



Sports Ramblings

WITH BRUCE HOOD

TWO FELLOWS named Tom, one of which has never played organized ball before, could make a big difference in coach Beaner Serafini's Milton Red Sox ball club this summer.

Tom Barrett, a 22 year old chap who hails from Streetsville and prior to this year had only tossed around a baseball at the sandlots, has joined the ranks of the Sox and along with a keen eye at the bat (a place where the club lacks very badly) can cover a lot of ground on the defensive side of the diamond.

The other Tom mentioned is Tom Marks, only 20 years old and the same fellow who pitched Sunday against Dundas and came up with a top effort in allowing the club to gain only two runs. Tom is also from Streetsville but originally came from Springhill, Nova Scotia where he pitched ball right up the ladder from bantam to intermediate. Three years of junior ball were his big seasons, Tom claims, as the club went on to win the Maritimes title in all three years.

A slight right hander, holding a nine win, one loss record in Intermediate ball in Springhill last year, Tom is just the answer to another good starting hurler in the Milton lineup to match with lefty Butch Riddell. Now Serafini is loaded with pitchers with Wayne Hilson, Murray Whistler and Nipper Gervais all available in relief roles, each one a different type of pitcher to really shake up the opposition.

Butch is still the backbone on the staff though, and was instrumental in leading the club to the Ontario title last year in losing only one of seven games in the playoff run.

Another big addition to the squad is a fellow who the ball fans around town will recognize and that is Doug Cully. Cully was the mainstay with Waterdown in its years in Intermediate baseball and has now joined the Red Sox where he has moved into the centre field slot. He proved his worth Sunday by making a shoestring catch in the ninth inning which according to Tom Marks, "was my lifesaver."

Also strong at the bat, although he hasn't shown too much yet, Cully teams up with Don South and either Primo Rigo or Tommy Barrett to give Milton its finest outfield protection in some years. Porky Gervais and Don Joyce are reserves in this department who can be counted on to do a favorable job with Gervais fairly strong at the bat as well.

The infield picture hasn't changed too much in the past few years with towering Ronny Phillips at first base, Ron Shannon at second, Stu Hannant at short and Art Melanson (the old veteran at 22) at third base. Phillips is one of the heavy hitters on the club's docket as are Hannant and Melanson with Shannon in there with the odd clutch hit as well. Two top subs in the infield lineup are Glen Dance and Gerry Homewood, both of whom do a top job in the field but are not too consistent in the hitting department.

The chap who plays the position which many people refer to as the headquarters for the club when it is on the field, is Doug Hyatt. Hyatt moved here last year and joined the club playing mostly in the outfield to start with, but taking over the catching department this year on a full time basis (except for when he is on shift work and then Coach Beaner fills in for a game or two to gather a few aching muscles). Hyatt is strong at the bat and is a real holler guy to rev up the club when it hits the skids.

"If I can just get this club up to the pitch they had last year in the playoffs and with the addition of the two Toms and Cully, there won't be a team in this league will touch us," commented Serafini, himself a veteran of 11 years in Intermediate baseball in Milton. "We have a big grandstand this year and a better ball club with lots of good team spirit that should put us right over the top this year," he added.

Attendance has been up according to Elmer Hornby, gatekeeper, who claims that the opening season crowds this year have been as good as some of the playoff games in other years.

One other chap who we must explain about in connection with the club is Len Ste. Marie, who as president is available for any arguments which come up about the club's operation. Len has worked with the club for the past three years, and has been instrumental in a number of changes which have been made during those years.

SPORTTOPICS

Biggest problem the Red Sox are having this year (aside from the fact they have won only two games out of six to date) is the kids which make a nuisance of themselves at every home game. Many fans have remarked about the ridiculous manner in which these fellows carry on, breaking pop bottles and playing tag while the game is in progress. The parents of these lads should accompany them to the fairgrounds for one of the games and maybe get the picture of what goes on. This nonsense should be stopped before somebody gets hurt. Sunday, a lady with a baby carriage was almost bowled over when a bunch of them were running around. Let's go to the game and make use of the new grandstand boys, it's for sitting on. Bo Wheeler and Jim Seeds joined Bo's brother-in-law and another chap from Kitchener on a fishing expedition over the weekend which carried them near the Algonquin Park boundary on Cache Lake. Bo (a veteran on the streams) describes Jim (a fairly newcomer to the art) as an avid paddler and claims Jim can portage a canoe as well as anyone.

