

SPORTS



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BASEBALL WIDOWITIS, that annual spring and summer complaint that separates husband from wife for the five evenings of the week and Saturday and Sunday afternoons to boot, has struck again.

With the arrival of the warm weather, the cool lake water, the twittering of birds and all that a wife holds near and dear, comes the piercing cry of "play ball" and away goes hubby, leaving wife and kin behind.

This year promises to be no exception, and already the moans and complaints can be heard. But throughout the long season, the wives of ball players have one consolation, the season only lasts from May to September, and from then in there's only hockey and bowling to occupy hubby's time.

REPORTS FROM CAMPBELLVILLE this week indicate that Al Wingrove and Stan Henderson, perennial league all-stars, are struggling to get out of early season slumps. Seems a safe bet that if the Merchants remain unbeaten until these powerful clubbers get out of a slump, the rest of the league had better be aware. After all, the Villagers only own a four win, one tie record, including a 16-1 drubbing of Georgetown. Not bad for a team plagued with two slumping all-stars!

The Milton Red Sox, doubtlessly with tongue in cheek, make the trip to the Campbellville haven for a 2-30 game Saturday afternoon. The Red Sox have never been renowned as Campbellville killers, but many are hoping for a switch this season. Seems that although a club might lose 18 of 20 games, if they win one game against Campbellville they will always recall that year as a successful season.

This year the mighty Merchants boast the strongest staff in the league in the person of hard throwing left-handers Garry Field and Jack Roberts, and crafty righthander Harry Hamilton. In the catching department, Don "Knocker" Joyce, returning from last year's championship squad, is backed by a newcomer Terry Fetter from Carlisle. So far this year, Fetter has impressed manager Len Andrews as a receiver, and if he holds true to the Campbellville tradition, he's likely a natural born slugger.

In the infield the Merchants have been bolstered by the return of Earl Cairns, their large size, large hitting first sacker. Earl threatened retirement at the end of the 1962 campaign, because he was likely ashamed of his upper .300 batting average. Kinda tough for a guy to take after he's hit .400 all his life!

At second base the Merchants have Stu King, a refugee from the Lowville softball lots, who makes a habit of making the big play, whether it's in the field or at the plate. So far this season Stu has been hitting the ball at a healthy clip, and in only one game has he garnered less than two hits, and that was against Dundas on Saturday.

Elmer Dredge, the switch hitting red head, once again fills the shortstop position for the Len Andrews crew, and his mentor describes him as "the best in the league." Elmer has been out with injuries for the first few games of the schedule, but when he returns, rival managers will be sorry.

At third base is that poor slump-ridden old man, Stan Henderson. Henderson is a common name, but somehow it strikes fear in the hearts of rival pitchers. Too many times they had victory in their clutches only to see "Stan" lay into a hanging curve ball, and end their dreams.

In the outfield, the Merchants have Ken Moore, Bill Elliott and Al Wingrove, all potential all-stars this year, and any other year. Moore is consistent, he always gets singles, he always steals bases and never makes errors. Elliott isn't quite as consistent, he hardly ever steals bases and he generally mixes his hits up in good proportion, a single here, two doubles there, an occasional home run and a triple whenever he feels like it.

Al Wingrove, to many opposing pitchers, is the dirtiest cuss word in the books. Al, without doubt, has caused the retirement of more pitchers than any good manager would like to admit. Besides being a perennial leader of the league in batting, Al has taken up a second hobby, the job of being the best centre fielder in the league, and no doubt he'll make it.

True to the ideal that a team is only as strong as its bench, Campbellville boasts as good a bench jockey in Len Andrews as any one would want. For pinch hitting, pinch running and for general use in the pinch, Len can call on Larry McPhail or George Chester.

The preceding statistics have not been compiled to frighten anyone into retirement. But on close inspection, we can hardly blame you if they did.

