

Improved Mustangs lay beating on lowly Pearson

MD executes far better in shutout win

Now that's more like it. Rebounding from two fundamentally-flawed performances to open their Division 2 campaign — both resulting in decisive losses — the senior Mustangs snapped their early-season skid with a 37-0 pounding of lowly Lester B. Pearson Thursday night at Burlington's Nelson Stadium. "It was just better execution," said head coach Richard Grant. "We stuck to five plays and basically it was a much different story."

Ben Clifford enjoyed the lion's share of the scoring with a touchdown, four converts and three singles. Nick Vipond was just a point behind with two majors — scoring one on a big reception and another on a 27-yard run — while also reaching the end zone were Aaron Alston and captain and two-way standout Jared Tozer.

Far less confusion on blocking assignments aided MD's revitalized offense.

Defensively the Mustangs fared

much better as well, although the Patriots don't exactly boast a potent attack. Tozer stood out on defense at the linebacker post, while Patrick Brisebois helped stymie Pearson with a first-half interception that set the stage for a touchdown.

MD will look to keep things going in the right direction this Thursday, with its first home game of the season against the Aldershot Lions. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

The Mustangs close out the regular season the following week at home against Christ the King.

Juniors fall to Georgetown foes

Milton's junior high school football teams both fell short against Georgetown opposition last week.

Though making significant strides after a week-one humbling, Milton District couldn't quite break into the win column — surrendering up a touchdown with just a few minutes left to play and getting edged 20-17 by the host Christ the King Jaguars. The winning major was the only scoring done in the second half.

Mustang tail-back Zach Millar rushed for more than 100 yards on the day and delivered MD's first touchdown with a few lengthy runs and a five-yard end-zone scramble in the opening quarter.

From there full-back Wessel Engelbrecht punched one in from the two-yard line and Jon Riding put the Mustangs ahead before half-time with a 20-yard field

goal. He also booted both extra-point converts.

Meanwhile, Bishop Reding simply couldn't contain the visiting Georgetown Rebels' sweep and was topped 33-10.

Now 1-1, the Royals grabbed an early lead on a 38-yard field goal by Domenic Lizzi, who factored heavily into their lone touchdown with key gains to set up a one-yard end-zone push by quarterback Ethan O'Connor. Tony Patterson also carried the ball with some success against Georgetown after struggling to hold onto it in the season opener.

Both junior teams are back in action this afternoon, with BR visiting Oakville's St. Thomas Aquinas and MD playing host to Burlington Central. Both games start at 3:30 p.m.

Me and my shadow

Bishop Reding's Kathleen Johnston tries to limit the options of Alici Manuel of Acton during junior girls basketball play Wednesday. Acton won 26-10, but Bishop Reding would earn the split with a 40-21 victory in the senior showdown.

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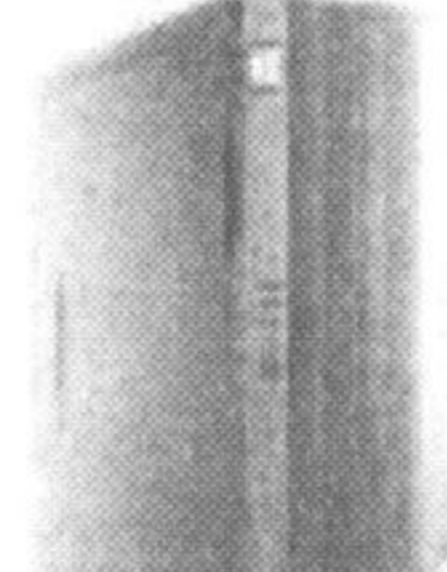
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