WRESTLING RETURNS

Wrestling returns to the arena for a one night stand next month with the midgets slated to appear later in the summer. The Red Sox were rained out in their bid to play a previously rained out encounter in Dundas Tuesday night. The game was originally scheduled for June 2 and will now have to be rescheduled a third time. Another sweepstakes tourney will be run off this Sunday at the Trafalgar Golf course as will a mixed two ball. Both of these are items which the club's vast membership has the opportunity to take part in as an added treat. On June 25 the qualifying rounds for the men's club championship will begin and will carry on throughout the summer. The ladies get started on their qualifying rounds this Saturday with tee off time at two o'clock. The 401 driving range was popular on the weekend with only one problem encountered. Laurie Duran claims there is an invisible shield over the bullseye so no balls can hit it and let the club welder claim a free bucket of balls. The lights are in now and should be on for this weekend.

HOW ABOUT THAT?

One of those what you call 'big moments in life' came my way last week when I had the honor of signing a contract with the Ontario Hockey Association to referee in the 1960-61 season. It is certainly a wonderful thrill. HOW ABOUT THAT: Len Naylor, a gent who has played many years of both baseball and softball on the local sports scene, got off to a brand new start this year in the form of a new glove and a new set of ball spikes. Len plays outfield for the Legion entry in the Industrial softball loop and claims he is ready now for another 20 years at it.

Best Summer Wrestling Card Features Big U.S. Import Team

Milton fans are assured the best in wrestling during the summer season according to that well-known matchmaker, Frank Tunney. The Milton Arena Board has arranged with this Toronto wrestling impresario to provide the best of well-known TV mat stars to come to Milton during the season.

Here June 25

Two of the hottest and maddest bigsters were picked up by Mr. Tunney during a recent tour through the U.S. and are booked for the first Milton show on the 25th.

More Features

Other featured showmen will be Mike Valentino (who hails from Malta) against Les Lyman, an Ontario lad. In the preliminary bout that ever-popular Pat Flanagan will star in a bout with Nobby McDonald, of Hamilton.

Tom Marks Sparkles in Starter Tosses Nifty 5-Hitter at Dundas

Youthful right-hander Tom Marks, a Springhill, N.S., native, made his initial start for the Milton Red Sox Sunday afternoon and threw a nifty five-hitter at the Dundas Merchants as the Sox picked up a 5-2 win. The win was the second for the Red Sox in the young season and moved them out of the league cellar.

Marks gave up singles in the second, third, fifth, eighth and ninth innings. He pitched himself out of a jam in the fifth,

striking out two men with runners on second and third. Marks gave up four walks and struck out four.

Watson Generous

Ken Watson pitched eight innings for the losers and his lack of control kept him in trouble throughout the game. He was generous to the light hitting Red Sox, issuing nine walks, striking out eight men and giving up four hits. Ron Phillips and Don South with doubles and Stu Hannant and Art Melanson with singles

claimed the Milton hits. Lake, Watson, Bailey, Ribson and Cameron hit safely for Dundas.

Doug Cully, fleet centre fielder for the Red Sox, pulled off the fielding gem of the game in the ninth inning. Cully grabbed a sinking liner off the bat of D. McPhail in right centre field and took a sure extra base blow away from him. E. Cameron, Dundas right fielder, robbed Don South of a hit in the eighth with a diving catch of a fly ball into short right field.

Thursday night the Red Sox visit the Bronte Braves. Coach Beaner Serafini will have a well rested Nip Gervais for this important tilt. Sunday afternoon, Brampton Danforths make their first appearance here with Samy Mulholland slated to pitch for the Danforths. Milton's ace left-hander Butch Riddell or Tom Marks will likely toe the slab for the Red Sox.

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Thompson Joins Hornby Lineup

Joe Thompson returned to the Hornby ball club lineup Friday night and hurled against the mighty Trafalgar Chicks for the first time he has seen in our duties this year. However, all was not well and the Chicks waited off with a 10-1 victory. Thompson is expected to be in the Hornby lineup for at least a few of the games there this summer, and is a welcome asset in the pitching department.

