Ponies gallop into first place

Milton District High's senior football team clinched a first-place regular season finish in Halton's Tier II Friday — with an authoritative 28-9 victory over the Georgetown Rebels.

Unbeaten in four games, the 5-1 Mustangs were a little slow out of the gate but buried their north Halton rivals 21-0 in the second half.

Their backfield accounted for the last three majors. Jim Mora scored on an off-tackle run, Jared Robinson on a one-yard drive and Paul Loader on a short trap play.

Pivot Adam Gertzbein connected with receiver Sean Postma for a 10-yard touchdown pass in the opening quarter.

Linebacker Doug Taylor booted all four converts.

Providing excellent pass coverage were defensive ends Robyn McCall and Cam Fraser while defensive tackles Chris Stead and Chris Scherer came up with key stops.

Mark Dow showed his versatility Friday, moving from nose tackle to middle linebacker and doing an effective job at the new position.

Juniors tackle 'Ridge

The junior 'Stangs improved to 3-2 on the year Thursday, bombing Iroquois Ridge 41-12.

Go-to flanker Ian Robinson had another big performance, amassing two touchdowns, a two-point conversion and three extra-point kicks for 17 total points.

Fellow flanker Andrew Gluck also reached the end

zone, as did halfbacks Ken Drummond and Shane Towse and defender Steve Ilczyszyn — who scored on an interception.

Quarterback Jon Sprenger had a strong performance while Reed Luscombe and Brett McClure came up with big sacks for losses.

They'll close out the regular season tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at Bishop Reding. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

The senior 'Stangs meanwhile, will finish up Friday * at St. Thomas Aquinas in Oakville.

Merchants win

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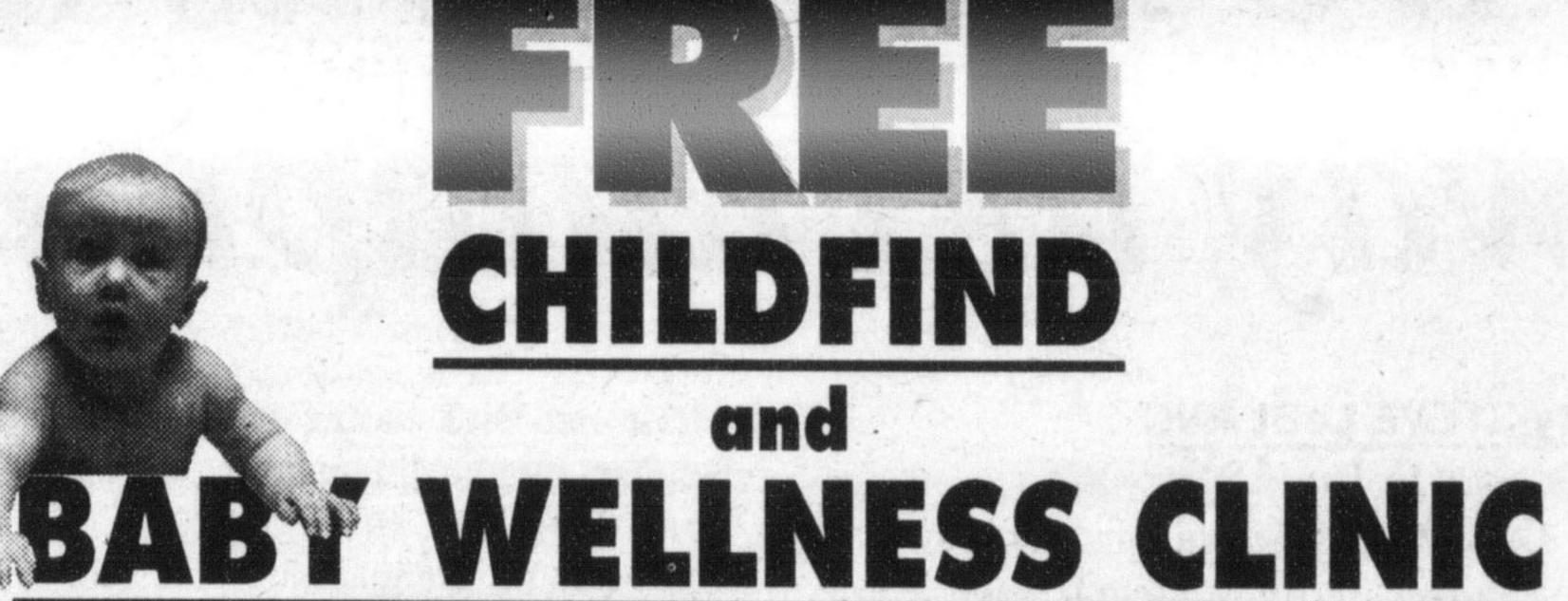
lead pass to Walczak for the initial tally at 4:08. The rookie winger then fought off a steeltown defender behind the opposing net and centered to Walczak, who buried the game-winner at 11:47.

This came two minutes after Kilty Bees captain Ed McGrane evened the count with an upstairs backhand past Cinelli.

The Bees had just 15 skaters on the night, with regulars Shawn Baltzer, Brian Armes, David Soules and Beau Spencer serving suspensions.

In addition to Haydar, Mike Hurst sat out with his own suspension while fellow defenceman Shawn Smith battled sinusitis.

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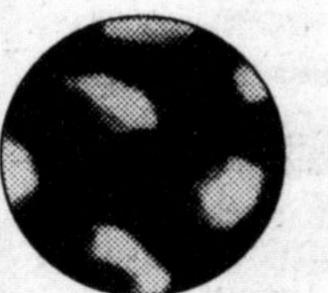
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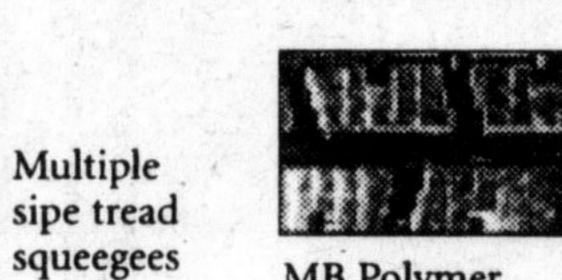
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