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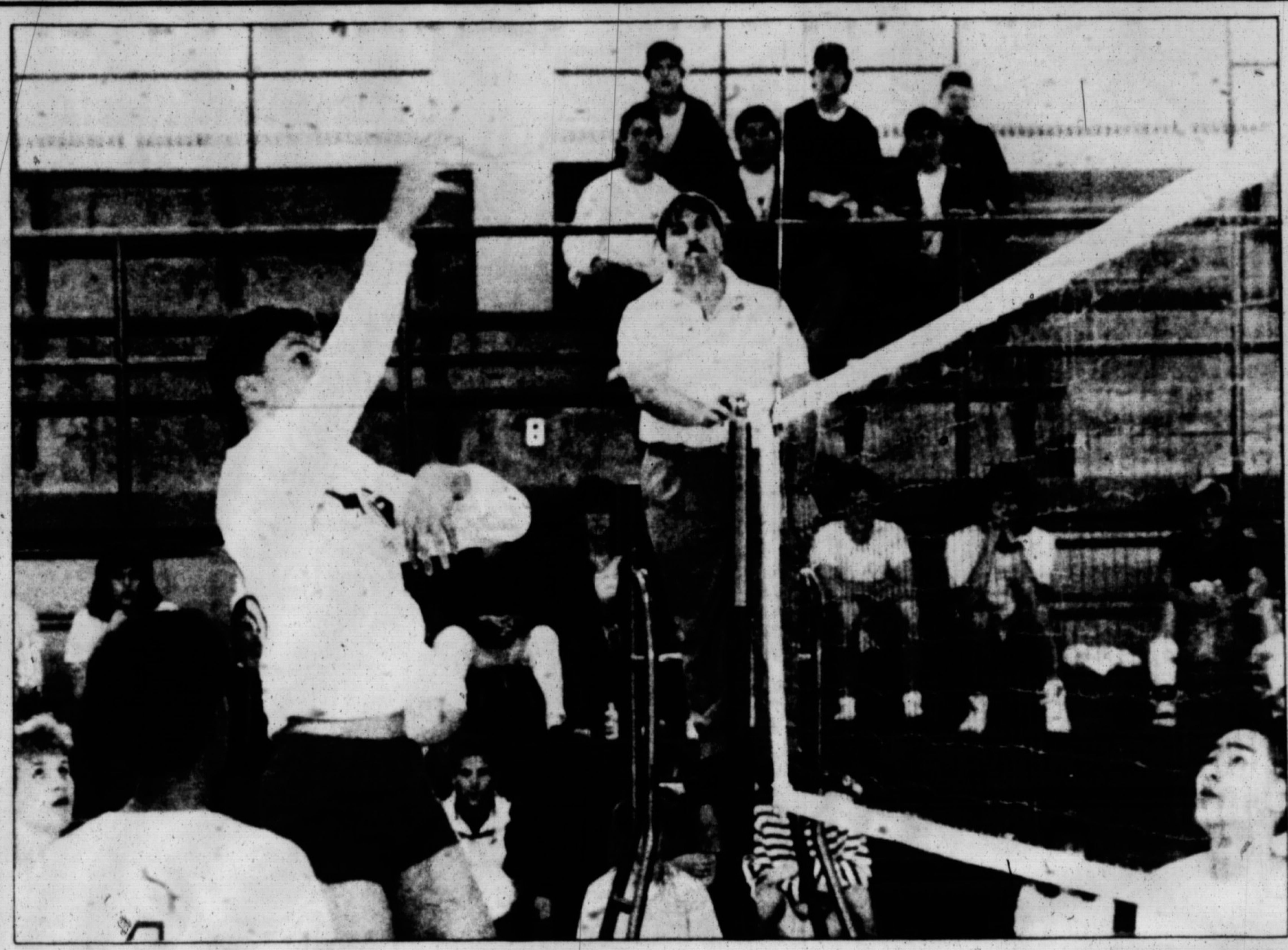


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Spike time

The action was fast and furious in this junior boys volleyball match between the E.C. Drury and Whiteoaks. Drury won the game and are now preparing for the Halton playoffs.

Merchant undefeated streak ends at seven

By JEFF PASQUALE

The Milton Merchants came crashing back to earth Tuesday in Streetsville as they suffered a 5-3 loss, at the hands of the Derbys. The loss snapped Milton's seven-game undefeated streak as their record dropped to 6-2-1 on the year.

Milton coach Rick Bince called the loss the Merchants' worst effort of the year.

"It wasn't a great effort and we'll have a few more of those this year," said Bince. "They've got guys that can really fly. We're not as fast as Streetsville man-to-man and they outskated us."

Tied for second

The win gave Streetsville a share of second place in the seven-team West Division of the Central Ontario Jr. B Hockey League. Both teams have played nine games.

Milton fell behind 4-0 in the first period and tried in vain for the rest of the game to come back. On the night the Merchants were outshot 49-34.

Streetsville's Rocky Signorile opened the scoring less than three minutes into the game and that marker was followed by Len Pereira, Jim McGroarty and Bill Davidson all finding the range.

Milton came back and cut the lead in half before the first intermission as both Pat O'Leary and Ken Guilford found the range behind Streetsville goalie Kevin O'Neil.

Checking became closer in the second period as tempers also began to flare with McGroarty tipping in a point shot by Kyle Richmond to give Streetsville a 5-2 bulge heading into the final frame.

The game got rougher in the third period but only Milton's Mike Dunphy could bend the twine for either team.

"After the first 10 minutes of the game (when Streetsville scored four times), we settled down. From our point of view it was just a sloppy game," said Bince.