Zalba Wins Harry Zalba was in his usual form on the mound for Trafalgar and added a home run to his mound work to pace the club's attack. Al Brook also homered for the Chicks in the decisive win. A triple by Blake Inglis was the big hit of the night for Hornby, which got its only run in the sixth inning.

Lowville Win Streak Slams Nelson 11-3

Lowville softball club made it two wins in a row Friday night when they slammed Nelson 11-3 right in Nelson. On a real streak along the victory trail now, the Lowvillers have scored some 29 runs in the last three games, showing a little extra power at the bat.

Phil Buck was the winning hurler again with Don Taylor and Stu Longboat sharing the loss for Nelson in the mound duties.

Scores Three on Hit

Big rally for Lowville came in the fourth inning when first Fred Hardsand, then Gord Harrison got on base and Bob Wright came through with a home run to score the two men on base. For Nelson, two runs were scored in the first inning. Both of these were home runs and the first was the first ball thrown in the game. The only other Nelson run came in the final inning.

Tops in Two-Ball

Trafalgar golf ladies held a two-ball foursome last week and Sally Harmer and Millie Sweetman wound up with top scores of the day. Second were Nancy Caruthers and Jean Pettit. Hidden hole winner was Mrs. Potter.

The girls are working toward the Townsend trophy in the elimination round, held every Tuesday afternoon. This week's event was rained out.

Exec. Meets

Allow Hurler Gary Hughes All-Star Game is July 10

The executive of the Halton County baseball association met in Oakville last night in a general meeting.

All-Stars Play

Big item was the annual league all star game which is to be held in Milton this year. The new grandstand and plenty of parking facilities were pointed up as big factors in producing a fine crowd for the July 10 feature and strong seven team loop from which to choose an all star team this year was another point which was looked upon with favor. Campbellville Merchants (unofficially the league champions from last year, although they never did finish off a playoff against Oakville) will meet the choice of players from the other five teams, as chosen by the umpires in the league.

Jim Waldie who was secretary-treasurer of the league for a number of years and is still a member of the executive as well as third vice-president of the parent Ontario Baseball Association, will be honored for his many years of fine service to the league, on the day of the all star game.

Eligibility Questioned

Gary Hughes, one of the best pitchers in the league who has hurled ball for Bronte for the past three years, and was thought to be ineligible to play

with that club this year because of moving to Burlington, was given an okay by the executive on the grounds that he played for Bronte in the past two seasons. Hughes moved to Burlington just after last season got rolling and the Bronte executive thought he would not be able to play there this year.

"It was just ignorance of the rules on our part," noted Jim Scarrow, Bronte spokesman, "I told Gary he couldn't play for us but he went to Oakville to play and when I got reading the O.B.A. manual I found it was okay and we got him back." The incident is similar to at least two other cases, both of which are in Campbellville. Earl Cairns, who lives in Burlington and Jack Laking who lives in Milton play with the club there.

The pair have had several years with Campbellville and a ruling which states that if a player resides in a community and plays ball there for two years in a row, he may move away and still be eligible to play there.

Minor Ball Week

The executive gave its wholehearted endorsement of the upcoming Minor Baseball week in Ontario program which starts next week. Pete McMullen, former president of the O.B.A., is the chairman of the minor week committee and reports a tremendous response in advance news across the country.

Darkness Halts Hornby Softball For "Last Time"

Last Wednesday night a softball game between Hornby and Lowville was halted after only six innings of play. Lowville won the tilt 11-0 when the ump's had to call it quits, but manager Jim Hamilton claims that will be the last time a ball is called on account of darkness in that park.

The new lights are just about finished and should be turned on next week to end the darkness problem and give a later starting time, much to the delight of players and fans alike.

In Relief

Phil Buck was the winning pitcher in the game, lasting until the fifth inning when Jack King came on in relief when Hornby started to bang in some runs.

For Hornby, Don Currie started and was replaced in the first inning by Bill Richardson and then in the final stages Jamie Cunningham came in to quiet the Lowville bats by striking out three men in a row in the final inning.

Nelson visits Hornby Friday for the first meeting between these two clubs, and Lowville travels to Omagh for another top contest under the lights.

