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Goal-mouth scramble

E.C. Drury goaltender Jan Wollaston keeps an eye on the ball while teammates Ashlee Watson (6) and Carly Jukes (12) look to clear the zone during senior girls field hockey play against St. Thomas Aquinas Monday. The Spartans lost the game 4-0. Their junior counterparts, meanwhile, remain undefeated at 4-0-1.

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Sr. 'Stangs topple Pearson

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

The Milton District senior football team made a strong case for the defense en route to squaring its season record at Burlington's Lester B. Pearson last Friday.

MD managed three interceptions and kept their hosts' ground game in check on the way to prevailing 17-7. "We really controlled the game. The score could have been higher," said coach Keith Pearce.

Unlike during week one's overtime defeat, the Division 2 Mustangs wasted little time getting on the scoreboard. Brad Finkbeiner's 80-yard return on the opening kick-off was quickly converted into a field goal by Justin Preece.

Quarterback Mark Grimwood then padded the lead with a lengthy touchdown pass — the second in as many games — to reliable receiver Lewis Delpratt. Linebacker Lee Frittenburg picked off the opposing pivot a few moments earlier to set up the major.

Pearson would manage an interception in the end-zone and draw within three on a long bomb shortly before half-time. But MD's 10-point cushion was restored in the third quarter, when an onside punt was scooped up and taken the distance by Mark Pereira.

Preece made good on both extra-point attempts to bring his record in that department to 3-for-3.

The balance of the afternoon clash was fairly uneventful, with the exception of a couple of pickoffs by Ryan Page — who was making his debut as a defensive end following a year spent quarter-backing the junior 'Stangs.

The win came without the services of standout rusher Greg Van Es, who's still sidelined with a knee injury.

MD had home-field advantage for arguably its stiffest challenge of the season yesterday afternoon against Oakville's Iroquois Ridge Trailblazers, who heading into week three had yet to surrender a point in two lopsided victories.

Walker wins demolition derby

Jeff Walker has definitely done his share of damage in two decades worth of demolition derbies.

But Campbellville's smash'em, crash'em veteran finally delivered the knockout blow during the main event of this year's Milton Fall Fair. In front of another capacity crowd at the local fair grounds September 22, Walker turned back all challengers to win the eight-cylinder feature.

He clinched the title when fellow Miltonian Mike Stokes' vehicle stalled due to an overheated engine.

"I'd come second three years in a row, so this was kind of an over the top year for me," said Walker, who beat out roughly a dozen feature finalists behind the wheel of a 1971 Pontiac Catalina. "I really need to thank my son Ryan and other pit crew members Bobby Beaulieu and Fraser Guitard.

They did a great job."

The Saturday night main event was the first of two runner-up placings Stokes would enjoy this year. He took second in the following afternoon's feature as well.

A number of other locals made an impact — no pun intended — in the derbies. Stefan Bain and Steve Rupert advanced to the Saturday night feature and Gary Slama did likewise Sunday afternoon.

Meanwhile in the Friday night four-cylinder division, Milton's Steve Laughton took second in heat competition and matched that finish in the main event. Paul Goencz, Guy Marshall, George Nesbitt, Chris Sytsma, Darryl Timbers and Brian Trail all made it to the compact class finals as well.



