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## Up and over

Milton District Mustang Todd Arruda sails over a pair of Christ the King tackles during senior football playoff action Wednesday afternoon in Georgetown. Despite spending much of the second half in the Jaguars' end, the Mustangs lost 14-8. The junior Mustangs will hope to fare a little better this afternoon, when they begin the playoffs at Burlington Central.

# IceHawks deliver shutout over shortstaffed Buzzers

By **STEVE LeBLANC**  
*The Champion*

Local Jr. A fans finding out second hand about Saturday evening's exhibition victory over St. Michael's shouldn't get too excited.

While the IceHawks' 4-0 win was certainly credible, it offered no indication of how they measure up against one of the Southern Conference's top teams.

That's because the Buzzers were without their entire front-line attack, as well as number one stopper and former IceHawk Kain Tisi.

After learning Milton's Halloween weekend tournament had been canceled, a number of St. Michael's players scheduled college visits — leaving the visitors without most of their offensive firepower for the inter-conference tilt that would be scheduled a few weeks later.

The IceHawks balanced the scales somewhat — sitting out top scorer Shandor Alphonso, Rookie-of-the-Year hopeful Matt Price and starting goalie Doug Groenestegge — but still had a clear edge from the word go Saturday.

About the only intriguing element of the night for the diehards was the debut of Jesse Jenish, a 6'3", 200-pound power forward who spent the last two seasons with the OHL's Saginaw Spirit.

The 19-year-old wasted little time making his pres-

ence felt, scoring the winning goal on a bottom-shelf deflection late in the first period.

His line did all the damage against St. Michael's, with captain Adam Pileggi tallying twice and freshman Kevin Morrison sinking a picture-perfect wraparound. The trio combined for 11 points, while sophomore defenceman Jeff Caister assisted on goal number two.

Among the Toronto Marlie minor midgets called up for Milton Saturday was former Maple Leaf Rick Vaive's 15-year-old son Justin, who was robbed on a break-away late in the second.

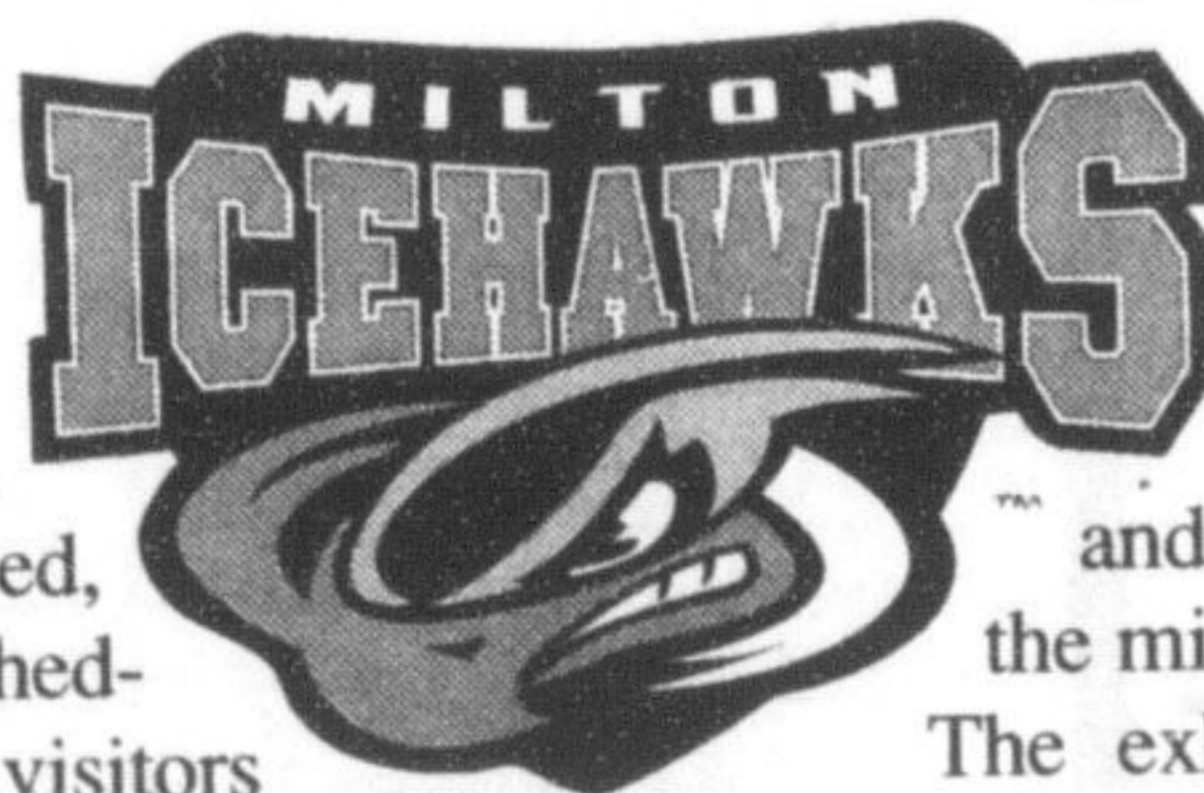
Back-up tenders Parker Van Buskirk and Carson Hau split the cage work down the middle and combined for 21 saves.