McPherson Turns Pro Headlined Ice Show Here

Donald McPherson, 18-year-old star of the Milton Figure Skating Club's Rhapsod on Ice here in April, this week turned professional and signed a two-year \$150,000 contract.

The young skating star that

Milton Skaters Pass 14 Step Test

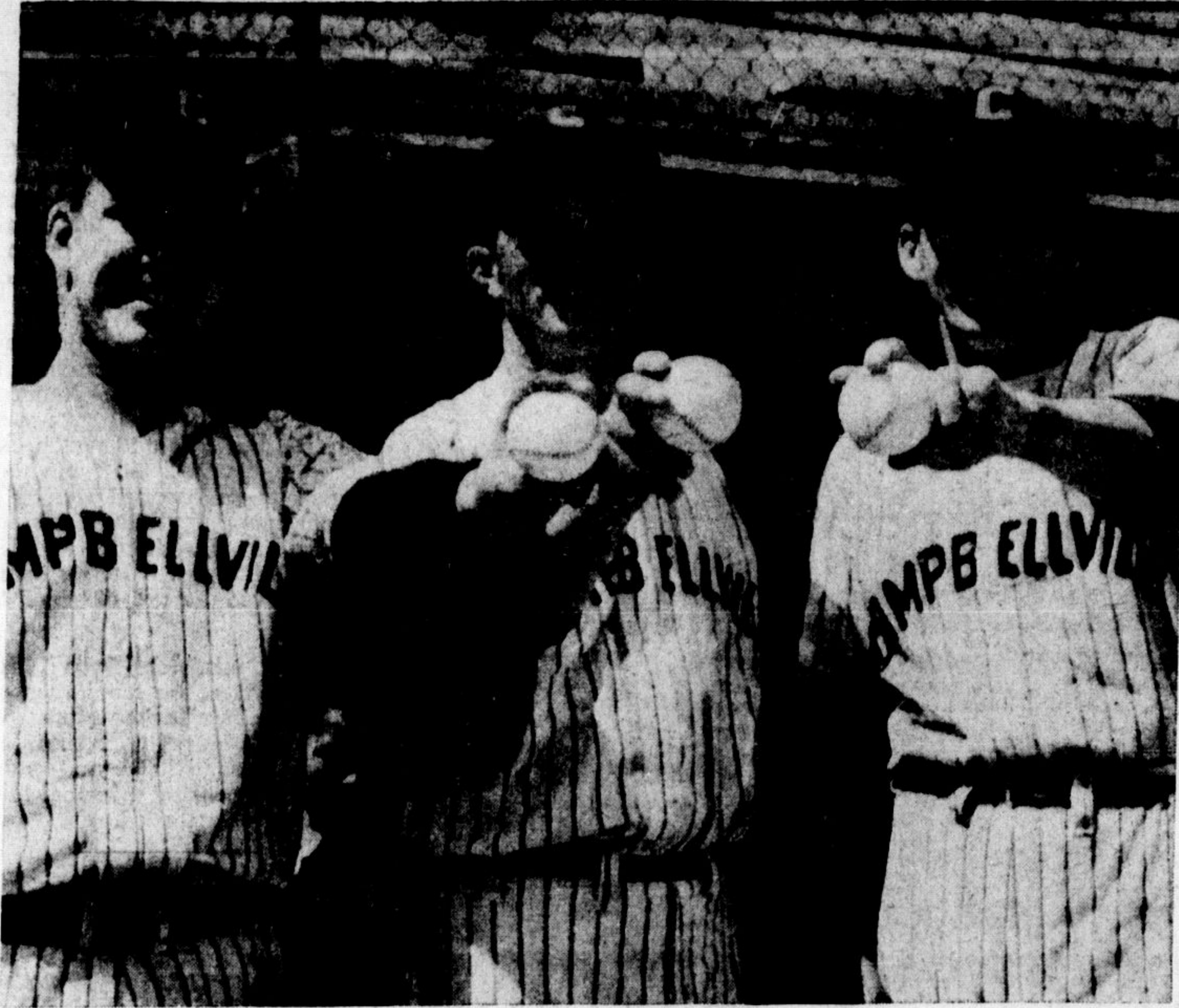
Two Milton skaters, Pat Bell and Joanne McCuaig, passed their 14-step figure skating tests in Guelph over weekend, bringing to 30 the total tests passed by members of Milton Figure Skating Club this year.

