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Mavericks earn sweep

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The Milton Mavericks brought out the brooms and brought down the Six Nations Red Rebels Tuesday night at Toneri Arena, as they completed a 3-0 opening-round playoff sweep.

With home-floor advantage and a hammer lock on the series, the Mavericks eliminated Six Nations with a hard-fought 12-8 victory. While at times it wasn't pretty, Milton kept their cool for much of the contest to advance to round two.

"I thought the kids lost their composure for a while out there, but I have to give them credit for staying out of a lot of the crap in the third period," said skipper Jim Leworthy, whose team outscored the Red Rebels 46-31 in the series. "Shane Knox played a great game for us tonight (Tuesday), and is establishing himself as a playoff goalie."

While relegated to the role of back-up netminder for most of the regular season, Knox stepped in for game two and played a key role in Milton's 18-11 win — holding Six Nations to just five goals in the first two periods.

This showing helped earn him the start for Tuesday's outing. Once again he came up big early. He held his opponents to just a single goal in the opening frame and allowed just four more in the second.

He all but stoned Six Nations in the first 10 minutes of the

third — allowing just one tally at 4:48 — and by then it was too late for the visitors to mount any sort of comeback. Milton led 4-1 after the first and 9-5 after 40 minutes of play.



Another playoff surprise so far has been some much improved play by rookie Craig Hedley. Following up strong efforts in games one and two, he spent time eating up the clock on offense and helped cripple the Red Rebels' scoring punch. He also tallied twice in the second period.

Teammates Mark Beisel and Andrew Hartholt shone with seven-point efforts Tuesday. Beisel turned a hat-trick and added four assists while Hartholt set-up five and netted a pair himself.

Also scoring a pair was Jimmy Leworthy Jr. while single markers came from Andrew Davidson, Derek King and Donald Perry — with his first goal as a Maverick. King also drew two assists.

While winning, Milton did take a number of rash penalties in game three and gave up three shorthanded goals in the second period.

Their next challenge will likely come from the Georgetown Bulldogs, who were on the verge of sweeping Guelph last night (Thursday).

This will mean much stronger competition for Milton, as the 'Dogs posted the best goal-against average in the league this season thanks to all-star netminder Cory Fearon.

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Milton's first baseman, Cameron Lacourse, can't quite snag the ball as a Brantford runner safely makes it to first during Sunday morning's rookie ball game at Rotary Park, part of a tournament in Milton.

Visitors more than match on weekend

Milton minor league baseball teams ran into a virtual brick wall of competition last weekend at their own tournament, as eight local teams managed to combine for just four victories in two dozen outings.

The Milton peewees fared best of any area crew with a 2-1 showing in round robin play. While taking 11-8 and 11-0 wins over Agincourt and Newmarket respectively, a game one 4-1 loss to Oakville kept them out of the championship tilt.

Justin Mastrangelo, Grant Jenkins and David Brawley all came up with three hits for the peewees while Robert Hatje and Travis Van Loosen scored two runs a piece.

Shawn Staples reach base safely three times alone in the Agincourt victory. The bantams sandwiched a 12-8 win over Clarkson between a 12-5 pounding to Waterloo and a 5-2 heart-breaker to Oakville.

The rookie crew were the only other team to score a

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It's tight at the top

A couple of close races have developed as the Milton Men's Slo-Pitch League season swings into its second half.



Slo Pitch

with PAT GRANT

Primus Printing has finally wrestled top-spot honours away from the Remax squad, while in the other division, The Dickens and Bruce Hood Travel, much to Stumper's pleasure, have a battle going that may possibly continue to the wire.

Unfortunately, Spencer Engineering and The Waltzing Weasel appear to be playing out the string in hopes of being the spoilers later on, and making their bids for glory in the postseason.

A couple of games-in-hand for The Bayrischer Hof and Halton Pool could tighten up the top of the pack standings, in both divisions.

In last week's holiday-shortened action, during which only six games were scheduled, we had a lightning ended 10-10 tie after six innings, between Wally's Meat and Bruce Hood, as well as a game defaulted to Remax by The Key Centre.

In games that went the distance, The Waltzing Weasel

scored seven runs in the bottom of the ninth to sneak past The Dickens 23-22, while Primus continued to roll, as they defeated a faltering Legion squad 15-5. The Bay Hof boys ran their undefeated string to six games as they pounded Spencer Engineers 18-4, and Halton Pool waded past Aim Lock & Safe by a margin of 15-10.

Your not-so-humble reporter apologizes for the lack of reports in the past few weeks; business and a nagging injury are the excuses, but a lack of game sheets delivered in a timely manner has also been commonplace.

To compound the bad news, people are abandoning their umpiring responsibilities again. Remember, this is a self-run league and it is each player's duty to umpire.

Should a scheduling conflict arise, you are required to get a replacement. All of that aside, here are the up-to-date standings.

STANDINGS

Milton Men's Slo-Pitch League Standings thru July 4, 96

Division A				Division "B"			
	W	L	T Pts		W	L	T Pts
The Dickens	8	5	2 18	Primus Print	10	3	1 21
Bruce Hood	7	4	4 18	Remax Realty	10	3	0 20
Halton Pool	6	6	1 13	Bayrischer Hof	7	3	2 16
Key Centre	5	9	1 11	The Legion	6	7	2 14
Wally's Meats	3	7	4 10	Aim Lock	5	8	2 12
Waltzing Weasel	3	8	2 8	Spencer Eng.	1	11	2 4

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