

# Jr. B Mavs' playoff hopes hurt by straight losses

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The prognosis doesn't look good for the Jr. B Mavericks' playoff hopes, which with back-to-back losses late last week slid ever closer to the point of no return.

Milton had breathed new life into its bid for a post-season berth just a few days earlier with straight victories, but that mid-season headway was essentially canceled out as a result of low-scoring defeats at the hands of division rivals Mimico and Halton Hills.

Now 4-9-1 with just six games remaining and a handful of points to make up, the Mavericks are playoff long-shots at best — especially with their next four outings on the road, starting with tonight's trip to Markham.

## HOOPS basketball camp is back again

The HOOPS All-Stars basketball camp is heading back to Milton.

The well-known summer program will return with another week of day-long instruction at Sam Sherratt School from July 21 to 25. That same week, the program will make its first appearance in Campbellville, holding court at Brookville Public School.

The camps are open to boys and girls between the ages of seven and 12, with daily activities running between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Included with a player's \$130 registration fee are a Raptors jersey and tickets to watch Toronto's NBA team practice at the Air Canada Centre.

Gifts and prizes are also available.

To register, or for more information, call Sherif Wahby at (905) 507-9687, or visit [www.hoopsallstars.com](http://www.hoopsallstars.com).

In Mimico Thursday, Milton erased a three-goal deficit in the final frame before surrendering one more marker and falling 7-6. That dramatic finish was due in equal parts to a fortified attack and sharp cage work by Josh Arnold.

Quickly replacing a shaky Craig Willis — who gave up two goals on as many shots to start the game — the Mavericks' number one netminder stood tall for the balance of the night to keep his teammates in the victory hunt.

Unfortunately, an offensively quiet first period — which plagued the local lads in both games last week — came back to haunt them.

Kyle Goertz was the top contributor up front for the visitors, surpassing the half-century points mark with two goals and a pair of assists. Rounding out the scoring were captain Kyle Hagel, Paul Pedulla, Drew Petkoff and Brenden Thenhaus.

The following night at John Tonelli Sports Centre, Milton was minus most of their offensive weapons due to proms both in town

and aboard. Unable to match firepower with Halton Hills, the hosts were turned back 9-4.

With Goertz, Hagel and Mike Novak among those missing, the Mavericks suffered from both an anemic powerplay and overall lack of creativity against the visiting Bulldogs — who were without the services of a few players as well, including both of their regular goalies.

Pedulla continued a solid second half of the season with a third-period deposit, while Milton's other marksmen were Lee Frittenburg, Derek Mewhinney and Morgan Thenhaus.

Arnold coughed up three goals in the first two minutes, but settled down after that to keep things respectable.

The Mavericks will be back to near full strength tonight in Markham. Following a four-game road trip, they close out the regular season June 20 and 21 with back-to-back home games against Halton Hills and Oakville.

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