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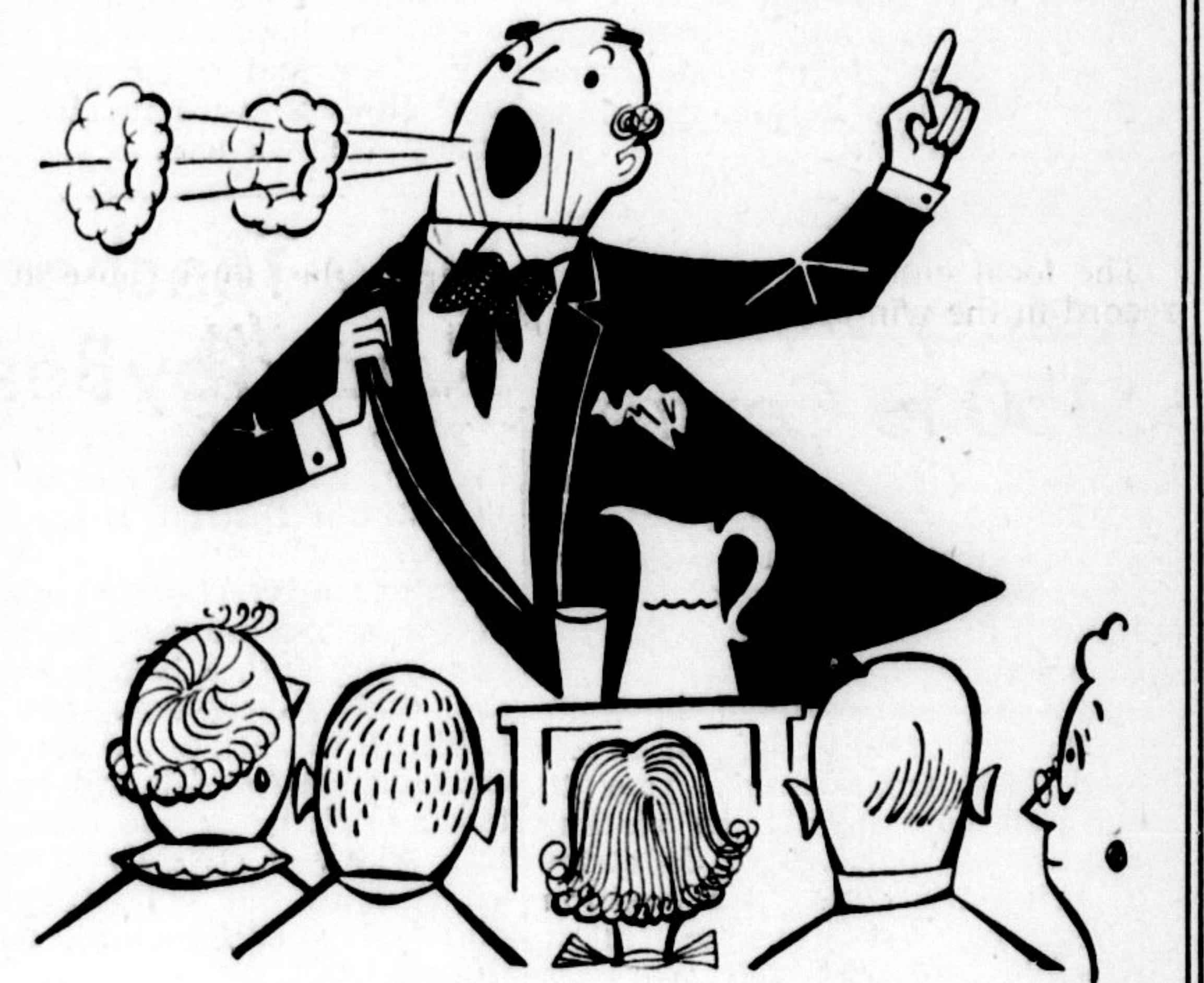
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STU HANNANT

Stu claims it's a lot easier to attract attention with a baseball bat than a baseball glove. Since joining the Red Sox a few seasons back, Stu has been one of their top sluggers, and at present Stu is sharing the short stop position with Glen Dance. All around sportsman, he golfs in the low seventies and spends the winter months chasing pucks for the Milton Merchants. Employed by "Meet Your Red Sox" sponsor, Mike Ledwith, Stu weighs 160, stands 5'8", bats and throws right.

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