

Hardball teams improving in introductory season

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Hardball is catching on in Rockwood! And like anything else new, it's suffering somewhat from growing pains.

Rockwood entered three teams in COBA (Central Ontario Baseball Association) Rural League this year. And other than their stellar Rookie squad, the other teams are having to adjust quickly to the "new" brand of ball.

The Mosquito Select squad has had moderate success with a 3-8 record at the midway point. With only five experienced players, the learning curve has exacted its toll. And to add to their woes, they must compete against some older Peewee house league teams. Often the boys are dwarfed in size besides giving us 2 to 3 years in age. However, pitchers Dan Marshall, Mike Richey, Jeff Colquhoun, Kurtis McArthur, Kyle Dodd and Greg Boughton have kept their team in almost every

game.

Thanks to the efforts of their supporting cast, the Mosquitoes have been in a position to win in all but three games. The rest of the quad is: Shawn Hitchcock, Jason Pelletier, Bryan Kenney, Jeremy Dean, Jesse Hepburn, Mark Armstrong, Shayne Monaghan, Jordan Guindon and Corey Ward.

The Peewee Selects have found the going much tougher! Despite only one win to date, the Peewees are still optimistic that they can get it together by playoff time. Like the Mosquitoes, their team is not a true "select" squad - as there were no try-outs or cuts - while other established centres have that luxury.

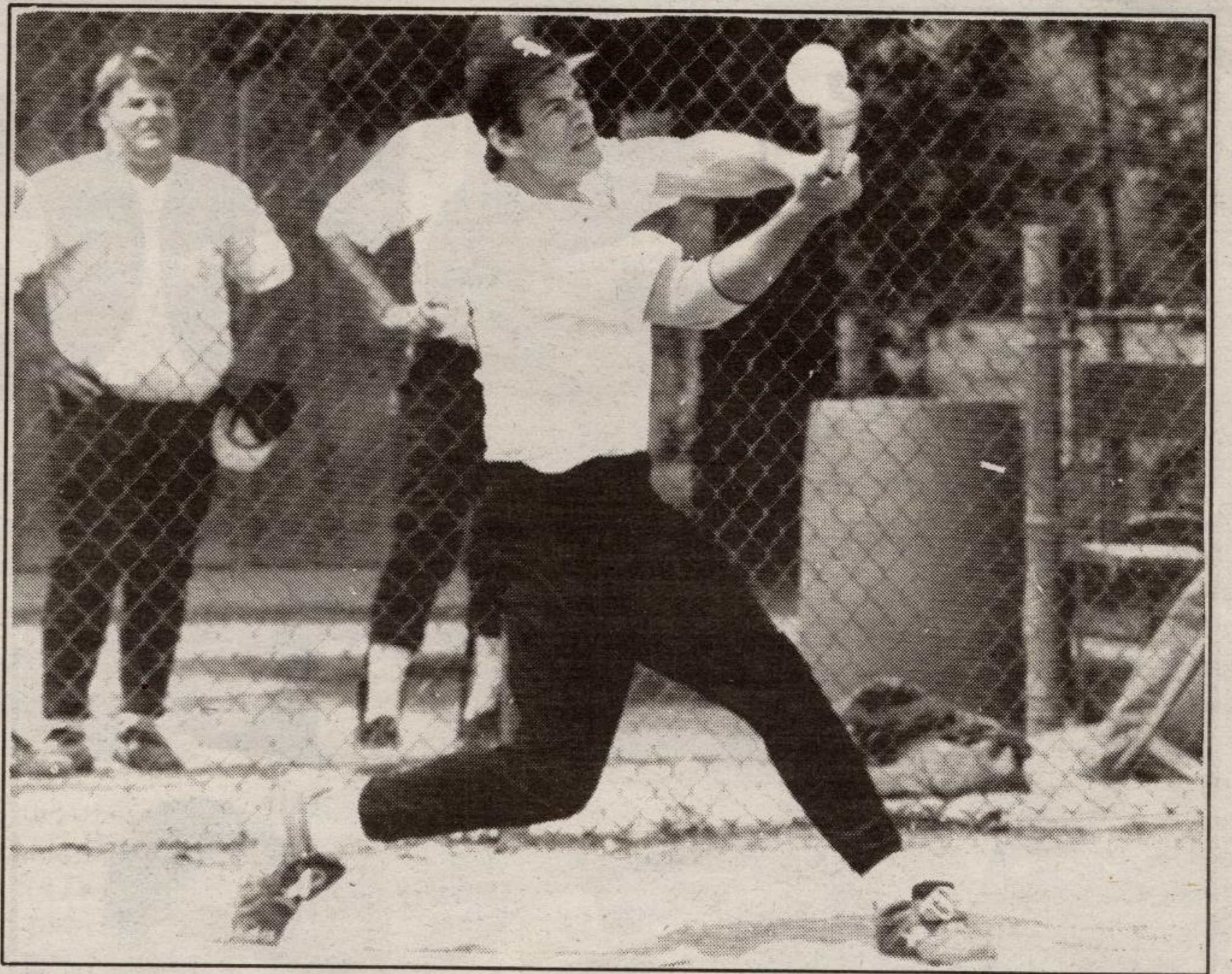
Also, half the team is experiencing hardball for the first time - pitchers Adam Hewitt, Ryan Rogers, Matt Fuller, Jason Bonus and Arthur Davis are improving with each outing.

