



# Milton Fire Department OPEN HOUSE

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**Date: Saturday, October 4, 2003**  
**Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Come visit the Milton fire fighters at Central Fire Station on Steeles Ave. (between Ontario St. and Martin St.) The fun filled day will provide the whole family with lots to see and do. You can watch your local fire fighters in simulated situations, visit with Sparky the Safety Dog, tour the fire trucks, and learn about fire safety.

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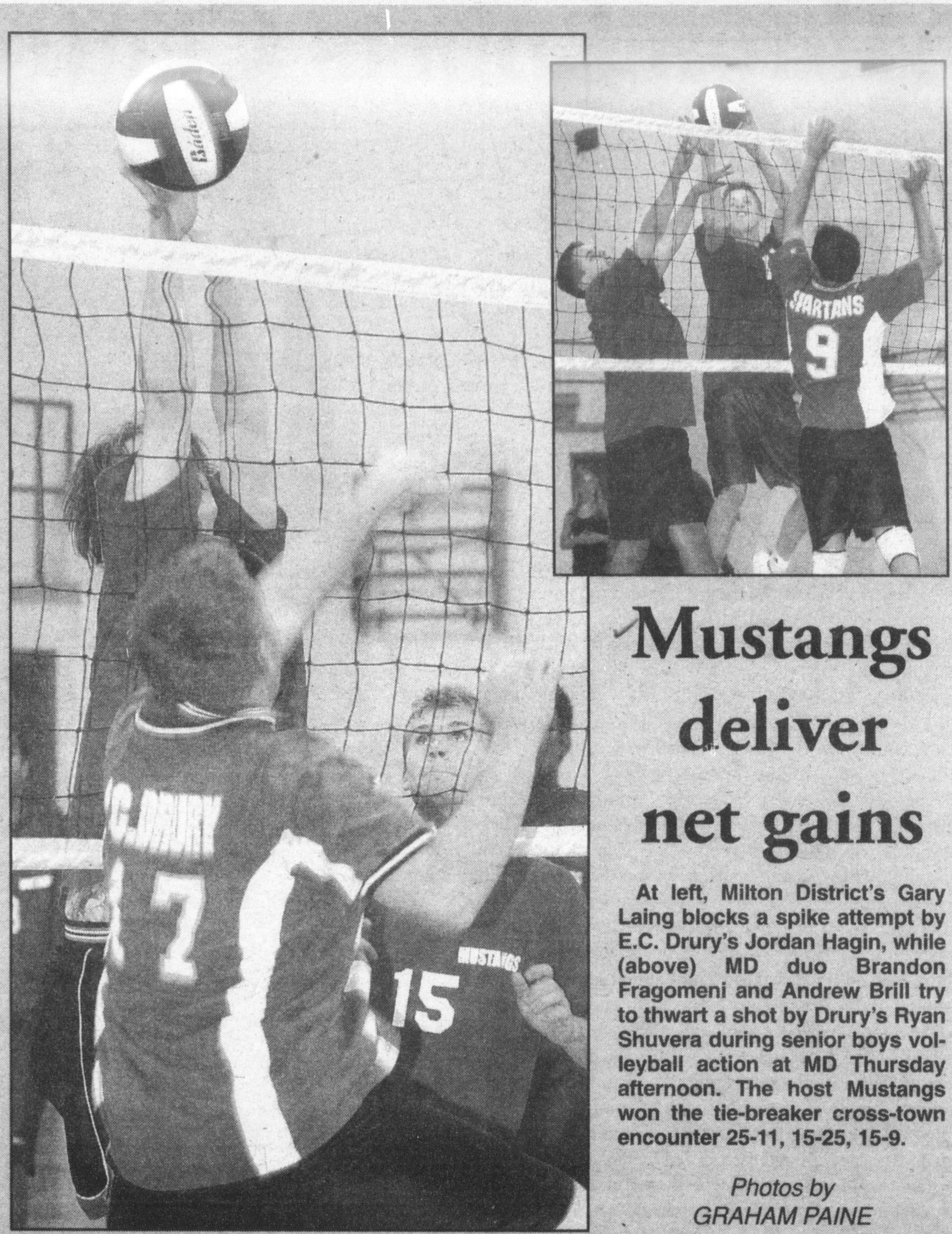
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## Mustangs deliver net gains

At left, Milton District's Gary Laing blocks a spike attempt by E.C. Drury's Jordan Hagin, while (above) MD duo Brandon Fragomeni and Andrew Brill try to thwart a shot by Drury's Ryan Shuvera during senior boys volleyball action at MD Thursday afternoon. The host Mustangs won the tie-breaker cross-town encounter 25-11, 15-25, 15-9.

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## IceHawks' inconsistent play continues with weekend split

By **STEVE LeBLANC**  
*The Champion*

Predicting the IceHawks' Western Conference finish has been especially tricky this season.

And this past weekend's results didn't make that task any easier.

At home against dead-last Brampton Friday, Milton looked ready for a hasty plummet to the division basement — with a complete non-effort and subsequent 4-3 loss to the shell-of-their-former-selves Capitals.

Across the border the following night, the IceHawks more closely resembled the upper-echelon contender they've always been. Facing a Buffalo Lightning team that's usually tough to dominate on home ice, the rebuilding juniors powered their way to a 7-2 rout and snapped a three-game losing skid.

