

# Sports

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

## ✓ Raring to go

Campbellville's Robert Grand (right) — an owner of Rogue Hall — gives the thumbs up with area driver Paul MacDonnell as the two took part in the post position draw for Saturday's \$1.6 million Pepsi North America Cup at Woodbine Racetrack. Now in its 21st year, it's the richest single harness race in North America — with the winner garnering more than \$800,000.

## ✓ Local Taekwon-Do students shine

Gold, silver and bronze rained down for Milton's JSC Taekwon-Do club at the recent provincial championships in Thornhill.

Sixteen local competitors secured at least one top-three finish each, with five-year-old Nathan-Lee Elmes — the club's youngest student — taking top honours in both pattern and breaking.

Among the children's ranks, Luka Tesla and Perston Wyatt also prevailed in breaking.

Ben Carriere and Iason Kamboureis each struck silver in both pattern and breaking, while Mathew Masse, Kevin Jackowski and Stephanie Tesla were each third in the two disciplines.

Rhys Law was second in breaking and

David Gaul and Brendan Geneau each grabbed a third-place finish — Gaul in breaking and Geneau in pattern.

Among the local adults competing, JSC's Wessel Engelbrecht, Lynnea Gooch and Tom Knott all won in fighting, with Carrie Cater finishing first in pattern and a second place in fighting going to Sean Baldwin.

## Mavs keep it respectable with Bulldogs

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

The Mavericks' 11-5 loss in Georgetown Sunday evening wasn't anything to get excited about.

But given the circumstances, it could have been much worse.

With Milton now a shell of its early-season contingent — which wasn't too successful in the first place — hopes weren't exactly high heading into battle against the South East Division-leading Halton Hills Bulldogs.

But a solid first half and credible cage work by Richard Fuoco combined to keep things respectable — and for a while, competitive.

As has been the case in recent weeks, the Mavericks' offensive efforts disappeared down the stretch, with Matt Bolton notching the only goal in the last 28 minutes of play.

He'd tally twice on the night, while Derek Blanchard — seeing his first junior action in quite some time — led Milton with four assists. J.J. Batchelor had three helpers, with single deposits coming from Mike Novak, Tyler Peltzer and Adam Rutz.

For Halton Hills, Todd Bloxam fueled the victory with three goals and four assists. Close behind with five points was Mike Dube, who recently became the Bulldogs' all-time leading scorer.

Sunday's loss dropped the Mavericks to 2-13.

Milton faced the Green Gaels last night and play host to the league-leading Akwesasne Lightning tomorrow at 7 p.m. at John Tonelli Sports Centre. They close out the week with a trip back to Georgetown Sunday evening.

While the Mavericks were officially eliminated from the play-offs earlier this month, Kyle Goertz — the team's scoring leader the past two years — has a shot at a long post-season run with Spartan.

Traded back to the Warriors recently, he now has five goals and an assist in three games, while Spartan still has a shot at overtaking Six Nations for top spot in the Western Conference.

Goertz, who's expected to make the jump to Jr. A next season, has 21 goals and 50 total points overall this year.

In other lacrosse action, Miltonians Kyle Arbuckle, Jim Leworthy and Andrew Hartholt are all back with defending Senior B champion K-W, who currently sit second behind Owen Sound.

Arbuckle is tied for second in league scoring with 27 points. Meanwhile, Matt DeCaire is in his second season with Orangeville's Jr. A Northmen and has five points in nine games with the second-place club.

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