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**DENIED:** Milton Maverick goaltender Richie Fuoco turns back a Mimico Mountaineer attacker during regular season-ending play at John Tonelli Sports Centre Sunday afternoon. The Mavericks lost 13-10 — hitting the double-digit mark for just the second time this season — to close out the year at 1-19.

## Forgione confirms 'Hawks up for sale

*Campbellville's Rick Heinz expected to buy local club*

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The Milton IceHawks will likely fly under new ownership this coming season.

While remaining tight-lipped about any specific details, owner Mario Forgione confirmed yesterday afternoon that he's in negotiations to sell the local Tier 2 Jr. A club.

"All I can say is that we're entertaining offers from a number of individuals and we anticipate having a deal completed within the next week or two," he told *The Champion*.

Campbellville resident and well-known hockey school operator Rick Heinz is believed to be the leading contender to take over ownership, and there's been talk that he already has a



Rick Heinz

tentative deal in place.

Addressing the matter yesterday, Heinz — a former NHL puckstopper — would only say that he is indeed one of the interested parties.

"Yeah, I'm a prospect," he remarked.

There's no word yet on what the probable sale would mean for either the IceHawks' recent affiliation with the OHL's Mississauga IceDogs — which Forgione also owns — or for Jay Anderson, who was brought on as Milton's new head coach in mid-April.

Ironically enough, Anderson had parted ways with the Georgetown Raiders just a few days earlier, shortly after Heinz was believed to have bought the neighbouring Provincial Jr. A club — a deal that eventually fell apart.

"I'm completely in the dark, nobody's contacted me," said a clearly-frustrated Anderson Wednesday afternoon. "I have no idea what's going to happen."

Under his short-lived and unofficial reign with Georgetown, Heinz said he wanted to focus more on developing local talent and move away from having OHL overager-stacked teams.

He also indicated he'd be a hands-on owner, and possibly assume the general manager post as well.

One way or another, the IceHawks are in the midst of their biggest rebuild in recent memory — with no returning players on board for the 2006/07 season.

Forwards Matt Read and Adam DeJong were the only two players originally expected to return this coming season, but Read has opted to play with Des Moines in the United States Hockey League (USHL) and DeJong has been traded to Georgetown for Alex Paiement.

## Jr. Red Sox put brakes on mini slump

*Upstage Brampton with well-rounded performance*

The Junior Red Sox broke out of a mini mid-season rut in dominant style at Brian Best Park Sunday afternoon.

However, efforts the following night provided a much bigger source of encouragement for manager Glenn Turner.

Up against a far more formidable opponent in Brampton Monday evening, Milton delivered one of its most fundamentally-sound performances of the season to topple the Royals 5-2.

Coupled with Sunday's 12-2 shellacking of the less-than-stellar Georgetown Eagles — which followed a pair of sub-par outings — the Red Sox now sit at 7-4-1, half-a-game up on Burlington for fourth place in the COBA as of last night.

"We were in a bit of a funk there last week, but we bounded back against Georgetown. That got us our confidence back, and basically it just carried over to last night (Monday)," said Turner.



Monday's win marked the first game of the season for local star Liam Tennant, who'll see spot duty with the local juniors when he's not competing with the Senior Red Sox.

Without question one of the best junior-level players around, he came in to get the final two outs after the Royals threatened to turn the tide with a couple of runs off P.J. McColl in the ninth.

Otherwise, Milton was in topnotch form, with Scott McTrach working seven innings of shutout ball — surrendering just three hits

and striking out seven batters — and catcher Nick Mazzorato driving in four runs on two hits to continue a potent 2006 campaign.

