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ROYAL REPORT

with NIKKI ST. JOHN

Midget girls down MDHS

The midget girls basketball team defeated Milton District High School 33-10 last Friday and came from behind to win 20-18 over Georgetown. Strong play from Mariana Hrkac, Christina Carter and Nicole Lee led the team to victory.

In senior action the girls hosted M.M. Robinson in a rematch of last year's Halton championship. Staying true to their title form, the Royals defeated the Rams 38-22. The dominant player for Bishop Reding, scoring 13 points and getting 11 steals, was Carla Johnston.

The girls also travelled to Barrie and came away losing two out of three games against two of the top teams in the province.

Friday the Royals beat Etobicoke to qualify for the semifinal against Markham, the number one ranked team in the province. Although putting up a strong defensive effort, the girls were no match for their opponents. Milton was then defeated by Belleville and finished fourth.

The junior and senior volleyball teams travelled to M.M. Robinson last Thursday, where the juniors lost both games but the seniors won 2-1.

The cross country team travelled to Boyd Conservation Area Friday to compete in the Cardinal Carter Invitational. Royal runners did well, with the midget girls finishing ninth in a field of 22 teams. Top individual finishers for BR were Erin Wrigglesworth in midget girls, Dave Boere in junior boys and Gord Kenny in senior boys, who placed an outstanding sixth in a field of 194 runners.

The team is looking forward to the Halton championships, where they will attempt to defend their title.

The field hockey team lost by one to Georgetown in their final game of the year last week. The girls played one of their stronger games and are looking forward to playoff action.

In the previous week's action, the volleyball and basketball teams opened their seasons on a positive note. The junior and senior volleyballers hosted Milton District, and, after losing the opening games, fought back to win the next two.

The juniors also played at home against a strong E.C. Drury team and lost two games to one.

The junior and senior girls basketball teams opened their season at Drury with a split. The seniors won 52-29, with Johnston leading the way at 17 points. Jackie Shaw had 15. The juniors lost 41-34. Top scorer for the Royals was Sabrina Mascarini with 13 points.

The field hockey squad racked up two victories beating Burlington Central 3-1 and Nelson 3-0. Catherine Kemp notched two goals and Cristy Busby added one.

At the Oktoberfest International in Kitchener, the cross country team challenged Chicopee ski hills. The junior boys placed sixth out of 42 teams. Mike Stefanac was 11th out of 391 competitors. Wrigglesworth was strong for the midget girls again, Matt O'Brien for the midget boys, Corrie Parton in junior girls and Kenny for the senior boys.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Over the top

Milton Mustang tight end Barrett Gabriel tries to shed three Georgetown defenders last Friday afternoon at Milton District High School. The senior Mustangs beat Georgetown 30-6 and improved their record to 3-1. See the high school report on page 24.

Brooke Johnson reaches a milestone winning another cross-country race

Senior girls cross country runner Brooke Johnson turned in a milestone performance at the Halton cross country finals as the W.I. Dick Middle School runner captured her third consecutive first place finish.

Johnson had earlier led her team to a pennant win at the North Halton meet on October 7, and at the Cedarvale Invitational in Georgetown late in September.

Johnson's teammates on the pennant winning team at the North Halton's were Abbey Blinch, Megan Anderson, Beth Meehan, Sarah Polcz and Sharon McArthur.

In boys action, for the first time in many years the Wildcat cross country teams didn't win a pennant. But they still posted impressive individual results.

Ross Smith in intermediate boys led the way with a first in the North Halton's, a second in the Cedarvale event and 10th running in the senior category at the Halton meet.

Colin Carroll was the top senior boys winner, finishing sixth at the North Halton's, seventh at Cedarvale and 24th in the Halton meet.

Andrew McArthur was second at the Georgetown Optimist Meet, fifth at Cedarvale, 10th at North Halton

and 16th at the Halton meet.

Bryan Gent was a strong member of the intermediate team with his fifth consecutive first place finish in the Georgetown Optimist event. He was fifth at Cedarvale, 10th at North Halton and 16th as a senior at the Halton regional meet.

Carroll ran seventh for the senior boys. Chris Huft was 15th, Will McGinnis 20th and Peter Kroll 25th. The team won third place ribbons in the North Halton competition.

In other girls action Ashley Leskun ran fourth at the North Halton's in the junior category. Chrissie Henderson was seventh, Ashley Wocker ninth, Christie Robertson 10th.

At Cedarvale, Henderson was third, Leskun fourth, Nicole Cannon sixth, Wocker seventh and Vanessa Gunter 11th.

In intermediate competition, Kendra Miller ran 12th at the North Halton's. Starlene Anderson was 19th, Kristy Clucas 20th, Carmen Smeitink 21st and Melanie Casson 22nd. At Cedarvale, Clucas was 15th, Smeitink 16th and Miller 18th.



Merchants still have Derbys' number

By STEVE LEBLANC
Special to The Champion

After a successful home and home series last week, it is clear the Milton Merchants still have Streetsville's number.

While at times it wasn't pretty, the hometown Junior A squad cranked out a 4-2 victory over the sixth place Derbys Friday evening at Memorial Arena and skated away to a 5-3 win in Streetsville last Tuesday night. The Merchants have lost only one hockey game to the Derbys since the 1991-92 season. This record includes three straight victories over Streetsville in last season's opening round playoff series.

The pair of wins give Milton a second place tie with the Burlington Cougars in Central Ontario Provincial Junior A West Division standings. They boast a 6-2 season record and are currently riding a four game winning streak.

However, their latest win Friday evening didn't come without a price as the Merchants lost two key players in team captain Daner Finn and defenceman Colin Anders. Finn took a match penalty for slashing in the final minute of the game and will be gone for four games while Anders suffered a broken hand blocking a slapshot in the third period and will be out for four to six weeks.

Due to Anders' injury, the Merchants have acquired rear guard Kevin Halliday from Notre Dame — a gifted young defenceman who should add some punch to the team's blueline roster. Milton also picked up defenceman Rick MacDonald from the Oakville Blades two weeks ago and he has played some solid hockey for the club so far.

Milton has also released centre Sean Payne and rear guard Bob Brandon.

"I enjoyed the two games this week. We didn't do a whole lot of scoring but we moved the puck well and the guys have been familiarizing themselves with the game and with each other," said Merchant head coach Rick Bince. "Our goaltending has also been improving. Jeff Lillie played a good game Friday night and was great two weeks ago against Royal York."

Milton stormed out with an outstanding first period Friday night but couldn't put the puck in Streetsville's net despite keeping the game in their end for more than 15 minutes. Derby forward Shane Nuttley took a pass from captain Jamie Wensley and buried a shot past Lillie at 5:20 to give his team a one goal

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