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Wildcat girls get silver medal

The W.I. Dick girls basketball team claimed the silver medal at the Williams Parkway Invitational tournament, led by an outstanding performance by Nikki Damp.

In their first game, the Wildcats outscored the host team 25-18 to move across to the winning side of the eight team draw. Damp led the team with a strong offensive performance of 10 points. Brooke Johnson and Nicole Maher scored four points each in the victory.

Damp was the heroine in a closely fought contest against Georgetown rival Centennial, as she scored the game winner on the final buzzer to advance W.I. Dick to the championship contest with a 33-32 win.

In the final the Wildcats were outclassed by a well coached Rolling Meadows team from Burlington, who won their third championship in three years.

Great Lakes gold for skaters

The Milton Skating Club attended the 21st Great Lakes Winter Skating Festival recently.

The following skaters won gold medals: Jackie Aalbers in freeskate, Sarah Paul in figures, Lauren Robinson in figures, Lindee Haringa in figures, Melissa Visconti in freeskate, Ashleigh Lockwood in freeskate, Karyn Cseff in figures and Amanda Tonelli in figures.

Silver medals were won by Nicole LaForest in freeskate, Christel Peebles in figures, Alicia Visconti in figures and freeskate, Sarah Paul in freeskate and Melissa Visconti in elements.

Bronze medals were won by Lauren Robinson in freeskate, Sarah Paul in elements, Jackie Aalbers in elements, Meaghan O'Brien in elements and Maureen Kado in elements.

Whitlock leader in age group

Eleven members of the Milton Runners track club were among more than 400 who raced in the popular Robbie Burns Day eight kilometre run in Burlington on January 23.

The first Milton finisher was Neil Whitlock who crossed in 26 minutes, 53 seconds. Ed Whitlock was first in his age group in 29:32, Sue Leeder was second in her age group in 34:32, Jeff Villeneuve finished in 36:45, Tina Braam was second in her age group in 37:16, Connie Hearty finished in 37:34, Martin Carney crossed in 39:18, George Gillis's time was 39:45, Petra Halk 45:17, Eva Villeneuve finished in 52 minutes flat and Phyllis Roberts in 53:17.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Heavy metal

Or is that medals? Shawna Turner of the Milton Springer's Gymnastic Club won the all-around gold medal in Oakville at the second provincial championship qualifying meet on the weekend. She was first in vault, second in beam and floor exercises and fourth on bars.

Bantam girls sweep to tournament victory

The Monarch bantam girls basketball team swept their first tournament of the year on January 22-23.

The Monarch squad downed the Toronto Raiders 43-28 in their first game as Brooke Johnson led both teams with 12 points. Lisa Brown, Nicole Maher and Melissa Villa played strong defensive games.

The second tournament game for Monarch, a 47-33 comeback win against Hamilton Transway, was the key to winning the weekend competition.

Hamilton jumped out to a 23-17 half-time lead. Katherine Wendling's 17 points led all scorers but the key to the win was the defence. The Monarch girls gave up only 10 points in the second half. Anne Gleeson, Amy Hall-McLaughlin and Erin Walsh led the aggressive Monarch defence. Kristen Haringa and Jenny Mascarin used their size and strength to out-rebound Transway and control the backboards as Milton won the second half 30-10.

The final game against Woodbridge Omega was a relatively easy 49-17 win. Monarch was ahead 20-3 after the first quarter and they coasted the rest of the game. Jaclyn Hunt and Katherine Wendling com-

bined for 19 Milton points to lead the scorers. Carmen Smeitink, Erin Rennie, Jennifer McManus and Sabrina Linder shut down the Omega team's offence with their strong defence and rebounding.

In house league action the Wolverines beat the Spartans 8-2 and the Boilermakers beat the Buckeyes 12-2 in Big 10 action. Outstanding games were turned in by Chris Cavison, Meagan Kay, Michelle Merritt and Ryne Funk.

In Big East house league action the Hoyas beat the Huskies 22-20 and the Hurricanes beat the Wildcats 30-24. Outstanding players were Daniel Botticella, Mike Theriault, Ryan Tyrer and Brendan LaCourse.

In Boys ACC action the Seminoles beat the Blue Devils 46-44 and the Tar Heels knocked off the Cavaliers 32-30. Outstanding players were Easton Hanna, Stefan Linder, Jesse St. John and Jacob Warmels.

In the girls division the Tigers beat the Cowboys 12-8 with Yvonne Robinson and Allison Ley getting the outstanding player nods, and the Jayhawks beat the Cowboys 32-22 with Desiree Meszaros and Christine Wraw getting outstanding player recognition.

