

Harding hard on opposition *Mustangs clobber rivals*

The reason for Feherguard's recent stateside success can be summed up in two words — Steve Harding.

Harding scored an unbelievable one half of all the major bantam A Winterhawks' goals, eight of 16, to pace them to a silver medal finish at Detroit's Honeybaked Invitational Tournament.

Ironically, Milton faced Lorne Park in the championship finals after four games against American opponents.

The Mississauga-area club put it to the 'Hawk 8-1, a blowout, which saw Milton players accidentally deflect three shots into their own net.

Harding stood out with hat-tricks in two round-robin contests. His biggest effort however, came in their semifinal tilt with the Chicago Saints.

He notched the game-winner, with an upstairs shot on a late breakaway, to give Milton a 2-1 triumph and a berth in the tournament finale.

Prior to this he led the way in round-robin wins over three separate Detroit-area teams, with sharp goaltending turned in by both Greg Bell and Josh Dickson.

Counting two goals each over the weekend showcase were Andrew Gluck, Reece Davies, Richard Roskam and Jamie Howden while Howden and Gluck combined for 10 assists.

Jeff Anthony drew four helpers and Brendan Ames collected three. Initiating countless offensive drives were Robbie Falls and Zach Cosby while David Walker and James Ball turned in effective penalty killing.

Chris Guard and Kevin Cooper anchored Milton's defence with help from Kevin Spahich and Rob Day.

Another weekend highlight for the Feherguard clan was a trip to Joe Louis Arena, where they saw the Detroit Red Wings battle the Montreal Canadiens.

Last week's cross-town high school hockey battle proved to be anything but that.

The much-hyped showdown between Milton District and E.C. Drury — which brought a couple of hundred students to Memorial Arena — was all but over before the end of the second period.

From there it deteriorated into a snooze-fest as the overpowering Mustangs sank five more goals en route to a 9-1 blowout.

The only victory a seemingly over-rated Spartan team was able to claim was holding MD under the double-digit mark.

Goaltender Jack Turner could take full credit for that as his blueline unit was exploited all afternoon and allowed 42 shots on net.

Major-Junior draftee Adam Bertoli

scored EC's only goal three-and-a-half minutes into the game on a breakaway fake past Blair McTrach.

It gave the Spartans a 24-second lead. MD scored two times in each of the first two periods before running up the score in the final frame.

Potting three of their goals was first-line right winger Paul Loader, who poured salt in EC's open wounds with a short-handed tally in the final 90 seconds.

Linemates Dan McDuffe and Luc Redditt scored once each and combined for seven assists while set-up man Jeff Chaisson drew five helpers himself.

Jon Sprenger tallied twice while Adam Rooke and Steve Turner contributed singles.

The air crew comes through

Spectrum Airways buried St. Catharines' trash in a 2-1 victory at Memorial Arena Thursday.

Both of the AA major bantams' goals came on converted rebounds, with Kris Beal scoring the game-winner in the final minute of regulation time.

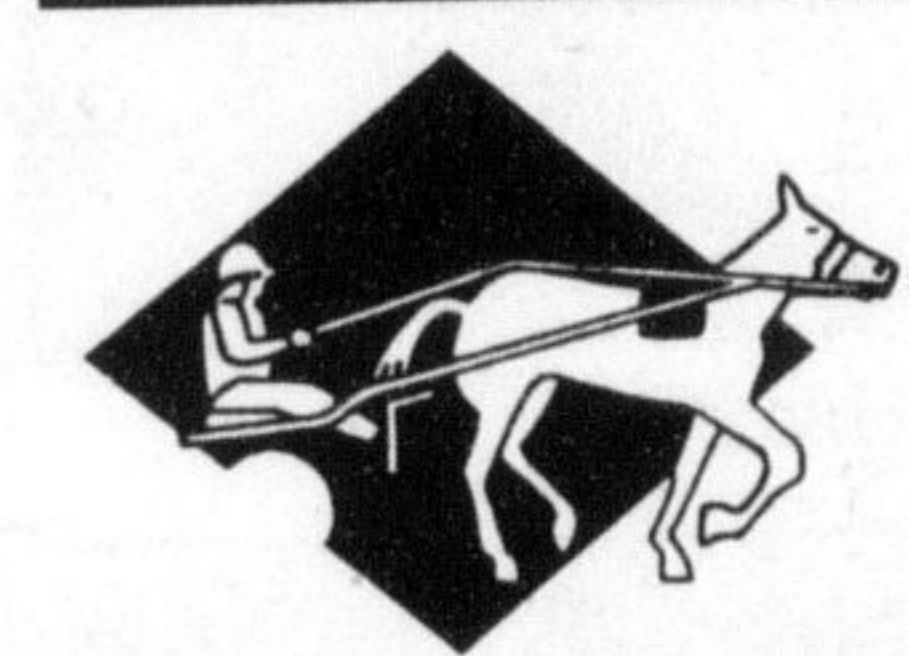
Jordan Jeans gave the Winterhawks an initial lead in the opening frame. Matt deRee and Jacob Vanderbreggen assisted on the goals.

