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IceHawks deliver opening-weekend split

Season-opening win streak snapped by Georgetown

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The Champion

The streak is over.

The IceHawks' season-opening victory run was snapped at six at Memorial Arena Friday evening, when they were outdistanced by defending conference champion Georgetown 7-5.

Rookie Mike DeMarchi and Raider-turned-IceHawk Ryan Angelow temporarily revived hope for kicking off a seventh straight season in triumph — scoring six seconds apart midway through the third to draw within a goal.

But the powerhouse visitors — who'll be tough to match muscle and offensive depth with again this season — nixed the turnaround with a last-minute empty netter.

Milton was without the services of three veterans and was further stifled at crunch time with Angelow — who'd assisted on three goals before scoring himself — serving a 10-minute misconduct.

Adversity aside, the IceHawks showed they'll need a lot of work if they hope to bring their execution in line with their effort and energy.

Jamie Flury struggled for much of the night, but did rebound with a solid third period to keep the comeback bid alive, while contributing a goal and an assist each*were captain Lee Swallow and Andrew Bonello.

Fellow veteran Jon Ornelas also lit the lamp.

The IceHawks scored three times with the man-advantage in a game that was every bit as chippy as fans would expect from neighbouring rivals who clashed for the division championship just six months ago.

Former St. Michaels Major Matt Bacon and veteran T.J. Manastersky did the damage for Georgetown, combining for six points between them.

Two days later at Memorial, Milton would split its home-opening weekend with a relatively easy 6-2 decision over the Streetsville Derbys — who despite some summer counsel by Georgetown's Jack Moon and Saturday's 4-4 tie with the Raiders still don't seem capable of competing with the big boys.

Angelow, Wes Clark and rookie Julian Sarraino all tallied twice, while Swallow had three helpers.

Weathering a few mini storms through the second period, Kain Tisi stopped 20 shots overall for his first win as an IceHawk. He was aided by some credible penalty killing.

The IceHawks' first road trip comes tomorrow night in Port Credit, where they'll take on the Mississauga Chargers starting at 8 p.m. They return home to face Buffalo Friday.

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Milton IceHawks rookie Julian Sarraino is shadowed by a Streetsville Derby defender (at left) and later taken out in front of the opposing net (above) during Sunday afternoon play at Memorial Arena. Milton won 6-2 to split its home-opening weekend, after getting outdistanced 7-5 by the defending Western Conference champion Georgetown Raiders two nights earlier.

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