



Markham's Danny Bobb (above) sheds a couple of Milton Marauder defenders on the way to scoring a touchdown, while (at left) diving into the end-zone for Milton's lone major — the result of an interception — is Matt MacPhail. Milton dropped Saturday's afternoon game at Bishop Reding 37-7 and fell to 0-4 in its first season in the Northern Football Conference.

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Marauders fall to Markham

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If you're an optimist, the Milton Marauders played a great half of football; if you're a pessimist they played a terrible half.

Both are true but they still lost 37-7 to the Markham Raiders, lowering their Northern Conference record to 0-4, while Markham raised theirs to 4-0.

In the first half, Milton got one first down, completed no passes and were hypnotized by Markham quarterback, Dean McLaren, who threw for two touchdowns of close to 50 yards each and ran one in himself. Markham also scored on a blocked punt and a safety. By the time the smoke cleared, Markham was out front 30-0.

The only positives for Milton in the first half were a sack by defensive end Stu Gilbert and a 15-yard scamper by new running back, Chad Ford, formerly of the University of Windsor.

Apart from that, the Markham players were acting like they were having a day out at Chuck E. Cheese and couldn't be happier with the gifts they were receiving.

The Marauders made them pay the bill in the second half.

McLaren either retired or was rested after the first half because he didn't play any more, although the Markham replacement QB could hardly be called a backup, since he played for St. Mary's University.

It wouldn't have mattered. Right from the second half kickoff the Marauders meant business. Somehow, during the break, they had become a different team.

On Markham's first possession they forced a fumble in the backfield which was recovered by Clint Stanfield. Then Milton started to move the ball on offense for the first time in the game. Ryan McGill, replacing Gary Baetsen at quarterback, kept the ball and rushed for nine yards, then Ford busted one for 12. McGill completed the first two passes of the game, short gains for Robert Wilson and Damien Hannaford, and earned a couple first downs before being stopped finally on fourth down.

A good punt by Mike O'Brien was returned the

length of the field, but fortunately for Milton it was called back on an illegal block, and the Milton defense dug in. David Joseph made a nice tackle, then Michael Ward, and Marco Pereira made one of several on the day.

Pinning the Raiders deep in their own zone led to Milton's second touchdown of the season. A third down pass went right into the arms of Matt MacPhail, who had nothing but daylight between him and the end zone.

"They kept doing the same play over and over again," explained MacPhail, one of three brothers, Adam and Jay, playing on the same team for the first time. "I knew that pass was coming. The coaches told me what to do."

On Markham's next possession the Marauders were all over them like coydogs in a feeding frenzy. Dave Wheelihan made a good tackle, Ward another one, Gilbert broke into the backfield and brought down a runner, and Alistair Bailey and Mark Dow made great stops.

Even though the Marauders forced a fourth down, Markham, with nothing to lose, gambled and won, throwing a touchdown pass.

On their next possession, Milton was moving again, earning four first downs. You couldn't tell which team was undefeated or which team was winless. The second half final score was 7-7.

So, what happened at half time? Quite a bit of yelling from coaches, for one thing, which led to some soul searching.

Gilbert, who played for Burlington last season is tired of losing. "Last year, we went 0-8; you get that sick feeling. We're starting to bond. We're improving every day."

Head coach, Alan Collver said: "We just started to play the way we should.

"We won't go 0-9, that's for sure."

The Marauders will play Sunday at Bishop Reding against the Belleville Panthers, a team that may provide them with that first win. If they play as they did in the second half against Markham, the Panthers are in for a surprise. Game time is 2 p.m.

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