

# Sports

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## 'Hawks still tops

*Remain first in CJAHL rankings*

The IceHawks remain Canada's top Tier 2 Jr. A club.

With Saturday's 5-1 win over the defending Dudley-Hewitt Cup champion Georgetown Raiders, Milton kept its penthouse view of the CJAHL rankings — improving to 11-0-1-1 and staying ahead of Alberta's Fort McMurray Oil Barons of the AJHL.

The Nanaimo Clippers (BCHL), Spruce Grove Saints (AJHL) and LaRonge Ice Wolves (SJHL) round out the top five clubs for week three's rankings, released Tuesday. Also from the Provincial Jr. A League, the Markham Waxers sit 10th nationally.

The IceHawks remain the only team in the country without a regulation time loss and sport both the best goals-for and goals-against averages in their league.

Having been scored on just 23 times with just over a quarter of the schedule now complete, they're also likely to break the club record for fewest goals against in a season — set at 127 by the 1997/98 All-Ontario championship squad. Last year's team fell four goals shy of equaling that mark.

Matching or even breaking the franchise record for fewest losses in a season — established by the 1998/99 squad, which was beaten only five times — also seems within reach right now.

Milton has a relatively light schedule ahead, with just three games in the next two weeks — including tonight's home-ice tilt with the struggling Mississauga Chargers. Monday night the IceHawks head to Hamilton to take on the Red Wings.

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## Jr. Mustangs edge Reding

By STEVE LeBLANC  
*The Champion*

Bishop Reding's football juniors let victory slip through their fingers — literally.

Playing host to cross-town rival Milton District Tuesday afternoon, the Royals fumbled three times after taking an early lead and were eclipsed 7-6.

Jonathan Riding's extra-point kick proved to be the difference for the Mustangs, who were fresh off practising with the Hamilton Tigercats at IvorWynne Stadium Monday and improved to 2-2 after beginning the year with back-to-back losses.

Meanwhile, Royals fell to 1-3 and have been limited to just a pair of touchdowns since their season-opening 28-12 decision over Georgetown's Christ the King.

Greyson Shields, Tyler Alston and John Jones recovered the fumbles, while at least three defensive linemen combined to block host kicker Domenic Lizzi's 20-yard field goal attempt with under a minute remaining — essentially solidifying victory with the denial.

His team's primary ball carrier as well, Lizzi put Reding ahead about eight minutes into the game — punctuating a lengthy drive that began at midfield — but his convert boot was handily blocked.

MD's Zach Millar would counter with a second-quarter touchdown and was part of an effective one-two punch on the ground with Wessel Engelbrecht, who gained plenty of real estate before going down with what proved to be a very minor neck injury.

MD's defense read Lizzi and pivot Ethan O'Connor's plays with more and more success as the game wore on. For the Royals, O'Connor put together some substantial runs to keep victory hopes alive, while on the defensive side of things linebacker Tyler Lafontaine delivered a number of key tackles.

The Mustangs had little time to savour the cross-town triumph, as they head back to Ivor Wynne this morning to take on Aldershot. BR will look to snap its losing skid in Burlington Tuesday against Robert Bateman.



## 'Packin' a wallop

Milton School of Jiu Jitsu student Peter Hangiu (left) delivers a punch to opponent Brendan Murphy of the Muskoka Kickboxing Club during Sunday's Milton Jiu Jitsu Junior Tournament. Hangiu lost the match and placed third. The host club had 10 first-place finishers, including Codey Boers, Jessica Clattenburg, Mitch Clattenburg, Stefan Djolovic, Nick Harman, Brendon Godin, Hubert Maliszewski, Arie Moldvan, Brett Murray and Tristan Richardson.

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