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RED WING COACH Eddie Bush did most of the talking and his players looked after the majority of the scoring when the Steel City crew moved into Milton for an exhibition game on Sunday. Eddie is shown as he signs an autograph for nine-year-old Michael Serafini.



Sport Lites

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THE DAPPER, affable six-footer strolled into Milton Arena and immediately impressed the behind the screen squatters. Eddie Bush is confidence personified and for years he's been earning a handsome living because of his ability to transfer that confidence to his hockey players.

Sunday afternoon the Junior "A" Hamilton Red Wings came to town for an exhibition battle against the Milton Merchants. Bush, who does things his own way — "I always have" — drove to town by himself while his players and the other members of the club arrived earlier by bus. When play started he found a comfortable standing spot behind the screen at the west end of the arena and proceeded to entertain those close to him, with his sage and witty remarks.

Eddie — they never call him Ed — can talk hockey continually, almost without taking a breath. He advocates practicing every day and told Merchant manager Alan Parton, "even if your boys practiced for just an hour every day, it would make a difference."

HE IS IN HIS FIRST YEAR BACK with the Hamilton Red Wings after a coaching stint with the Pittsburgh Hornets in the A.H.L., but he still has pro theories. "My players think that when they play for Hamilton they have to play like pros and I'm not going to tell them anything different. At the end of the season they'll laugh all the way to the bank."

Bush has an intelligent opinion on almost every facet of the game. "Why did you schedule the game for 2:30?" he queried? When he didn't get a satisfactory answer he suggested, "the earlier you have the games now-a-days the better. Don't let them (the fans) get home and get comfortable."

"I've never been out of hockey for 31 years and the best times I ever had were with the Collingwood Intermediates", he continued. That's saying something, considering he's toured the pro ranks as both a coach and a player and also took time out to win renown as a Junior "A" coach.

THE NATIVE of the shipbuilding community estimated his team would play as many as 15 exhibition games this year — more than ever before. "We have to have more games because we'll be doing our own scouting. We come here and make a little money and you make a little money and everybody's happy. Goodwill is important. We might have to talk to you guys about players next year." When asked how many of his players would graduate from the junior ranks next year he noted, "about half of them." Then, with a Joe E. Brown smile indicated, "why we'll have half your team next year."

BUSH PUNCTUATED MOST of his remarks with a sly brand of facetious flattery. "Your guys are really rough, you're killing us. I bring my fellows here and all you guys do is rough us up." The score was 5-0 at the time. For Hamilton.

The visitor had a few memories of Milton, but not many. "I came down here in '36 to get Murray Ezeard to come to Guelph and he asked, 'does Ed Foster still live here?'. His enthusiasm for the past was stirred when Mel Hood gave him a clipping from a 1943 Globe and Mail. The sports page report labelled the Red Wing coach as "Belter Bush" and gave a detailed account of his roughhouse tactics while playing with Joe Primeau's R.C.A.F. Flyers. "Wait till my players see this — I'll tell them to hit the way I used to," he said.

Despite a continued flow of educated advice Bush was able to sneak in occasional glances at the hockey game. Once when the Red Wings had the Merchants pinned in their own end he remarked, "good, I like to see that. We practiced that play yesterday. I'm glad they're using it."

AFTER ONLY ONE meeting with him, you'd get the immediate impression that Bush is a character. The type of character that can add class and color and imagination to any sport. He came into town as if he owned it. Completely at home, breezy and appreciative and even when he was told, "move your car, it's illegally parked", he didn't get mad. But come to think of it, he didn't get happy either.

HALTON COUNTY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION'S annual meeting is just two weeks away. Representatives of the Association's towns will gather in Burlington on January 21 for their annual chin-wag and early guessing, it could be one of the most interesting meetings in recent years. One of the biggest jobs facing members of the new executive will be the selection of a man to fill the all important secretary-treasurer's position. Reg Locke of Burlington held the post for the past three years, but resigned in October when he was transferred by his company to Kingston.

Bill Richmond, able president of the Association for 1966, is believed interested in running for another term in office. He's also been mentioned a possible candidate for the secretary-treasurer's post.

