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Senior girls run to first

The Milton District High School senior girls cross-country team placed an outstanding first at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) championships at Kelso Conservation Area last week.

The girls beat out M.M. Robinson, who had beaten Milton previously by only one point.

The GHAC champion Mustangs will travel to the provincial championships in Woodbridge Saturday.

Team members are Nia Llewellyn, Stacey Farrell, Robin Ellison, Lindsay Simpson, Sarah Vingoe, Saadia Christie, Julie Van Cedar, Jessica Meltzer, Sandra Martin and Sylvia Sprenger. Good luck to all the girls in their upcoming competition.

The junior and senior girls basketball teams had busy weeks, each playing three games. In their week opener, the junior girls beat Burlington 37-22. Nicole Walker was particularly outstanding.

In game two, through an extremely strong team effort, Milton downed Assumption 49-30. In the third game of the week Milton battled the E.C. Drury Spartans and, after falling behind by 18 points, drove back to lose by only two points, 36-34. The junior team's record stands at five wins against only one loss. The team has three games remaining to close out the season.

The senior girls played Burlington Central and edged them 41-40. The seniors then knocked off Assumption 45-23. In the final game of the week, the Mustangs thumped the E.C. Drury Spartans, 66-44.

Coaches Keith Swarbrick and Bryan Camani are pleased with both the team's unity and strong defence. The senior girls have yet to be defeated this season.

In senior boys football, Milton conquered Oakville Trafalgar 26-3. The Mustangs scored 14 points in the first half and added another six in the dying minutes of the game. Defensively, Adam Refuse snagged two interceptions. Refuse was also good for one touchdown. Will Gearin, Matt Downs, Jake Swarbrick and Howard McGill all made outstanding plays.

Offensively, Dion Comba had a big day, scoring two touchdowns and playing a solid ground game. Todd Dowell was a net for passes that came his way. Paul Brown had an excellent kicking game. The team has their first playoff contest at Milton District this Friday (Nov. 5) with the kickoff at 3:30 p.m.

The junior boys edged Lester B. Pearson of Burlington 14-13 last Thursday. Milton prevailed despite having plays called back for infractions. On top of that, during the first half the Mustangs had time run out on them while they were on their opponent's one yard line.

The game was decided when Loren Paddleford punted into the opposing end and Jamie Comba tackled the emerging returner inside the Pearson end zone for a touch back.

The juniors will face M.M. Robinson in the playoffs tomorrow (Thursday) in Burlington.



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Downhill racer

Bishop Reding cross country midget runner Andrea Handy heads for the finish line in the midget girls 3,000 metre event at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference cross country championship at Kelso Conservation Area last week. Reding was second in midget girls, junior boys and senior boys.

Merchants give Royal York 16-1 Halloween trick

By STEVE LEBLANC
Special to The Champion

Halloween came a couple of days early for the Royal York Rangers, who suffered a nightmarish 16-1 defeat at the hands of the Milton Merchants Friday evening at Memorial Arena.

In their highest scoring victory over the past two seasons, the Merchants simply destroyed the last place Rangers and bounced back from two losses earlier in the week, a 6-5 initial defeat by the first place Burlington Cougars last Monday and then a disappointing 7-3 loss to the Brampton Capitals Thursday night.

Milton currently sits third in Central Ontario Provincial Junior A West Division hockey standings with an 8-5 record.

While it wasn't exactly a hard-fought victory, Friday night's lopsided win was a positive sign for the Merchants, who didn't play down to their inferior opponents and turned in a strong team effort through the entire 60 minutes.

The win also came without a number of the Merchant regulars as team captain Daner Finn, Jude Rutland and Derek Pajot were serving suspensions and defencemen Colin Anders and Kevin Baird were sitting out with injuries.

"From a competitor's standpoint the game was ugly, but after the two losses and all the injuries and suspensions over the past week a blowout isn't going to hurt anyone here," said Merchants' head coach Rick Bince following Friday evening's win.

Also good news for Milton fans is the return of Jason Ritchie, who played the past two seasons with the Merchants and was among the top scorers in the West Division. Ritchie signed back on for duty Friday night.

Things went bad for the Rangers from the word go Friday night as Milton compiled three quick goals in the first 10 minutes, then went on a five minute powerplay and scored three more before Royal York pulled goalie Joe Abbott for Shane Day,



who allowed one other goal in the opening period.

The Rangers' lone goal came at 6:18 of the second when Duncan Stewart lifted a wrist shot past Merchant netminder Carmelo Giurleo to break the shutout on a powerplay.

The marker however, was a futile attempt as Milton attackers chocked up three more goals in the second frame and unloaded with six in the final period, including defenceman Adam Hagen's sharp slapshot in the final six seconds to pour a little salt in open wounds.

Leading the way for Milton was Jamie Janjevich, who collected four goals and three assists. In fact Janjevich had his best week of the season, as he had two goals and three assists in the previous two games for a total of 12 points on the week.

Also turning in a great week was sniper Ryan Delaronde, who notched three goals and four assists Friday and had a goal and an assist in each of the two previous games. The other hattrick Friday belonged to Mike Cox, while Hagen rifled two slapshots in and Chad Turner, Paul Foto, Pat Henneberry and Rick MacDonald chipped in singles.

Picking up three assists each against Royal York were Foto, Delaronde and Janjevich, while Giurleo

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The fire of fear becalmed in the water

THE FOUR YEAR OLD GIRL had leukemia and knew she was dying. But her spirit was unflappable, and she decided she wanted to learn how to swim. The reason? Just in case there were swimming pools in heaven.

Carole Murray recalls that story in her office at her new facilities on Bronte Road, while reflecting back over some 20 years of swim instruction.

Now, of course, her name is synonymous with swimming in Milton, but it all started by accident. An almost fatal accident.

Some people were visiting her home when their son fell into her pool and almost drowned. After that, the boy, quite naturally, refused to go anywhere near water. His mother came to Mrs. Murray and asked for help, both for her son and for her so that if anything similar happened again at least she would be able to save him.

Mrs. Murray was able to help both of them, and from that small beginning her reputation started to grow. Soon, she was giving lessons regularly

MURRAY TOWNSEND

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in her own pool and eventually had to keep a waiting list.

In 1986, she rented some space on Ontario Street in an outdoor mall, and Carole Murray's Swim Academy has been a familiar sight ever since.

Eventually, however, she became disenchanted with the facilities and thought about swimming her final lap.

"I decided I would retire, and then I decided I was too young to retire," laughs Mrs. Murray. So, she bought some property on Bronte Street about halfway between Milton District Hospital and Main Street, and built her own facility. It opened in September.

She spends some time pointing out the

technical features, but to the non-technical mind, well, it looks nice. Certainly a source of pride.

ANOTHER SOURCE OF PRIDE with Carole Murray is her record with the Milton Swim Team. The town contacted her about 16 years ago and asked her to coach. She did right up until this year.

They started with just 22 members and worked their way up to 164 at one time. They were extremely successful in various meets over the years and even had an Olympian go through their ranks. Alicia Hicken was a member of the team until she went, at Mrs. Murray's urging, to Etobicoke, and eventually California. Another former student, Amy Pawson, is likely a future Olympian, now working out of the reknowned Pointe Claire pool near Montreal.

In 1988, Carole Murray's efforts were rewarded when she received a Coach of the Year award from the federal government. This year, she'll be coaching her own swim team.

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