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Powerplay woes return in weekend split

IceHawks blow opportunities in narrow loss to Oakville

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Logic dictates that powerplays be met with more enthusiasm than penalty killing stunts.

However, by late Sunday afternoon the exact opposite rang true for IceHawk fans. But then a weekend with three shorthanded goals and an 0-for-11 powerplay whitewash will do that.

"We were actually starting to feel a bit more confident on the penalty kill, as weird as that sounds," admitted sophomore winger Jonathan Ornelas, one of three shorthanded marksmen and the only multi-goal scorer during this past weekend's home stand.

Shorthanded goals are always a momentum booster, and three in two games is no small feat indeed.

Nevertheless, the IceHawks' penalty-killing prowess simply couldn't overshadow their re-emerging futility with the man-advantage — which was agonizingly apparent against Oakville Friday night.

Under different circumstances, a 3-1 loss to the physically-superior Blades might have been almost acceptable. After all, that's a three-goal improvement over the neighbouring rivals' previous encounter.

But that was hardly the focus following the weekend-opening defeat. Not after Milton squandered seven tries with the extra attacker, including a pair of two-man advantages that were nothing short of horrendous.

Said Ornelas, "It's kind of worrying. Just one powerplay goal could have changed that game completely. But I think it'll (powerplay) pick up soon."

Friday's powerplay woes spoiled a three-dozen save performance by Kain Tisi, who turned back 28 shots in the first two periods while the game was still up for grabs.

Milton's lone deposit was of the shorthanded variety, delivered on a huge solo burst by team scoring leader Ryan Angelow — whose season goal tally now stands at 12.

Nick Dodge, Paul Dawson and Charlie Giffin struck for the Blades, who used their size to full advantage and showed just why they sit top-three in the Western Conference.

Against the lowly Bramalea Blues Sunday afternoon, the IceHawks managed to generate some firepower but no more finish on the powerplay. In this case though, it merely provided ongoing concern — as opposed to a crippling blow.

Ornelas tallied twice in the opening half and linemate Dean Strong sank a shorthanded empty netter with half-a-minute remaining to solidify a 5-3 victory — which lifted the fourth-place locals to 10-6.

Julian Sarriano and Ryan Silveira also dented the twine, while Jamie Flury was steady in net for his fifth win of the year.

The IceHawks begin their toughest weekend this season against the Hamilton Red Wing Friday night at Memorial Arena. Sunday they travel to Oakville's IceSports Arena. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

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Milton IceHawk Mike DeMarchi (with puck) looks to sink a goal-mouth scramble while linemate Dean Strong creates some traffic in front of Bramalea's net during Sunday afternoon action at Memorial Arena. Milton prevailed 5-3 to split its two-game home stand.

Gridiron seniors feast on opposition

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Milton's senior football teams weren't quite full from the holiday weekend.

In their first games back from Thanksgiving, the Milton District Mustangs and Bishop Reding Royals both continued to feast — only this time on tier two competition.

In Georgetown Thursday, MD gobbled up a 43-6 victory to improve to 4-1. The Mustangs have had some key injuries this season, but have overcome them with perhaps their deepest offensive arsenal in recent memory.

Lee Frittenburg, Daryl Meinen and James McIntosh all stood out with two touchdowns apiece to fuel the blowout. Converting all six majors and adding a rouge for good measure was dependable kicker Ryan Mitchell.

The visitors were every bit as impressive defensively, with an exceptional effort

delivered by linemen Brandon Byers, Henry Deetleefs, Allan Moses and Jordan Munn. Donny McKenna intercepted the hometown quarterback twice, while Frittenburg further frustrated the hosts by blocking a punt.

Georgetown grabbed an early lead on an interception and short drive before the Mustangs roared back to secure their third blowout win of the year.

Meanwhile, BR relied heavily on special-teams play to topple St. Thomas Aquinas 29-9 Thursday at home.

Chuck Allen and Jon Ram came through with 85 and 49-yard punt return touchdowns respectively to highlight the victory — number two this season for the rebuilding Royals. For Allen, it was his second coast-to-coast return in as many games.

Other majors were posted by Mike Rubino and Marcus Gray.

Defensively, Reding got topnotch contributions from a number of players —

including tackle Kevin Hines and linebackers Mike Cam and Greg Dambrosi.

With Thursday's win, the 2-3 Royals locked up fourth place in the east division and home-field advantage for the first round of the playoffs. They can square their record with a win this afternoon at Christ the King, who're still winless.

