

Three O.B.A. trophies for Milton

Kelman comes through in clutch for Pee Wees

A representative from a tranquilizer company could have made himself a small fortune from the crowd gathered at Rotary Park Sunday afternoon to watch Corbett Pee Wees win the third Ontario Baseball Association championship this year for Milton.

The Pee Wees beat Walkerton 3-2 after going one extra inning. Milton won the first game in Milton the same way but the game went nine innings and the score was 4-3. Walkerton won the second game of the series 6-4 in Walkerton.

Sunday's game could have gone either way right up until the final pitch. Wade Bekar went the distance on the mound for Milton and locked horns with a big six foot, 180 pound hurler, Timmy Hawkins in what was described over and over again by fans as the most exciting game of the season.

Milton threatened in the first inning when Turner and Bekar got back to back singles. But the Walkerton mound giant overpowered Milton's lineup and struck out three batters.

Walkerton took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Threndyle doubled and scored on Hawkins' single.

The lead was good until the fourth when Kim French got on through an infield error and scored on Stephen McCann's double.

The locals were held at one run in the fourth but took a 2-1 lead for the first time in the ball game two innings later. Glenn Turner got on through an error and scored on a series of throwing errors.

Walkerton loaded the bases in the sixth inning but Bekar worked his way out of the jam without costing the team a run. Walkerton struck again in the seventh inning to tie the game up and send it into extra innings.

A walk, an infield error, a hit batter and a single drove the tying run in.

In the last half of the seventh and last inning of regular play, McCann led the Milton batting order and advanced as far as third base after he got on through an error. But he failed to score.

Tension mounted to an almost unbearable point when Walkerton came to bat in the eighth. Coaches and fans from both towns nibbled on their nails and paced back and forth, releasing great moans of relief after every pitch.

Walkerton got men on first and second but were both picked off going to third base and Wells struck out to retire the side and end the visitors' chance to score.

Mark Hyatt started things off in the eighth inning for Milton with a single and Turner drove him to second on a single with none out. Wade Bekar, the slugging pitcher, came to bat against Hawkins (with whom he had been battling all day) and fouled at least a half dozen pitches off one into deep right field but in foul territory before he finally struck out.

John Kelman came to bat and punched a sharp, well hit ball out of the infield for the winning run. It was the same John Kelman who came through in the clutch for the Pee Wees in the first game of the series.

Bekar struck out eight batters, walked six and allowed only five hits and his team made three errors behind him. Hawkins fanned 10 Milton batters, allowed six hits and his club made four errors behind him.

Glen Turner singled twice for Milton, Mark Hyatt, Wade Bekar and John Kelman all singled and McCann doubled for the Milton hitters.



MILTON TYKES WON the All-Ontario Tyke championship Saturday, beating Walkerton in the second game. Front row: Allen Duncan, Greg Emms, Craig Jubb, Billy Russell, Scott Seenev, Roger Clement and Doug Thompson. Second row: Bruce Ellison, David Turner, Steve McCutcheon, Ron Twiss, Perry Caputo and John Tonelli. Manager Alex Tonelli and coach John McCutcheon stand in the back row. (Staff Photo)

Jubb pitches tykes to Ontario victory

If the town of Walkerton had any doubts about baseball talent in Milton a couple of weeks ago, there could be no possible doubt now.

Mowbray Tykes won the All-Ontario championship Saturday by winning the second game of the final series in Walkerton 9-2. They won the first game in Milton last week 12-4. Sunday Milton Pee Wees beat Walkerton out of the All-Ontario Pee Wee baseball championship.

Tyke pitcher Craig Jubb held Walkerton scoreless until the sixth inning. Head coach John

McCutcheon and coaches Val Caputo and Alex Tonelli were still bubbling over with the performance young Jubb had given and the support he got from the rest of the team.

"They went out there to win and not one of them gave even a second thought about losing. The spirit was just great. The whole team is great," the coaches said, still excited about their victory.

Jubb held the Walkerton batters to four hits all game and only two men got past second base before the sixth inning.

Milton scored once in the second, four times in the third inning, once in the sixth and three times more in the seventh to bring the Ontario title home.

Thompson and Turner both doubled and singled and McCutcheon tripled for Milton's five hits. Ron Twiss and Steve McCutcheon both scored once. Dave Turner scored three times and John Tonelli and Dave Thomson scored twice each to account for the nine runs.

The Tykes beat Willowgrove, Chippawa and Walkerton on their way to the Ontario Championship.

Following the game, the coaches expressed their pleasure at the team taking an early lead and padding it well through the game.

President of the Milton Minor Baseball Association, Al Turner, had glowing praise for the boys on their return. "I'm glad they took a good lead. It was hard enough on the nerves, knowing that anything can happen in minor ball."

It was the second time in three years the Milton Tykes have won the title. This year all through the early stages of the season they played so-so ball, but really came on strong late in the season and caught fire in the playoffs.

Coach Alex Tonelli accounted for the increased performances in the extra practices, more games near the end of the schedule and a real desire to be the winners.

Auger named Flyer coach

There is a complete staff of new faces coaching and managing the Nadalin Electric Flyers this year. Coach Stu Hannant moved up to fill the opening with the junior club and both Joe Wilson and Vern Gooding who had been connected with the club for the past few years have dropped out.

A former Louisville left winger Joe Auger will handle the club this year, and a local boy Reg Woolsey will manage the club.

Auger played one year in Louisville, and several years of senior hockey in Timmins. Auger promises to be a strict master for the juvenile club this year.

The next juvenile practice will be Sunday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and all boys interested in playing with the Flyers should be out for the practice.



May drop deer hunt

There may be no 1968 deer hunting season in Halton after all.

