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**Little speed demon**

Rob McLaughlin was all smiles after earning a third-place finish at the Octoberfest Grand Prix go-karting championships at Bingeman Park in Kitchener October 9. Seven years old at the time and the youngest in his 7 to 10-year-old age group, he upstaged 30 other drivers to crack the top three. He was a consistent top-five finisher all season long and won his debut race at Bingeman back in May.

Photo by **GRAHAM PAINE**

**Reding seniors battle back to outduel Iroquois Ridge**

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

*The Champion*

That pesky zero in the Royals' win column is no more.

Overcoming the mental battering of back-to-back blowouts, Bishop Reding's Division 1 seniors team erased a two-touchdown deficit on the way to eclipsing Iroquois Ridge 17-16 Friday afternoon in Oakville.

The victory guaranteed the 1-3 Royals home-field advantage for opening-round play next Friday — most likely against the Ridge.

BR managed to keep its mistakes to a minimum in week-four, and enjoyed a phenomenal performance from tail-back Ted Fair — who scored both majors and ran for 244 yards on 39 carries.

He delivered just about all of Reding's 18 first downs — more than had been recorded in the three previous games combined — thanks in no small part to textbook blocking.

Jamie Pedra led in this department, while Chris Wheelihan opened up some big holes on the line of scrimmage. But beyond the highlights, head coach Joe Jurus said he was most pleased with the Royals' sheer will to win — something that could easily have been extinguished after 59-0 and 55-0 annihilations at the hands of Notre Dame and Nelson respectively.

"Coming out and believing — that impressed me

more than anything else," he remarked.

Reding had a number of players back from injury Friday, including Harley Mouscos, who booted a 30-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter that proved to be the difference.

The Royals conceded a safety down the stretch and hung on by the narrowest of margins.

Defensively, Nick Parry led with a handful of tackles, while providing tight pass coverage were returnees Chuck Allen and Sean Ward.

Meanwhile in Division 2, Milton District's rebuilding seniors fell to 2-2 with a 38-10 loss to unbeaten T.A. Blakelock Friday in Oakville.

The Mustangs battled back from a shaky start to grab the momentum before half-time, but a huge Blakelock reverse sweep and subsequent touchdown just after intermission took the wind out of their sails.

From there, the hosts exploited MD's shortcomings at just about every opportunity and ran up the score.

Mark Murray scored the visitors' lone touchdown, while Ryan Mitchell kicked a short field goal early on. MD had a number of lengthy drives on the day, but just couldn't finish them off.

Still in the hunt for home-field advantage in round one, the Mustangs will close out the regular season at Oakville Trafalgar Thursday, while Bishop Reding wraps things up at home against Loyola Friday. Both games start at 3:30 p.m.



**Silva, Hurley-Arbeiter prevail**

Persevering through wicked winds October 9, Enaes Silva and Stacey Hurley-Arbeiter got the better of Jeff Truswell and Tracy Morgan in the Milton Tennis Club's adult mixed doubles championship.

"The team that's able to play the wind the smartest will be the winner," Hurley-Arbeiter suggested beforehand.

That prediction was right on the money, and led to straight 6-3 decisions for her and Silva.

Neutralizing Truswell's normally overpowering net game — with a little help from

Mother Nature — Hurley-Arbeiter and Silva used equal parts ability and strategy in upstaging their club-mates in decisive fashion.

The mixed doubles championship capped 2004 competitive play for the Milton Tennis Club.

