

# Juveniles spank rivals

The juveniles' juggernaut rolls on. Continuing to steam-roll through its Niagara District opposition, Milton Minor Hockey's oldest team handily brushed back two more challenges last weekend to improve to 10-0.

With more than half of these wins secured in blowout fashion, the Winterhawks are in dire need of stiffer competition — and are hoping to secure some starting tonight at the highly-anticipated Ajax Tournament.

Playing for the first time at the new Sports Centre, Milton struck early and often to dismantle Thorold 10-3 Sunday night. Eight different hosts lit the lamp in a thoroughly-balanced mismatch.

Barry Kosmalski and Thomas Patrick each tallied twice, while singles were contributed by Kyle Burrell, Chris Coates, Scott McLaughlin, Julian Ricci, Conor

Sweeney and Paul Szafer.

In net for the victory was Mark Rosselle. Despite easing up somewhat in period two, the Winterhawks were never in a position to lose the game, which was also the case at their regular venue of Memorial Arena Saturday evening.

Burrell exploded for four goals and an assist to fuel an 8-2 thumping of St. Catharines.

In what was supposed to be one of the more competitive tilts of the season, the visitors kept things respectable for two periods before coming unraveled.

Evan Jeans potted a pair, while Patrick and Ricci rounded out the scoring with one apiece. Standing out with three helpers was Mike Winiarz.

Like Rosselle Sunday, Jon Sweetland was steady between the pipes but largely untested against St. Catharines.

# Wallace hoping big gamble pays off at Breeders Crown

Miltonian Ben Wallace is hoping the biggest gamble of his harness racing career pays off tomorrow evening at New Jersey's Meadowlands.

Wallace paid a \$50,000 (US) fee to supplement his colt Pronger to the \$542,500 Breeders Crown Three-Year-Old Colt Pace — the centerpiece of eight divisional championship races for two and three-year-olds to be held on the program.

More than \$4.2 million is up for grabs in harness racing's 'Super Bowl'.

"It's certainly a major gamble, but I thought he deserved a shot after the way he raced against older horses back home (at Mohawk) a couple weeks ago," explained Wallace, who owns and trains Pronger. "He raced a gorilla of a trip that night and then I raced him against some of these same colts (on November 15) and he beat them.

"He's fresh and sharp, and hopefully that works to his advantage."

Wallace was forced to make the hefty payment because Pronger wasn't kept eligible for the Breeders Crown when he was younger. He didn't race as a two-year-old and didn't come into his own until late summer.

Since then, however, the speedy son of Cambest has been a force to be reckoned with — winning 11 of 17 starts, including his last five in a row. Pronger, named after St. Louis Blues captain Chris Pronger, captured his \$25,000 elimination last weekend in impressive fashion.

"I battled with paying the \$50,000, but made up my mind last Monday and figured if the harness racing gods are with me, they'd kick me back some of the 50, and they did," said Wallace.

In a new twist to this year's Breeders Crown, elimination winners selected their post positions for the finals, and as Pronger and No Pan Intended were



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both elimination victors, they picked their posts before the rest of the field was drawn on Tuesday.

Wallace selected first and chose post three, while No Pan Intended owner Bob Glazer took the two hole.

Noted Wallace, "I took the three because I knew Bob would take the two and I didn't want to be too far away from him."

Ironically, Wallace's other entrant tomorrow night is Pans Culottes, a two-year-old pacing filly owned by none other than Glazer. Thus, he'll be trying to beat the Ohio owner in one race and win with him in the other.

"You've gotta love it," quipped Wallace.

Another Milton-area horse in Breeders Crown action is Amigo Hall in the Three-Year-Old Colt Trot.

The winner of the famed Hambletonian in August over the same racetrack, Amigo Hall is the 2-1 favourite for trainer Blair Burgess and his father Robert Burgess and wife Karin Olsson-Burgess of Campbellville and Walnut Hall Limited of Kentucky.

Miltonians Steve Condren and Chris Christoforou will also be at The Meadowlands to drive trotters In Conchnito and For The Luva Moni respectively in another pair of Breeders Crown races.

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