The club is planning its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. R. F. McCuaig at 8:15 p.m. Monday, June 17. A new executive will be named and reports on the past year's business and the recent carnival will be read. Club members are hoping for a large attendance of interested persons, as they hope to expand the executive membership.

Tykes Down Brampton For Opening Day Win

The potent attack of the Milton Tyke baseball team, paid off in a 20-4 victory over Brampton Friday night. The club, coached by Bill McTrach, overpowered the Brampton entry in winning their opening game of the year. Wayne Emms hurled the route, allowing only four hits. The Tykes are presently in a two-team league with Brampton, but attempts are being made in both Acton and Georgetown to form teams.

On Monday evening the Tykes defeated the "Yankees," of the "A" league of the Milton Minor Baseball house league system, 25-1. Wayne Emms and Nick Fetter shared the pitching chore.



—Staff Photo

THE CAMPBELLVILLE HURLING STAFF, consisting of Garry Field, Harry Hamilton and Jack Roberts, promises to be among the best in the Halton County Intermediate league again this season. Roberts and Field, left-handers, and Hamilton, a strong-armed righthander, have been on the league all-star team in the past and stand a good chance of repeating this year. Garry returned to the Merchants this season following a one-year stint with the Guelph Royals of the Senior Inter-County league.

Rally in Ninth

Merchants Win Third Straight

Campbellville won their third straight game on Saturday as they defeated Dundas 11-10 in a wild and woolly game. Although they outthrew the visitors 17 to eight, Campbellville was lucky to win as they had to score four runs in the last two innings to pull out the victory.

A timely hit through the box in the bottom of the ninth by Ken Moore drove in the winning run, but the game had been actually saved by some great relief hurling by Harry Hamilton, who came in with none out in the eighth and the bases loaded. He struck out the first two batters to face him, then a single drove in two runs. Hamilton got the next batter, then struck out the side in the ninth for five strikeouts while he faced only seven men.

Field Stars

Garry Field had started for Campbellville but he gave way to Jack Roberts with two on and none out and losing 4-0 in the second. Roberts went six innings allowing six runs off five hits. He walked one, struck out seven and hit two batters.

Watson and Lee shared mound duties for Dundas. They allowed 11 runs off 17 hits. They walked two, hit a batter, and struck out five.

A walk, an error and Don McPhail's long home run put Dundas up three in the first and before the inning was over they had scored another on a walk, a wild pitch and a two-base error in the Campbellville outfield.

Earl Cairns' home run in the second closed the gap to 4-1 and in the third Campbellville took a three-run lead as they scored six times. A single by Moore, a hit batter, successive doubles by Cairns and Joyce, two errors, a double by Field and a single by King did the damage.

Three Run Splurge

Dundas tied the score with a three-run splurge in the fifth. Martin's single, an error, and Visheau's double scored two runs. An infield out advanced Visheau to third and a walk put men on first and third. Dye grounded to Roberts who threw to second for the force. Both Chester and King were covering the base and umpire-in-chief Mike Timmins called the runner safe as King stepped over the bag. Bud Kernig didn't have the ball, Chester standing on second

base did, but despite heated arguments the umpire would not reverse his decision. Visheau scored in the play.

In the bottom of the eighth, Field led off with a homer. Then Moore singled and Wingrove and Henderson doubled to tie the score at 10-10. Chester singled to lead off the bottom of the ninth and Hamilton walked. Elliott's short single loaded the bases. King hit back to the pitcher who forced Chester at the plate. Moore then drove the ball through the box to score Hamilton with the winning run.