Other players on the squad are: Ashley Gates, Matt

Geegar, Will Purcell, Brad Johnson, Adam Brouillard, Joe Dunbar, Chris Dewey and Mike Hamilton.

However, the opposite is true for the Rockwood Rookies, who have jumped out the gates with a 9-1 record. Their only blemish was a last at bat, one run loss to Acton recently. Rockwood's youngest entry is buoyed by the consistent pitching performances of Bradley Durocher, Graeme Copeland, David Sebastien, Nick Mewett and Elliot Shrive. Thanks to excellent fielding and hitting, the Rookies have crushed their opponents in most matches. Helping the cause are: Garett Colquhoun, Tom Davis, Brandon Divine, Peter Dewey, Mike Haliburton, Tyler Hill, Jordan Smith, Nick Johnson and Jes Zaborowski.

All in all, it appears that Rockwood's hardball future will only get larger and better as their '96 teams lay the foundation for upcoming years.



IT'S A HIT! Orval Gates gets a piece of the ball during a recent doubleheader which pitted Bould Construction against Guelph Paving at Rockmosa. (Karen Wetmore photo)

No-Stars can't be beaten

The Rockwood Ladies No-Stars softball team remains undefeated with a 7-0-0 season record.

The Ladies have toted up some very impressive wins this season including a 36-3 trouncing of Greensville and 29-1 over Copetown B.

"Most of the team remains

the same from previous years," explained Coach Dot Polo who replaced the departing players.

"The new ladies are fitting into the nucleus of the team quite well," explained manager Bonnie Hamilton, who came out of retirement for one game when Rockwood

was short players.

Sue Pasloske is having a terrific season at the plate, recording seven homers and one grand-slam blast.

Pitching duties have been mainly managed by Lori Savage and rookie Jan Airdrie, with Laurie Leighton and Carol Death receiving when required.

When the team isn't defeating all comers they found time for their annual weekend get-away, taking in a couple of Blue Jay versus Detroit Tiger games and doing a lot of shopping.

With five games in hand before the start of round-robin playoffs, the Rockwood No-Stars are looking forward to continuing with their winning ways to place them in one of the top spots for the season.

The No-Stars meet Copetown A at 8:30 tonight (Wednesday) at the Lloyd Dyer Park diamond.

Appleyard concert a hit

Close to 300 people attended the 50th anniversary celebration of vibraphonist Peter Appleyard, held at the Ingle Manor Farm last Saturday evening.

Highlights of this performance were many, because the program moved through the history of big band music, stopping to recreate the sounds of Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Lionel Hampton and many more. Two unexpected show-stoppers came with collaborations by Fritz Boegli, in a tightly choreographed comedy vibraphone duet with Appleyard and a blues number by Salome Bey, a guest who was called unexpectedly to the stage.

The evening concert was also a fundraiser for Rockwood's Spirit Valley Experience.

4-H members 'shoot' horses

HALTON 4-H NEWS

BY SCOTT MARTIN

The June meeting of the Halton Beef and Livestock Photography Club was held on June 11 at the Nelson White Stable.

The meeting opened with David White leading the Club with the 4-H pledge. Christine White welcomed everyone to the farm and talked a little

about their operation.

Shutters were clicking as members tried to get a professional-looking photograph of a horse and a Hereford cow. Leaders Andrew Marsh and John White gave type demonstrations on judging beef animals and a class of hay.

Marie Martin discussed tips on photographing livestock. Her tips: practice, pa-

tience, patience and more patience. Marie also discussed differences between the Canada Food Guide for members, and the Beef Animal Food Guide for calves.

The groups gathered to begin construction of models of a cow's stomach. After much planning, preparation and a large mess, the paper mache models have started to take shape.

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