

SPORTS

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

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Tonight's the night

The countdown is over for Campbellville's Chrissy Redden, who tonight — or tomorrow in Sydney, Australia where it's 15 hours later — will look to earn a medal in the women's mountain biking event of the 2000 Summer Olympics. While she's somewhat of a darkhorse to actually take home a medal, the rural racer is a legitimate contender — having enjoyed some sensational results on the World Cup tour this summer and finished sixth overall in the series. CBC will air tonight's race, which lasts about two hours, at 10:30 p.m.

Merchants earn split on the road

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

The Champion

The Jr. A Merchants were a roller coaster of inconsistency on the road last season.

And apparently the ride has yet to come to a complete stop.

Milton looked rather erratic during their first road trip of the season, delivering two very different efforts in as many nights within hostile territory.

Tuesday, Glenn Walsh's troops came out like a house of fire but eventually crashed and burned at Streetsville's Vic Johnston Memorial Arena.

Their 6-4 loss was highlighted — or more appropriately, lowlighted — by an unproductive powerplay, one too many breakdowns up front and shaky goaltending on the part of Joel Cameron.

Milton failed to capitalize on all seven of its chances with the man-advantage and went scoreless for nearly two full periods.

Dan DeLong and Vince Laise led offensively with a goal and an assist while their linemate Elliot Altberg helped set up both tallies. Also lighting the lamp were James Coleman and Scott Malcolm.

The following night, Milton crossed the

border and handed the emerging Buffalo Lightning its first loss of the season — striking early and often to triumph 7-1.

Although Buffalo has made noticeable improvements since last year and were facing a depleted blueline with only four defencemen — since Vince Guiducci went down with an elbow injury Tuesday night to join Chris Rook and Steve Schentag on the disabled list — they had all kinds of problems against the Merchants.

Anthony Marshall delivered a 44-save gem while Milton's powerplay resurfaced and accounted for two of the goals.

Laise tallied twice on the night while Coleman, not known for his scoring touch last year and still relegated to fourth-line status, extended his goal-scoring streak to three games.

Potting their first of the year were Elliott Altberg, Kevin Arruda, Frank Fazio and captain John Nadalin.

Merchant notes: Erin Shamrock defenceman Darren Halls was expected to be called up for action this weekend. Milton hosts Streetsville tonight at 8 p.m. and closes out the week tomorrow at Mississauga's Hershey Centre for their Prospects Weekend battle with Wexford. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

Magic boys win title

Perhaps Milton's Under 11 boys select soccer squad should stage their own version of Survivor.

Afterall, they certainly know how to fend off elimination.

The Magic proved that earlier this month at the Lincoln County Fair Invitational Tournament.

With inspired play at both ends of the field, the local lads triumphed in no less than three do-or-die games on the way to claiming championship honours at the double-knockout showcase.

Tyler Sieben guided the preteen crew through its final leg of the title run — scoring five times in the last two games including three in the gold medal round, which

they took by outlasting Lincoln's second entry team 5-3.

David Haringa and Bruno Mangiola added one goal apiece in the finals.

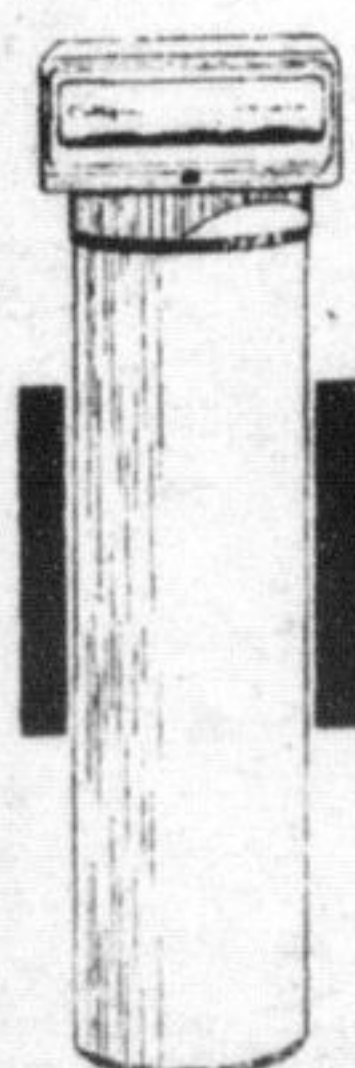
The Magic earned a berth to the tournament finale by blanking Burlington's second entry team 2-0. Sieben tallied twice in the semis while standing tall between the pipes for the shutout was Gregory Brooks.

Milton other wins came against the Burlington Raiders (2-1) and Lincoln Select 1 (2-1). These victories sandwiched a 4-0 defeat at the hands of Lincoln Travel.

Andrew Baynton scored both goals in the Raider game while denting the twine against Lincoln Select 1 were Haringa and John Russell.

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