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St. Marys claims second consecutive title

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For the second consecutive year, the St. Marys Creamery Juniors are the Ontario Junior B Fastball champions.

The St. Marys squad edged Owen Sound John Thompson Movers' Jets 3-1 in the final game Sunday afternoon at Prospect Park in Acton to cap off the eight-team championship tournament, which began Saturday morning.

St. Marys and the Jets have built themselves quite a competitive rivalry. In the 1986 final, St. Marys won 3-2 over Owen Sound, in a 14-inning marathon.

In the end, it was pitching that carried the St. Marys team to victory. They jumped on Owen Sound's Ted Coulter for three runs in the second inning, and that proved to be the difference.

Coulter was replaced by Trevor Wardell, who managed to hold St. Marys scoreless throughout the remainder of the game, but the damage had been done.

Marc Cameron worked the game on the mound for St. Marys until the bottom of the fifth when he got into trouble and was relieved by Paul Horenberg.

Owen Sound manager Lloyd Simpson admitted following the game, they started the wrong pitcher. "You always start your ace. If you don't, you lose," he said.

In a pre-game conference, Simpson went with a recommendation to start Coulter. For Owen Sound to win the title, they would have had to beat St. Marys twice in the double knockout format. The thinking was if Coulter could bring them a win in the first game, Wardell would be ready for a second match-up.

For Owen Sound, it was a long weekend. After losing to Nanticoke 4-1 in their opening game, they were forced to take the long way to the final. En route, they defeated Markham (7-0), Elliot Lake (7-1), and in a rematch with Nanticoke they won 6-1.

St. Marys went the winners' route, beating Elliot Lake (14-2), Markham (7-0), and Nanticoke (6-1), before meeting Owen Sound in the final.

Simpson said the extra game wasn't that much of a factor though.

"It hurts you, but we weren't worn down. We had a few injuries but that didn't make any difference. The team that won was the best ball club."

Brian Dundas, coach of St. Marys agreed pitching was the factor that decided the issue. "It would have been different if they hadn't had to pitch Wardell as much," he said. "That was one advantage we had over them. They hit the ball harder than we did too. There were two good shots to the outfield. We were lucky they were caught."

St. Marys got on the scoresheet in the top of the second when shortstop Pete Bodenham took a Coulter pitch over the left field fence for a solo home run.

Mike Moir bunted for St. Marys and found himself on second after a wild throw, and Derek Rutrig reached first when Owen Sound shortstop Gary Holm picked up a grounder and failed in an attempt to nail Moir off the bag at second. In the ensuing botched rundown attempt, both players advanced, and were safe at second and third.

Sean Hall then stepped up to the plate and smacked a double up the middle to bring in Rutrig and Moir and make it 3-0.

Owen Sound managed to score their only run of the game in the bottom of the fifth. With Greg Snyder at second and Wardell at first with a single, St. Marys failed to make the force at third on an infield ground ball. The throw went wild and Snyder crossed the plate to make it 3-1.

Owen Sound proceeded to load the bases after that and Cameron was lifted from the game. Horenberg came in to send Owen Sound down and pitch St. Marys out of a jam.

Following the game, the St. Marys players were presented with the championship trophy, individual trophies, a pennant, and championship jackets.

Owen Sound players received the finalists' pennant, crests, and individual trophies.

Wardell was named the tournament's top pitcher, while catcher Jeff Shipley of St. Marys was named Most Valuable Player. Shipley caught every game his team played and maintained a .600 batting average.



St. Marys captured their second consecutive provincial Junior B fastball title Sunday when they defeated Owen Sound in the tournament final Sunday afternoon in Acton. Above, pitcher Paul Horenberg of St. Marys is mobbed by team mates following the final out of the game. At right, Doug Lamond is tagged out at third by Owen Sound's top pitcher Gary Holm during final game action. (Herald photos)



Final curtain falls on Firestone season

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The ending to the 1987 season could have been written a little better for the Halton Hills Firestone Juniors, but they at least managed to put together a couple of entertaining games on the weekend.

The Firestone squad staged impressive comebacks in both outings of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association Junior B championships at Prospect Park, but lost 6-5 to Markham and 9-7 to Elliot Lake.

With the best Junior B ranked teams in the province on hand, the cards were definitely stacked against the host team. But many were hoping for a little better showing to end the season.

"I'm disappointed," said assistant coach Dave Willett after the team was eliminated. "We came back in the first game after we were down 4-0, and we were down 7-0 in the second game. We could just as easily have won either game."

