

# Tough finish for BR

Bishop Reding's first taste of 2005 senior football play was rather tough to swallow.

Surrendering a touchdown pass with just a minute-and-a-half remaining, the Division 1 Royals were eclipsed 18-16 by the Robert Bateman Wild Friday afternoon in Burlington.

Reding had taken the lead less than two minutes earlier on veteran receiver Marcos Gray's second major of the season-opening clash — a 54-yard pass and run from first-year senior quarterback Craig Howse.

"It was a game we should have and could have won," said dejected head coach Joe Jurus, whose Royals ended last season with a loss to the Wild as well, bowing to them 41-7 in Halton's 1-AA semifinals. "We played well but just couldn't finish it, and that falls on the coaches."

Besides Gray's 200-plus yard showcase — that included a 64-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter that put the visitors ahead 7-6 — Jurus was especially encouraged by the composure shown by Howse.

"It was a brilliant performance. Craig's

got physical and mental toughness, and he's only in grade 11."

The Royals' seasoned skipper also offered praise to punter Ryan Fernandes — who kept Bateman pinned deep for much of the game with some lengthy kicks — and his defensive unit, which held the Wild to a modest 80 yards on the ground.

Defensively, linebacker Mike Carn stood out with numerous tackles and half-back Todd Speakman came up with an interception — as did Gray.

Fernandes made good on both convert attempts and scored singles on missed field goal attempts of 36 and 28 yards in the second half.

Jurus said the key now will be to rectify some execution miscues and fortify a running game that was largely non-existent, contributing to a rather low six first downs.

"They're correctable mistakes," he said.

The Royals are back in action this Friday when they host Oakville's Loyola Hawks, while the Division 2 junior Royals get their season underway this afternoon at home against Georgetown's Christ the King. Both games start at 3:30 p.m.

