after two periods and at one point Superchoice led 3-2. But late in the last period Sandstone popped three goals to buy the insurance policy.

In the early going it was a punch-counter-punch exchange: Dean Villa opened the scoring to give Superchoice a brief 1-0 lead.

Thirteen seconds later the score was tied. Dave Arbic connected with assists to Randy Coulson and Ivo Zulian.

Sandstone went ahead early in the third when Richard Shannon scored from Coulson but Superchoice came back with two goals on the same shift. Player coach Willy Ceelen netted both markers, 17 seconds apart, with assists to linemates Dave Agar and Mike Van Wart.

After that Superchoice closed the goal production department for the night while Sandstone was warming up for a late surge. With 4:27 remaining to play Joe Gaeton scored, assisted by Jim Newman and Kevin Howden. At 1:46 Jay Norland got the go-ahead goal with assists to Zulian and Coulson and six seconds later Newman provided the padding, assisted by Shannon.

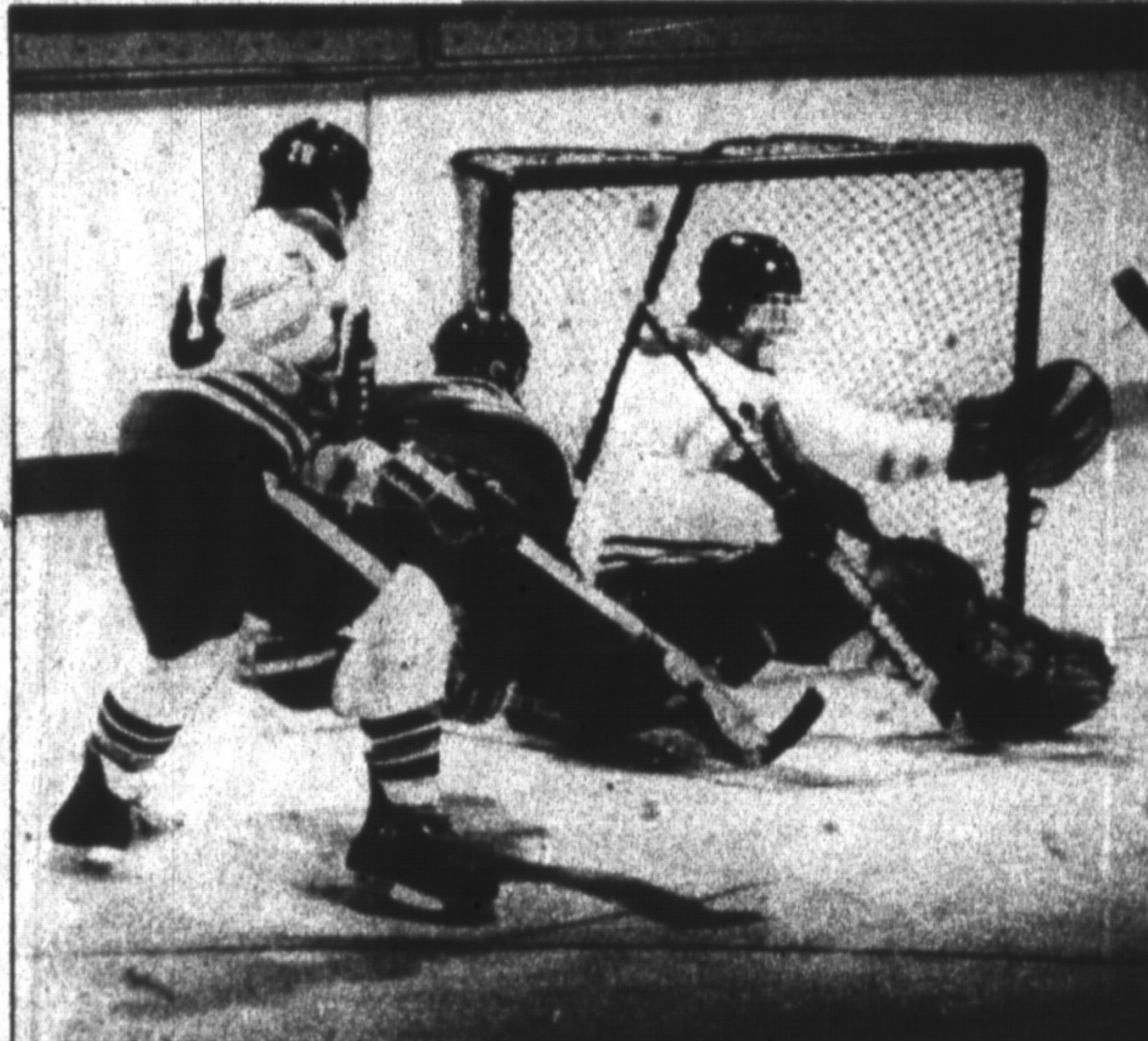
Straight Line Fence actually led at one point against Haggart. They scored their only goal in the middle of the second. John Loeprich put Fencers on the board with a solo effort.

