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# Mavs feel sting of Oakville Buzz

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*The Champion*

Another slow start, another tough loss for the rebuilding Mavericks.

Stuck in neutral until well into the second period — fast becoming a trend this spring — Milton was once again stung by former coach Glenn Little and the Oakville Buzz Tuesday night at John Tonelli Sports Centre.

The 15-8 defeat came in front of a rather sparse crowd, which seemed more interested in the Maple Leafs' fate than that of the hometown juniors.

Scoring just one first-period goal for the fourth time in five games, the Mavericks worked themselves into a hefty hole and just couldn't make up the difference.

But as offensively frigid as the hosts were early on, flawed goal-tending and defense — which at times was non-existent — were equally concerning.

In fact about the only real bright spot on the night was a 5-for-8 powerplay campaign. At even strength the Mavericks couldn't work the outlet pass to any kind of effectiveness and were either unable or unwilling to brave high-traffic areas to create opportunities.

By contrast, the steadily-improving Buzz exhibited a fair amount of offensive depth — with eight different players denting the twine and half-a-dozen recording multi-point games.

For Milton, Troy Hazzard pushed his goal scoring streak to four games with a third-period deposit, while Matt Bolton, Jon Ram and Jon Sweetland all tallied twice.

Adam Rutz struggled to win key draws, but struck with the man-advantage and provided the biggest physical presence up front — at least through the late stages of play.

Acting captain Kyle Goertz — wearing the 'C' while Rick Gallinger continues to nurse a broken thumb — was limited to two assists. Adam Elias and Chris Ingraham split the cage work.

Now 1-4, Milton continues a three-game home stand tonight against head coach Trevor Reid's former team, the Scarborough Saints. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

## Takedown

E.C. Drury Spartans Karen Sturk (left) and Val Brighton team up to stop an Assumption Crusader ball carrier during season-opening girls rugby action at E.C. Monday afternoon. Assumption scored three tries to Drury's one and prevailed 17-7.

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## CORRECTION NOTICE

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