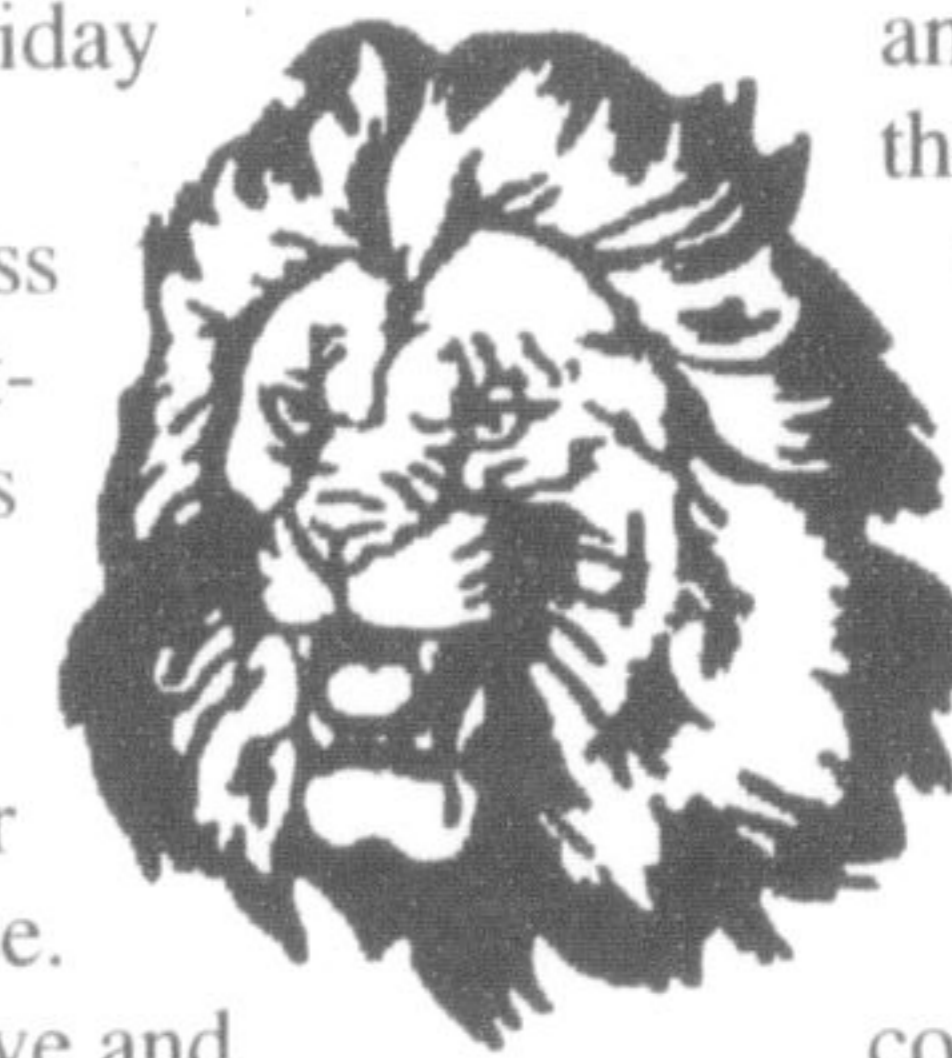


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## Battling for possession

E.C. Drury's Lisa Brown fights with an Aldershot opponent for the ball during senior girls field hockey play Thursday afternoon at Drury. The host Spartans lost the season opener 2-1, while their junior counterparts battled to a scoreless stalemate with Aldershot Thursday.

# 'Hawks intensify efforts to dump South's frontrunner

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The IceHawks know that talent alone will only take them so far, and decided to bring a more complete package to Mississauga Saturday morning.

Adding tenacity and teamwork to the mix — many might argue for the first time this season — Milton laid waste to its Governors' Showcase (formerly College Weekend) opposition at Erin Mills Twin Rinks.

With numerous scouts looking on, the IceHawks overcame a clear size disadvantage with a fierce forecheck and plenty of chemistry to dump the Southern Conference-leading Markham Waxers 9-2.

The decisive win capped another winning weekend for the IceHawks, who continue to sit atop the West at 6-0-1-1. "We didn't just win on talent today," said hometown sophomore centre Matt Price, who helped fuel the blowout with a goal and two assists. "We gave it our all for this one, showed some grit and won most of the key battles."

A 3-for-5 powerplay campaign and solid cage work by Zach Kleiman factored into the lopsided victory as well. But for the most part it was significant upgrades in terms of both team unity and intensity that allowed the IceHawks to skate away with their second convincing win over Markham in as many prospects weekend encounters.

Milton broke the previously-unbeaten Waxers' backs with a five-goal second period — chasing netminder Trevor O'Neill from the pipes shortly before intermission — and delivered one of its most disciplined outings of the still-young season.

Captain Luke Dubbin led the onslaught with the

team's first hat-trick of the year and added an assist on a goal by Brandon DeFazio. Kevin Morrison matched that point total with a goal and three helpers, while other multi-point games were recorded by Jeff Caister, Dan Falbo, Chase Langerap and Aaron Lewicki — whom Milton picked up early last week.

A grandson of Detroit Red Wings alumnus Daniel Lewicki, the 20-year-old centre last toiled with the OHL Barrie Colts and looks to be the emotional sparkplug Milton's offense needs.



At Memorial Arena Friday night, the IceHawks delivered a rather mediocre performance against the Streetsville Derbys — whom they'd dismantled 11-1 just 13 days earlier — and needed a last-minute empty netter by Justin Teakle to cement a 4-2 decision.

With veterans Ryan Bernardi and Jason Fortino returning to the blueline — after sitting out for a week with a tooth abscess and rib injury respectively — Milton held its hosts to 18 shots against rookie cager Andrew Loverock.

Fortino had a goal and an assist in his first game back, while Langerap and Matt Read rounded out the scoring in a game that was largely devoid of any flow due to Streetsville's non-stop parade to the penalty box. Caister and Dubbin each had two assists in the surprisingly-narrow victory, while Miltonian Steve Ellison notched the Derbys' second goal on a nifty cut inside and low wrist.

Currently enjoying their best start under head coach George Dupont, the IceHawks have arguably their easiest week of the season ahead — with just Friday's home game against the basement-dwelling Buffalo Jr. Sabres. Game time, as always, is 7:30 p.m.

## Minor atoms solid at tourney

Milton's AA minor atoms ran the gamut at this past weekend's pre-season Peterborough Tournament — recording a win, loss and draw.

Unfortunately this wasn't quite enough for advancement, as a late goal against in Saturday's 3-3 tie with the Oakville Rangers essentially kept the Winterhawks out of the semifinals.

Sandwiching this stalemate was Friday's

4-1 victory over the host Peterborough Nationals and Saturday's 3-2 loss to the Uxbridge Stars.

Aidan Atkinson enjoyed the lion's share of the scoring pie with a pair of goals and three assists, while close behind with three goals and a helper was Adam Wilson.

Marcus Kotyk, Austin DeZeeuw and Graydon Wessinger each contributed three points.

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