

Tide turns and Milton is on the defensive now

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How quickly the tide can turn. Just a few days ago the Jr. B Mavericks were in command of their best-of-seven opening round series and — heading home for game five — appeared ready to give Six Nations an early exit from league playdowns. Since then attempts to dispose of the defending Founder's Cup champs have failed miserably and although Milton has home floor advantage for tonight's seventh and deciding contest they're no longer the odds-on favourites. In fact with far less vocal fan support than the Red Rebels — even at Tonelli Arena — and their scoring touch fading fast, the Mavs have actually become the underdogs. While Milton's top snipers just didn't have the juice to clinch the series Sunday in Ohsweken, at least partial blame for the 14-5 pummeling can be assessed to substandard officiating.

For much of the afternoon battle referees Frank Lawrence and Don McGrath, who at times had major difficulty keeping up with the play, seemed oblivious to Six Nations' cheap stick work. Russ Fleming, Ian Parker and Paul Wade were among those who felt the brunt of these attacks — several by Red Rebels' enforcer Jim Martin — almost all of which went unpunished. Mavs' skipper Jim Leworthy accused the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) of allowing his opponents to hand pick the referees for the last two games of the series by complaining of prejudicial officiating.


Coach is steamed

"Six Nations coach Vince Hill complains that the referees are prejudiced against his players (most of whom are Indian) because he knows they won't let his guys get away with all the slashing and high sticking they do," explained Leworthy, whose criticism of McGrath got him ejected Sunday. "So what happens? Vince gets to hand pick the refs for the last two games. It's just unbelievable." When asked to respond to Leworthy's criticism, McGrath had no comment other than to say he wouldn't win any appeal to the OLA. The absence of Graham Darling, still out with a shoulder injury, continued to show through Sunday as Milton's first line struggled offensively. Regular season scoring sensation Andrew Hartholt was held scoreless, as was star sophomore Cory Leigh. Overall timing on shots and passes was off while Six Nations beat their guests to nearly every loose ball. The only thing that

kept the score relatively close — until the final frame at least — was spirited defence by third liners Jason Ford, Shane McConnell, Kevin Scime and Kaegen Sherriff. Craig Hedley tallied twice for the Mavs, with Shawn Bomberry, Jimmy Leworthy Jr. and Matt Miller registering singles. Leading Six Nations' hit parade with five goals and two assists was Cecil Hill. Andrew Dowdell and Kevin Eansor faced an even bigger onslaught two nights earlier at Tonelli. Abandoned by their teammates, the goaltending tandem were exploited at every possible turn in a crippling 20-7 defeat for Milton.

Visiting snipers enjoyed remarkable accuracy and were further fueled by a rich fan base that drowned out Milton's followers, who with the exception of one man showed no emotion the entire evening. Six Nations built a comfortable 6-0 lead in the opening frame and put the game away long before the second intermission rolled around. The 20 goals against was the most Milton has surrendered this season. A new franchise record for most goals against in a single period, 12, was set in the second. Hat-tricks were posted by Kyle Jamieson, Cecil Hill, Trevor Longboat and Roger Vyse. Scoring for Milton were Leigh with two and Ford, Hartholt, Hedley, McConnell and Matt Powless with one each. **Maverick notes:** Tonight's deciding game starts at 8 p.m. at Tonelli Arena ... Should they triumph, Milton will take on Owen Sound in the West Division finals Mark Anderson finished a three-game suspension Sunday and is eligible to return tonight.

