

# Sports

## Bruins rally to get even with Merchants

Fifty seven penalty calls and six goals.

Those were the statistical highlights as the Uxbridge Bruins rallied for two goals in the final three minutes to forge a 3-3 tie with the Little Britain Merchants in a Central Ontario Junior C Hockey League game played in the Scugog town on Wednesday.

But while the penalty count would suggest the game was played with tanks and B52 bombers, Bruins' head coach Mike Morrison said it was not really that violent a contest.

"It sounds worse than it really was," said Morrison, who conceded there was even a minor skirmish during the pre-game warmup.

"The league was anticipating problems after what happened at the All-Star Game, and they sent a referee (Dave Wedlake) who usually does OHL games. He told us at the start he wouldn't be taking any chances and that he'd be clamping down."

Morrison was referring to an incident that erupted at the Jan. 8 Central League All-Star Game when the Bruins' Steve Brown and All-Stars goalkeeper Don Fleming, who plays for the Merchants, became involved in an incident which was a carry over from a game played between the Bruins and Merchants the night before.

Brown and Fleming were handed four-game suspensions, which concluded after Wednesday's match.

Wedlake was true to his word, calling his first infraction just 34 seconds into the game.

"He was sending them off two by two to the penalty box and to the dressing rooms," said Morrison. "He was calling them on both teams. At the end, we only had enough plays for two lines."

The Bruins' Don Gillies stands to pick up a suspension of at least four games after being tagged for his third instigator offence of the season in the first period of Wednesday's contest.

Other suspensions could be forthcoming, hinted Morrison.

As could be expected, the endless penalty parade turned the game into something resembling a rush hour traffic jam.

But the coach was happy to see his team pick up its first point since Jan. 7 when they dumped the Merchants 5-1 in Uxbridge.

"I was pleased with the effort," said Morrison, whose lineup was missing six regulars including Brown and the league's fourth-leading point

getter Jason Underwood.

"I felt we outplayed them and outchanced them. But when you don't have your goal

scorers in the lineup it's hard to score goals."

The Bruins got a goal from Ryan Burkholder to enable them to go into the second period with a 1-1 tie. Trailing 3-1 late in the third, Andre Marois brought the Uxbridge squad to within a goal with two minutes and 44 seconds left to play.

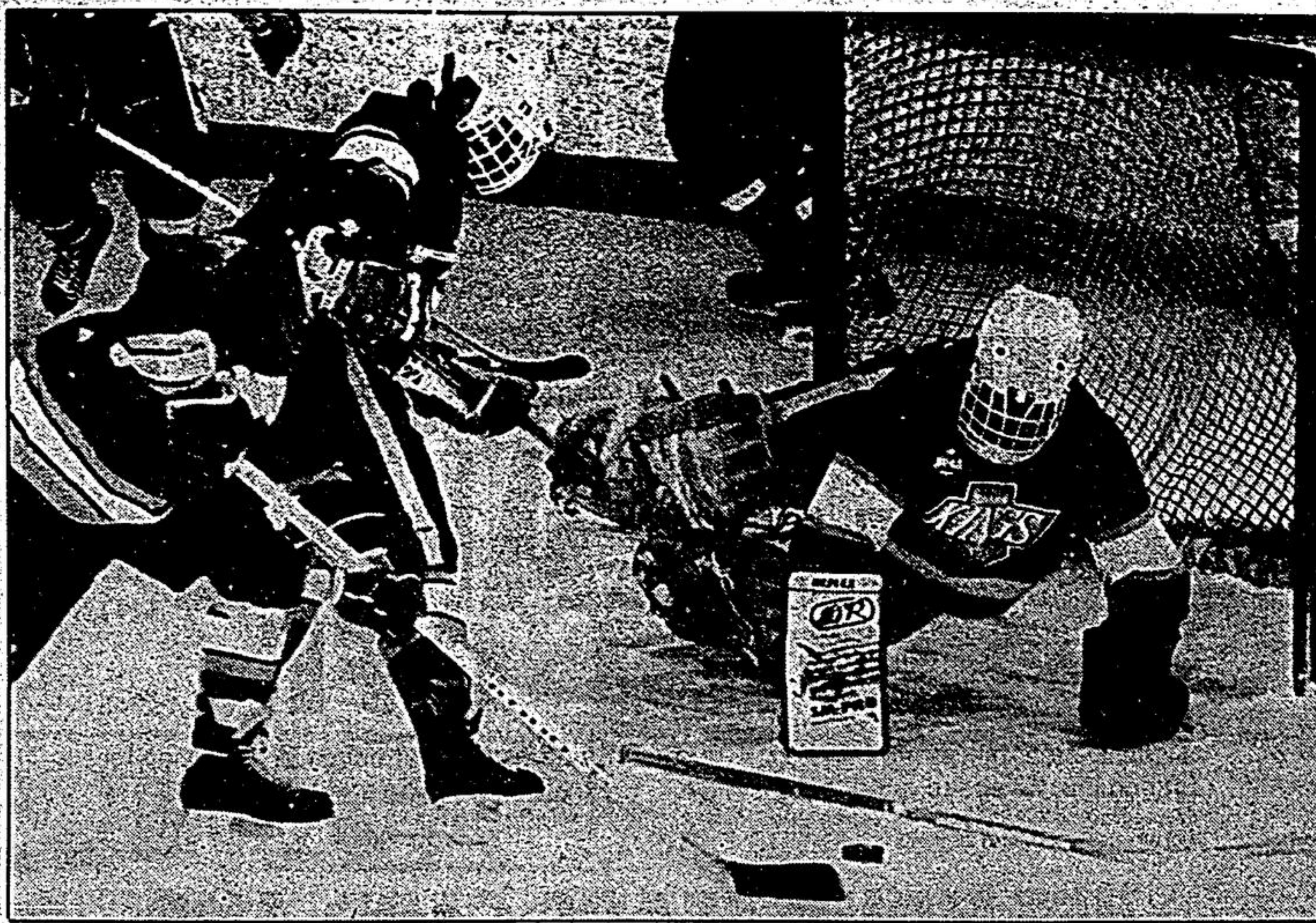
Frank Kavanaugh got the tying marker, from Marois and Mike Norris, with just four seconds on the clock and Bruins goalie Jeff Reid on the bench.

