BR clinches first football crown

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"smartest quarterback I've ever had," also had heavy praise for other players, including Long, and for the team as a whole. "This is the best group of kids I've ever coached."

Jurus believes that the victory was important not only for the players on this team but for the whole school. "We need to start winning at our school because it becomes contagious."

As for the championship trophy itself, James (Crash) Kaiser was warming up before the game when he inadvertently smashed into a man who was carrying it across the field.

The trophy was fumbled, causing some damage, and putting Bishop Reding's mark on it permanently, even more so later when the football on its frame fell

More permanent, however, will be their name engraved as the Halton champions and the memories associated with it. Jurus's message to the players before the game says it all in that respect. "I told them they'd remember this game for the rest of their lives, so they might as well win it."



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BR seniors (from left) Mike Long, Stefan Linder, Ivan Bosnjak, Mark Antonelli, Jodie St. John and Greg Boesveld proudly display their Halton Division 1 football championship.

Juvenile victories keep on coming

Derek Mewhinney continues to provide the fuel that's driving the local juveniles to shorthanded and deposited a backhand success.

Milton's high-octane winger has been on 5:11 into the middle stanza. a tear in recent weeks and gave no indications of letting up anytime soon at Memorial Arena Saturday.

He scored a little over three minutes into the night, assisted on a goal by linemate Jordan Jeans and then punctuated his efforts with an insurance tally just moments into the final frame to guide the hosts past Newmarket 5-3.

Mewhinney's output, which now gives him 10 points in the last four games, helped the Winterhawks improve to 6-3.

The play of the game, which was cut short when the preceding midget second entry contest ran almost an hour late, belonged to defenceman Derek Birnie —

who intercepted a pass while his team was fake for the eventual game winning marker

Assisting on the play was Jeff Mitchell. He finished the tilt with a pair of helpers, as did Paul Pento.

Milton killed off six of seven minor penalties, including a couple of five-onthree disadvantages, to thwart the visitors' comeback efforts. By contrast, only one powerplay stint was offered to the hometown boys — who managed just one shot and failed to capitalized on it.

Netminder Chris Kovachik held the fort through the latter half of the night and stopped 19 shots overall for his third season win. He made some particularly big kick saves, and enjoyed solid defensive help from Birnie and Kaegan Sherriff.

Meanwhile, Matt Ventura — who's commitment level to the local sports scene is finally equaling his ability and potential delivered a robust performance, that came complete with several punishing checks. The Winterhawks held 3-1 and 4-3 period leads en route to victory.

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