The exhibition clash actually featured more goals than penalties, as just three minor infractions were assessed all night.

Lasting just one hour and 47 minutes, the game is likely to be Milton's quickest this season.

St. Michael's is slated to host game two of the exhibition series sometime later this season — possibly around the holiday Newmarket Showcase.

The IceHawks had a golden opportunity to gain some ground on Hamilton last night, when the two teams squared off at Mountain Arena. Results were not available at press time. Milton is back at home Friday to begin a two-game home stand against Buffalo. Sunday afternoon they host Bramalea.



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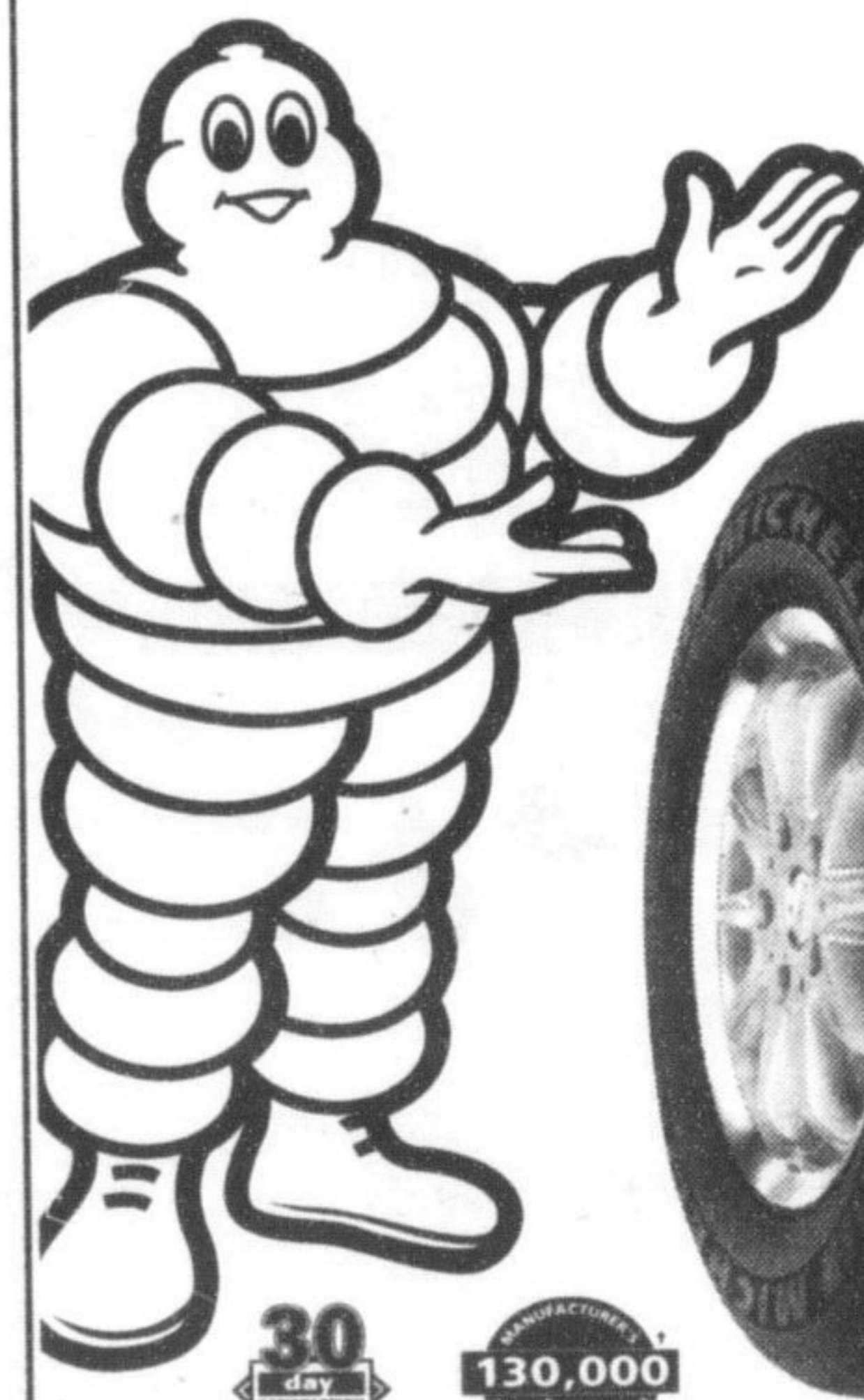
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