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## Mavericks looking good against G'town rallying for 12-8 win

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With their big guns back in the lineup this past week, the Milton Mavericks took the bite out of their North Halton rival Georgetown Bulldogs Tuesday evening at Tonelli Arena.

Enjoying a full lineup for the first time since their season opening triumph over Six Nations, the Mavericks turned up the heat through third period play to claim a come-from-behind 12-8 victory over Georgetown.

The win improved their record to 2-2 on the year.

"It was nice to have a full bench again, it really showed what we can do," said Milton head coach Jim Leworthy.

Leading the third-period charge were Andrew Hartholt and Graham Darling, who each sank three goals. Hartholt, who returned from a two-game absence, collected a total of six goals and two assists on the night while Darling's second tally

### Milton Mavericks



— within 30 seconds of his first — proved to be the game winner. He also sank an empty netter with 14 seconds on the clock.

Pat Dunn was back between the pipes as well, and despite some shaky moments in the second turned in a strong game. He was also quite effective in the third period and held the Bulldogs to just two goals to Milton's seven.

Counting Milton's other goals were Derek King, Matt Dow and Jimmy Leworthy — who also drew a pair of helpers.

Milton now has a full week off before hosting the Mimico Mountaineers next Friday, May 17 at Tonelli Arena, starting at 8 p.m.

### At Mohawk

## Big money on the line as Sires Stakes at post

Spring is finally in the air, and that means just one thing in provincial harness racing circles.

The Ontario Sires Stakes program is about to begin its 23rd season of fast paced action, with a total purse of over \$8 million to be won by some of the best two and three-year-old standardbreds on the continent over the next seven months.

Mohawk Raceway kicks the season off this Sunday (May 12), as the three-year-old filly pacers go to post in Gold Series eliminations. A total purse of more than

\$50,000 will be offered to these sophomore distaffers, with the top finishers from this round returning to the Campbellville, Ontario oval on the May 20 Victoria Day card to compete in the \$100,000 Gold Series final.

This class produced a record-breaking filly during the 1995 season, with one of its members shattering several money and speed standards in her rookie year. But this is a new beginning for all of the combatants, with everyone setting their sites on the large Gold Series prize.



Milton winners from the Canada East Bantam Wrestling Championships in Renfrew included (l-r) Kevin Moore, 11, who competed at 31 kg., Adam Bisenz, 11 (45 kg.) and John McCarl 14, (heavyweight) who all took gold.

Photo by Graham Paine

### At various meets

## Dynamo wrestlers grab six golds

E.C. Drury's Dynamo Wrestling Club sent grapplers north and south recently, and brought back a collection of medals from both events.

Three junior Dynamos represented Milton at the Eastern Canadian Championships in Renfrew and enjoyed tremendous success in capturing three gold medals at the highest level possible for the under-15 age group.

Canada-East champions include John McCarl in the bantam heavyweight division plus Kevin Moore in the 30 kilogram kids division and Adam Bisenz in the 45 kg. kids class. The trio join Chad Merritt, a 1995 winner, as Milton's only Canada-East gold medalists.

Not only did the three young grapplers win, they did so in convincing fashion. McCarl completed the year undefeated as a bantam, winning both matches by 10-0 margins. Moore went 4-0 with a pin and two solid decisions. His opening match, a 6-4 victory, proved to be his toughest challenge.

Unlike Moore and McCarl — who were Ontario champions — Bisenz pulled off a bit of an upset. Having settled for silver at the provincials, he put it all together in Renfrew — going 3-0 with two pins to claim the title. The tournament wrapped up the best junior Dynamo season ever.

In Ocean City, New Jersey, Drury faced some top-notch competition from across the northern United States. In the end, seven medals came home to Milton, including three golds.

Highlighting the New Jersey trip were memorable

performances by Chris Price and Blair Beaulieu. For Price, it was his farewell meet as a member of the Spartans and he made it a winning one. Making his gold medal triumph even more impressive was that he chose to compete in the open division against wrestlers of college age and older. Despite this disadvantage, Drury's all-time wins leader had a perfect 3-0 day with some outstanding wrestling to close out a career laden with distinction.

For Beaulieu, the meet provided a spectacular finish to a superb sophomore season. He went 5-1, earning a gold in his first ever Greco-Roman tournament and a silver in the freestyle competition. The five victories give him 51 on the year, making him only the fifth Spartan to record 50 or more wins in a season. In earning his Greco-Roman gold (a separate Olympic event involving upper body throws), Beaulieu upset a U.S. national Greco-Roman team member.

Milton District's Victor Sprenger also enjoyed his final high school competition with a bronze in the open freestyle and two exhibition wins in Greco-Roman. The bronze gave him a clean sweep this season, as he won a medal at every meet he competed in.

Rounding out the medal winners in New Jersey were Kevin Heffron with a gold in cadet Greco-Roman and Frank Cavallo with silver in both junior Greco-Roman and freestyle. He was 5-2 overall. Dynamo affiliates Lee Downey and Jamie Cox of Guelph also earned bronze medals.



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