Halton County Council decided last week to allow a three-day hunt again this year, if the neighboring counties of Wellington and Wentworth went along with the idea. But Wellington County has turned thumbs down on a deer season this year.

A letter was received by Halton's clerk Garfield Brown last week, informing him Wellington has nixed the hunt. It is felt Halton will also turn it down, even if Wentworth approves of a season—because Wellington County hunters will flock to Halton for the local hunt and increase the risk of a hunting accident.

In earlier years Halton has only approved a deer hunt if the neighboring counties also stage a season, to spread the hunter population over a wider area.

Three local athletes named to join Halton Hall of Fame

Babe Clement, Len Andrews and the late Pete McMullen were recognized as being among the top 10 athletes and sportsmen in Halton County Saturday night in Oakville, at a sports appreciation night.

Each of the three are well known and will long be remembered for their efforts in sports. They were among 10 Halton "greats" named charter members of a Halton Sports Hall of Fame.

Pete McMullen headed the Halton Baseball Association as its president for 14 years from 1949 to 1964. He was also president of the O.B.A. three years.

When McMullen first became president of the Halton league there were only four intermediate teams and two juvenile teams within O.B.A. jurisdiction. The league grew like wildfire while he was president.

Doctor's orders forced Pete to give up the post in 1964 but he managed to stay active until his death. Before he died he was named a life member of the O.B.A. and the Milton Red Sox baseball team.

Albert E. "Babe" Clement is well noted for his pitching and

batting heroics in a Milton baseball uniform a few years ago. Due to a hectic schedule as fire chief he is now limited to coaching house league baseball during the summer.

Len Andrews staked his claim to fame in Campbellville with the Campbellville Merchants. In 15 years he headed the club they brought 13 Halton County championships and numerous O.B.A. championships home.

Under his leadership the Merchants were renowned as a powerhouse in both Halton County play and O.B.A. playoffs.

Andrews turned the club over to Earl Cairns early in 1967. Cairns, with support and assistance from Andrews, tool the team to their last championship and the team folded due to the lack of the players the following season.

Others named to the Halton Hall of Fame were Oakville's Ollie Johnson, aged 77 and still active in O.B.A. activities. Ollie became a life member of the O.B.A. some time ago.

Neil Gibbons and Charles Townsley of Acton were both named to the hall for their hockey heroics in years gone by. Perc Blackburn of Georgetown, Detroit hockey star and native of Georgetown Bob Goldham, Oakville hockey star and manager S. A. B. McCleary and Ed "Lefty" Jordan from Burlington were all named to the hall of fame.

Jordan played pro football with Hamilton and Toronto in the Canadian Football League plus hockey in Oakville and lacrosse in Burlington.

The selection committee included Magistrate James R. Black, Georgetown's Scotty Patterson, Milton's Dick Clement, Acton's Duke Lindsay and Oakville's Bill Cotton.

The announcements were made at a dance held in Oakville Arena Saturday, with the

proceeds going toward the Oakville Oaks senior hockey team.

Ken Brown was the prime instigator of the Hall of Fame.



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6-9 p.m. — Hockey School
9:30-11 p.m. — Pro-Am

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
Junior Practice

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
Morning Hockey School
2-4 p.m. — Public Skating
25c
8-10 p.m. — Public Skating
50c

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7
6-9 p.m. — Hockey School

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8
6-9 p.m. — Hockey School
9:30-11 p.m. — Pro-Am

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
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A NERVE-SHATTERING SERIES saw the Milton Pee Wees named All-Ontario champions. In the front row they are Pete Chuchmach, Graham Bradshaw, Wade Bekar, Van McPhail and Kim French. Back row: Lori Rigo, Ken Fay, Glen Turner, Steve McCann, Mark Hyatt, Bobby Boughton and John Kelman. Coaches Keith Burton, Huck Kelman and Keith Bridgman stand behind the players. (Staff Photo)

Sports forum
by bob burtt

For a town to win an Ontario Baseball championship is enough to make the baseball buffs in the town pretty proud. For a town to win two Ontario Baseball championships in one year would be enough for opposing towns to take a second look at the setup and wonder what made it tick and where the players come from.

For a town to win three Ontario Baseball championships in the same season is totally unheard of. But this is exactly what this town of Milton has accomplished.

Nadalin Electric Juvenile Flyers, Mowbray Fuel Tykes and Corbett Sports Pee Wees have each brought an O. B. A. title home. If Milton never accomplishes another notable feat as long as sports are played in town, the baseball activities of 1968 will be remembered forever. It will be remembered by the players who fought down to the wire to get the winning run across the plate, and by the coaches and fans who bit their nails to the finger anticipating the next play.

It's years like this that make all the sacrifices and contributions of coaches and managers in order to provide ball worthwhile.

A special tribute should be paid to all the coaches and the winners, and in particular the Tyke team.

It was part way through the season before Alex Tonelli and Val Caputo stepped in to help John McCutcheon run the club. Their efforts resulted in an Ontario Championship.

Pee Wee coaches Huck Kelman, Keith Burton and Keith Bridgman along with Juvenile coaches Wayne Timbers and Jim Currie were others to taste the glorious rewards for their efforts.

Although records proving or disproving the theory are scant, it would be safe to say Milton stands alone in the feat they have just accomplished—for at least the last decade.

If these youngsters winning championships could stay in baseball, Intermediate baseball would be in a lot happier state in Milton.



THE PEE WEE CHAMPIONSHIP game turned out to be a battle of the giants. Pitchers Timmy Hawkins of Walkerton and Wade Bekar of Milton pose after the game. Both pitchers went the distance and pitched extraordinary ball for their teams. (Staff Photo)

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