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**First tournament win**

## Atom-ic power in Beaver tournament



Players pile on to congratulate each other following Milton's win. It was Medics' first tournament win of the year.



Milton's minor atoms had something to shout about alright. They picked up Beaver tournament championship trophies in front of a hometown crowd with their strongest showing of the year.

It's one thing to win a tournament. It's another thing to win your hometown tournament and it's sweetened even more if it's the first time you've plucked top honours.

All those factors combined to make Milton Docs and Dents' Beaver tournament win the pinnacle of the team's performance to date. The sharp minor atom squad shut out Depew, N.Y. Saints 7-0 to clinch the championship Dec. 29 after posting a perfect 5-0 tournament record.

Medic goalie Jeff Currie earned the shutout in the championship tilt but Milton coach Tom Sargent had praise for all his players.

"The kids all played very well," he said. "They gave 100 per cent all tournament and did everything right. The Depew kids played their positions well but they didn't have the speed."

Probably true, but the American visitors, although appearing over-matched, put in a game effort throughout. But Milton's steady attack put them ahead 2-0 after one period and 4-0 after the middle period. In the third period the still hustling American squad was effectively hemmed into their zone by Medics and their final shot at breaking the shutout was blown when they took a penalty late in the game. Milton scored a power-play goal on the opportunity.

"Still, it was an accomplishment for the visitors to make the final in the first place. They were a dark horse late entry in the tournament, an unknown commodity that organizers had not expected to put on such a strong showing."

Mike Rusk and Jeff McKenzie had pairs of goals for Medics against Depew. Darryl Finley, Jason Cole and Dave Marshall added

singles. Matt Downs provided two assists. Finley scored Milton's first goal at 7:04 remaining of the first period. He flicked a high wrist shot from the top of the slot that flew over goalie Shane Delong's shoulder. Downs assisted. At 3:59 Milton went up 2-0 when Marshall triggered one unassisted. Delong dropped Marshall's shot out of his trapper and it trickled into the net. There was a tense

moment for Milton late in the period when Saints had Milton defenders sprawled in front of the wide-open net but Saints couldn't get a clean shot on goal.

McKenzie made it 3-0 Milton at 8:15 of the third when he picked the bottom trapper corner of the net in a 20-footer. Joey Pedulla and Sonny Cardillo assisted. With 1:37 remaining, Rusk scored with a long-

range lifter that flew in over Delong's head.

At 10:59 of the third Cole scored, assisted by Downs, and with 2:56 remaining McKenzie got his second on a breakaway. Rusk scored his second of the contest, Milton's final goal, with one second remaining to play. Milton beat Orangeville 7-4 to earn the championship berth.

## Farmers on top tame Paris 4-2



Farmers coach Harry Wicwaryk and assistant Bruce Brown take in that winning feeling. The Milton club maintained a perfect record to win the title.

The first tournament win of the year for Milton's Sargent Farms minor midgets will probably be the last tournament win of the year for the team. "There are no other available tournaments to go to," Milton coach Harry Wicwaryk pointed out.

Since that's the case, a lot was riding on a good showing in front of the hometown crowd on Dec. 29 and Farmers came through with a 4-2 win over Paris to clinch the Beaver tournament championship.

Although Milton was rated one of the strongest squads in the tournament there had been moments for pause as events unfolded. Paris had pounded Flamboro 11-2 in playoff action while Farmers had only squeaked by Flamboro 3-2 in tournament play. On the other hand, Paris, the dark-horse of the division, had fought a bruising battle with a late-rallying Aurora squad to edge Aurora 5-3 in tournament play, and in the first round of the playoffs Milton pounded Aurora 9-0.

Paris took the first goal from Milton but it turned into a seesaw battle that saw both teams score twice in the first period, swapping markers. But Milton shut Paris out for the remaining two acts. Despite that Paris put

on a game show for a late entry from a small centre.

"We're only double B," pointed out Paris coach Ken Lane, who was thrown out of the game in the second period. "We wanted to play against quality teams - we're second in our league - and in this tournament we came further than we thought we would. But Milton's got a very good hockey team. You don't mind losing to a team like that."

Throughout the contest Milton maintained a fast-passing attack rather than a tight-checking style of play.

"We wanted to play it like that," Milton coach Harry Wicwaryk explained. "We were dumping the puck in and chasing it. It worked well, we moved it up well, even though Paris is a fast-skating team."

Wicwaryk had been upset after Milton's close shave against Flamboro and he was gratified that the squad had vindicated him in the final game.

"They came back, they wouldn't stop and they came through. When you want something bad enough you go for it."

Paris drew first blood in the game when Paul Hutchings fired a slapshot that Milton goalie Steve Wicwaryk lost between his



Sargent Farms minor midget took home the top trophies in Milton's biggest hockey tournament of the year. Milton dominated a dark horse Paris club to win the title, doubling Paris 4-2.

legs. The time was 8:16 remaining in the first and the goal was unassisted. Milton came back at 5:48 when Jason Pascoe, parked near the crease, scooped in a rebound. Travis Cole and Wayne Rivers assisted on the play.

Byron Kitchen put Paris back in the lead at 4:27. He dug the puck out from behind the Milton net and flipped in a wrist shot from within handshaking distance of Wicwaryk. But with two seconds left in the period Milton came back to tie it. Rob Wilson pounded in his first of two consecutive goals with a slapshot, unassisted.

Milton took an early penalty in the second period but killed it effectively, as they did all evening, and following that short-handed defensive posture Farmers regained the momentum. Milton was getting its passing game into high gear, with a lot of head-manning that was not quite on target but still making Paris run after the puck. The Paris defence was looking a bit shaky around the five-minute mark and it was then that Lane was thrown out after vociferously protesting what he interpreted as an unprovoked attack on Dave Liéksai, his goalie.

The ruckus came during a Milton power play and both Lane and his manager, Rob

Cruikshank, were on the ice to protest. Milton assistant coach Bruce Brown pointed at Cruikshank, who was standing only 10 feet from Brown, while Lane berated the officials. Brown was attempting to point out that Paris had two staff members on the ice, which is illegal. The officials chose to ignore that.

But Milton scored 33 seconds later, with three seconds left in the original penalty. Wilson earned his second on the night with a rebound into a wide open net following Doug Drennan's set-up shot.

Farmers took two penalties late in the second period, with Phil Collier and Grant Thomson sentenced to minors for holding and interference respectively. It was Paris last best hope at getting something going offensively and it didn't materialize. Farmers killed the two penalties in the latter part of the second and early third periods and from then on the outcome appeared decided.

Farmers made it 4-2 in the middle of the last frame. Scott Hilson popped one in the corner of the short side as the Paris goalie dived to switch sides. Rivers assisted on the play. Milton killed two more penalties with relative ease to preserve the win.

## Beaver summary

The Beaver tournament novice final came out as predicted in that the two strongest squads in the division, Sault Ste. Marie and Detroit, battled it out for the championship. Sault Ste. Marie won the championship by beating the Detroit club in a shoot-out.

Milton P.L. Robertson Sockets were knocked out by a combination of events in the short-staffed division (there were only five entrants instead of eight). Detroit Compuware beat Milton 4-1 and Georgetown lost to Sault Ste. Marie 5-1.

Milton coach Jeff Cookson had said previously that his aim was to make the playoffs, and he was successful. But Compuware, part of the \$800,000 (that's reportedly the yearly hockey budget) Detroit organization which draws from a large area and Sault Ste. Marie were obviously the

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