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Comprehensive Hydraulic Training - 27 weeks Revised Start/End Date: January 27 to August 1, '97

Prerequisites: Minimum of Grade 10 (OSSD transcript) or Level 3 B.T.S.D. math, English, and a mechanical aptitude. Mature student testing available. Interview with the program coordinator is required.

Robotics for Industrial Controllers - 20 weeks Revised Start/End Date: January 27 to June 13, '97

Prerequisites: Proof of engineering, technician, or technology background with the ability to read and write using the English language (testing may be required).

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Revised Start/End Date: January 27, '97 to April 3, '98 Prerequisites: Minimum of Grade 12 (OSSD transcript) or Level 4 B.T.S.D. including a Grade 12 "high-tech" mathematics credit or the equivalent functional level. Testing may be required.

LOCATION FOR THE ABOVE PROGRAMS: OAKVILLE

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Prerequisites: Proof of Grade 12 (OSSD transcript) math and English or mature student testing. An interview with the program coordinator is required.

Location: Various industry locations in the Burlington area.

Cost: No cost to you if you qualify for sponsored training; eligibility determined by HRDC.

Eligibility Requirements: A Canadian Citizen or permanent resident; at least 17 years of age, and out of the regular school system for 12 consecutive months since turning 16 years of age; Unemployed, currently receiving Employment Insurance (formerly UI benefits) or those who received EI benefits within the last three years (five years in the case of maternity or parental leave).

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Prerequisites: Proof of OSSD Grade 12 since 1990 or mature student status. Testing may be required.

Location: Sheridan College, Oakville

Information Packages are available at the Trafalgar Road Campus, 1430 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, or for more information, call the Skills Training Info Line:

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Baker joins Merchants to hone attack

By STEVE LeBLANC

Baker to the mix.

Special to The Champion

The West Conference's best offensive team just got better, as the Milton Merchants have added talented centre Ron

The 19-year-old, third-year junior comes direct from Bowmanville, where he led the team with 27 goals and 43 assists in 31 games. These numbers seat him third in the Provincial Jr. A League scoring race.

Baker's acquisition — a cash deal which included future considerations for Bowmanville - came just in time for * Tuesday's battle in Hamilton. His arrival, plus the return of illness-stricken defenceman Shane Sullivan, inspired Milton and helped them bury the feisty Kilty Bees 7-3.

The win put Milton back on top in the West with a 26-7-3 record, one point best backchecking of the season.

ahead of the Bramalea Blues.

The Merchants' newest forward wasted little time in proving his value. Centering a line with Matt Van Arkel and Darren Haydar, he sank a wrist shot past goalie Ryan Geekie at 6:45 of the first and set up two more goals — one by each linemate - in the final frame.

"He's going to be a nice addition to the team," said head coach Marty Williamson.

While Baker's arrival provided the big story for the week, the veteran line of Jeff. Haydar, Trevor Downey and Cory Holland played the biggest role in Tuesday's win.

The trio were simply outstanding all night, with thunderous checks by Holland and tenacious corner work by Haydar and Downey. They also combined for two goals — the first by Haydar and the other by Downey - and turned in some of the

Lloyd LeFrance stopped 24 shots and is emerging as the big-game goalie Milton had expected when he first arrived on the scene last month. Assisting him with key defensive play were Mark McPhail, T.J. Lee and Jeff McArthur.

Captain Steve Clarke was also impressive with a goal and two assists. Travis Riggin sank a goal and drew an assist and Troy Walczak picked up a pair of helpers. Chris Stevenson notched goals 36 and 37 for Hamilton with linemate Eric Ellis registering the other tally. Milton took 4-0 and 4-2 period leads before tightening their grip in the third.

Merchant notes: Veteran rearguard Jeff White could be back for next weekend's home-and-home series with Mississauga

... Milton takes on Vaughan tonight (Friday) at home and travels to Burlington Sunday evening.

Offense hits on all cylinders

A consistently strong offensive effort gave the major bantam AA Winterhawks back-to-back victories earlier this week.

Milton began by firing 68 shots at Oakville's net Monday night in a 10-7 shootout. Chris Bramwell was the top sniper with five goals and an assist, with set-up man Paul Pento collecting five assists. Kevin Heffron tallied twice and Kevin Heffron and David McFarlane drew three assists a piece. Brian Kerwin and Chad Merritt registered singles. Jamie Funnell guarded the cage and faced 22 shots.

Jon Sprenger and Bryan Gent capitalized on Orangeville penalties in the third to give the 'Hawks win number 14 the following evening.

Gent's well-marked slapshot stood up as the game winner in a 6-5 decision, after the teams had fought to 1-1 and 4-4 draws

in the first and second. Trevor Saliba was steady down the stretch, holding Orangeville to a single goal in the final

Heffron turned in a two-goal, one assist

performance with Pento once again tooks on the role of playmaker with a three-assist night. Merritt and Paul Faggion drew two helpers each with singles coming from Merritt and Jason Ford.

Fishing regs out soon

The 1997 Sport fishing regulations summary will be available at Ministry of Natural Resources offices by the third week of January and from outside licence issuers soon after.

The printing of the summary was delayed in order to incorporate several

recent regulation changes. Anglers planning on fishing before the 1997 summary is available should contact the local Ministry of Natural Resources office at (705) 755-1911 regarding local fishing regulations.

Wood wins a title again

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full season as a team. His confidence has really improved."

The Rotorua Racing Team, who enjoy sponsorship from Attrell Toyota of Brampton and Japanese Automotive, will be focusing their attention more so on the Canadian Series next season - with ambitions of cracking the top five.

"I really think he (Townsend) can do it. When he has a clean run, there are very few drivers who can beat him," Wood said.





