

Merchants beat by Couchiching

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DeLong finished the night with three points while workhorse captain John Nadalin — competing in his 86th playoff game (by far a club record) — recorded two first-period helpers.

In addition to closing out the season on a three-game losing streak, the local juniors also lost its last three home games — all by one-goal margins.

Couchiching will now battle the Thornhill Rattlers for the league championship. The winner will play either Rayside-Balfour or Sault Ste. Marie for the all-Ontario title.

Merchant notes: Monday's loss brought an end to the junior careers of nine different Merchants. Among the more notable names on the list are captain John Nadalin, Dan DeLong and Andy Rozak — who finished the playoffs with 18 goals and 41 total points ... Milton and Couchiching each scored two dozen goals in the semifinals ... Ex Merchants Matt Bannan and Chris Rowan are currently competing in the OHL playoffs, with the St. Michaels Majors and Brampton Battalion respectively ... Fellow ex-Merchant Ian Malcolm was recently named rookie-of-the-year for the University of Toronto Blues. He led the team in goals and was second in both points and penalties minutes.



Merchant winger James Coleman sneaks past a couple of Couchiching Terrier opponents during game six at Memorial Arena Monday night. Couchiching won the contest 5-4 to eliminate the Merchants from semifinal play.

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Martial arts clinic to run tomorrow

The Milton Tsuruoka Karate School will hold a clinic with Master of Japanese Sword Arts Kim Taylor at the Milton Leisure Centre Saturday.

Sensei Taylor will train members of the local school in Jodo — a form of karate using a short stick in a variety of thrusting, parrying and striking techniques.

The clinic will take place at 10 a.m. and will cost \$12 per person.

Championship Weekend Results

Milton Minor Hockey Association

PEEWEE	TOWNE DENTAL GROUP 6	VS	GALLINGER FORD CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 7
TYKES (FORMERLY PRE-NOVICE)	LITTLE FIREMEN 1	VS	HUNT PLYMOUTH CHRYSLER (FINAL GAME 1) 5
	KNUCKLES SPORTSHOP 3	VS	BRUCE HOOD TRAVEL (FINAL GAME 2) 1
MINOR NOVICE	GOODLIFE FITNESS GREEN 3	VS	GOODLIFE FITNESS BLACK CONSOLATION FINAL 2
	GOODLIFE FITNESS BLUE 0	VS	GOODLIFE FITNESS RED CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2
MAJOR NOVICE	KNUCKLES SPORTSHOP 2	VS	GORRUD'S AUTO CONSOLATION FINAL 4
	HUNT PLYMOUTH CHRYSLER 2	VS	SHOPPER'S DRUG MART CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 1
ATOM	CANADIAN TIRE 6	VS	VALLE FOAM INDUSTRIES CONSOLATION FINAL 1
	DREAM CAR GARAGE TV 9	VS	BRIAN'S AUTO REPAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 4
BANTAM	KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN 5	VS	HIGH FIVE PHOTOGRAPHY CONSOLATION FINAL 7
	BRIAN'S AUTO REPAIRS 3	VS	RUSSEL METALS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2
SENIOR	KWIK KOPY 1	VS	NISKAR PETRO CANADA CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 3

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