

# Mavs make key strides in narrow defeat to Mimico

*Frittenburg leads solid effort with three goal performance*

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Maverick fans hoping for a source of encouragement were no doubt pleased upon departing John Tonelli Sports Centre Sunday night.

While the resurrected lacrosse team wasn't quite victorious in their second home game of the season, a 7-5 loss to division rival Mimico was definitely something to build on for a team that's just beginning to learn the ropes at the Jr. B level.

Fortifying their efforts after a 20-2 humbling at the hands of the host Oakville Buzz Friday, Milton was vastly improved in just about all aspects of play and enjoyed a five-minute lead in the second period — their first of the year — before being outdistanced by the Mountaineers.

Now back from university, hometown Maverick Lee Frittenburg led with three goals — the last of which put the hosts ahead 9:07 into the middle stanza — while Jeremy Smith was nothing short of exceptional in his first complete game between the pipes.

Added intensity down the stretch and much better execution on offense helped Milton keep

pace with Mimico all night — never falling behind by more than two goals.

Shane Scott and Tim Sztorc were the other marksmen, while assists went to Blake Bolton, Kyle Fountain, Kyle Hutchinson and Brandon Meagher.

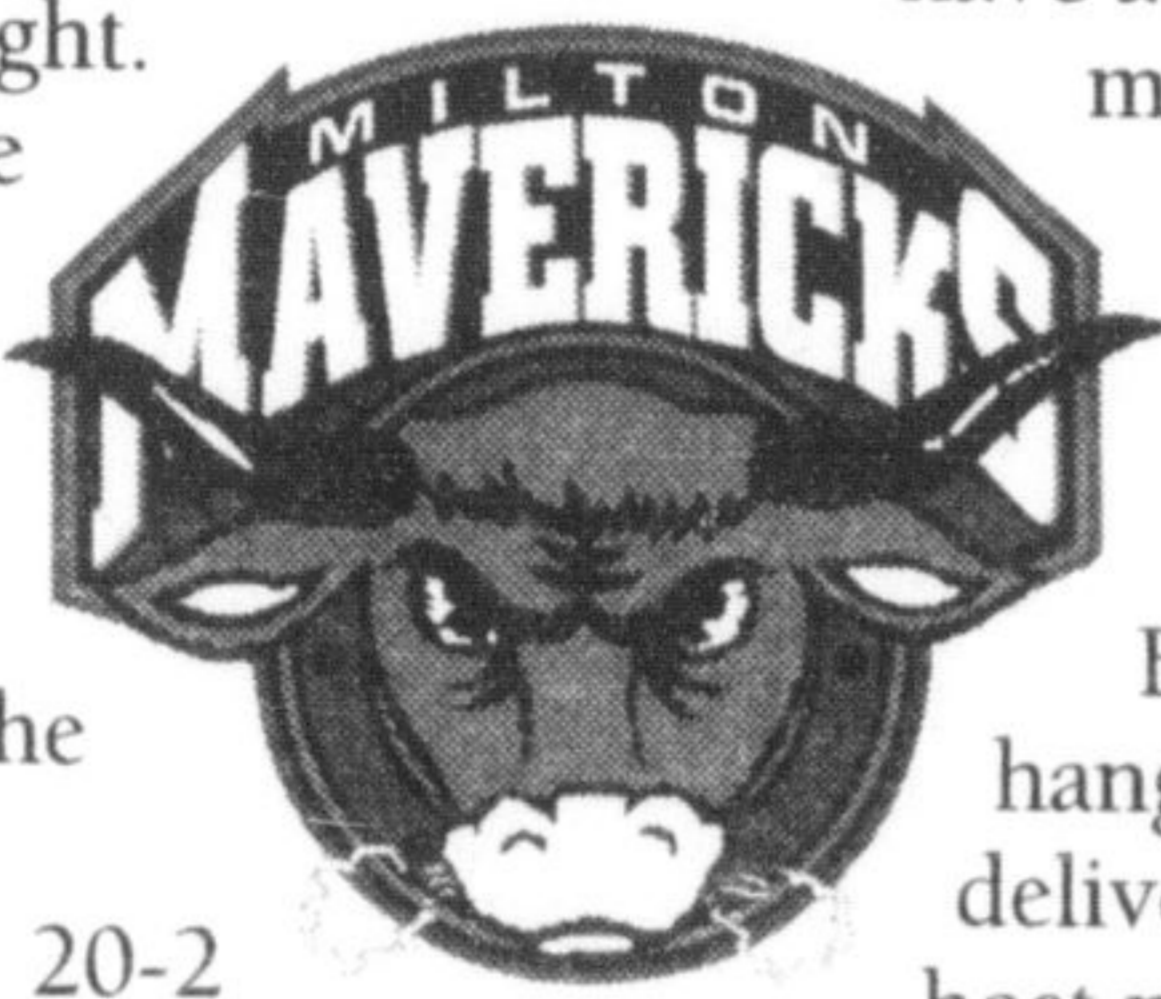
The Mavericks also enjoyed another sizable crowd Sunday, of roughly 250 spectators.

