Fellow teammates selected Dubien and Mike Beimel of St. Mary's, Pennsylvania as captains by a secret ballot as the team prepares for its 39 game season.

"Damien is our number one workhorse, without a doubt," Duquesne coach Mike Wilson said. "His experience will really help this season."

Dubien returns to the Dukes as the team's number one starting pitcher. The lefthanded fireballer posted a disappointing 1-10 record in 1993but notched 56 strikeouts in 58.1 innings.

In addition he picked up valuable experience pitching for the Canadian National team at the World University Games in Buffalo. Dubien shut out Cuba, the eventual gold medalists, during a one inning stint and beat the United States by pitching five and a third innings of scoreless relief.

"Since this is my first year coaching at Duquesne, I didn't fell it was my place to choose captains," Wilson said. "I must say that I couldn't

have asked for two better guys." Co-captian Beimel returns to the March 2.



Damien Dubien

earn after a one year hiatus. Two years ago as a freshman, Beimel started in 27 of the team's 31 games, posting a solid .292 average with four stolen bases and was tied for second on the team in RBI with 18.

The Dukes' season begins on

In other first-round action, Hamil-

ton will take on Royal York, Bur-

Janjevich suspended for first four playoff games after spearing penalty

 from TOP SCORER on page 24 their team's lack of discipline. Bince contends that "a more consistent team lington battles Georgetown and effort" is going to be required for Brampton goes head-to-head with them to knock off the Oakville Streetsville. Blades.

On January 31, the Merchants turned in a solid team effort but took a heartbreaking 4-3 overtime loss to the Burlington Cougars.

Milton held a 3-2 lead heading into the last minute of the third when Cougar Mike Ellis buried a shot past Hay to force overtime.

It didn't take long for Burlington to end the game as captain Adam Copeland put one past Hay at 28 seconds to claim the victory.

Also scoring for Burlington were Wes Wiseman and Charlie Lawson while goaltender Steve Valiquette recorded the win.

Turner, Janjevich and MacDonald drew goals for Milton with Sweet. James Boyd, McArthur, Delorande and Bertoli picking up assists.

Merchant Notes: Milton began their best-of-seven series with the Blades last night (Tuesday) in Oakville.

Game results were not available at press time.

The Blades were perhaps the most consistent team in the West Division this season and have a strong defensive unit that includes Defenceman of the Year Justin Ball.

Game two of the series is set for Friday night in Milton while the teams return to Oakville Sunday at 7:30 p.m. for game three. Game four will be played next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Milton.

If a fifth game is necessary, it will be played Friday, February 18 at 8 p.m. in Oallville while a sixth game is scheduled for Sunday, February 20 in Milton at 7 p.m.

A seventh game would go Tuesday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Oakville.

Curlers bow out in Diamond Seniors

The Milton Curling Club ladies Diamond Seniors shaded Milton by a 6-5 margin. lost to Simcoe and Weston at the provincial championships in Navan, Ont. recently.

Simcoe edged the Milton ladies 8-7 and Weston quality of the competition.

Milton spokesperson Audrey Schreiber said the host club was exceptionally gracious and praised the

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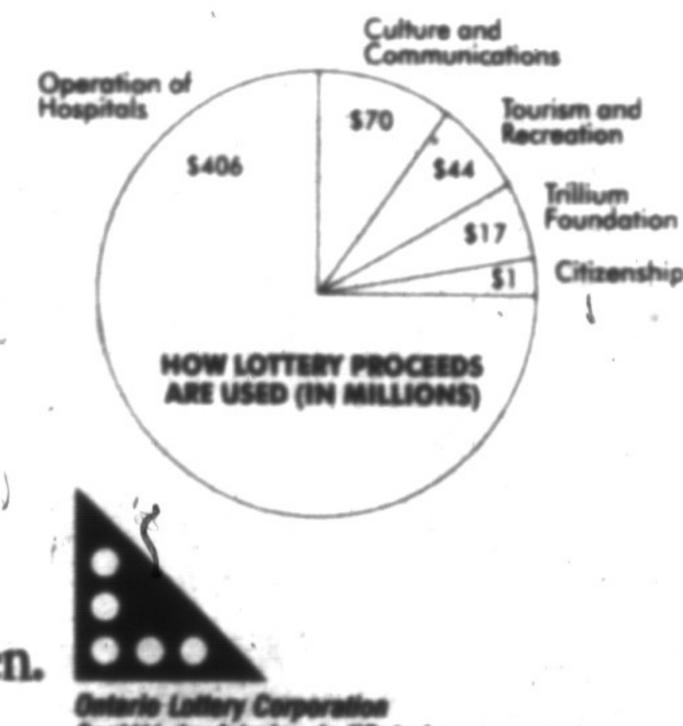
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