

Mustangs whip Rebels 18-0 in opener

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It's been more than a decade since Milton District High School has fielded a senior boys football team, but it looks like they picked up right where they left off when they whipped the Georgetown Rebels 18-0 Friday in Georgetown.

Using a punishing running game and a penetrating defence, Mustangs continually stymied any Georgetown comeback in the second half of the game, after scoring all their points in the first half.

Milton showed how they were going to play on the first series of plays of the game. They took the opening kick off and, using nothing but the ground game, marched down the field to a score. Bob Milne capped the drive with a three-yard run for the major. Ben Swarbrick converted the touchdown.

The Milton defence, thought to be the strong point of the team going into the game, barely got a chance to show what they could do in the first half of the match.

The first time Georgetown got the ball, after the opening touchdown, they fumbled the ball on their first play from scrimmage. The ball was recovered by Mike Antonucci of Milton. The blow that jarred the ball loose was delivered by Darren Goertzen.

Milton wasted no time in turning that into points, with Swarbrick splitting the uprights on a 22-yard

field goal giving Milton a 10-0 lead.

The Georgetown woes continued when a fumble occurred on their second try at running a play. This time the loose ball was jumped on by David Wheelihan.

Once again, Milton turned the gift into points with Jim Speck scoring on a one-yard run. Once again Swarbrick hailed the convert.

That wasn't to be the end of the Milton first-half scoring though. On the ensuing kickoff, the last play of the half it turns out, Georgetown fumbled the football deep into the endzone and were forced to concede a single point, making the halftime score 18-0.

Georgetown came out in the second half looking like a new team. They took the opening kickoff and drove 80 yards, threatening to get on the scoreboard. That threat was short-lived, though, when the Rebels decided to put the ball in the air on this windy day. It was picked off by Swarbrick.

Turnovers continued to plague both teams, but neither could put any points on the scoreboard and the game ended 18-0.

"We planned on running the ball when we came into the game," said a very satisfied Keith Pearce, the head coach of the Mustangs. "I'm really pleased with the way we ran the ball."

Running the ball was certainly the strong point for the Mustangs. Both

Speck and Steve Fleet gained more than 100 yards on the day while Fleet, the fullback, also provided exceptional blocking for both the quarterback and the other runners.

According to defensive coach Ian Newell, the Milton defenders played

an exceptional game.

"Our guys were breaking through their offensive line and causing some real hell in their backfield. The boys worked extremely well as a team and showed a lot of spirit," he said.

Other defenders praised by Newell include Mike Walker, the defensive captain, and linemen Ken Wilkinson and Paul Moreau.

Milton's next game is Friday when Lord Elgin High School from Burlington comes to town.



Photo by JEFF PASQUALE

Bob Milne carries the ball for some of his over 100 yards rushing for the Milton District High School senior football team in their 18-0 romp over the Georgetown Rebels Friday in Georgetown. Milne also had a touchdown in his total. Jim Speck also added over 100 yards and a touchdown.

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