On a less positive note, the local juniors still have a lot of work to do when it comes to maintaining possession — something that was evident against Mimico and abundantly clear in Oakville Friday.

Against the high-powered Buzz, Milton had all sorts of trouble hanging onto the ball and as a result, delivered minimal offensive pressure on host netminder Gary Muzzin. Smith and Brooks Ash split the cage work for the visitors, while their goals came from Mike Cameron and Cody Peterson.

Former Maverick Brenden Thenhaus had four goals and three assists for the Buzz, while Miltonian Ian Goertz — an Oakville intermediate called up for the night — collected three helpers against his hometown team.

The Mavericks cap a two-game home stand Thursday against the Halton Hills Bulldogs. Game time is 8 p.m. From there they begin a four-game road trip Saturday against the expansion Cornwall Celtics.



# Local rinks combine to take Tankard title

*Armstrong, Oldford lead Milton to victory*

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Milton Curling Club has itself another provincial championship banner.

It comes courtesy of a pair of local rinks, whose combined efforts netted top honours at the recent finale of the Dominion Regalia Silver Tankard in Ajax.

Led by skips Ken Armstrong and Steve Oldford, Milton's Tankard entry went unbeaten through six rounds of competitions and punctuated its title drive with a convincing 23-9 decision over Darryl Prebble and Roy Weigand of Scarborough.

"Anytime you bring back a banner for your club it's huge," said Oldford, whose foursome was rounded out by brother Dave (vice), Darren Harkness

(second) and Craig Thomas (lead). "It's a great feeling."

Completed by vice Scott Brown, second David Ellis and lead Ron Brown, Armstrong's rink delivered a 13-5 individual victory in the finals, while Oldford's crew was nearly as dominant — winning 10-4.

"We made some big shots when we had to and the ice conditions seemed to favour the team that got out ahead," recalled Armstrong, now a four-time provincial champ.

Making Milton's Tankard triumph all the more rewarding was the fact that it marked the first provincial championship for four of the local curlers — Brown, Ellis, Harkness and Thomas. Furthermore, it was redemption for a narrow championship loss to Ilderton in 1997.

"We really should have won that year, we don't like to talk about it," quipped Armstrong.

Milton's highlight of the Tankard playdowns — at least from a competitive standpoint — came in the semifinals against Brantford. Both tied heading into the 10th end with the hammer, Armstrong and Oldford each secured a go-ahead point to squeak by with identical 7-6 wins.

"It was pretty exciting," noted Oldford.

Armstrong's own triumph was especially dramatic, having battled back from a 5-2 deficit after six ends to eke out the victory.

The two local rinks turned back challenges from Staynor, Orangeville, Elmvale and Owen Sound to reach the final four in Ajax.

One weekend after securing the Tankard championship, Armstrong's daughter Leigh — who along with Ellis claimed a provincial elementary school title 10 years ago — was part of a John Epping-skipped mixed team that reigned supreme at the provincial championships in Orangeville.

"That was really cool, for father and daughter to win titles on back-to-back weekends," said Armstrong.



Milton Curling Club's Tankard championship squad.

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