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Marauders dumped in opener

Rebuilding team falls hard to Tri-City

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SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

A new era in Marauders football got off to a rocky start Saturday, as they

were gunned down 49-0 by the visiting Tri-City Outlaws.

Tri-City had a 16-0 lead before the game was 10 minutes old, and looked remarkably like the Marauders of two

seasons ago — when they dominated the Northern Football Conference.

In fact, former Marauder players played key roles for the Outlaws. Domenic Camastro threw the first Tri-City touchdown, running back Jon Nedeljkovic had several scores on the ground and defensive back Jason Nunez had an interception.

Very little went right for the rebuilding Marauders through the early going. Their first pass was intercepted, and Tri-City scored on the following play. The subsequent kick-off was fumbled and Tri-City scored two plays later. On their next two possessions, Milton was forced to surrender safeties.

Then — backed up at their 10-yard line — the Marauders put together an impressive drive. John D'Ovidio started it off with a five-yard carry, then quarterback Stuart Schiassi connected with Jamie Radway for a first down.

George Baiden had several impressive ground gains and then a great catch by Kirshawn Thompson picked up 29 yards. Finally, however, in Outlaws' territory, Milton went for the first down on fourth and two, and Schiassi's throw to a receiver came up short.

Insult to injury

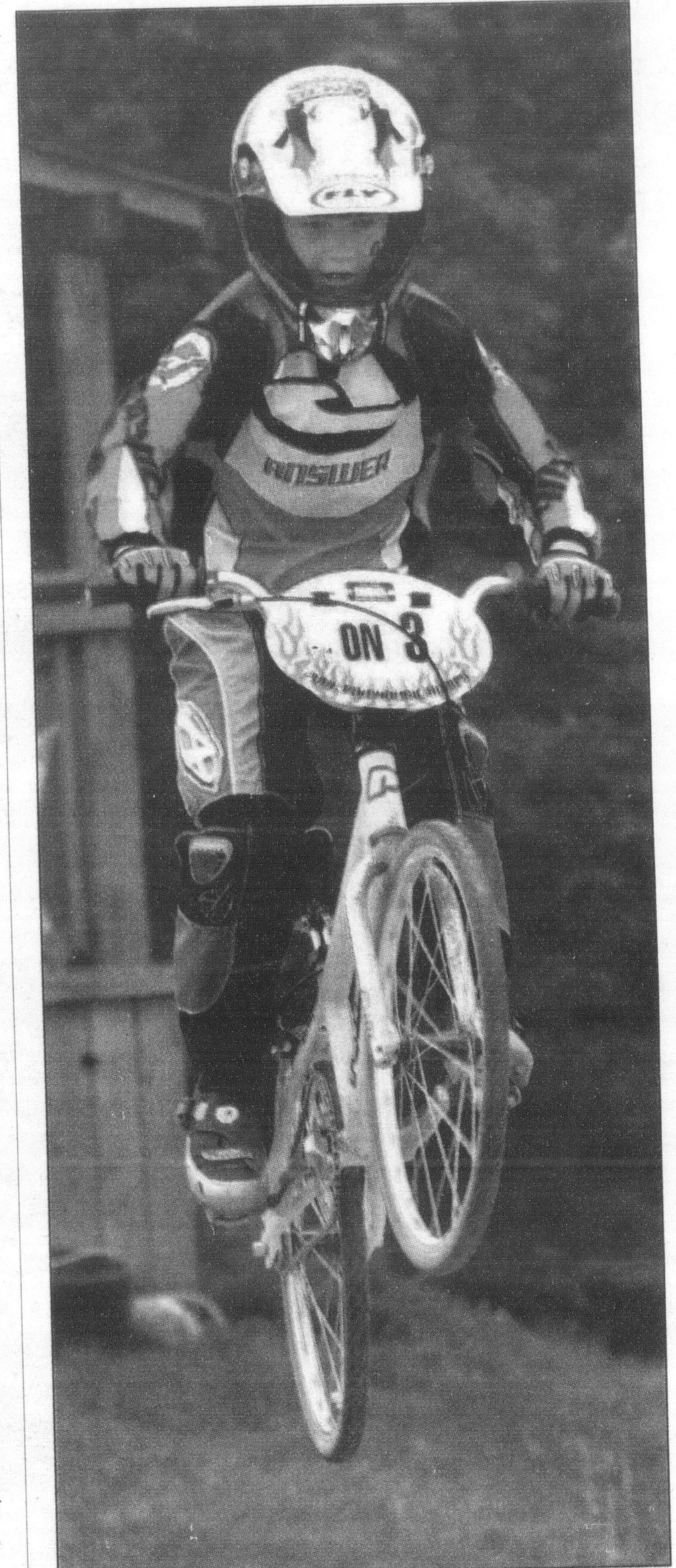
Tri-City turned around and with the clock ticking down to zero seconds remaining in the half connected on a long bomb from midfield to make the score 25-0.

Given the circumstances, the lopsided defeat was hardly surprising — or cause to hit the panic button.

For starters, Tri-City is one of the elite teams in the league, so losing to them is no shame. Secondly, the Marauders haven't had time to practise as much as other teams because of the ownership ordeal. And thirdly, hardly any players returned from last year's team. On top of all that, several of Milton's key personnel weren't able to play due to injury.

