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# SPORTS

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

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## Outstanding week

### Spartan wrestlers going for gold again

The E. C. Drury High School wrestlers had an outstanding week in three tournaments.

At Burlington Central, Drury captured four golds and two bronze medals. Scott McLaughlin added to his team leading win total by earning his first gold of the year. Other champions included Matt Davenport, Clayton Cowton and Matt Finn, with his first gold medal. Taking bronzes were Tim Beasley and rookie Kyle Johnson, while Jason Barrett and John Dolby settled for fourth.

Making their first appearance in the Waterford Invitational the Drury "A" squad ran away with the team title.

The Spartans sent 14 wrestlers to Waterford. All 14 won at least two matches, with 13 finishing in the top four and 11 earning medals.

Milton captured six golds, including one by Milton District's Victor Sprenger, who went 3-0 with no points scored against him.

Drury's Matt Davenport won his second gold of the week while Chris Price, Grant Heffron and Jason Near all captured their first titles of the season. For Heffron it was his third trip to the finals in three tournaments. The final gold is still to be contested this week at Drury as Spartan teammates Scott McLaughlin and Dave Franklin fight it out for the honour. Both reached the finals but work commitments caused the title match to be postponed.

Clayton Cowton, who had an outstanding day against some high profile opponents, won a silver as did Jeff Meads, John MacKinnon and George Vanellis. Andrew Sharpe and Trevor Petheric rounded out the finalists with fourth place finishes.

The Spartan rookies travelled to Georgetown for the annual novice tournament. There were over 30 schools and more than 330 wrestlers in the event. Drury had their second strong rookie outing of the year, placing fourth overall.

Leading the way with silver medals were Mark Lemmon, now 11-1 on the year, Darrell Dennis and John Moffatt. Blair Beaulieu continued to impress as he ran his record to 12-1 with a bronze medal effort.

### Campbellville equestrians riding high

Two Campbellville area riders had a feast at the Ontario Competitive Trail Riding Association (OCTRA) banquet and awards ceremony held in Peterborough recently. Winners are determined by the accumulated points earned at OCTRA sanctioned rides during the year.

Ron Savard's ride, Csardas Tetley, was recognized at the top Endurance horse. It also won the trophy for High Point Arabian and High Point horse overall. It completed the sweep by earning the award for High Point Best Conditioned Endurance horse.

Carole Lidstone's Csardas Ryp tide won the trophy for the Top Competitive horse.

At the annual general meeting, Campbellville area resident Fred Buchanan was elected vice-president of OCTRA for 1995-96, while Lidstone and Savard will serve on the board of directors.



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### Eyes on the prize

Rightwinger Matt Brownell (left) and centre Mark Couture of E.C. Drury High School are fundraising to attend the World Winter Games for the Deaf in Europe next year. Here they show off a medal the team won at the 1991 games in Banff. The players were at Milton Mall selling raffle tickets to help finance their bid for more championship hardware.

## Merchants open six-point lead on Burlington Cougars

By STEVE LeBLANC  
Special to the Champion

They have led the way for the past five weeks. Now, Milton Merchants have turned up the heat and are starting to break away from the rest of the West Division Jr. A hockey pack.

A two-game sweep of the Hamilton Kilty Bees, plus a victory over the Georgetown Raiders, kept the Merchants in first, while second-place Burlington had an off week and recorded only one win.

Last week's wins give Milton a 19-6-2 season record, and a six-point lead on the Cougars.

While their impressive play has been a hot topic lately, the big news last week was a pair of key acquisitions. Added to the forward lines is left winger Jason Fortier. A 20-year-old Sarnia recruit, Fortier collected 39 goals and 62 assists for East Division Newmarket last season.

He injured his hand in a fight with Hamilton's Dennis Cybalski in the third Friday but played Saturday and isn't expected to miss much time.

The Merchants have also traded Sean Lindsay to Streetsville for goalie Paul Knaggs, who should provide stability as the back-up netminder. Knaggs had a 4.04 goals-against average in 12 games with Streetsville.

Former goaltender Jonathan Interbartolo has returned to the minor league ranks in Mississauga.

A strong team effort gave Milton a 6-3 win over Hamilton Friday.

The Bees scored first at the 50 second mark, but Milton quickly rebounded and collected six unanswered goals for the win. Hamilton's other goals came late in the final frame. The Merchants dominated their opposition at every turn.

Robert Gubala led the attack for Milton with four goals while Jeff Lillie had a stellar performance to

record his 16th win.

Also with a big night was Steve Clarke, who notched a goal and three assists. Mike McPhail drew the other single while assists went to Scott Bertoli (3), Jamie Janjevich (2), Dan Back (2) and Brian Jones.

Paul DiIanni, Mickey Clair and Matt Oikawa scored for Hamilton.

Four fights in the third saw Milton's Clarke, Gubala, Fortier, and Chad Turner and Hamilton's Jody Simmons, Jim Moore, Troy Smith and Dennis Cybalski take early exits.

Shawn Rowe of Milton and Bees forward Brian Ramm were also ejected for leaving the bench.

Last Tuesday, the Merchants pulled off a come-from-behind 6-4 victory over Hamilton.

The Bees led 4-2 heading into the third, but four straight goals gave Milton the win.

Scoring a pair was Clarke while Janjevich, Turner, Shawn Holloway

and Marek Bahic drew single markers. Picking up assists were Bertoli (2), Janjevich (2), Rowe, McPhail, Gubala, Clarke, Rich McKenzie, Todd Ring and Anthony Sa.

Kirby Tokarski scored twice for Hamilton, and Steve Morrison and Brent Aitchison scored singles. Lillie got the win for Milton while Aaron MacCormack was in net for both Hamilton losses.

Saturday night in Georgetown. The Merchants extended the Raiders' winless streak to 23 games with a 6-3 win.

With Clarke, Gubala and Rowe serving one-game suspensions and Knaggs and Keith Welsh out of the lineup for personal reasons, a number of affiliated player call-ups saw some action, including Kevin Wilson, Trevor Kuhn, Tom Baynton, Shane Bryan and Doug Janjevich — Jamie's 16-year-old brother.

The young minor midget forward

redirected a slapshot past Jim Hibbert for Milton's first goal Saturday, with Back and Baynton picking up the assists. It was his first goal at the junior level.

"The young call-ups really worked hard Saturday and came to play," said assistant coach Dave Switzer, "These guys can play for me anytime."

Also scoring for Milton were Bertoli with two, and Jamie Janjevich, Rick MacDonald and Back with singles. Assists went to Holloway, Jeff Haydar, Janjevich, McPhail and MacDonald.

Scoring for Georgetown were Darren Rennie, Brent Ford and Brian Farrugia.

**Merchant notes:** Milton had another busy week, taking on Streetsville Tuesday (results not available at press time), Brampton last night (Thursday) and the Royal York Rangers tonight (Friday) at Memorial Arena.