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Nichols hobbled by asthma attack

Carrie-Ann Nichols hit the wall recently, in her bid for a third straight OFSAA (Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association) cross-country appearance.

Succumbing to athletes' asthma rather than superior competition, the 16-year-old Bishop Reding junior placed a somewhat disappointing sixth at the GHAC (Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference) finals in Hamilton.

She had been battling with asthma for a couple of weeks and competed at GHAC just a few days after a short hospitalization for the affliction.

A lack of conditioning could be partially to blame for the asthma, as Carrie-Ann took some time off after a strenuous summer schedule.

GHAC marked her second sub-par performance in two weeks. She persevered through exhaustion at the Halton championships at Kelso, but only had enough to take seventh-place honours.

Carrie-Ann's lacklustre fall showing follows a sensational summer.

She finished out her Kids of Steel triathlon career with a first place on the 15 to 18-year-old series.

Her efforts included four first-place finishes and two seconds during 500m swim, 20k bike, 5k run races.

She also placed among the top eight in both the Midland-Walwyn and President's Choice adult triathlon series.

These results, plus consistent efforts over the past few years, have resulted in recent sponsorship from The Fitness Technique, who have offered Carrie-Ann the use of a \$2,000 Porter bicycle for next season.



Carrie-Ann Nichols

Minor peewees are hot and cold

The minor peewee A Winterhawks were both victors and victims of back-to-back shutouts recently.

The Lafarge-sponsored crew were unable to light the lamp against Arthur — falling 4-0 — but did manage to score twice in Fergus and blank the Devils.

Goals came from Tim Anderson and Wayne Benson while Aaron Clarke earned the shutout.

Chad Boisvenue, David Brown, Lee Frittenburg and Greg Sheppard drew the assists.

Milton ran hot and cold in their next two outings as well.

They began with a tough 7-3 defeat to Elora, with Benson tallying twice and Frittenburg potting the other.

Benson then had help in the scoring department — from the likes of Brown (2), Anderson, Sheppard and Daniel Wetselaar — which resulted in a 6-3 victory over Acton.

Clarke once again earned the win between the pipes.



Milton District High halfback Jim Mora (31) plows through snow and fallen players Friday, in a snowball clash with Burlington Central. Mora scored three touchdowns and paced his senior Mustangs to a 25-6 victory in the opening round of the playoffs. Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

As of now, Mo knows the snow

By STEVE LeBLANC
Special to The Champion

Jim Mora may want to think about joining the polar bear club, because he's certainly proven he can handle the deep freeze.

Braving winter's first punch — not to mention countless gridiron defenders — the third-year senior halfback ran for roughly 150 yards and three touchdowns Friday at Milton District High School.

His Tier 2 quarterfinal heroics gave the Mustangs an authoritative 25-6 victory over Burlington Central.

"I've had better games, but I had lots of key blocks today (Friday) and everything just seemed to come together," said Mora, who dominated the running game as fullback Jared Robinson watched from the sidelines with a broken ankle.

"I've never played in anything like this before, nothing even close." Mora's efforts were just the tip of the iceberg, no pun intended, in MD's first-round playoff dominance.

Led by co-captain Matt Rafuse, the defensive crew completely blanketed the Trojans' attack for over three quarters — not allowing them within 20 yards of the end zone.

Scoring the visitors' lone major in the final two minutes of play was receiver Steve Brunt. Halfback Josh Pavolich set up the score with a 25-yard rush during one of very few miscues by MD.

Remarkably 'Stangs defensive coordinator Dave Kurk, "We knew they (Burlington Central) had good speed, and we defenced well against it."

"Linebackers Matt Rafuse, Will Sinnott and Doug Taylor were great up front as were defensive tackles Jim Mora and Marc Polla in the backfield."

All three of Mora's majors came in the second quarter, two of which were scored in the final three minutes.

This early cushion and accompanying rush of adrenaline kept the 'Stangs warm through the balance of the contest.

Fellow halfback Paul Loader padded the lead with a seven-yard touch-



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Chilly, snowy conditions didn't deter hometown cheerleaders from putting on a brave face and rooting their Mustangs on to victory.

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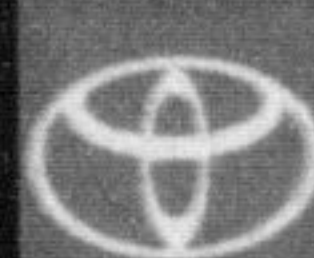
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