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Haydar gets chance to shine as Merchants edge Oakville

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Merchant veteran Jeff Haydar played a strong supporting role through much of Tuesday's home game with Oakville, but ended the night as the leading man.

Having assisted on four previous goals, including Cory Holland's last-ditch equalizer in the final eight seconds of the third, the 19-year-old centre negotiated the last remaining defender and lifted an upstairs wrist shot past goalie Shane Day with 34 seconds to go in overtime. The goal - his third this year - gave Milton a 7-6 victory over the Blades and pushed their Jr. A hockey record to 8-1-1.

Haydar figured in Milton's last five goals and set a season high for most points in a game. His efforts helped salvage a somewhat disappointing night for the Merchants, who relinquished two multi-goal leads due to rash penalties and uninspired defensive work.

David Suiter anchored Oakville's third-period comeback with a pair of goals, and set-up teammate Jason Pinizzotto's tally as the potential game-winner in the final four minutes of regulation time.

Earlier on it was the trio of Rob Frankovic, Mike Muldoon and David Dunn who erased a three-goal cushion for the home team. Oakville's first two goals came in the span of a minute, with Travis Riffin in the box serving a double-minor for elbowing. Holland and Mark McPhail also took costly penalties that crippled their team's second-period performance.

Backstopping Milton to their latest win was good-luck charm Jeremy Wenzel, who came up big through the early stages and remains unbeaten at 5-0.

Local forwards Doug Janjevich and Darren "Mini" Haydar also stepped to the forefront Tuesday. With a fractured bone in his left hand fully healed, Janjevich made his return from a three-week hiatus and pumped in two goals on the same shift late in the first, then assisted on a second-period marker by Riffin.

The younger Haydar brother showed plenty of grit, but took little glory as he narrowly missed a wrap-around shot midway through the first and then hit the post on a low slapshot minutes later. Sniper Matt Van Arkel hotched goals number 10 and 11 for Milton's other scorers, while Rich Reid played set-up man early on to Janjevich with a pair of assists.



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These Bishop Reding students were all smiles after finishing as the top three representatives of their school in the junior girls cross-country event Wednesday. Lindsay Darling (left), was 22nd, Carrie Ann Nichols (centre) was 2nd and Jennifer Boyd 25th.

Milton teams bridesmaids in Halton cross-country

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The Bishop Reding Royals and Milton District Mustangs once again played out bridesmaids to Georgetown District High School at the Halton Regional Cross-Country Championships on Wednesday at Kelso Conservation Area.

Hosting this year's event, the Royals took top three team finishes in five of the six divisions but were edged 40-36 by the Georgetown Rebels - who are now two-time Halton champs.

The Mustangs finished third with 24 points. Both Milton-area schools finished among the top five teams last year as well. Georgetown's 1995 victory ended Reding's three-year hold on the title. MD was the dominant team in the region before that with championship wins between '88 and '91.

The Rebels' win was due largely to convincing victories in all three girls races.

Carrie-Ann Nichols and Sarah Brownell were the top finishers for

Reding, each capturing second-place ribbons in the junior and senior girls races respectively.

An injury-free run this time around gave Nichols an 18:05 minute showing on the 4,200-metre course while Brownell equaled last year's second-place effort with a 19:02 showing. Both runners were less than 30 seconds behind a pair of Burlington Central winners.

Erin Wigglesworth helped Reding to a third-place team finish in the senior girls race with an individual third-place effort over 4,600 m. Teammates Corrie Parton and Nicole Lee placed in the top 20. While MD had only two top-10 finishers - Carrie Meltzer in fourth and Karen Carson in 10th - Hannah Sprenger and Natasha Hooper's 13th and 14th place efforts allowed them to squeeze by BR for the senior girls silver.

The 'Stangs were also successful in beating BR out of second place in the midget boys division, thanks to a fourth-place run by Rob Skinner over

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Poolsters make a big splash

The 15 members of Halton Pool and Spa, who finished first in Division A standings, beat the trends of the past years of playoff baseball in the Milton Men's Slo-Pitch League, and proved to all that they were the champions of '96.

Led by the solid pitching of Paul Chesla and Neil Wood, the pool crew dove into the final with a 4-1 record in the playoff round, and simply drowned The Legion 30-9 to capture the title.

Defensive stalwarts Bob Harvey, Bob Roselle, and Hector Campbell were ably assisted in their efforts by newcomers Howard Mott, Randy Murray, and James "Parkway" Snow, while league oldsters Barry Battanoff, Norm Johnson and Jim Mullholland lent experience to the team-mix. The hot bats of Randy Wood, Billy Firth, Tom Lutz and Paul Sherer provided much of the offensive punch, as the Pool and Spa Gang wrapped up



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another special year of old guy baseball.

The consolation final saw two teams that couldn't tough it out in a little cold and rain on finals Sunday, namely The Key Centre and Remax Realty, delay till the following Friday evening and play at a different venue, to decide who was second best.

Staked to seven runs in the first inning, The Keycutters, although challenged in the later innings, managed to stave off the Realtors and claim a 16-13 victory. The "H" gang of Howse, Heath and Houlihan, teamed up with the

"L&M" group of Lawrence, Laufman, McCann and Mark to help the balance of the key crew - Clark, Demille, Ellison, Flipping, Gray, Jeffrey, Ollerenshaw and Perry (that's Barry, not Sam) stake their claim.

Not to buck the system too much, there were certain teams that managed to replay the past, and choke in the second season.

The BayHof, Bruce Hood Travel, The Dickens and Primus Print will be added to teams of the past, who all may have shot their bolt too soon.

Or, perhaps they may claim in their defense that they are fair-weather players.

It doesn't really matter in the big picture, as everyone must admit, it really was a fun time again, and most likely 180 guys would have re-signed for next year's season, if the chance was available on the final day.

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