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Madd Dawgs bantams win another tourney to continue one very impressive season

Fourth tournament victory of season

The Milton Madd Dawgs bantam basketball team continued their impressive season by winning the Guelph Knights Invitation, their fourth tournament victory of the season.

The Madd Dawgs opened the tournament with a 61-42 defeat of the Guelph Knights. Ryan Dunlop dropped 27 points, with David Roberge contributing 10.

The Burlington Panthers were their next victim, with Dunlop and Marcas Gray each scoring 15 points in the 55-37 victory.

Gray was a defensive standout in both games, but was unavailable

for the final day of the tournament, which made winning that much more difficult, especially since they were already playing without two of their starters.

Down to seven players, Milton was losing most of the game to a much taller team from Richmond Hill. With about three minutes remaining in the game, however, they stepped up their play and came away with a 52-48 victory. Lance Codner earned 17 points at the point guard position.

In the championship game against Pelham, Milton had just six available players, and while they

held a six-point lead going into the last quarter they started to tire and appeared to have lost the game with less than five seconds remaining and down by a score of 51-48. With time running out, Roberge attempted a three-point shot, which hit the rim. He retrieved the ball under the basket and kicked it back out to Ryan Hodgins, who drained the buzzer beater with 0.4 seconds remaining. The rejuvenated Madd Dawgs outscored Pelham 9-5 in overtime to win the championship. Dunlop was top scorer with 28 points. Rounding out the tournament team was Glen Jenkins, Clayton Holman and Taylor King.

Milton finished the season with an impressive 20-4 record.

Ontario Sires Stakes funding rising for \$17.5 million total

The pot thickens at provincial racetracks.

Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) funding is once again on the rise — with a 2001 boost of 19.5 per cent lifting the total season bankroll to more than \$17.5 million.

Purses for the Super Finals — unveiled last year to rave reviews — have been raised from \$150,000 to \$250,000, bringing the total value of Super Final Night to \$2 million.

Meanwhile, OSS Grass Roots Series competition has earned a financial shot in the arm as well — with minimum division purses now up to \$15,000.

"These are truly exciting times for the OSS program and the horse racing industry in this province," said Ontario Horse Racing Industry Association Executive Director Jane Holmes.

"Funding for the OSS program has increased by \$4.5 million since

1999. "With the introduction of the Super Final format, Yankee Paco's historic win in the Hambletonian and the fact that nine O'Brien Awards were won by Ontario-bred horses last year, the OSS enjoyed unprecedented success in 2000. With the additional funding now in place for 2001, the OSS has solidified its claim that it is the number one program of its kind in the world."

Red Sox holding indoor workouts

The Milton Red Sox junior baseball team is holding indoor workout sessions for existing members and new ones over the next several

weeks. Tuesday night practices at W.I. Dick School will be held March 20 and 27 as well as April 3 and 10.

Players 18 to 21 years of age are invited to come try out. For more information, call manager Glen Turner at 878-6477.

Swimmers show well at finals

Four members of the Milton Marlin Swim team recently competed at the Junior Provincial Short Course Championships in Nepean.

Kristen McIlroy, 14, was entered in seven different events, posting times that took her to the A or B finals in each of them. She posted a personal best time of 27.96 in the 50m freestyle event, placing sixth in the province. She also placed sixth in the 200m backstroke, seventh in the 100m backstroke, ninth in the 100m freestyle, 10th in the 200m freestyle, 11th in the 400m freestyle and 15th in the 400m individual medley.

Aaryn Fraser's best performance in the 11-12 year-old age group was in the 200m butterfly where she placed 12th in the province and also set a new club record. She also competed in six other events.

Rachel Robinson's best event was the 200m breaststroke, where she placed 20th overall. Michelle Claessens also competed in three events for the Milton Marlin Swim Team and placed well.

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