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Fighting Griffin Sensei Scott Hogarth displays the award for his induction into the North American Martial Arts Hall of Fame. Meanwhile (inset) Ken Wilson, Tammy Hogarth and Thomas Droy (left to right) show off the trophies they won in recent competition.

Hogarth's induction into hall of fame a heart-felt honour

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
The Champion

Milton's Scott Hogarth has a dojo full of awards that he's been collecting for decades. But the two closest to his heart came within the last few weeks.

Most recently he was given the highest distinction possible by his peers — induction into the newly founded North American Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

The Fighting Griffin chief instructor accepted the honour in downtown Toronto October 3. It came as a huge surprise, one that he knew nothing about until the induction ceremony actually began.

"My wife Tammy got me down there on the understanding that I had to attend an arbitrator's meeting, which is one of my responsibilities within the martial arts community," recalled the sixth degree black belt.

"Then they start calling people up and giving out the awards. I was pretty surprised."

Hogarth's admission into the Hall of Fame — the second of eight in the first wave of entries — was given for his success and longevity as a competitor.

Now 47 years old, he has the best winning percentage of any senior black belt in North America. "Most martial artists are retiring at my age. I'm still competing, and still winning."

But winning matches and attaining awards — he stressed — should be merely a step toward being the best you can be and finding your "inner spirit."

"If you start believing your own press, you're a fool."

Hogarth said the only award that's on the same level as this recent induction into the Hall of Fame is one he received about three weeks earlier from lifelong friend Glenn Kuan.

A fellow martial arts teacher, he has suffered serious illness as well as injury over the past year and is now fighting for his life. Determined to help out, Hogarth started up a benevolent fund for his friend's family and so far has helped raise \$11,000.

A big chunk of that was collected from a recent a tournament at Conestoga

College — where Kuan showed his appreciation and presented a goodwill award to Hogarth.

"The Martial Arts Hall of Fame induction best exemplifies my abilities, but this honour is closest to my heart,"

Students shine

Hogarth's Fighting Griffin students were also in the spotlight recently. A foursome participated in two tournaments on October 2 and came away with seven trophies.

At the Golden Belt Karate Title in Scarborough, Tammy Hogarth turned back all challenges and won the ladies advanced forms class while young Weston Gwilt took fourth in 7 to 8-year-old advanced forms.

In Buffalo, Ken Wilson and Thomas Day delivered an effective one-two punch at the US Canadian/Great Lakes International Martial Arts Tournament.

Wilson was tops in both open kata (forms) and advanced sparring and struck second in 18 to 34-year-old kata. Meanwhile, Droy was the runner-up in both open and age class (18 to 34) forms and first in sparring.

Cross-town clash

Royals reign over Mustangs

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Bishop Reding's senior football team has established itself as a division two contender in short order — by making short work of the competition.

At Milton District High School Thursday, BR exploded early — for the second time in as many weeks — and used their initial dominance as the driving force toward toppling the Mustangs 20-6.

Royals	20
Mustangs	6

The win pushed them to 2-0. Meanwhile, Milton District are winless in three games and are quickly fading from the playoff picture.

The Royals scored touchdowns in the dying moments of the first and second quarter. Star Dan McBride put them ahead by intercepting a pass and running it back about a dozen yards for the major.

Quarterback Jodie St. John would then pad the lead by connecting on an end-zone strike to receiver Ivan Bosnjak. Reding's pivot would step to the forefront in week three of the season — making four other big completions and running the ball in himself early in the fourth.

The victors' other two points came on a precision pass convert to McBride, who continues to be the defensive backbone and overall trump card in their success.

Ian Robinson once again was the lone scorer for the 'Stangs. Rushing 50 yards after breaking an attempted tackle, he delivered his third touchdown in as many games to spoil the visitors' shutout bid with about nine minutes left to play.

He had some fine carries throughout the afternoon clash, but penalties and missed blocking assignments by the offensive line continued to stifle MD. Teammate Wayne Meinen blocked two convert kicks by Reding.

Juniors fall short

Home field advantage didn't pay off for the Mustangs' junior football team in week two — as they were upstaged 20-8 by Oakville's Iroquois Ridge Trailblazers Wednesday.

Milton District fell behind by two touchdowns in the opening half and as result suffered their first loss of the season, falling to 1-1.

Quarterback Ryan Page had a number of pass completions down the stretch, mostly to Aaron McCrimmon-Jones. Tom Daniel, a left half-back, scored the lone major on a five-yard off tackle play in the third quarter.

Justin Preece booted the convert while fellow kicker Chance Stewart delivered another point on an impressive end-zone punt.

Defensive standouts included Scott Carey, Jamie Johnson and Mark Grimwood — who came up with an interception, the second in as many games for the 'Stangs.

The MD juniors will wrap up a lengthy home stand tomorrow against Oakville's T.A. Blakelock.

Meanwhile, BR's seniors are at Q.E. Park in Oakville today. Friday, Reding is at Oakville's St. Thomas Aquinas while the senior 'Stangs are at Lord Elgin of Burlington. All games start at 3:30 p.m.

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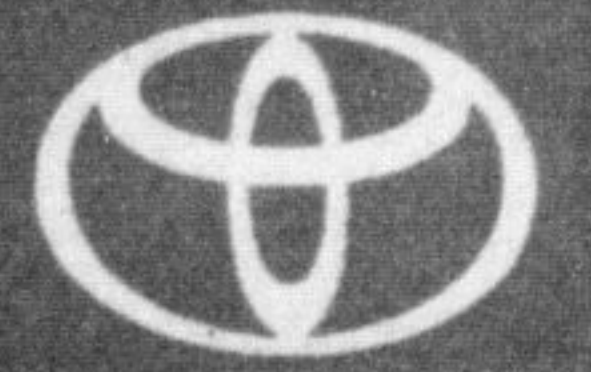
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