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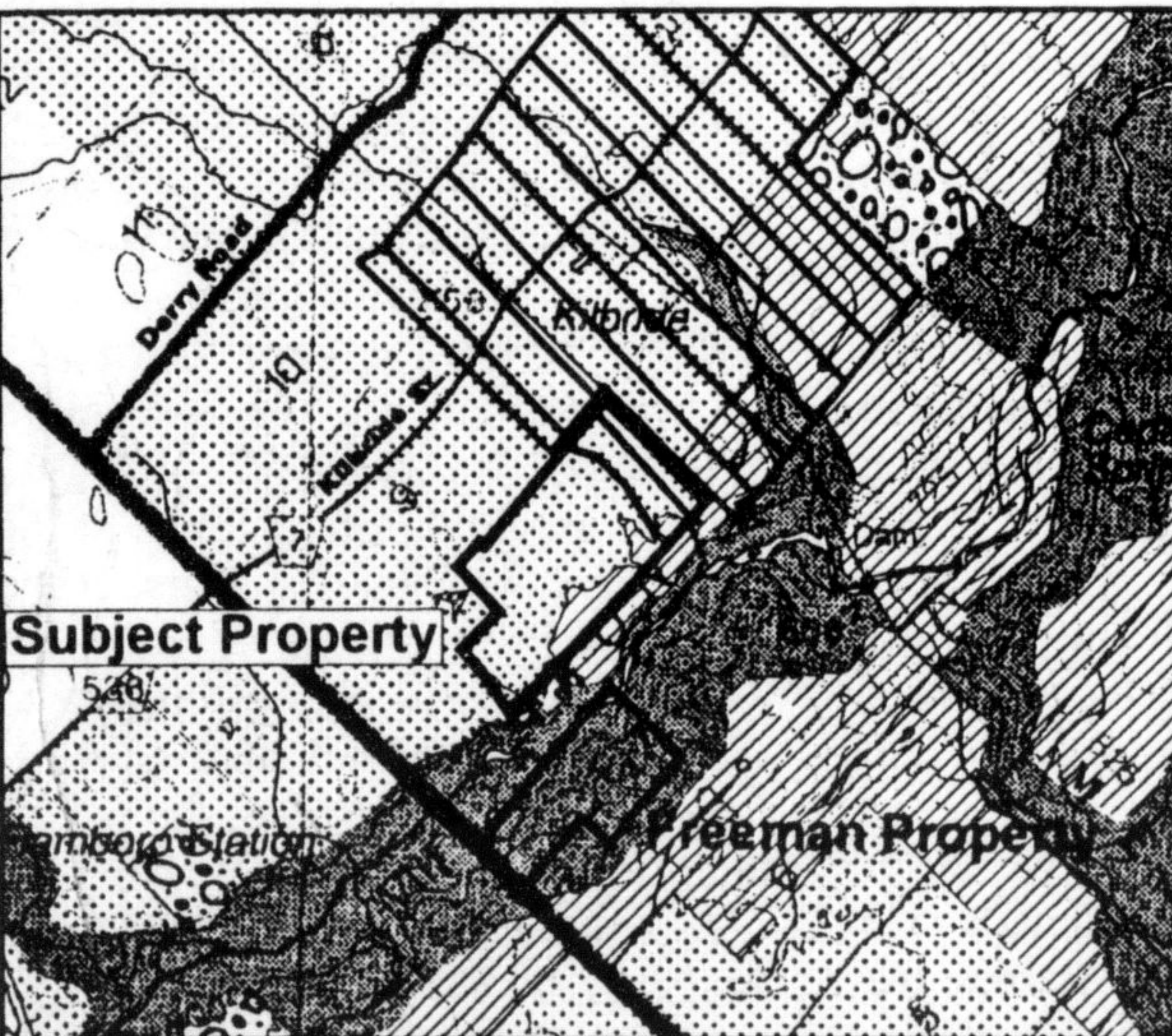
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To amend the Mineral Resource Extraction designation in the Niagara Escarpment Plan to Minor Urban Centre, Escarpment Protection Area and Escarpment Rural Area as shown on an excerpt of Niagara Escarpment Plan Map No.3 below.



Take notice that the public hearing on the above-noted Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment Application, as provided by Section 10 of the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act R.S.O. 1990, will take place commencing on:
Friday, the 14th day of August, 1998 at 10:00 am in the Halton Region Administrative Building, Sheridan Room, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario.

If you wish further information regarding the hearing you are invited to contact:

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Girls get their first victory of the season

Laura Adamson and Jane Myers fired goals in the second half and paced the under-18 girls soccer team to their first win of the season recently in London. Coming up with some exceptional saves to preserve the shutout was goalkeeper Kirsty Goodearle, who enjoyed ample assistance from defenders Kari Beal, Fiona Brawley, Laura Spagnuolo and Shannon Ferris. Rhea Newman, Danielle McNally and Shauna Hasselfeldt dominated midfield play while forward Carmen Smeitink created a number of quality scoring chances. Also showing strongly were under-16 call ups Kourtney Rich, Vanessa Bouskill and Sharalee Dempster, who filled in nicely for vacationing regulars.

Close, but no cigar

A spirited performance paid only minimal dividends for the under-12 boys recently. Despite turning in their strongest showing of the season, the Magic could only stay close to powerhouse Owen Sound in a 4-3 final. A sensational solo effort by Craig Harding gave Milton its first goal while Philip Foley and Daniel Lynch dented the twine as well with a nicely placed kick and header respectively. Guarding the cage at the other end was Jamie Webb, who enjoyed sound defensive assistance from Robert Scarbossa, Ryan Taylor and Robbie Wilson. Three nights earlier the Tim Hortons-sponsored crew hit a handful of posts — two more than the number of goals they would sink in a 5-3 loss to the Kitchener B's. Lynch tallied twice and Mark Boycott notched the other. Setting each of them up was midfielder Kyle Smith. Supporting cast member Kyle Holmes showed strongly in his first appearance.

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