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## Hawks deliver rout to regain series lead

*Opening round series with Chargers on verge of getting out of control*

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**T**o move forward the IceHawks must now hold back — on the rough stuff that is.

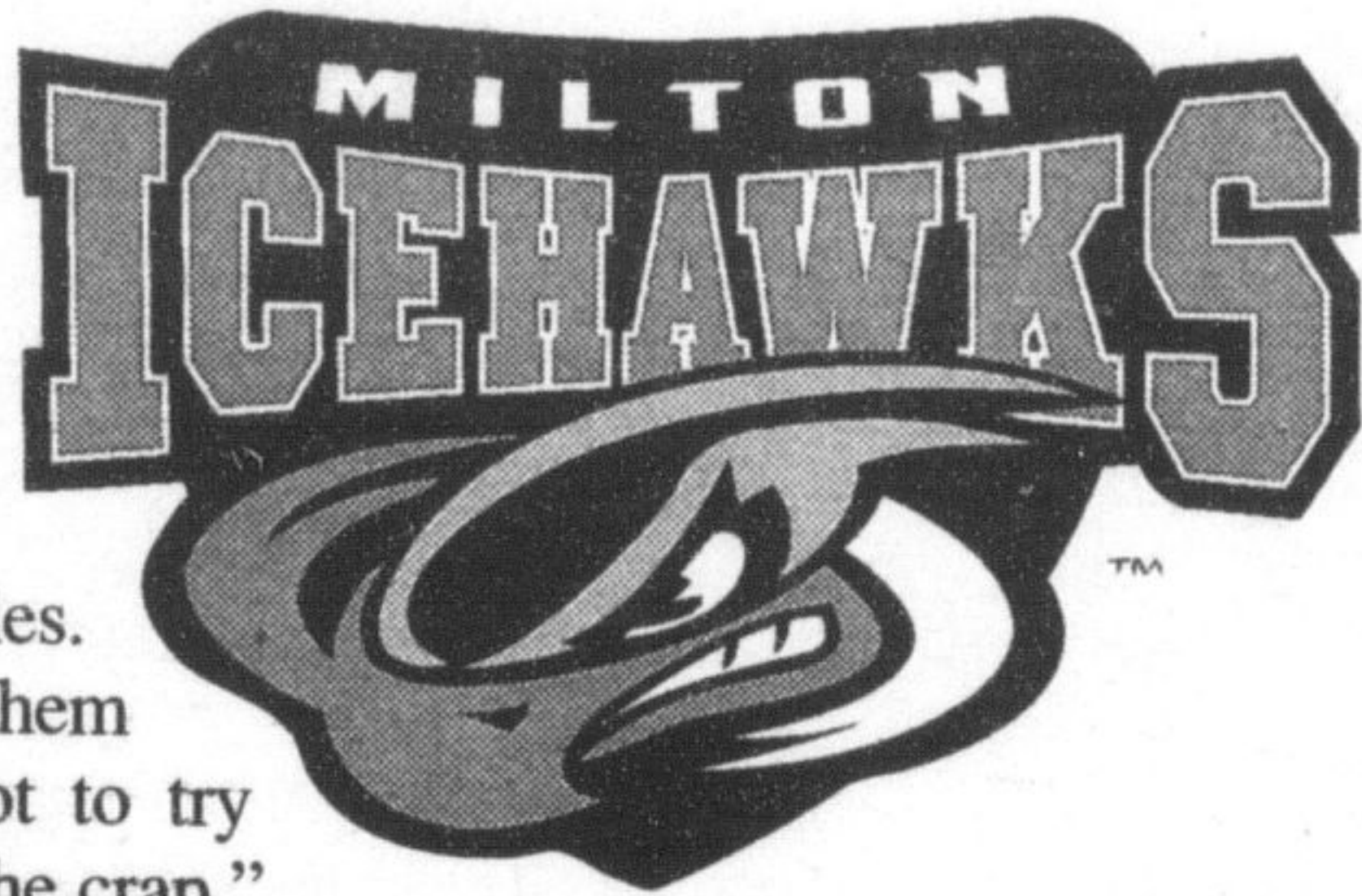
Taking that notion to heart at Memorial Arena Sunday, Milton's juniors maintained their composure during another punishing and confrontational encounter with Rick Bince's Mississauga Chargers.

That restraint resulted in an 8-2 thrashing of the intimidation-minded visitors, and gave Milton a two-games-to-one lead in a series that's threatening to turn chaotic — both on and off the ice.

"No retaliation — that was the difference," noted captain Dean Strong, whose team didn't start trading blows with the Chargers until long after the verdict had been delivered. "We stuck to our systems and won the key battles."

"I think we rattled them today. We've just got to try and stay away from the crap."

Echoing those sentiments was IceHawks owner Mario Forgione, who's currently behind the bench in replacement of suspended head coach George Dupont.



### Pleased with game three effort

"After dropping game two, the guys came back with a lot of character," said the interim skipper, on board to "create continuity" during Dupont's absence. "We were happy with the way they handled themselves (against the rough stuff)."

Capitalizing on Mississauga's blatant lack of discipline, Milton scored three times with the man-advantage. Two of those goals came from afternoon standout Julian Sarraino, who recorded the IceHawks' first hat-trick of the playoffs.

His powerplay markers both came on a five-minute major, punishment for Charger Matt Harris' nasty kick to a fallen Jonathan Ornelas.

In for his first playoff test as an IceHawk, Jamie Flury was solid but largely untested in the hometown cage. Ornelas and Adam Pileggi each tallied twice to fuel the lopsided victory.

Steadily-improving blueliner Ryan Bernardi — a recent first-round draft pick by Burlington's Jr. A lacrosse team — contributed three assists.

Sunday's blowout capped a hectic weekend in which the IceHawks and Chargers hooked up three times in just 46 hours. That made for an awful lot of extra-curricular activity and subsequent battle scars — especially with opponents that had laid the groundwork for a bitter rivalry through regular season play.

Each team prevailed at home, with the Chargers doing so by a 5-2 margin Saturday night at Malton Arena. This marked the first time Bince — a well-known, outspoken Milton coach through the



**IceHawk Ryan Bernardi tries to get loose from the clutches of Mississauga's Ryan Lee as the linesman looks on during Sunday's 8-2 Milton romp at Memorial Arena. The IceHawks now lead the emotionally-charged best-of-seven series two games to one.**

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early '90s — beat his former team in playoff action.

Frequently distracted by their hosts, the IceHawks had trouble getting into any kind of a groove — even after Strong notched his second of the night to draw them within a goal.

Remarked Forgione, "It (game two defeat) was an eye-opener. It really showed us what it's going to take to win this thing."

At Memorial Friday, the IceHawks struck a mere 12 seconds into the night — on a bottom-shelf wire by Ornelas — and hung

on to edge Mississauga 4-3.

Also lighting the lamp were Nick Dzieduszycki, Brett McCully and West Conference Defenceman of the Year Matthew French — who so far has been one of the focal points of the Milton-Mississauga rivalry.

The series continues tomorrow night at Etobicoke's Westwood Arena. Game time is 9 p.m.

**IceHawk notes:** Milton has scored first in all three first-round games and remains perfect on the penalty kill at 12-for-12 ... Nine IceHawk players have at least three points in the series, while three others have two ... Former IceHawk James Duhamel, Mississauga's leading sniper, had a goal and two assists Saturday, but has been held without a point in both games at Memorial ... The two teams return to Milton for game five Friday at 7:30 p.m. ... In other West Conference action, Oakville leads Burlington two games to one after an overtime victory Sunday, while Georgetown is up 1-0 on Bramalea.

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