Murray Hood of Milton, third vice-president of the Association reports he hopes to drop out of the executive. Murray, an ardent worker in baseball circles, has found his duties with the Association take up too much time.

Glancing through a list of O.B.A. championship winners this year, we find Halton County teams won four titles and were runners-up in two other categories. Milton Esso Tykes were Ontario Tyke "B" champs, Campbellville won the Intermediate "C" title, Georgetown Juniors won the Juvenile "A" crown and Waterdown Juniors were Juvenile "C" champs.

Milton Red Sox were runners-up to Walkerton in the Intermediate "B" finals and Waterdown Juniors were runners-up to Beeton in the Junior "C" division.

Blades take over third crush Merchant Juniors

Shots on goal told the story last night (Tuesday) as the Oakville Blades took over sole possession of third place in the Suburban League standings. Jack Rogers' Jolly Blades drubbed the Milton Merchants 6-1 and outshot their guests 35-16.

The setback shoved the Merchants into fourth place in the standings, one point behind the improving Blades. Bill Ferras (2), John Scott, Gord Armstrong and Greg McCauley fired goals for the winners.

Doug Hearn scored early in the third period on a passing play with Craig Brush and Joe Hore to enable the Merchants to avert a shut-out.

Milton goaltender Bob Lee turned aside 35 Blade drives as he came up with a strong game despite shoddy support.

Don McCaffery for Oakville was only tested 16 times—five times in the first period, four times in the second and seven times in the third.

Craig Brush picked up two misconducts and a game misconduct and club publicity chief Murray Whistler noted, "he could get a game suspension." Dick Marshall received a second period misconduct penalty.

Referees Jack Clancy and Bob Myers handed out 19 penalties—10 to Oakville.

Richard Clement suited up for Milton in place of Jim Keane who had several teeth removed.

The defeat was probably Milton's second worst of the year. The 7-0 setback in Georgetown early in the season still ranks as number one in the bad book.

Milton Association ties for 8-18 honors with Woodbridge

Seven wins in 10 tournament games earned five Milton teams a share of the Woodbridge "8-18 Tournament" championship.

Milton's five Tri-County teams — Novice Fords, Kinsmen Pee Wees, Legion Bantams, Rotary Midgets and Nadalin Electric Juvenile Flyers — participated in the second annual tournament on Friday and Saturday and wound up with 14 points, the same as Woodbridge. Since no provision had been made for a tie in points, the championship trophy was presented jointly to the presidents of the Milton and Woodbridge Minor Hockey Associations and the names of both Associations will be engraved on the trophy. It will be displayed in Milton Arena for six months and in Woodbridge Arena for six months.

The tournament, the only one of its kind in the province, attracted large crowds for most games. Teams in the Novice, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Juvenile divisions from Milton, Elmvale, Bolton and Woodbridge vied for the overall championship with the Association with the most points to be declared the winner.

Trafalgar Fords won their first game 5-2 over Bolton and their second game 12-1 over Elmvale. Milton Kinsmen Pee Wees lost their first game by a 3-2 count to Bolton and won their second game against Elmvale 6-0. Milton Legion Bantams won their opener against Elmvale 1-0 and their second game against Woodbridge 2-0. Milton Rotary Midgets won their first game against Elmvale 7-3 and lost to Woodbridge 3-2. Nadalin Electric Juvenile Flyers won 6-1 against Elmvale and lost 3-2 to Woodbridge.

Lady curlers do well in Provincial match

A rink of ladies from the Milton Ladies' Curling Club did quite well in the Southern Ontario Provincial Diamond D Playdowns staged in Hamilton Victoria Club last week, although they didn't emerge as champions.

Skip Gene Barr and her rink of Norma Harrop, Ruth McKinnon and Adele Leslie lost

Rally wins for Flyers

Two goals in the final 10 minutes boosted the Nadalin Electric Juvenile Flyers to a 4-3 victory over league leading Chinguacousy on Monday night.

Richard Clement and Marty Seeds tallied at 11:32 and 13:50 respectively of the third period to shove the Flyers into the lead for good. Paul Kitchen and Steve Lawrence assisted on Clement's goal.

