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## Merchants swap wins with Kilty Bees

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It took overtime to do it, but the visiting Hamilton Kilty Bees were able to put the brakes on the Merchants' recent Junior A hockey win streak Friday evening in Milton.

Kilty Bees forward Mickey Clair, having scored two regulation time goals, put the final stinger to Milton's undefeated string (seven games) with a blueline slapshot past rookie goaltender Jonathan Interbartolo at 2:16 of sudden death overtime.

Despite a disappointing end to the week, an earlier 7-6 win over Hamilton last Tuesday at Mountain Arena plus a point for the overtime loss kept Milton stationed in first with the Burlington Cougars.

The Merchants now sport a 10-5-1 season record.

"We got the point for the overtime loss. There's some consolation in that, but it's still no fun to lose," said Merchants' skipper Dan Walker, who was particularly impressed with the play of defenceman Dan Back and forward Peter Yerxa Friday night.

Back turned in some impressive efforts against his former team last week. The second-year Milton rear guard, acquired from the Bees late last season, did some great penalty killing Friday and scored the game winner last Tuesday in Hamilton at 14:35 of the third period.

Rookie winger Yerxa ratcheted up the intensity a notch Friday and scored his team's third goal, on a great diving stab to redirect Brian Jones' lead pass into Hamilton's net during the final 30 seconds of the second period.

The Merchants trailed 2-1 after the opening period Friday and tied things at three through 40 minutes of play.

After being shutout last Tuesday, team captain Jamie Janjevich went to work on his point total with two goals and an assist Friday. He continues to lead the West Division scoring race with 46 points.

Also scoring Friday was defence-

man Riek MacDonald, while assists went to Steve Clarke (2), Robert Gubala (2), MacDonald, Jones and Chad Turner.

Interbartolo had a solid debut for Milton Friday with 35 saves, including some big stops in the final frame.

Also scoring for Hamilton were Michael Lane and Brent Aitchison while veteran puckstopper Dave Langford recorded the win.

Another see-saw battle last Tuesday saw Milton grab their first season win against Hamilton, with netminder Jeff Lillie facing 35 shots and recording his eighth victory.

The Bees held a 6-5 lead early in the third period, but unlikely heroes Shawn Rowe (with the tying goal) and Back (with the game winner) stepped in to give Milton the victory.

The teams were tied at one and four after the first and second periods.

Centre Steve Clarke notched a pair of goals last Tuesday while affiliate rear guard Luch Nasato picked up a goal and three assists to bring his point total to 11.

Rich McKenzie and Turner scored Milton's other markers while Back, Anthony Sa, Yerxa, Gubala and Clarke drew assists.

Scoring for Hamilton were Matt Oikawa, Brent Holdsworth, Dave McClean, Paul Lawson, Steve Morrison and Jody Simmons, while Aaron McCormack was in net and took the loss.

Merchant notes: Milton has added 17-year-old right winger Keith Welsh to the lineup. A Kitchener Ranger draft choice this spring, Welsh recorded 60 goals for the Sudbury "AAA" rep midgets last season.

Fans continue to await the return of star sophomore Scott Bertoli, who suffered a knee injury against Royal York last month. He should be back within the next two weeks.

The Merchants began a busy three-game schedule last night (Tuesday) at home against Oakville. Milton hosts Brampton Capitals Friday and travels to Mimico Arena to face the Royal York Rangers Saturday.

## Strong swimming showing

Carole Murray's Swim Team was one of eight to compete recently at the Burlington Swim Meet.

Local individual results are as follows:

**Teresa Durante (7 years-old and under):** 1st - 100m I.M.; 2nd - 25m free; 3rd - 25m breast; 4th - 25m back.

**Nicole Culp (7 and under):** 1st - 25m front crawl; 2nd - 25m back.

**Jessica Scott (8 and under):** 1st - 25m butterfly; 4th - 25m back; 4th - 25m breast; 4th - 25m free.

**David Forrester (8 and under):** 4th - 25m breast; 4th - 50m free.

**Jenna Masciantonio (9/10):** 6th - 100m I.M.

**Daniel Snow (9/10):** 6th - 50m back.

**Lee Frittenburg (9/10):** 5th - 100 I.M.; 5th - 50m back.

**Ricky Bannerman (11/12):** 5th - 50m back.

**Simon Collins-Pallet (11/12):** 4th - 100 I.M.; 4th - 50m back; 4th - 50m free.

**Christina Swainson (13+):** 3rd - 100m I.M.; 3rd - 50m fly; 6th - 50m free.

**Free Relay Boys (11/12):** 3rd - Frittenburg, John Yundt, Bannerman, Collins-Pallet.

**Free Relay Girls (9/10):** Masciantonio, Blair Wilson, Holly Broughton, Scott.



Milton Mustang runner Jamie Combs swivels to avoid two St. Thomas Aquinas defenders in junior football high school playoff action last Thursday in Milton. The junior Mustangs lost to the Raiders, but the seniors won. See story below.

### In quarter-finals

## Mustangs tame Tabbies 28-10

The Milton District High School senior football team ran through, over, and around Oakville's T.A. Blakelock Tigers in an impressive 28-10 quarterfinal playoff victory under less than perfect weather conditions.

Loren Padelford scored three touchdowns and handled the "through" part of the offense. That wasn't thunder you heard last Friday afternoon, it was Padelford crashing through the line and banging head-on with the Tiger defence.

He scored the opening touchdown of the game on Milton's first possession. Quarterback J.J. Felsbourg passed the ball down the line of scrimmage and Padelford powered his way for a 20-yard major. Paul Brown kicked the extra point.

The Milton defence forced Blakelock to punt on their first possession and the Mustang running game went to work again. This series it was Sean Faulknor carrying the ball most of the time, and taking care of the "around" part of the offense. He went to the outside, usually to the right, and broke off a string of impressive runs. He had two consecutive 15-yard car-

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ries in the drive, which set the tone for the rest of the game.

Faulknor admitted they were picking on a weak Blakelock cornerback by going right, but emphasized it wasn't a solo effort on his part. "I figured if I could get outside, and go one on one I had a good chance. I knew the blocking would be there. It was amazing. Whenever we ran the ball there were always big holes."

Faulknor twisted an ankle and limped back to the line of scrimmage for most of the game. "Once I started running it didn't hurt until I slowed down again."

He didn't slow down much. Neither did the rest of the team. Faulknor said they went into the game with high confidence and, "we were focused right from the start." He enthused about the total team effort and how

everybody handled their assignments so well.

Coach Keith Pierce was also pleased, noting individuals such as Derek French, playing a new position; Padelford, of course; Faulknor, who had to "step up" and carry the ball more often because of an injury to Mark Hume; and Felsbourg, whom he thought did a masterful job of guiding the offense under the wet conditions.

On the other side of the ball, the Tigers couldn't run at all against the Milton defence but did have some success passing, at least in terms of getting it into the receivers' hands. Once they caught the ball, usually there was nowhere to go but down. They did break a 40-yarder, however, and made it down to the Milton 10-yard line, eventually settling for a field goal.

Defensively, Steve Lidstone, Victor Springer and Jon Rader made key plays in the first half.

After some more power running up the middle by Padelford and another big outside gain by Faulknor, Felsbourg capped another drive by

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