

Merchants pull off a key win against chief rivals

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As a result, they squandered a two-goal lead and had to settle for a 3-3 draw.

"I've never seen our team so tired," said bench boss Marty Williamson, whose team now stands at 19-2-3. "The game was all ours but we couldn't maintain it."

Lady cagers keep the lid on against powerhouse

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Post game praise is usually reserved for the victors.

But when an injury plagued underdog wards off a highly anticipated blowout, perhaps recognition shouldn't fall just one way.

Such was the case Thursday at Burlington's Nelson High School in the regional semifinals of senior girls basketball.

Refusing to accept their role in a pre-determined cakewalk for the provincially ranked Lords, Milton District's lady cagers worked a stall offence to perfection and finished within 15 points of the talent-rich host team.

The 46-31 final was Nelson's slimmest margin of victory this season. It was also the only time they were held below the half century mark.

"I'm so elated you'd think we had won," said Mustangs' head coach Martha Gleeson, whose team closed out the season at 6-3 in league play and 12-8 overall. "I honestly thought we might lose by as much as 50 points, but we really stymied them early on and made it competitive."

MD trailed by only six at the half thanks to a strong passing game that helped eat away at the clock and prevent the hometown girls from breaking out.

While still hindered by a sore ankle, veteran Jen McManus rediscovered her scoring touch — sinking three baskets in the opening quarter and completing the afternoon with 10 total points.

Key players out

She and fellow offensive anchor Anne Gleeson drained field goals in the dying minutes of the game to make the final tally even more respectable for a team that was missing two of its veterans while four others played through minor injuries.

The 'Stangs might have been able to orchestrate a closer ending had it not been for foul trouble early on that forced them to use Gleeson and top gunner Candice Ceelen — who had 10 points — sparingly down the stretch.

This allowed Nelson to outscore them 8-2 in the third quarter and essentially put things out of reach.

Helping shore up defensive efforts was rookie Jessica Simpson while Lisa Brown and Sharalee Dempster grabbed numerous rebounds and combined for six points.

Said Gleeson, "I played everyone and they all did a great job. We're only losing three girls next year so our prospects remain high."

Meanwhile, Nelson moves on to face the M.M. Robinson Rams of Burlington in this afternoon's Halton Championship at Sheridan College.

M.M. Robinson battles Lester B. Pearson in the junior finals.

Wenzel gave up all three goals in the middle frame but redeemed himself over the balance of the night — particularly in overtime when he squeezed the pads on a lightning quick wrister by Perry Ryerson.

Oakville — who managed to match their powerhouse guests physically — scored all of their goals inside an eight-minute span.

For Milton it was sniper Geoff Schomogyi who led the way with his 22nd and 23rd goals of the season while Stewart sank the other.

Assists went to Robichaud, Dave Csumrik, Nathan Gillies, Jamie Williams and captain Kevin O'Flaherty, who is now up to 52 points.

Surprisingly enough, Sunday's game didn't feature any of the brawling and general craziness

that's come to be expected from Milton-Oakville showdowns.

Merchant notes: Former Merchant Darren 'Mini' Haydar tallied twice in his University of New Hampshire Tigers' 4-2 win over Northeastern Saturday ... The Merchants host Mississauga Friday and travel to Burlington Sunday night.

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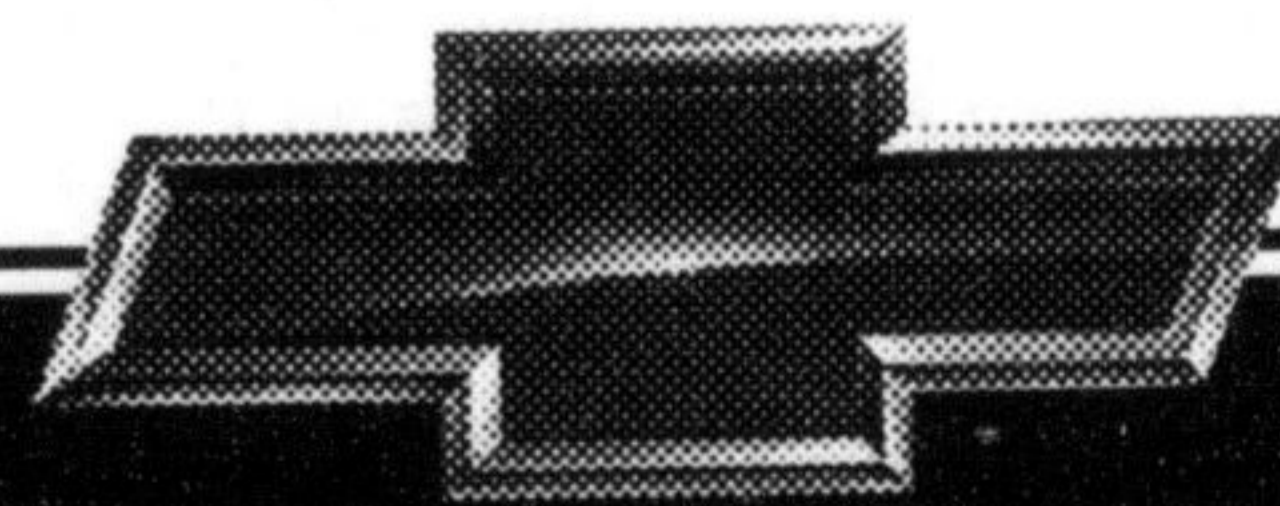
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