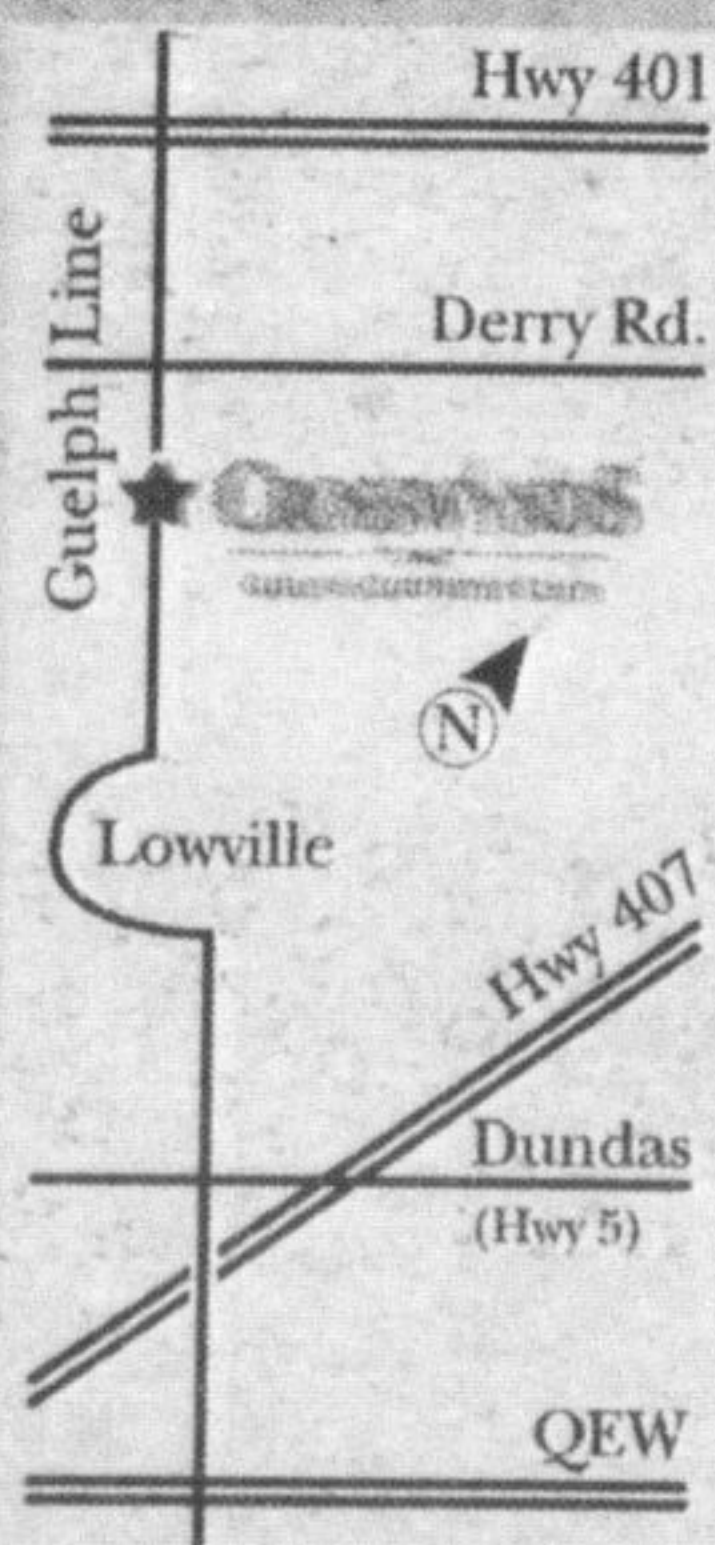
Chris Shadlock also had a pair of hits, while Brian Hunter reached base four times and scored twice.

At Brian Best Sunday, the Red Sox faced minimal resistance from their North Halton rivals and mercied them in eight innings.

Mazzorato and Sean Mathé had back-to-back homers to highlight a fifth-inning uprising — Mazzorato's a two-run blast and Mathé's a solo shot — while Lee Mathé went 3-for-6 to help fuel the onslaught.

Aaron Mark picked up the victory with five solid innings on the mound.

The Red Sox will look to build on their recent wins Sunday afternoon, when they play host to third-place Stoney Creek at Brian Best. Game time is 1 p.m.



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