The secondary appeared to be the Marauders' biggest weakness, but against the run Milton was actually

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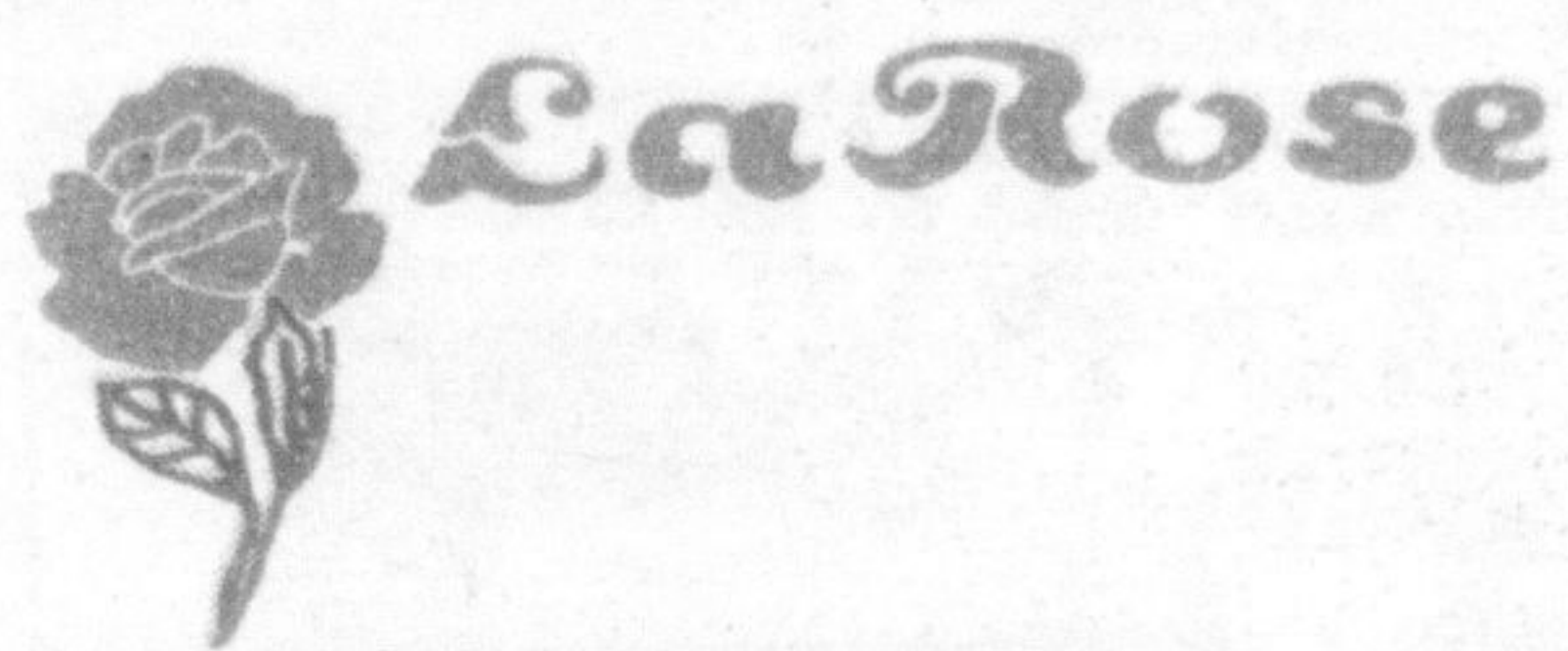


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EASY RIDER: Ten-year-old Anthony Richard catches some air off a jump while tackling Track 2000 during the recent open house for the 2007 season.

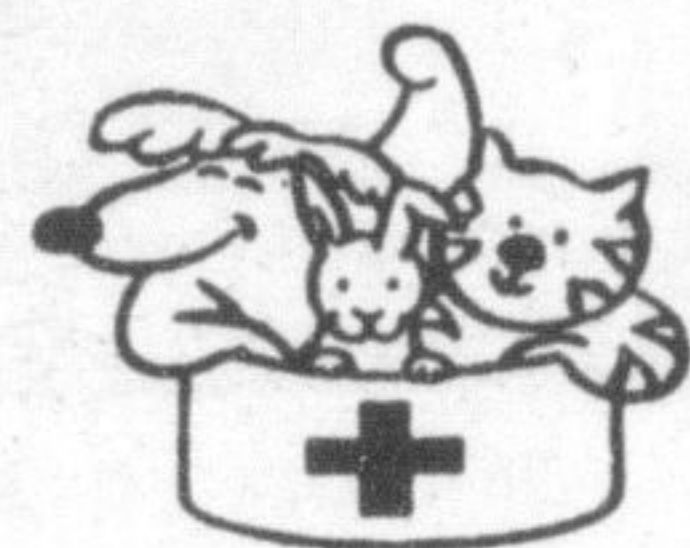
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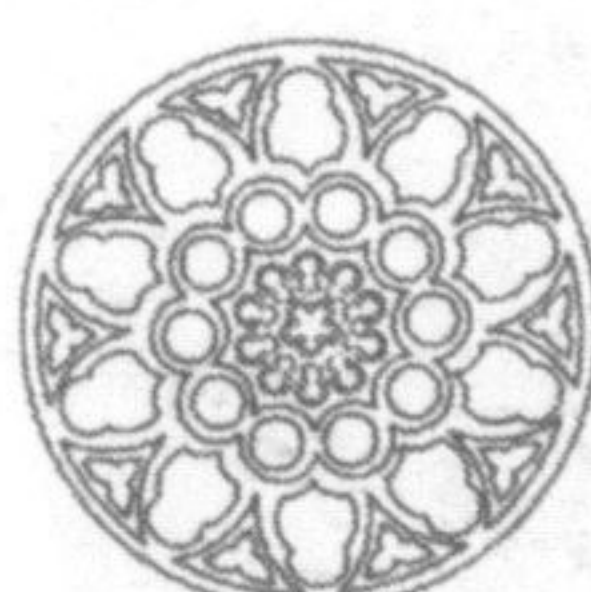
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