The Bruins were to have Brown, the league's second-leading scorer, back in the lineup for Friday's final game of the regular season against the first-place Bowmanville Eagles.

Morrison said he hoped having Brown back for the playoffs would help turn things around for the Bruins, who have won just two of their last 10 games.

"I just hope we can flip the switch and get it going again," said Morrison.

"We had to play our last four games without (Brown) and we missed him. Steve is our main cog, but we need more than just Steve Brown. We need to have Undy (Underwood) and Brandon Pridham come to the forefront and be leaders. Then, hopefully, the other kids will feed off them. And we've got to have a tight defence."



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North Stars' goalkeeper Kevin Keough (in Kings' uniform), has his hands full as he tries not only to grab his stick but also the puck before this

Flames player can place it past him during action in Saturday's Stouffville Amateur Hockey League game at the Rec Centre.

## Kings are on a roll

It was playoff hockey as the rejuvenated Stomark Rental Kings took on the first-place G and R Flooring Jets in Stouffville Amateur Hockey League Over 30 Division action at the Rec Centre on Saturday.

The underdog Kings managed to knock off the front runners 2-1 in the highly spirited contest, giving them their second consecutive victory.

Rick Lee and Andy Kroen scored for the Kings to back up the impressive goaltending of Randy Osborne, who has surrendered just one goal in the Kings' last two outings.

Dave Sherican had the lone Jets score. In other league games, Doug Blundell was in shutout form as the Rand Pools Maple Leafs blanked the Smurthwaite Heating Bruins 5-0.

Bruce Woodley notched a pair of markers for the Leafs.

Solo scores came from Terry Weatherill, Randy Gray and Jim Gray.

Steve Spang and Bob Smith each dented the twine twice to lift the Hunters Nest North Stars to a 5-3 victory over the A and S Construction Flames.

Bruce Wilcock fired the fifth North Stars' goal. Bob Davis, Wayne Thompson and Kim Kavluk

replied for the Flames.

Jack Holder's two goals helped the Villeneuve Heating Flyers get past the Stouffville Travel Black Hawks 5-2.

Jim Teeter, Murray Thompson and Al McNaught added singles for the Flyers.

Bob Roberts and Bob McKinnon had the Hawks' goals.

Bruce Mehaffey was a two-goal man as his Spring Lakes Nordiques downed the May Real Estate Whalers 7-4.

Phil Pirie clicked twice for the Whalers, with Stu St. John and Rick Miller added one goal apiece.

The Gallo Real Estate (Sherri Hayes) Red Wings got goals from Bill Corner and Bill Thornhill as they edged the Occasions Catering Blues 2-1.

Andy Perley counted the Blues goal.

The Village Landscaping Capitals bounded the Boyd's Sports Sharks by a 6-2 count.

Ian Billich, Doug Taylor, Robert Slack, Marty Ellis and Bill Housser each had a goal for the Capitals.

Roger Hubbard and Bob Hughes scored for the Sharks.

## Summerhill, VanKoughnet fill the net for Stouffville Bowling

They were passing the hat tricks around in Whitchurch Stouffville Girls Hockey League play last week, as five players reached the three-goal plateau.

Julia Summerhill and Jacqui VanKoughnet each netted a trio of markers to lift Stouffville Bowling to an 8-4 win over Play It Again Sports in junior houseleague action. Jayme-Lyn Geldart had the other two Bowling goals, with assists going to Summerhill (2) and Geldart.

Karlee Dudley hit the target three times for Sports and assisted on the fourth. Christina Davis scored as well, while Meaghan Crowder picked up

two assists.

Lisa Jacque notched a trio of markers, with an assist as well, as Moller Insurance topped Beaver Gas 5-1. Emily Patriarche had the other two Moller goals, with assists going to Blair Wilkinson and Melissa Hancock.

Mary Callan scored for Beaver, from Jennifer Davis. In the senior circuit, Kate Robson was a three goal scorer, and Maggie Treacy chipped in two goals and an assist, as Stouffville Photographic downed Stouffville Kinsmen 9-2. Alison Morgan, Sarah Morrison, Jill Villeneuve, and Jennifer Strype had a goal apiece for the winners. Assists went

to Ruth Ann Gardner (3), Morgan (2), Morrison, Villeneuve, and Strype.

Tanya Witty had both Kinsmen goals, with assists going to Kathy Tait, Kirsten Fraser, and Sherry Hartnett.

Kari Sandiford and Jacqui VanKoughnet each scored twice to help Freel Lane Kitchen to a 6-3 victory over Cole Group. Sherri Rossi and Tara Barron had single markers for Freel, with assists coming from Sandiford (2), Rossi (2), VanKoughnet, and Barron. Cole Group's Niki Thornhill hit the mark twice while Kristis Dudley had the other score. Jessica Smith earned an assist.