## Jr. 'Stangs snap skid

The whitewash is over.

Refusing to be shutout for a fourth consecutive game in Oakville Wednesday, Milton District High School's junior football team struck early and held a distinct edge throughout the afternoon to topple St. Thomas Aquinas 21-6.

All the scoring was done in the first half
— with a pair of touchdown strikes by
quarterback Nic Cheeseman, including a
45-yard bomb to Nick Vipond, highlighting the explosive start.

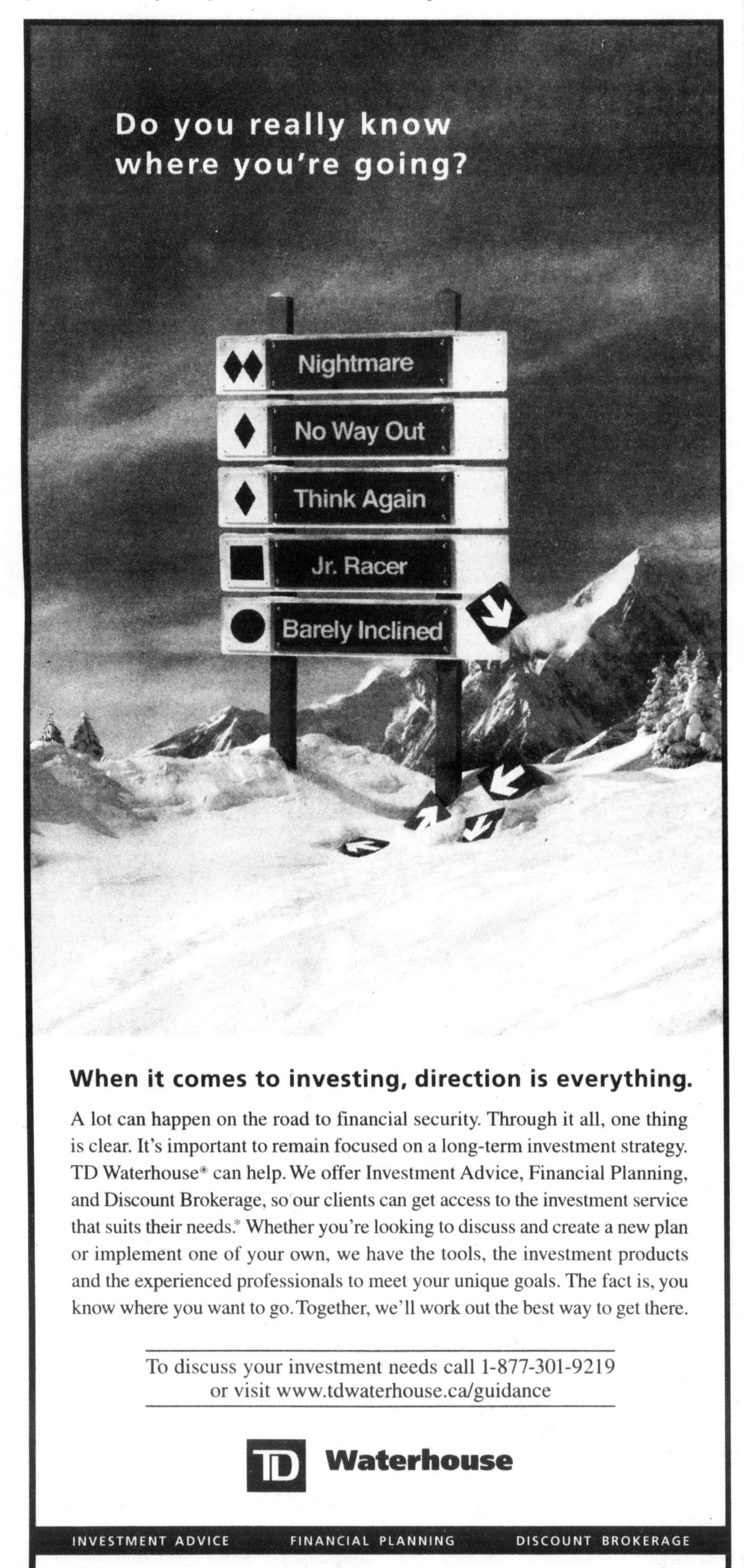
Jesse Rashotte snagged the other TD pass and gained valuable real estate both in the air and on the ground, while the Mustangs' third major came on a 35-yard pick-off return by safety Eric Bortlis.

A two-point safety and convert kick on the first touchdown accounted for the rest of the scoring.

St. Thomas' lone major was the direct result of a fumble recovery late in the first quarter.

Defensively, Blake Frittenburg made a couple of strips to continue a promising high school career while other noteworthy performances were delivered by Kyle Fokma and Justin Myers.

The 1-3 Mustangs will look to build on last week's victory tomorrow afternoon when they travel to White Oaks. They close out the regular season Wednesday, Oct. 23 at home against T.A. Blakelock at 3:30 p.m.



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## Local boxer ready to return to the ring later this month

## By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

Miltonian Matt Hart Jr. will have gone nearly five months without a fight when he steps through the ropes for the provincial boxing championships in Barrie October 25 to 27.