The big news for the Merchant's lineup is the probable return of Graham Taylor, a natural scorer who popped 22 goals in the 25 games he played for the Merchants last year. Taylor is expected to be in the lineup for next weekend's games.

"I'm still trying to make a couple of deals. I'm not pushing the panic button but it's time for the boys to get to work."

The Merchants now return home and host the Derbys tonight (Friday) at 8 p.m. at Milton Memorial Arena. They then get a week off before playing back-to-back games with Burlington, hosting the Cougars next Friday and travelling to Burlington Saturday.

Cross-country

Mustang girls win two team titles

By JEFF PASQUALE

It's getting to become a habit, but once again this year Milton schools will have a large representation at the Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Association (OFSAA) cross-country championships.

The largest contingent will come from Milton District High School, who, qualified three teams for OFSAA after Wednesday's Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) final held at Westdale High School in Hamilton.

Both the midget and senior girls teams won their races while the midget boys team continued their surprising performance and finished second.

The top two teams in each of the six divisions qualified for OFSAA, which is being held Saturday, Nov. 4, at Boyne Conservation Area in Woodbridge.

"We were quite happy with our results," said Mustang coach Bert Vella. "It's hard to say what our chances are at OFSAA, I haven't seen any of the eastern or northern teams run. If everything falls into place, though, the midget girls team is our best chance for a gold medal."

Karen Johnston led the midgets with a fifth place finish. Paula Ashby was sixth, Melanie McCuaig seventh and Robin Ellison ninth. For the winning seniors, Tara Laskosky came home in fourth place, Erica Pease was fifth, Joy Henderson ended up seventh and junior Kristy Picard was ninth.

Bishop Reding Roman Catholic Secondary School will be sending two individuals to OFSAA, Chris Check who finished fourth in the junior boys and fifth place Mike Wyman in the senior boys competi-

tion. "We were hoping our senior boys team might qualify, but we ended up

a distant third (the top two teams continue to OFSAA)," said Reding coach Darrel MacDonald. "Our

midget girls were fifth. We're very happy with the way the program is progressing."

Mustangs lose first game of season

By MATT GUINEY
Special to The Champion

The winning steak is over. The Milton District High School junior football team dropped their final game of the season, 20-0, to Assumption High School Crusaders, Wednesday at General Brock High School in Burlington.

It was a battle for first place in the Tier II loop as both teams went into the game with perfect 5-0 records. But it just wasn't Milton's game to win.

In the first quarter, Milton had a chance to take early control of the game. Quarterback Glen McBryde threw a perfect strike to a wide open Corey Howitt at midfield, but Howitt couldn't find the handle on the ball and Milton was forced to

punt. Assumption took the ball at the Mustang 40 yard line and five plays later Greg Knahnart took a handoff from 15 yards out, swept around the right end and into the endzone for the major. The convert was missed and Assumption led 6-0.

Milton didn't give up, marching the ball from their own 38 yard line to the Crusader 28 yard line. On fourth down and less than a yard coach Keith Swarbrick decided to gamble for the first down instead of attempting a long field goal. But, instead of the expected fullback run up the middle the call was a QB sneak. McBryde was pushed back for a loss of a yard and Assumption took over.

"I made the wrong call," Swarbrick said. "The boys didn't play bad. As-

sumption is a good team and were very prepared, but by no means are unbeatable. We should play them again in the championship."

The Crusaders wasted no time scoring as J.J. Hope got the prettiest touchdown of the day. He caught the ball on the Milton 25 yard line but instead of going out of bounds he turned upfield. Nearing the Milton goal line and only one man to beat, he leaped over the Mustang defender for a touchdown. The score at the end of a half was 13-0.

Hope rounded off the scoring in the game when he ran five yards on a reverse in the third quarter.

The second-place Mustangs now face Burlington Central in the first round of the playoffs, Wednesday at 3:30 at MDHS.

Devils rout Freddy's in men's hockey

The Apple Auto Glass Devil's trio of Jeff Bullock, Mike Mangotich and Tom Chuchmach connected for a total of 12 points as the Devils routed Fat Freddy's 9-2.

Chuchmach led the way with two goals and three assists while Mangotich tallied once and had three helpers and Bullock pulled the trigger twice and had an assist. Rounding out Apple's scoring was Perri Hood with two goals and Jeff Sanford and Chris Turner who had one each. Ken Fox and Paul Boivin did the damage for the Fatmen.

Late in the game an obviously frustrated Klaus Krutzberg, Freddy's goaltender, drew a match

penalty for fighting with Apple's Paul Wilson.

The Milton Winterhawks defeated the Carefree Flyers 5-2 in the second contest of the night. Bob Landry scored twice for the winners with Trevor Riebot, Steve Wilson and Andy Broadbent each finding the range once. Rookie Brad Roelefson scored once and assisted on Brad Nadalin's marker to account for the Flyer's scoring.

Another hot line on the evening's card was SKD's Bob Mills, Todd Laing and Mark Haskett who combined for 10 points in their 7-3 win over Milton Skate and Exchange Kings.

Mills scored a hat trick and drew an assist while

Laing gained revenge on his former teammates by notching a goal and three assists. Haskett had two helpers while the other goal scorers for the SKD Blues were Greg Faucher, Derek Meraleese and Richard Shannon. Eric Ellison, John Leoprich and Pat McCanus took care of the King's scoring.

Apple Auto and SKD are now tied for first in the standings with a win and a tie while Carefree is alone in last with two losses. The other three teams have all split their games.

On tap this week are games between Fat Freddy's and Winterhawks, Milton Pro Sport vs. Apple Auto and SKD vs. Carefree.