

Jr. Mustangs blanked in tier two semifinals

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No home-field advantage — no victory. Milton District High's junior football team was dogged by that reality throughout regular season play, and couldn't quite shake it for the tier two semifinals at Burlington Central November 8.

An unproductive start and ill-timed penalties once again conspired against the visitors, who were stoned 15-0.

The Mustangs won all four games on home turf this year, but just couldn't produce offensively on hostile ground.

That trend continued during the final four round, when the local juniors shot themselves in the foot during a handful of second-half scoring chances — including a couple of touchdown plays that were called back due to illegal procedure.

"Every time we got some momentum going penalties stopped us," said skipper Richard Grant, whose team included just one returning starter at his position this past season.

"Maybe it was something about the road, because we sure showed up for our home games."

MD's coach praised quarterback Jay Price and rusher Ryan Wildfang for battling it out until the bitter end. Wildfang, he said, fought for several impressive gains and secured one of the two negated majors in the closing moments of play.

Remarkd Grant, "Ryan was breaking for seven, eight, nine-yard carries near the end. He just wouldn't quit."

Price connected with receiver Jon Van Es for the other called-back touchdown.

Burlington Central's scoring was done on its first two possessions — the latter of which was made possible by a costly fumble.

The Trojans broke for a huge carry on third-and-five to set up their initial major.

Defensively, MD enjoyed a number of above-par performances down the stretch which kept hopes for a rally alive.

"They (Burlington Central) were just more prepared than us," said Grant.

'A' major atoms cap a busy stretch with shutout victory

Milton's A major atoms had a busy three-games-in-four-days stretch last week and actually managed to gain momentum as it progressed.

The Karmax Winterhawks capped this hectic schedule with a 5-0 whitewash of Flamboro Sunday. A Daniel Lewandowski hat-trick and Nick Digiallonardo shutout highlighted the contest.

Also standing out with a goal and two assists was John Grant. Jonathan Riding was the other marksman while chipping in a pair of helpers was Jordan Haggart.

Saturday, Milton grabbed an early lead on the way to doubling up Fergus 4-2. Lewandowski tallied twice while singles were delivered by Riding and Brad Mazzocato — who dented the twine on a penalty shot. Jonathan Cragg and Brandon Rae-Hunt provided exceptional defense.

The Winterhawks' only blemish last week came on the road last Thursday. Against fellow league front-runner Caledon, Milton offered an inspired performance but was nipped 3-2.

Digiallonardo was solid between the pipes while goals came from Lewandowski and Jeff Black.

Making progress

Milton's A minor atoms may not be winning games, but are winning some respect with improved efforts in recent weeks.

The Nadalin Electric Winterhawks' progress — at either end of the ice — has helped them stave off humiliation at just about every turn as of late, including Sunday's 4-3 defeat to Dundas.

Kian Herrmann, Troy Medland and Andrew Ouellette buried the biscuit while Austen Van Rossem picked up two assists in the tightly-contest affair, which followed Saturday's 5-2 loss to Burlington.

Rep Hockey

Goals in that one were delivered by Ouellette and Austen Van Rossum.

Hard-fought tie

Jake Cochrane and Zakk Collins shared the spotlight for Milton's AA major novices Saturday — each collecting a couple of points to engineer a 2-2 comeback tie with Caledon.

Collins assisted on both goals for the Collins Sunoco Winterhawks while Cochrane netted the initial tally and helped set up the equalizer, by Spencer Abraham. Ricardo Raduka also assisted on goal number one. Milton gave a rock-solid effort defensively in support of Trevor Rae-Hunt, who offered credible cage work throughout the tightly-contested encounter.

Two tough losses

The effort was there — but goals weren't. Milton's AA minor novices delivered some spirited play in their last two outings but managed to light the lamp just once and dropped both games.

At home Monday, the Optimist Club Winterhawks were trimmed by Burlington 3-1. Sean McGovern made the lone deposit in the first period, with help from Oran Ferguson.

An empty net goal sealed the deal for the visitors, who were held within striking distance by netminder Daniel Plater.

Two nights earlier in Orangeville, Milton was blanked 1-0. An inspired team effort and topnotch goaltending combined to keep things close.

E.C. Drury alumni shine

E.C. Drury alumni were front and centre in the Guelph Gryphons' team victory at the University of Toronto Sunday.

Leading the way with his first ever freestyle open gold medal was Frank Cavallo while Kevin Heffron also topped his weight class competition — exacting a measure of revenge for last season's national championships to a Lakehead opponent.

Chris Denich and Rory McDonell — in his university debut — each earned bronze. McDonell battled back from 9-2 and 13-9 deficits to secure his medal.

John McCart was injured in his bronze-medal match and had to settle for fourth while Chris Holmes — also debuting at the university level — placed fifth.

Chad Merritt missed the tournament with an injury.



An Update to the Community from the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) of Halton

The Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) of Halton provides quality services for home care, referrals to nursing homes and health information to Halton residents.