The weekend split kept Milton dead-even at 4-4 — a record that no doubt has many diehard fans a little panicky these days. But it's the team's lack of physicality and consistency that's been most troubling to head coach/general manager George Dupont.

"These guys have got to learn what it takes to compete at junior hockey," he said at practice Sunday. "Friday was definitely a wake-up call."

Added assistant GM Kevin Lachance, "I think it's the growing pains of a young team. We're still trying to get everybody on the same page."

While the IceHawks will certainly benefit from a

full-strength lineup — and perhaps the addition of a couple of seasoned leaders down the stretch — Dupont stressed that there's six or seven division opponents that Milton "should never lose to."

And at the risk of stating the obvious, Brampton is one of them. However, a complete lack of intensity and powerplay punchless prevented what should have not only been a victory, but a cakewalk.

The IceHawks squandered six straight powerplays and were held scoreless over the last 33 minutes.

Goals came from Jeff Caister, Shane Mohr and Brad Snetsinger.

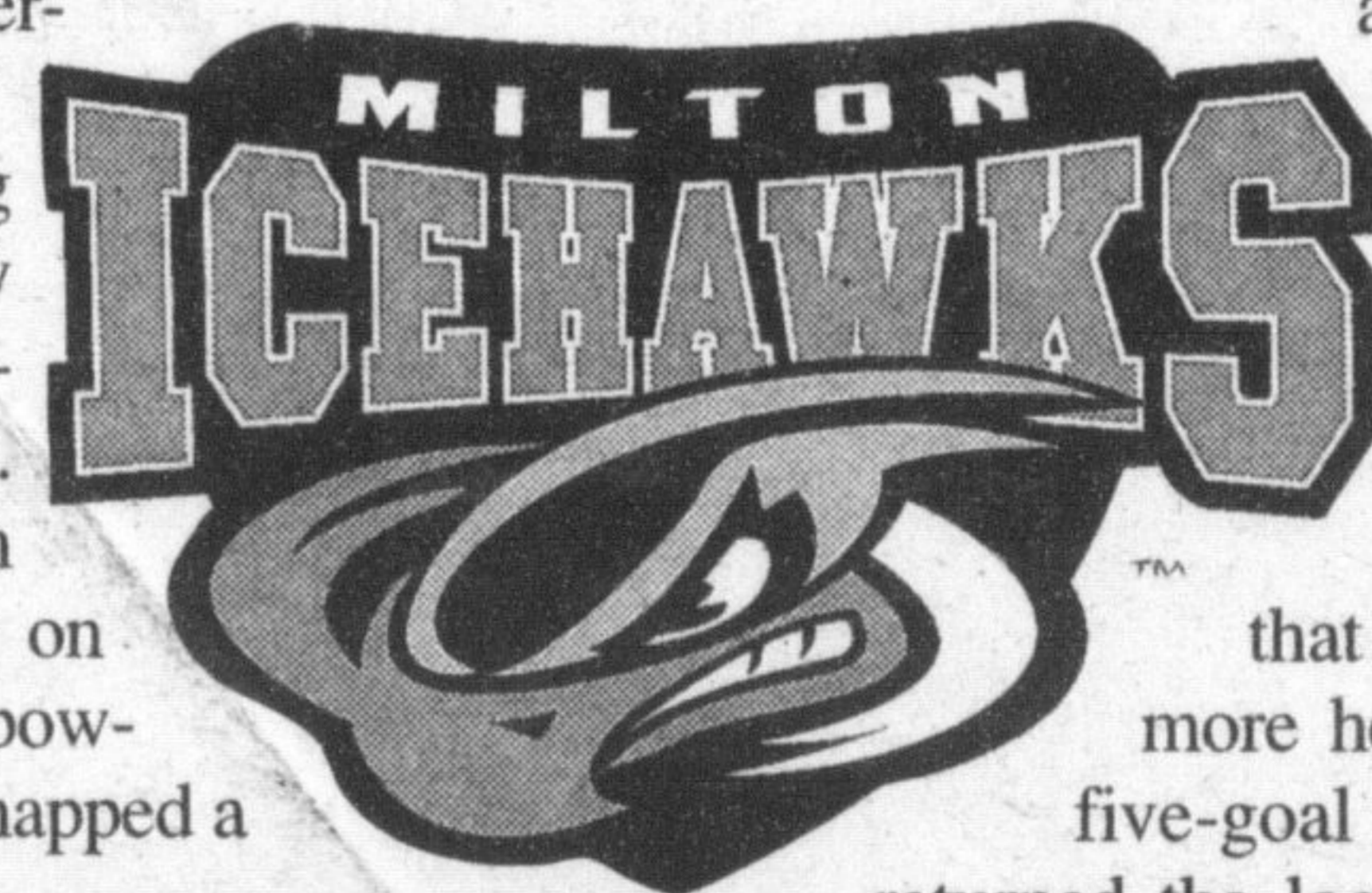
In Buffalo Saturday, Milton took its lumps against a team that by all accounts should have been more heavily penalized. Nevertheless, a five-goal victory that capped the night

returned the local juniors to mid-pack status — and more importantly, restore at least some of their confidence.

Jamie Flury beat his former team for the second straight time, while seven different players lit the lamp. Native Miltonian Mike Novak and fellow freshman Mike DeMarchi had three assists apiece.

The IceHawks expect to have rookie defencemen Casey Gilholm and Jason Fortino back from injury tonight when they travel to Streetsville to face the Derbys. Game time is 8 p.m.

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