Keeping their spirits up has been a problem for the team throughout the season, according to Willett. Saturday morning, against Markham, the players maintained a high level of spirit throughout the contest, despite dropping behind early, he said. Against Elliot Lake, however, that atmosphere was absent through the first four innings, until a rally

brought them around.

"When their minds are on baseball, they can play good baseball," Willett said. "But when somebody gets down, it's not just one guy, it's the whole team. We needed that rally to pick us up and get us back in the ball game."

Having lost their opening game, Halton Hills was matched against Elliot Lake, who earlier lost 14-2 to St. Marys, the eventual tournament championship winners.

Elliot Lake took a quick 3-0 lead in the first inning.

In the second, with a man on, Elliot Lake's Gary Bonles hit a ball deep to left field that sent Jeff White back to the fence. White managed to get a glove on the ball, but it popped out when he crashed into the fence for a two-run homer, making it 5-0.

The score was 7-0 before the Firestone crew finally got something going in the bottom of the fourth.

David Haynes led off with a walk, and then scored on a Carl Yaroschak double.

Paul Cargill took a walk, and Tim Lamers singled to bring in Yaroschak, making it 7-2.

Bob Anderson was able to bloop a ball into left field for a single to score Cargill.

Steve Wagner was the next batter to come to the plate, and wasted no time as he blasted the first pitch

over the left field fence for a three-run homer to make it 7-6.

It looked as though Halton Hills might tie the game in the bottom of the sixth when Paul Cargill sent a ball deep to left, but the fielder made the catch at the fence.

Elliot Lake added two more runs in the sixth to make it 9-6. In their half of the inning, though, Halton Hills managed to get one back.

Anderson reached base with a double, and then advanced to third on an Al Scott ground out. Wagner then hit a high pop up to centre field that dropped in to score Anderson.

However, that was as close as they were to come, as Elliot Lake held on for the victory.

David Haynes started the game for Halton Hills but gave way to Lamers when he got into trouble in the third inning. Between them, they allowed 10 hits. Lamers also pitched all seven innings in the team's earlier loss to Markham.

Jeff Doyle and Ron Hodgkinson combined for the Elliot Lake win, giving up a total of seven hits.

Paul Cargill is the only player the Firestone Juniors will be losing next season through being over-aged.

Willett expects the team will return to the Ontario Junior Fastball League, which may come under some revamping during the off-season.



Halton Hills catcher Mike Case is too late with the tag at home plate on this play during a game Saturday between the Firestone Juniors and Elliot Lake. The Firestone squad lost 9-7 and were eliminated from the provincial Junior B tournament. (Herald photo)

Falcons weather ups and downs

The Georgetown-Peel Falcons have been contending with their share of ups and downs in soccer action recently.

After a 5-0 loss to the Rangers, they went to Norval with a strong turnout of 17 players. However, no officials showed up, so they had to face rescheduling again.

Streetsville Seniors of the higher division came to town Aug. 14, and the Falcons once again had the luxury of a full squad on hand, due to the return of Keith Spiller from an injury. From the start, it became obvious this was going to be a tough game.

The first half was a midfield battle with the Falcons having the edge in play. Only some very good saves by the Streetsville goalie on shots by Stu Baines and a header by Dave Banks kept the game scoreless.

The second half started with Joe Clare and Howie Gram opening up the wings. The Streetsville defence which had used the goalkeeper as an extra defender made a mistake, and

Spiller moved in quickly, rounded the goalkeeper and put it home to open the scoring.

Minutes later, the ever dangerous Peter Belshaw working hard, forced the defence to cough the ball up and again Spiller was the man on the spot and scored.

From there, the tremendous work by Ron Gallagher and Adam Djuk killed any threat the Streetsville squad could mount from its midfield.

The back four remained disciplined and steady until the final whistle and the Falcons prevailed for a 2-0 victory.

Sunday, the Falcons took on second place Oakville Sports of the Premier Division and put forth a strong effort despite gusting winds which made control difficult. In essence, the Falcons deserved at least a draw, and possibly a win. But again, they missed on several good opportunities.

In the second half, the Falcons came out flying, due largely to the

midfield play of Brintley Heale, Joe Clare and Steve Swimscoe.

Excellent scoring chances presented themselves for the Falcons' front runner, but the Oakville goalkeeper held his ground.

In the final minute, a long ball reached an unmarked Oakville attacker. The play may have been offside, but was uncalled. Despite a heroic dive by goalkeeper Jay Corson, the rebound was tapped into the empty net.