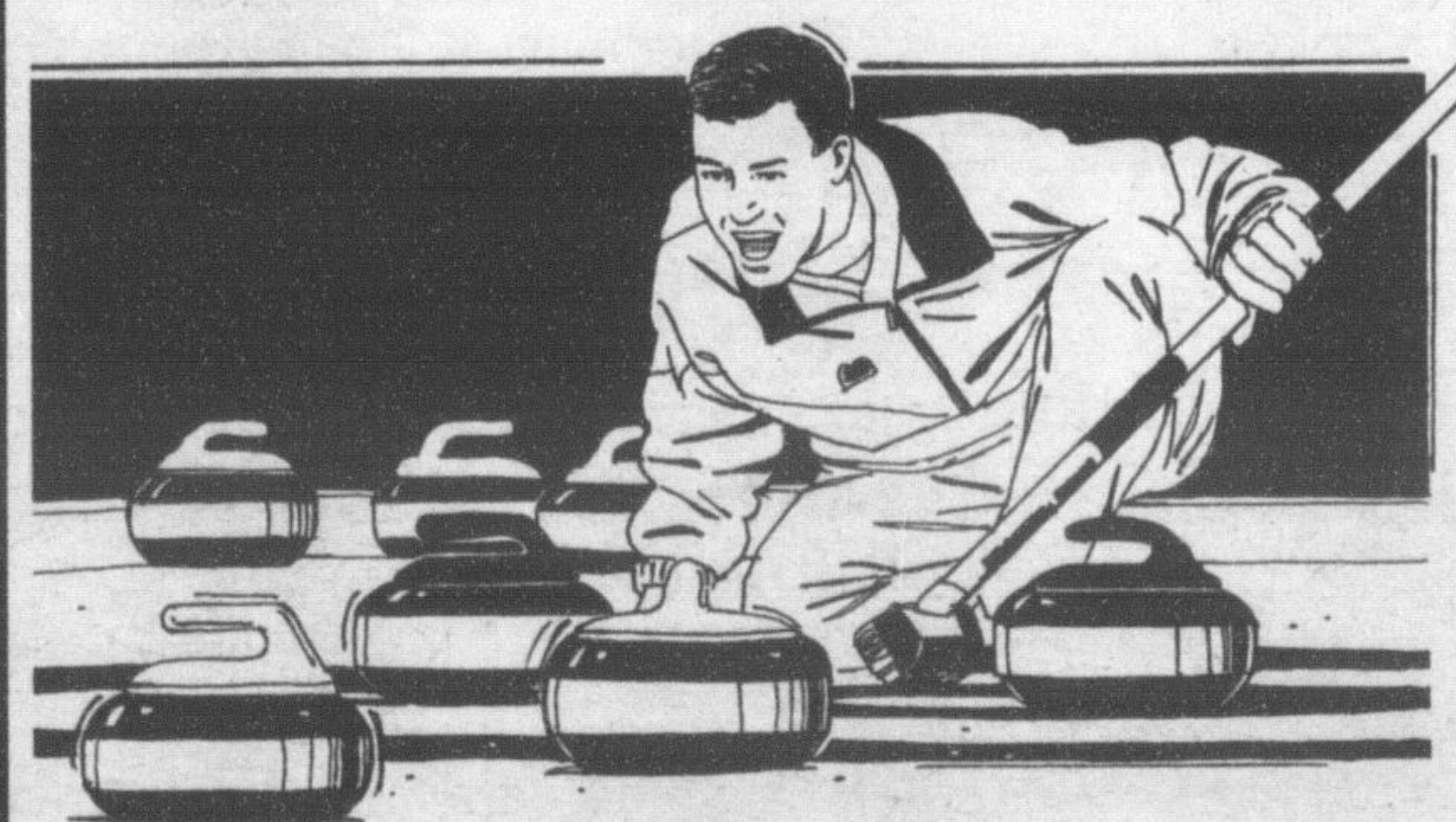
MD — looking to get back to the tier two finals this fall — also close out regular-season play today, at home against fellow front-runner Iroquois Ridge.

Both the Mustangs and Royals host first-round opponents Friday, and could clash in the quarterfinals October 31.

Meanwhile, E.C. Drury's senior girls field hockey team was eliminated 4-1 by Oakville Trafalgar Friday in the Halton semifinals. It was only the second loss in 28 games this season for the Spartans.

Kaitlyn Tsurda scored the lone goal.

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