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✓ Ponies pulverize Jaguars

Mustang Daryl Meinen (at left) fights to hang on to the ball while being hauled down by Christ the King defenders, while (above) Jon Van Es and Bryan Parady bring down a Jaguar rusher during senior football play at MD Monday. The Mustangs dismantled their guests 49-0 to improve to 2-1. For results of Bishop Reding's win over Georgetown Monday, see page 26.

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Strong's timely tally lifts IceHawks to victory

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
The Champion

The IceHawks' traveling fans are sure getting a lot of bang for their buck on Mississauga-area road trips these days.

Milton waited until sudden death to secure victory over the now Port Credit-based Mississauga Chargers September 17, and came about as close as possible to doing likewise within the confines of Streetsville's Vic Johnston Memorial Arena Tuesday night.

Veteran Dean Strong potted a doorstep scramble with a mere three seconds remaining to

eclipse the Derbys 2-1. Assisting on the golden goal were Jon Ornelas and Casey Gilholm, who along with fellow defenceman Jason Fortino were returning from minor injuries.

The low-scoring affair — a rarity between these two teams — lifted the IceHawks' record to 5-4.

Kain Tisi backstopped the visitors to victory, making 18 straight saves after getting handcuffed on Streetsville's first shot — a long-range bullet by Darren Rowntree before the game was three minutes old.

The Derbys would nurse that lead for the next two periods with fundamentally-sound trap tac-

tics that maximized their biggest asset — size.

But Tisi's stabilizing presence between the pipes and a couple of impressive penalty kills kept the IceHawks in it long enough for rookie Ryan McInerney to break Tudor Petkov's shutout three minutes into the final frame.

His lengthy blast bounced off the hometown cager — part of the tandem that was thoroughly victimized by Milton in opening-round play last spring — and trickled over the line.

Leading scorer Ryan Angelow and Jeff Caister set up the equalizer.

Although Milton got back two of its defencemen Tuesday, Andrew Bonello — the only sea-

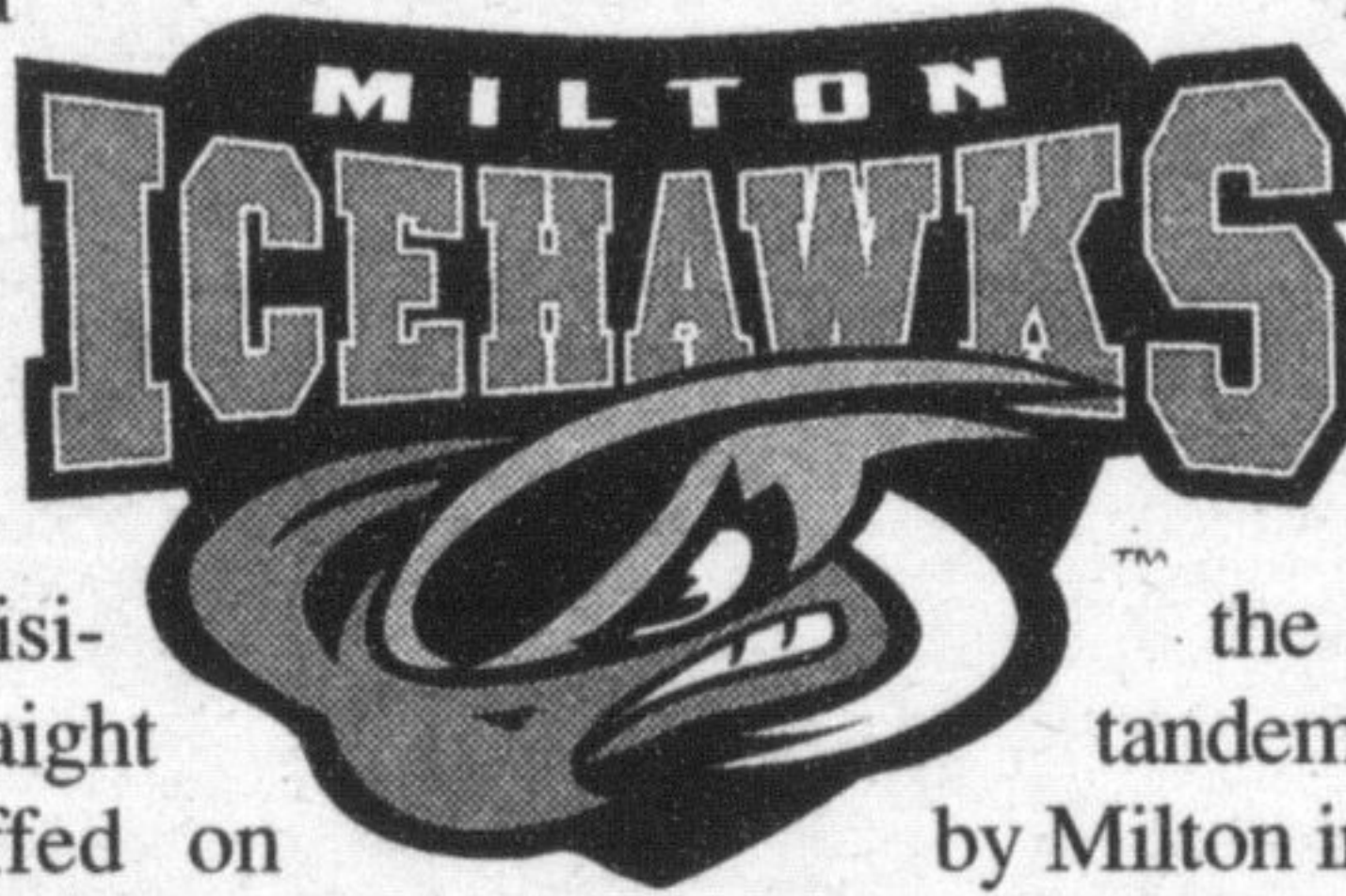
soned blueliner of this year's crop — left after the first period with a banged up left side, courtesy of a rather nasty spear sustained three nights earlier in Buffalo.

In other player movement, 18-year-old David Hammond made his IceHawks debut in Streetsville. The sizable forward last toiled with the Markham midgets and was a late cut of the OHL Oshawa Generals.

The IceHawks will look to make it three in a row tonight in Burlington. Saturday evening they travel to Brampton, where former Capital and resident agitator Ryan Silveira will make his long-awaited return from a 10-game suspension.

Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

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