

Senior Royals take another shellacking on the gridiron

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The Champion

Things just aren't getting easier for the senior Royals.

Still smarting from a week two massacre at the hands of Notre Dame, Bishop Reding took another giant-size pounding at home Thursday afternoon — getting steamrolled 56-0 by the powerhouse Nelson Lords.

In BR's defense, anything other than a total blowout would have been shocking. After all, Nelson is among the top-10 ranked clubs in the GTA, while the Royals are just returning to Halton's Division 1 ranks — and were missing half-a-dozen key veterans to boot.

Barely able to engineer a first-down drive, the hosts' offensive efforts were all but completely neutralized from start to finish.

Defensively, BR did make a few impressive tackles in the second half, while interceptions by Niall Clarke

and Jeff Tellier — against the Lords' back-up pivot, mind you — temporarily halted the onslaught.

Nelson's Josh Hilton ran for what could well be a season-high five touchdowns — delivering two in the final few minutes to add insult to injury.

While keeping things respectable with the Lords would have been a towering task under the best of circumstances, the absence of injured cornerstones like Chuck Allen, Harley Mouscos and Mike Rubino made it simply impossible.

And the Royals sure didn't make it any easier on themselves with a host of execution follies and — at times — downright gruesome special-teams play.

BR's seniors will look to make things much more respectable in Oakville Friday afternoon against Iroquois Ridge.

They're back at home October 22 to close out the regular season against Loyola. Both games start at 3:30 p.m.



Eternal Camination to be retired Oct. 23

After a brilliant performance at Mohawk October 2, that saw her all but capture a fourth consecutive Milton Stakes title, Eternal Camination is about to call it a career.

Harness racing's all-time leading money-winning female pacer — with earnings of \$4,104,390 — will be retired in a special ceremony at Woodbine on Breeders Crown night October 23.

"She's done her job. She deserves to retire," said trainer and co-owner Jeff Miller after Eternal Camination's runner-up finish in the Milton Stakes. "What more can you say about her that hasn't been said? She's been beyond our wildest imaginations.

"We hope she'll be a good mother after being such a great racehorse."

The dark bay seven-year-old daughter of Cam Fella and Cool World is completing her sixth season of racing for the Eternal Camination Stable of Haviland, Ohio.

Eric Ledford, her driver for most of her unparalleled career, said the three-time Breeders Crown champion is leaving the racetrack while she's still as game as ever.

"She gives you everything she's got every time she goes out there," said Ledford. "She's the most amazing horse I've ever seen. One thing about it, none of her defeats have been because of a lack of effort."

Elena and Ritchie capture Gold Final

Trevor Ritchie was quietly confident in Elena's chances heading into last Tuesday's Gold Final at Mohawk, and the Acton resident was proven correct when the filly delivered a solid 2:00.1 victory.

Leaving from post seven, Ritchie settled the San Pellegrino daughter in sixth place through the early going as favourite Honour Way logged opening fractions of :28.4 and :57.4. Heading for the 1:29.4 three-quarter mark, the veteran reinsman sent the filly up the outside behind Fan Favourite and then allowed her to power down the stretch to a one-and-a-half length win.

Explained Ritchie, "Down the backstretch she felt pretty good. I moved her and started to get her into the race a little bit. I got a little bit of cover for a little piece and when I fanned wide at the head of the lane she trotted home well."

Elena started her Ontario Sires Stakes season with a runner-up finish in a Grassroots event at Quinte Exhibition Raceway August 2. A 2:01.4 win in a division of the August 19 Robert Stewart Stakes at Woodbine earned the filly her ticket into the Gold Series, where she posted a first, second, third and seventh-place finish.

The two-year-old trotting fillies have one elimination round remaining on their schedule — October 30 and November 5 at Western Fair Raceway — and then the top-10 point earners will head to Woodbine for their \$300,000 Super Final.



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Team	GP	W	L	PT
Georgetown	2	2	0	4
E.C. Drury	1	1	0	2
Bishop Reding	2	1	1	2
Acton	2	1	1	2
Milton District	1	0	1	0
Christ the King	2	0	2	0

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Team	GP	W	L	PT
Georgetown	2	2	0	4
Christ the King	0	0	0	0
Bishop Reding	1	0	1	0
Milton District	1	0	1	0

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Team	GP	W	L	PT
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