Service Update

The CCAC of Halton has been working diligently in an attempt to continue to provide services to all eligible residents of Halton. However, our funding levels from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care have not kept pace with the ever-increasing demands for our services. This has resulted in service



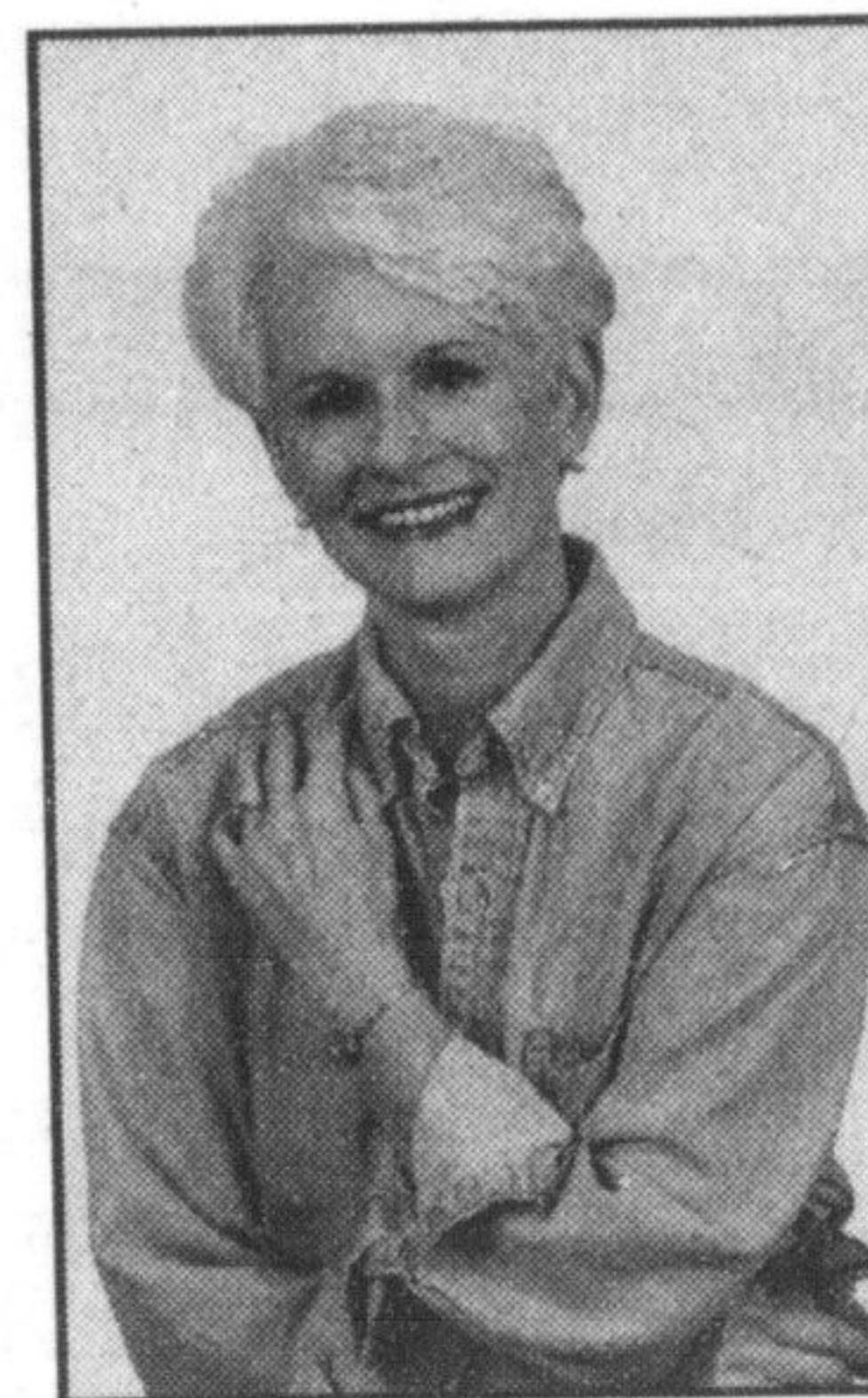
reductions for some of our current clients, the implementation of wait lists for all of our services, and changes within the organization. We regret the stress and hardship this has caused our clients, their

families, our service providers and our staff as well as other community organizations. The decision to approve these service reductions has not been undertaken lightly.

Service Quality

Although it has been necessary to reduce the level of services provided to our community at this time, the quality of services remains high, as evidenced by the results of our recent Client Satisfaction Survey. Of those clients interviewed:

- 95% rated the overall services as excellent or good
- 97% would recommend CCAC services to a family member or friend
- 96% felt that their home care services allow them to stay as independent as possible.



Accreditation

In addition to the positive feedback received from our clients, the CCAC of Halton is pleased to announce that we recently received a three-year accreditation award from the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA). The CCAC of Halton's performance was assessed by CCHSA surveyors, against nationally developed standards. The surveyors reported that, "the CCAC of Halton is very client focused and has a strong commitment to continually improving the quality of service they deliver to their clients."

The Board of Directors wishes to thank our clients, their families, our service providers and our staff for their assistance and support during our recent Accreditation process.

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