A Capital win for Merchants

By STEVE LEBLANC
Special to The Champion

It took more than three hours, but the Milton Merchants were able to derail Brampton's express-train to the top of the West Division Friday night with a 5-4 win at Memorial Arena.

In their longest game of the season, one filled with shoving matches, fistfights and questionable officiating, the Merchants won another battle in their ongoing war with the Capitals — who have moved into third place after a great month of January.

Milton finished their Brampton series with a 4-2 decision in their favor. A 5-3 win over the Royal York Rangers Saturday extended their winning streak to eight games. The Merchants went for number nine Monday night in Burlington (game results were not available at press time).

"We dominated the play tonight," said head coach Rick Bince, following Friday night's victory. "We had control for the entire game. If it wasn't for their goaltender, we would have had four or five more goals. He played a fantastic game."

Newcomer James Boyd put Milton on the scoreboard first in the opening period when he one-timed a slapshot past Capital puckstopper Chris Billingsley at 7:46, with some help from linemates Scott Bertoli and Troy Sweet.

While turning in some sloppy hockey in the first, Brampton took control on a late powerplay and evened things at 18:51, when team scoring leader Ryan Foster skated into the slot and put one between Scott Hay's legs. Assisting on the play were Phil Miaskowski and Blaine McCauley.

Hay held strong through the middle frame and stonewalled Brampton-attackers while his teammates mounted a three-goal lead — thanks to solid penalty killing by Pat Henneberry, and great forechecking by all three forward lines.

Rear guard Bradley Collins connected on a wrist shot at 4:26, Troy

Sweet fired a slapshot into the top right corner of Brampton's net at 8:16, and Mike McPhail completed a great tic-tac-toe (with help from captain Daner Finn and Jamie Janjevich) at 14:21. Also drawing assists were Janjevich, Ryan Delorande and Rick MacDonald.

While Milton dominated the final period, a couple of bad clearing attempts in their end led to a pair of unassisted goals by Brampton forward Miaskowski around the midway mark.

Fortunately, Sweet drove home a rebound shot at 15:18 for his second goal of the game to give the Merchants some security in the final few minutes of play. His goal proved to be the game winner as Miaskowski turned the hattrick in the final minute on a goal-mouth scramble.

The Merchants faced a much-improved Ranger squad Saturday in Mimico, but still managed to come away decisive winners in a 5-3 win.

Jeff Lillie faced 30 shots on net and scored his second win in as many weeks, with some particularly effective netminding in the first and third periods.

Sniper Delorande was hot Saturday and turned the hattrick, scoring his 26th, 27th and 28th goals of the season. Linemate Jamie Janjevich picked up assists on all three of Delorande's goals, while Doug Mann notched a pair as well.

Merchant Notes: Two Milton Merchants were honoured during the Central Ontario Junior A League's awards announcement Wednesday. First-year winger Bertoli was named Rookie of the Year and veteran Mike Cox won the Most Gentlemanly (Sportsmanlike) Player award.

Team scoring leader Jamie Janjevich, who was just edged out of the Most Improved Player award by Oakville captain Kent Williams, doubled his 1992-93 point total over the weekend and now has 88 points (35 goals and 53 assists). Delorande has 68 points (28 goals, 40 assists).

The Merchants will finish the regular season at home Friday night against the Streetsville Derbys.

Spence a dynamo on wrestling mat

E.C. Drury High School Dynamo Wrestling Club affiliate Chris Spence won his second consecutive provincial silver medal on Sunday at the University of Western Ontario in London.

Spence was faced with a repeat of the 1993 final in which he fell to University of Guelph wrestler Zoltan Hanyady. Hanyady won his second straight title and is currently ranked number three in the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU).

Spence's four wins on the way to the silver were nonetheless remarkable in that he now wrestles out of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, a school with no wrestling program.

Spence, a freshman, has been limited to only two tournaments this year and just recently managed to secure a spot to train with the University of Toronto team. As a silver medallist he may be asked to compete with Team Ontario at the nationals in Moncton in March.

Competing at the tournament for Drury's high school team were James Miller and Lee Black. Miller, though still a junior, went 2-2 in a good showing. Black had a tough draw, going 1-2 and losing to the eventual champion, and losing a close match with the bronze medal finalist.

E.C. Drury will have 20 wrestlers competing in the Ontario Cadet-Junior Championships at Brock University this weekend.