Chinguacousy opened the scoring in the first period and John Forbes tied it up on a solo effort at 2:50. Richard Clement's goal at 12:10 put Milton in front for the first time. Marty Seeds assisted.

Chinguacousy scored twice early in the third period to go ahead, setting the stage for the Milton rally.

Goaltender Phil Brush was selected as Milton's most valuable player.

MERCHANT SCORING

Includes games of January 6

	G	A	Pts.	P.M
C. Brush	21	22	43	14
D. Hearn	11	18	29	19
J. Hore	11	18	29	39
D. Marshall	6	19	25	30
B. Bond	11	8	19	19
L. Stickle	8	10	18	31
R. Wildfang	6	10	16	4
J. Cole	5	10	15	49
J. Workman	4	5	9	10
J. Keane	4	4	8	8
W. Scott	2	3	5	2
B. Anderson	1	4	5	20
S. Lawrence	2	2	4	60
R. Bertoli	0	3	3	26
M. Seeds	1	1	2	2
M. Miljour	1	1	2	2
R. Clement	0	2	2	0
F. Schmidt	0	2	2	12
P. Kitchen	1	0	1	0
B. Lee	0	1	1	7

	Goaltending	gp	ga	so	aver.	svs.
B. Lee	20	95	1	4.75	58	
P. Brush	1	4	0	4.00	28	

Nifty Red Wings Whip Merchants 10-1

Precision passing, bulls-eye shooting and nifty checking combined on Sunday afternoon to give the powerful Hamilton Red Wings a 10-1 victory over the Milton Merchants.

Close to 1,000 spectators, the largest crowd of the season, watched Eddie Bush's well conditioned scoring machine go into action against the locals. Despite the score it was an interesting contest as the Red Wings — by far the biggest team the Merchants have yet faced — played straight laced hockey and earned the respect of those in attendance.

Ted Hood, a star with the Milton Rotary Midgets, suited up with the Merchants for the first time and fired the only Milton goal of the game at 1:03 of the third period. Craig Brush and Doug Hearn drew assists. Graham Hern, also of the Rotary Midgets, dressed for the game and was almost as impressive as Hood. "We're looking to the future so we thought we'd give the two Midgets a chance", Merchant manager Alan Parton explained.

The Red Wings played a stylish brand of consistent hockey, pressing whenever they thought it necessary and dumping the puck into the centre ice area whenever there appeared to be a chance that Milton might threaten.

Goaltender Gerry Gray showed why he earned All-Star rating by coming up with several good saves in the second and third periods. Once, while Hamilton was shorthanded, the Merchants fired three close in drives that Gray neatly kicked out.

Bob Lee played the first two periods for Milton and looked sharp against the Wings, currently entrenched in second place in the O.H.A. Junior "A".

Jim Caughill was between the pipes for the Merchants in the third period and made several fine stops.

Jim Adair, Rene LeClerc and Rick Smith fired first period markers for the winners. In the second stanza Kevin Pettit scored twice and Adair added his second goal of the game.

Hood's goal for Milton made it 6-1 and then the Wings scored four unanswered goals with Danny Lawson, LeClerc, Don Giesebrecht and Rick Morris pulling the triggers.

Despite the one-sided score of the game, Merchant manager Parton was pleased with the skating of his team. "The boys skated harder than they have all year, of course they

had to or they would have been left behind completely," he noted.

Blueline Banter: Joe Hore's fancy stickhandling nearly paid off on two occasions as he stickhandled past Red Wing performers, but was unable to get off good shots on net. . . . Jim Keane also dazzled the Red Wings with his fancy footwork in the third period. . . . Eddie Bush spent a good part of the game renewing old acquaintances. . . . John Le Blanc of Hamilton refereed the game and Wayne Timbers and Murray McConnell of Milton were his able linesmen. . . . Mark Hyatt won \$5 in the Score game. . . . Only three penalties were assessed, all to Hamilton.



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MILTON SHARPSHOOTERS had little luck when they tried to score on Red Wing goaltender Gerry Gray during the exhibition game on Sunday. Jim Cole, Graham Hern and Bill Anderson are shown as they try to beat Gray from close in.

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