But Haggart came back with a four-goal burst late in the second period and with

three goals in the last minute of the second stanza. Pete Rota opened the onslaught at 2:37, assisted by Bev Slessor. Rick Bridgman got the first of his pair at the one minute mark. Gord Adams scored, as he did on the first of Guy McGinnis' two goals 30 seconds later. With six seconds left in the period Doug Hopkins scored unassisted.

Straight Line couldn't come back in the third. Haggart kept the pressure on and Bridgman and McGinnis picked up the back end of their pairs. Pat Devlin scored the other Haggart goal. John Arnold picked up two assists and linemates Bridgman and McGinnis assisted on each other's goals.

Earl Sheppard and Paul McCann had two goals each as Century 21 Golden Hawks clawed West End Bulls 7-3. Hawks marched to a 3-1 lead in the opening frame and made it 5-1 by the end of the second. The never-say-die Bulls came back with two third-period goals but Hawks countered with two of their own. Mark Mullally, Joe Todd and Keith McKinnon scored Hawks' other goals. Frank Shroock, Jeff Redden and Ed Gaeton scored for Bulls.



Close doesn't count

Oakville Blades' goalie swings out for a trapper save in Jr. B action at Oakville Thursday. Milton lost the close contest 7-5. See story pg. B1.

A-team out of cellar

A Joe Durbravac penalty shot goal was the difference in Realty World Phantom's 1-0 win over Coaches Sunday in Men's Indoor Soccer action.

In other games Candy Stripes continued to lead the standings after beating Winky's Cow Paste 2-0 on goals by Danny Cameron and Ray Cartwright.

A-Team hoisted themselves out of the

basement by notching their second win of the season, going out 4-1 winners over Frankel Steel. A-Team were helped along by an unfortunate miscue from Ian Gibb, who scored on his own team. Les Tinsley had netted twice and Jim Innes once for A-team. Al Clucas fired Frankel's lone goal.

Kamis continued to climb the standings,

edging Gordon Carpets 3-2 thanks to two goals by Ian Hamer and one by Dia Paul. Paul Reid replied twice for Gordon Carpets.

Although Realty World Phantoms won their contest with Coaches in a single goal game, either team could have taken the points in this fast paced contest.

After Phantoms opened strongly it was the Coaches who strung their passes together and looked impressive, although they fell behind on a penalty goal. They regained the initiative however, and came close on efforts by Barry Abraham and Ray Munn.

The second half started at a fast pace and never slowed. Phantoms came close when Mike Ruskavina and Bob Gibson blasted half-volleys from close in, but allowed a sharp Coaches defense to break down a 3 on 2 counter-attack.

However, Coaches replied to each Phantom's offensive with more than equal effort, coming agonizingly close many times. Neil Platts had the best opportunity to level the score, firing in five shots, but two were saved and the other three were just inches outside the mark.

Good goaltending from both teams was largely responsible for keeping the score so close.

This game was an example of just how competitive the league is, showing that no team can be taken for granted, no matter where they lie in the standings.

Comets tie G'town

Georgetown was trying to earn a shot at knocking Milton out of first place when the two major-midget squads clashed in Tri-County hockey action recently. But when it ended nothing had really been settled.

Milton's McCann ins Comets had Georgetown against the wall—it was a must-win situation for Georgetown if they wanted to stay in contention for top spot in Tri-County. But Comets couldn't put Georgetown away and had to settle for a 3-3 tie. That leaves Georgetown with a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel, as far as first place goes.

In other recent action Comets clobbered the hosts of the Hespeler Little Olympics in their first tournament game. Milton handed Hespeler the sad side of a 5-0 shutout. Milton was slated to go into action again last Thursday (Dec. 27) but results were not available at press time.

In league play, Georgetown drew first blood during a power play late in the first period. Comets retaliated soon after when team captain Steve Scannell cashed in a Geoff Pollen pass. The period ended at a stalemate.

There was no scoring but plenty of action during the chippy second period. In the final frame Georgetown forged ahead again but again Comets came back to make it 2-2 shortly after. Scannell netted his second of the night unassisted.

Lee Johnson put Comets on top with just five minutes remaining in the game following a set-up by Scannell and Tim Blackadar. But with less than one minute left Georgetown pulled their goalie and counted one during a six-man-attack.

In Hespeler, Bob Smulders sent his troops out with orders to play a close-checking game. The tactic succeeded to the extent that Comet goalie Tom Hill was able to earn his second shutout of the season.

Milton scoring was well-spread against Hespeler. Scannell scored in the first frame with assists to Pollen and Blackadar. Mike DelPapa and Kevin Gervais netted one apiece in the middle period, with assists to Johnson and the Del Papa.

In the last period Milton took complete control of the game. Pollen and Ed Morgan scored.

Pacing a problem for Diet Centre reps

Pacing was a problem for Milton Diet Centre Atom A reps in recent action—that is until they learned to keep some rival sharpshooters under control.

The reps played three games before Christmas and dropped two decisions. But in a rematch they came up big to win.

Georgetown defeated Milton 5-3 at Memorial Arena and Orangeville distanced Milton 5-1 at Orangeville, but the atoms edged Georgetown 2-1 in their final league game of 1984.

