



HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO

'Shut down' in disastrous weekend: coach

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Jim Leworthy hasn't pushed the panic button just yet, although his trigger finger is getting mighty itchy.

His concern comes on the heels of a dis-

astrous weekend by the Jr. B Mavericks, who took back-to-back beatings from Owen Sound and Six Nations.

While Milton may have entered both games as the underdog, the mysterious absence of Adam Cunningham and Jeff Currie plus an overall lack of effort turned

a potentially exciting weekend into a nightmare.

"Some guys just aren't showing up to play, and we're getting no leadership," said Leworthy. "It seems as though every time Milton runs into an aggressive team, we shut down."

"There are players on this team that are chickening out. I haven't pushed the panic button yet, but I may very soon."

Losers in three of their last four outings, the Mavericks now sit at 10-7-1 with only a one-point lead on Guelph for the fourth and final Founder's Cup play-off spot.

Owen Sound intimidated Leworthy's club early Friday at Tonelli Arena and ran away with a 16-6 victory.

With Jimmy Leworthy Jr. away at the prom and Mark Biesel serving a two-game suspension, Milton had major trouble scoring all night and were restricted to two goals in each frame.

The Flying Dutchman started a little slow but unloaded with 10 goals in the second period to put the game on ice. Leading the hit parade with two goals and seven assists was Jon Low while Craig Ainsworth turned a hat-trick and added three helpers.

Currie and Hartholt each tallied twice for the home team. Contributing singles were Darryl Brown and David Colucci. Kevin Eansor worked the net.

Milton's offensive efforts were even more ineffective two days later in Six Nations, where they scored just twice in the final 40 minutes and took a 16-5 beating at the hands of the Red Rebels.

Eansor was shell-shocked over the final two frames with 13 goals against. He received little help from his teammates, who have all but forgotten how to play defence.

Leworthy scored twice while Graham Darling and Craig Hedley picked up two assists a piece. Single tallies came from Shane McConnell, Adam Richards and Paul Wade.

Rob Henhawk and Vern Hill highlighted Six Nations' explosive efforts with six-point showings.

Leworthy will address his team's lack of commitment tonight (Tuesday) at practice.

"It's not all of the guys mind you, but some of these players are letting the team down. If this continues, it's going to be an early summer for us," he said.

A medal fest for local club

It rained gold, silver and bronze for the Milton Jiu-Jitsu Club recently.

More than 20 students competed in a junior tournament June 15 in Oakville.

Leading the pack with first-place efforts were Naomi Flint, Daniel Kelsh and Sarah Kingdon.

Derek Baily, Tyler Bortlis, Matthew Rosenbloom and Phillip Tingley grabbed silver medals while Katie Blasco, Katie Jensen, Shannon Laing, Robert Lee, Christin Nonis and Kevin Rae scored third-place honours.

Fundraiser at MDHS

The Milton District High School senior girls basketball team will hold a three-on-three basketball tournament Thursday at the school.

The fundraising event is open to boys and girls in grades 5 to 13 with competition divided into four age groups.

The cost of the day-long competition is \$20 per team of four (three players and an alternate).

Final registration will take place at MD tonight (Tuesday) from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, call Martha Gleeson at 854-2714.



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