Netminder Chris Kovachik stopped 14 shots to earn his ninth win of the season.

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Vacation suits horse and mare's new owner as well

Pacing mare Tigh Na Mara enjoyed a three-week vacation before opening for a new trainer and owner three weeks ago. She has since won consecutive Fillies and Mares Open events at Mohawk.



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Now in the care of trainer Joe Stutzman for Bob Glazer's Peter Pan Stables of Ohio, Tigh Na Mara dominated six rivals in her latest conquest as the fall meet entered its final weekend on November 28.

Driven by Doug Brown, the British Columbia-bred daughter of Safe 'N' Rich secured the lead from Daylon Tempo after the opening quarter and was a comfortable one-and-one-quarter length winner in 1:56.2.

Daylon Tempo, the only three-year-old

in the field, held on for second with Red Road third.

Four-year-old Tigh Na Mara has now won seven of 22 starts this year for earnings of \$92,386.

He's only two races into his career but Dex Appeal is off to a promising start.

Trained by Bill Cass of Milton, the freshman son of Dexter Nukes defeated a field consisting of mainly three-year-olds on November 28 to make it two-for-two in the win column.

Chris Christoforou, who also campaigned Dex Appeal's older half-brother Economics Boy a couple years back, was in the sulky for the victory in 1:58.1.

Cass and co-owner John Craig of North York, have reportedly turned down a six-figure offer for Dex Appeal, who also won his debut on November 21.

With the completion of the 60-day fall schedule, racing now moves to Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto for the winter.

Three more wins for the novice triple A Hurricanes

The minor novice Hurricanes scored three more wins last week to improve to 16-3-2 on the season.

They got things rolling with a 4-3 victory over Burlington. David Dunbar came through with a solid one-two, striking for a pair of goals. Curt Renaud and Geoff Strank backed that up by contributing singles.

After spotting Chinguacousy an early lead, Halton unloaded with a handful of unanswered goals to win 5-1.

Leading the way was Clark DeGeer, who collected two goals and two assists. Renaud, Brett Reynolds and Nick Odshoorn registered the other goals.

The 'Canes then squeaked by Brampton 3-2, with Renaud figuring in all three goals with two assists and a tally.

Also scoring were Dunbar and DeGeer. Splitting the netminding duties were Kyle McClure and Matt Mingay.

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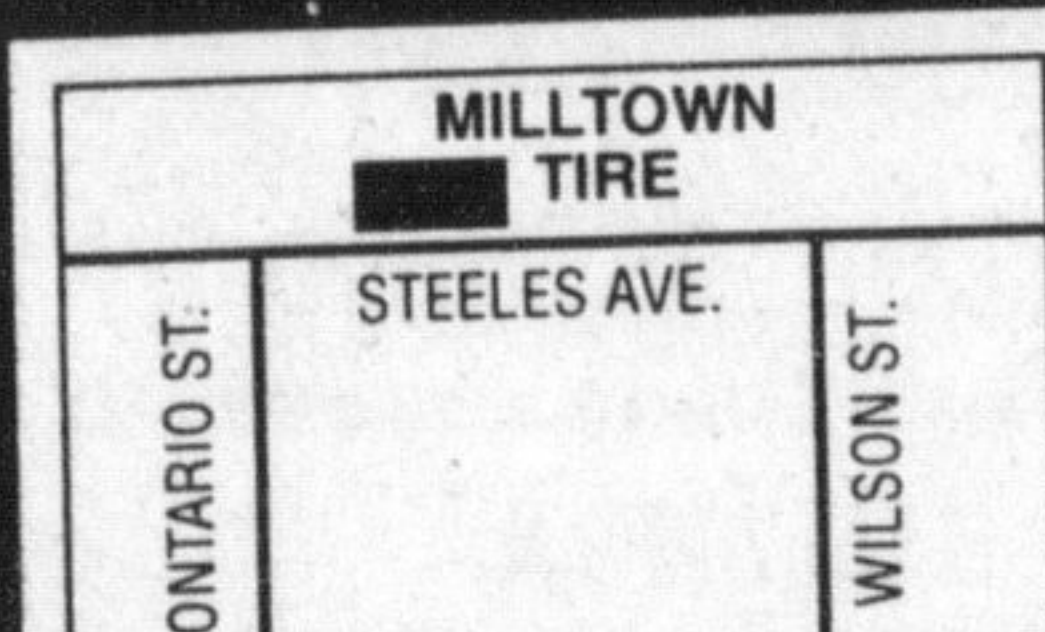
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