

SPORTS  
ROUNDUPBy  
PETE MYKEMerchants Split  
Exhibition Pair

The Hagersville Merchants split a pair of exhibition games played last week. The Merchants missed the league playoffs but are staying in shape, waiting for the Rural playoffs to start.

Bill Lamb picked an all-star team out of the Commercial League and entered them in the O.R.H.A. playdowns in the class 'D' series. This was the team the Merchants played last Tuesday and came up with a 4-1 victory.

Jim Hazlett and Dennis Craddock scored first period goals with Bill Squires replying for Springvale. The two

teams then played through a scoreless second period.

Butch Hill scored a goal on a breakaway early in the third period and this seemed to take the zip out of the Springvale crew. Dean Webb was set up by Hill and Larry Simon for the last goal.

Referees Ron Moyer and Brian Smith kept the game well in hand when it looked like it could erupt into a rough contest.

On Thursday night, the boys travelled to St. George and dropped a 9-3 decision to a fired up team. St. George was really flying and if they had skated like this for the entire season, they would have surely made the playoffs.

Bill Foreman led the assault on Hagersville goalie Bruce Disher and scored three goals. Ross Ilett and Ron Simpson scored two with singles going to Brian Russell and Bob Valake.

Disher played well in goal and at times he must have thought he was in a shooting gallery. Larry Simon was skating and shooting like his old self and scored all three goals for the Merchants.

Pee-Wee  
League

While the Novice were playing games with shutouts, these boys were having scores of 3-2.

The Kings came out on top of the Sabres by a score of 3-2 because the Marfisi brothers were too much for the Sabres to handle. Danny Marfisi scored 2 goals with David Marfisi adding one to offset goals by Roger Cambell and Peter McKeen.

The Aces picked up a 3-2 win as Danny Jordan, Dave Green, and Owen Hill scored goals. Doug Jones scored both goals for the North Stars.

The Hawks outscored the Canucks 3-2 in a well played game. Gary Herkimer, Brian Salvatore, and Eugene Sawyer scored for the Hawks. Dave Moyer and Doug Slack scored for the losing Canucks.

In the only one sided game of the day, the Flyers overpowered the Flames by a score of 6-1. Cliff Lawrence was the only Flyer to score twice with single goals going to Fred Nagel, Barry Dougherty, Kevin Harris and Rick Wardell.

Dave Phillips scored the lone goal for the Flames.

Novice  
League

On Saturday morning, shutouts were the thing of the day. All four games ended in shutouts.

The Braves won their games 2-0 with Greg Thomas picking up the shutout. Jeff Johnson scored a pair of goals for all the scoring in this game. The Flames gave it a good try but just were not up to the Braves in talent.

Jim Speller registered a shutout as the Canucks rolled over the Leafs by a score of 4-0. Dale Gilbertson, Jerry Roberts, Dan Dawson, and Steve Slack were the marksmen in this game.

Ken Jackson and the Bruins were on the winning end of a 4-0 score. Jeff Cambell was the leading scorer for the Bruins with two goals. Phil Winger and Ed Kruis scored single goals.

The Canadians also won by a score of 4-0 with Danny Young earning the shutout. This has to be about the 7th time this year Young has shut out the opposition. Neil Wilson had two goals, with Danny Pepper and Mike Fallis having singles for the winners.

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## Flyers Take Over First Place

After 28 games in three months, the Hagersville Flyers finally took over first place with two wins in the past week.

Before the largest crowd of the season Sunday night, they came to life long enough to beat a determined Waterford team 8-4, taking sole possession of first place.

This came on the heels of a thrilling 8-6 win over St. George on Tuesday in St. George. The Flyers have been chasing the Lions all year, but it took a surprise win by Port Dover on Sunday over St. George to put the local team on top.

Manager James Hewson seemed speechless after the game when asked about finishing first. His only remark was "It's never happened before."

Coach Kenny Morrison was far from happy because he thought his team played a poor game. "I think they had a real let down after their thrilling game against St. George," Ken said, and "I just wish we could play all our playoff games on the road. This is where we play our best hockey."

The Flyers only need a tie in their remaining

two games to seal down first place. They have both games on the road while St. George has only one game left. They trail Hagersville by a single point. Hagersville would gain the first place position in case of a tie because they have beaten the Lions five times this year.

Last Tuesday, the Flyers trailed the Lions by two goals late in the third period, but would not give up. Trailing 6-4, Anthony Yacolino scored his second goal of the night to make it 6-5. Morrison pulled his goal tender in the final minute. The move paid off when Danny Forbes sent the game into overtime by scoring with 22 seconds left.

This seemed to take the starch out of the Lions and Hagersville dominated the overtime period. Jim Nagel got the winner with only three minutes gone in overtime and Yacolino put the icing on the cake

with his third of the night four minutes later. Bill Nagel, with two goals and John Kincaid were the other marksmen for Hagersville.

Sunday night, Jim Nagel again fired the winner after the Flyers played a listless first two periods. Playing just as hard as they had to, they were tied 4-4 after two periods of play.

Norm Booth, Dave Smith, Alan McGill and Kevin Thompson scored for Waterford. John Kincaid, Jim Nagel, Terry Fryett and Bill Nagel had the teams even after 2 periods then Nagel got the winner. Hewson, Ross McKee and Fryett again sewed up the win.

Richard Tweedle was in goal for this game and looked very shaky in the first two periods, but settled down to shut out the Tri-Cats in the last 20 minutes.

Scores  
Winner

Paul Townsend scored the winning goal in Hagersville's 3-1 win over Waterford when the Midgets eliminated Waterford from further O.M.H.A. competition. Hagersville also got goals from Danny Donato, with assists going to Warren Jackson and Paul Fryett. Whitey Shearson scored an unassisted goal for the final marker.

Bill Bellor was the only Waterford player able to beat Bill Downey in goal for the winners. This was a fast, clean game with 9 penalties being called. Five went to Hagersville.

In an exhibition game played before the Midget game, the Hagersville Bantams scored an easy 6-4 win over Stoney Creek. Darrel Watson and Larry Kett scored two goals apiece with singles going to Ed Fogarty and Bob Thompson.

Dennis Smith, Hal Brown, Wayne Huffman, Scott Cronk and Kevin Smith all earned assists.

Greg Long scored 3 times for the visitors with Jim Shanks getting one.

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## Second Win In Playoffs

The Hagersville Juveniles took a firm hold on their playoff round with Waterford when they came up with a 5-1 win in Waterford on Friday night.

Cliff Chrysler put on

a one man show because he scored three goals and picked up two assists for a five point night. Dean Webb scored one goal and had two assists, as did Sandy Gibbons. Steve Pet-

racca lost his shutout when Ron Goble fired one past him. The Juveniles are idle till Thursday night when they return to Waterford for a third game. If a 4th game is necessary, it will be played in Hagersville next Monday night. Leading two games to none, we hope they can wrap it up in three straight

## Pee-Wees Even Set

The Hagersville Pee-Wees won their first game of the year. It was a good one because they tied their series with Waterford 1-1. This 3-2 overtime win followed on the heels of a tough 3-2 loss last week at home.

Ricky Anderson was the hero of the game, scoring the winning goal five minutes into the first overtime period.

Ron Jepson, who has played sensational goal since coming up to the team from the House League, turned back Waterford the rest of the period to give Hagersville the win. Jepson should be a real good

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