There's two schools of thought as to how this lengthy layoff will affect the up-and-coming middleweight's chances for Ontario gold. Some could argue that an idle summer — competitively at least — will leave the local pugilist susceptible to ring rust. But Hart Jr. feels just the opposite, that time away from the spotlight has only bolstered his desire to resume a promising career.

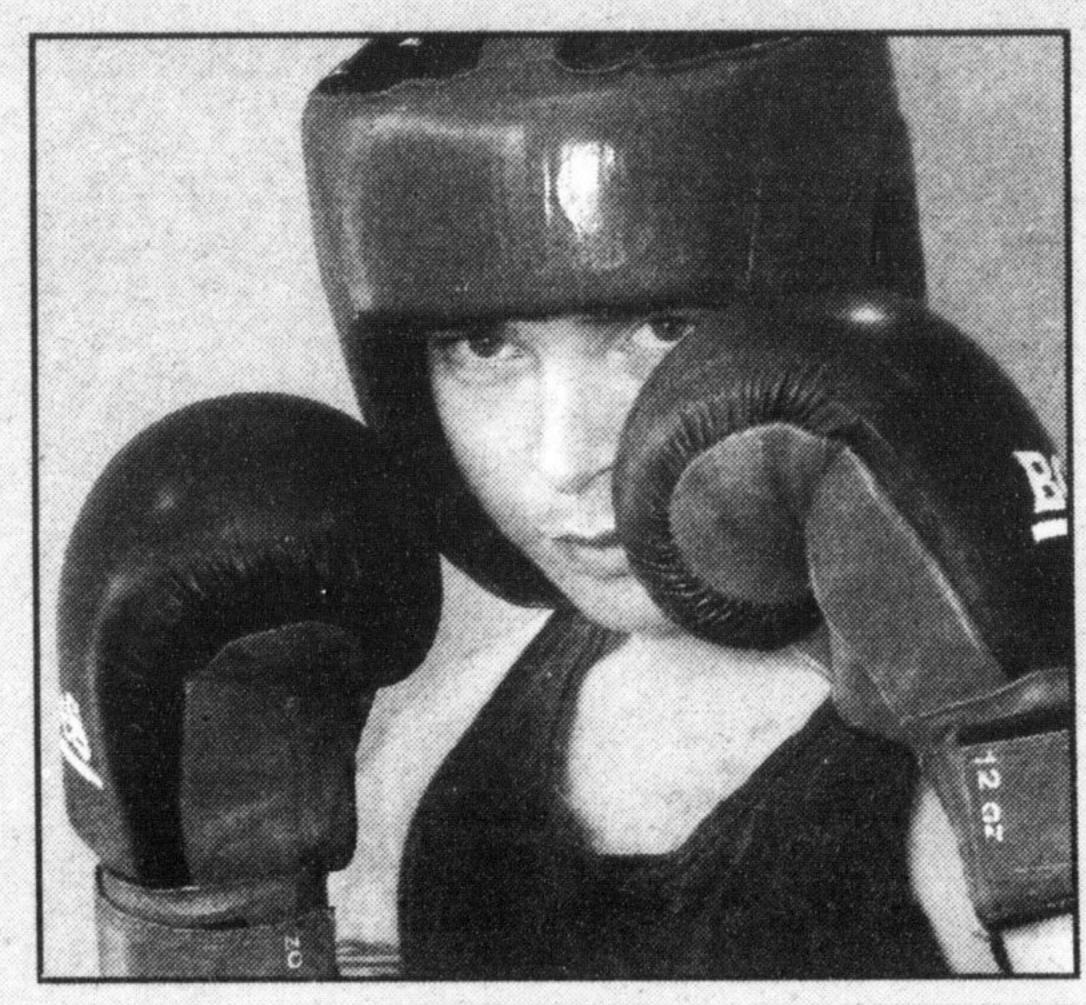
"I've been training hard. I'm more than ready," said the 25-year-old, who plans to turn pro sometime next year. "I don't think ring rust will be any kind of a factor."

His in-ring efforts have grown by leaps and bounds since switching over to the Bramalea Boxing Club, where under the tutelage of coach Billy Martin he's a near-perfect 7-1 with three knockouts.

Recently Hart Jr. has found another ally in his ongoing journey to the professional ranks. Egerton Marcus — a sparring partner of world champion Lennox Lewis — has been offering some friendly advice lately while Hart Jr. trains with his cousin and two-time Olympian Troy Ross.

The extra help has served only to boost an already confident and motivated fighter.

Remarked Hart Jr. "My name's sitting well right now in terms of being a young guy to watch for."



Matt Hart Jr.

Following a technical knockout victory over Toronto's Tom DaSilva in a rematch at Port Credit Secondary School June 1, Hart Jr. was relegated to the sidelines this past summer.

This was due to a torn chest muscle, a few missed opportunities at area racetrack cards and an opponent pull-out in Lockport, New York September 20—when the coach of seasoned American Jonathan Tubbs felt the local middleweight was too big for his fighter.

But his current inactive stretch is almost guaranteed to come to a halt later this month in Barrie. Hopefully for the local boxer, a four-bout win streak won't end with it.

"I'm going there to win it all," said Hart Jr.