In their first contest against Georgetown Milton came out flat and the visitors jumped to a quick two-goal lead. Milton came on in the second period to lead 3-2. Brian Mallany potted a pair and Tom Baier added the go-ahead goal. David Jelley made two assists and Ted Haik added the other one.

Milton lapsed into a defensive shell in the third period to protect their narrow margin of victory, but Georgetown rallied to score three unanswered goals.

The Milton reps reversed their previous stance for the opening of the initial Georgetown game. They came out skating hard in the opening minutes but couldn't connect around the opposing net.

Orangeville led 1-0 after one period.

Mallany knotted the score for Milton in the second stanza but Orangeville came back with four goals in the final period.

Sunday it was a different story. Milton shadowed Orangeville's strongest forward, who was responsible for a hat trick Saturday, and the visiting players held Orangeville off the board until two minutes before the game ended.

Diet Centre took the lead mid-way through the first frame when Fred Van Zutphen snuck one in the corner from behind the Orangeville net. Milton went up 2-0 when Jelley fed Duane Swift and Swift converted. Jan Hull also assisted on the play.

Milton played airtight defence for most of the third period and Brandon Bousfield backed the blueliners with strong goaltending. Orangeville pressured Milton strongly in the final minutes of the game to earn at least a tie, but Milton held them off to preserve the win.

Diet Centre reps are 7-9-3 with five league games remaining. Last week they played in a Christmas tournament at Markham (results not available at press time).

Locals in playoff

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Wiwczaryk was not satisfied. Nowhere near.

"They stunk and they knew they stunk," he said. "They couldn't pick up passes—they were off their game plan."

Wiwczaryk is a demanding coach and usually his troops deliver. "Overall to now our performance has been good," he added. "They've come here to win and they may just pull it out."

Steve Wiwczaryk played goal and held the

opposition to one marker a game in Milton's first two contests. Farmers defeated Mississauga Jets 6-1 and bounced Preston 4-1.

Three Milton shooters had pairs of goals against Mississauga. Scott Hilson, Travis Cole and Rob Wilson scored doubles.

Doug Drennan and Cole did the same thing in the Preston game and Wayne Rivers added the other goal. Against Flamoro Rivers had a pair and Drennan added one.

Steamers stymied

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Milton in with several acrobatic saves. During one harrowing sequence he was forced to commit himself 12 feet from the net but a Milton defender draped himself across the crease and blocked a rebound shot.

Steamers managed to tie it for the last time during a mob sequence in front of the Oakville net. Ken McDonald scored. Blades drew ahead again with just more than seven minutes remaining when Hoover deflected

Pelletier's shot in. Blades scored their empty-net goal from their own zone when Steamers lost control of the puck with 12 seconds remaining.

In Georgetown Pollen and Hood had pairs of goals. Dale Dawe, Mike Seling, Rick Mallick, Duval, Pete Jeffrey and Rick Stachura scored the other Milton goals.

Milton travelled to Mimico Saturday (results not available at press time). Friday Oakville comes to Milton for a rematch. Game time is 8 p.m.

Cost of regional studies at \$2.4 million for 8 years

Haltom Region has spent \$2.4 million on studies since 1976.

And although Burlington Mayor Roly Bird makes no apology for the \$7,000 price tag on the inventory of regional studies he requested, Burlington Councillor Walter Mulkeiwich wonders if the report was worth the money.

Mayor Bird requested a detailed list of the studies Haltom has conducted from Jan. 1, 1976 to Dec. 31, 1983, including information on whether the study was conducted by regional staff or a consultant, start and completion dates, the status of the studies, gross and net costs and funding sources outside the Region.

The report took 380 staff hours and cost \$7,674.

The results show that during the eight-year period, 132 studies were completed, averaging 16.5 per year. Gross costs for these studies totalled \$3.6 million, with net regional costs at \$2.4 million, or an average of \$18,450 per study.

At last Wednesday's council meeting, Bird said he hopes the report will be a handy reference for most studies, provide a rationale for future studies, and give council a chance to get their minds around the situation.

"I don't make any apology for the \$7,000 cost," Mayor Bird told council. "It was done

in-house and it has value."

But Mr. Mulkeiwich said he isn't sure whether the money was well-spent.

"All it is is a list. There's no financial analysis here," he said, explaining without analysis, council doesn't know if it's a lot of money or not for what was achieved.

He concluded that the report is simply creating work for bureaucrats.

Mayor Bird said the report was intended to be a list of the studies, not a financial analysis.

The public works department has conducted the most studies, at 64 per cent of the total 132. Planning has conducted 17 per cent, finance nine, the chief administrative office four per cent, social services three, and personnel, business development and health departments one per cent each.

The biggest price tags apply to Haltom's numerous solid waste-related issues, including resource recovery, energy from waste, the search for a landfill site in the late 70s, the ongoing environmental assessment into a new landfill site, and interim plans to accommodate Haltom's garbage until the elusive new landfill site is chosen.

The total in these areas is \$1.6 million gross, or \$1.4 million net.

In that total is the \$680,000 gross, or \$657,000 net, spent so far on the environmental assessment process.

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