It was a tough game for the Falcons to lose after a tremendous effort by all the players.

The next game for the Falcons is Sunday in Milton, and on Sept. 4, they are at home for the final game of the season at Alcott Field at 7 p.m.

This will provide a good opportunity to see the team in action, and applaud their efforts on the season.

Falcons' coach George Baines feels that if the team's steady progress continues next season, they will indeed be a force to be reckoned with.

Mosquitos find the going tough at tourney

The Georgetown Mosquito Select soccer squad put in a good showing at a tournament hosted by Oakville Saturday, despite being up against some formidable competition.

The tournament was the biggest the Georgetown team takes part in for the season, as 16 teams part in the Under-16 Mosquito division.

Most of these teams are from considerably larger centres, as far away as Niagara Falls and Peterborough.

Georgetown was placed in a division with Milton, Oakville, and Brams United (Brampton).

In their first contest, the Selects met the Brams United. At the end of the first half, the game was still scoreless. In the first few minutes of the second half Brampton scored two quick goals to take the lead. Georgetown replied with a marker by Angle Hughes but were unable to notch the equalizer and the game ended 2-1 for Brampton.

In their second outing, Georgetown was put up against Milton.

After Milton got off to a quick start with two goals, Georgetown bounced back with a marker, only to have it disallowed. Milton then added two more goals in the second half to make the final 4-0.

In their last match-up, Georgetown was pitted against the

highly-ranked Oakville team. Oakville's first goal was scored under somewhat controversial circumstances, in that many onlookers felt the play was offside. But the goal stood and Oakville added another later in the half on a direct penalty kick.

An all-out effort by the Georgetown team held the Oakville scorers empty-handed in the second half. To find one particular star for Georgetown in the contest, one would have to point to Jennifer Aggar who turned in a standout performance in goal for the team.

This was a very entertaining and

full day of soccer for the local squad and they received great support from Coach Mitch Jeffrey and parents.

Prior to the Oakville tournament, on Aug. 15, the Mosquito Selects played a tune-up exhibition game with their counterparts in Acton.

The game opened with Acton scoring two quick goals in the first half.

Georgetown fought back in the second half with a pair of markers by Ruth Burrows.

In the dying minutes of the game, Acton came back with a go-ahead goal and hung on to take the decision 3-2.

Young's finishes with win

Young's Pharmacy rounded out their regular season with a 15-7 victory over Dunlop Insurance in recent Kentmen Senior Girls' Softball League action.

Final standings for the regular schedule have Young's on top with 16 points, followed by Dunlop and Mal Dodge ReMax, with five points apiece.

Carolyn Stewart and Karen Doyle shared pitching duties for Young's, while DeeDee Haynes and Liane Monchamp handled the pitching for Dunlop. Haynes and Dherri Glenn of Young's were chosen game stars for their respective teams.

Playoffs in the Senior ranks was slated to get under way last night (Tuesday), with Mal Dodge ReMax taking on Young's in the opener, and Dunlop facing the losers in the nightcap.

Intermediate action last week had Delrex Smoke Shop topping Dairy Queen 28-16, behind the pitching of Lisa Hamilton. For Dairy Queen, Jodi McClements and Leanne Mospop shared pitching duties.

Amanda Tutt and Kari-Ann Puckering both belted home runs for

Delrex, while Jodi McClements and Michelle Hills each hit home runs for Dairy Queen.

Game stars were Lorie Tutt of Delrex and Laura Doyle of Dairy Queen.

In another Intermediate outing, Kentners Dairy Bar held on to edge Elk's Lodge 15-13, as Susan Morey went the distance on the mound for the win. Elk's Lodge used four different pitchers, Paula Laing, Carrie Walsh, Cindy Rouillard, and Hanna Warren.

Warren hit a home run for Elk's Lodge, while Tamara Diardichuk belted a round-tripper for Kentners.

A Junior III also resulted in a close score as North Halton Sports shaded Blue Giants 20-17.

Erinn Steringa and Sheri Buker each hammered a pair of home runs for the winners, while Tanya Osborne and Andrea Butterworth had a home run each for Blue Giants.

The entire North Halton team played well enough for each to be named game stars, while Kendra Bird, and Kori "Ernie Whitt" Akers were game stars for Blue Giants.

Anniversary celebration

The Sixth Annual Library and Cultural Centre Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for Oct. 13-16. The local Talent Night will be Oct. 15.

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