Ken Moore with four singles including the game-winning blow led the Campbellville attack. Garry Field homered, doubled and singled and Don Joyce doubled twice and singled. Earl Cairns homered and doubled. Stan Henderson and Al Wingrove doubled and Stu King and Bill Elliott singled. George Chester singled twice.

FOOTNOTES — For Harry Hamilton, it was his second victory in three days. . . . Campbellville's great attack of other years can't get moving as long as Stan Henderson and Al Wingrove remain in their current slump. . . . Elmer Dredge and Larry McPhail are still out of the lineup with

injuries but both are improving rapidly. . . . Campbell plays at home twice this weekend. On Saturday June 8 against Milton and on Sunday June 9 the opposition comes from the unbeaten Hamilton team.

Garry Field Stars As Villagers Win

Garry Field, Campbellville's strong armed left-hander, pitched and batted his team to a 7-2 victory over Georgetown, in a Halton County Intermediate ball game played in Georgetown last night (Wednesday). Field, the leading batter on the Campbellville squad this season, had three singles, while chalking up his own second win of the year.

Other players contributing in the ten hit Campbellville attack were Earl Cairns and Stu King, each with a triple; Ken Moore with two singles; George Chester with a double and Bill Elliott and Don Joyce, each with a single.

Glenn Gibbs started on the hill for Georgetown and allowed three runs in five and two thirds innings. Dor relieved him and allowed four runs in an inning and one third.

Toppled by Giants

Sox Rally for Dundas Deadlock

A five-run fifth inning in Dundas Tuesday night allowed the Milton Red Sox to salvage a tie out of the two games they played this week. The five-run rally tied the score at 6-6 and gave the Sox their first point of the yet young Halton County Intermediate baseball season.

Sunday afternoon, the Sox took their second straight loss in as many games, as they blew a fourth-inning 7-1 lead in losing to the Georgetown Giants, 11-9, in a contest featuring 28 base hits.

Tuesday night the Sox trailed 6-1 as they went to bat in the top of the fifth. Ron Phillips opened the inning, when he was safe on an error. Butch Riddell advanced him to second with a bunt single, before two consecutive strikeouts threatened to kill the rally.

Elmer Rigo, pinch-hitting for Brian McCristall, looped a single into right field, to score a run and keep the rally alive. Theo Charlton, the next batter, drove a hard shot past the shortstop to score the second run of the inning and narrow the count to 6-3.

Art Melanson continued his hot hitting pace, slicing a line shot down the third base line for a run-producing single. Doug Hyatt cashed in the two-base remaining baserunners, to tie the score.

In the bottom of the fifth, Dundas was retired in order, and although both clubs threatened in the sixth and final inning, the game ended in a deadlock.

Merv Fletcher started on the mound for Milton. He was the victim of three home runs and was charged with five of the six runs. He was relieved by Tommy Marks with none out in the third inning. In the four complete innings he pitched, Marks struck out seven batters, allowed four hits and was charged with one run.

Theo Charlton led the seventh-inning Milton attack with two singles. Art Melanson had a double and Doug Hyatt, Primo Rigo, Ron Phillip and Butch Riddell had singles.

Outthit Giants
Sunday afternoon, the Sox outthit Georgetown 15-13, but were unable to come out of the game with a victory. Theo Charlton, Art Melanson, Blake Ingles and



THEO CHARLTON
Five Hits in Two Games

Doug Hyatt each had three hits for the Sox, but costly errors proved the club's downfall. Twice errors opened the floodgates and allowed Georgetown to overcome local leads.

Tom Jones had the key blow for Georgetown, an eighth-inning

triple with the bases loaded, that put the Giants ahead to stay.

McLaughlin also had a bases-loaded triple for the winners, his coming in the five-run fifth. Tracy Barrager and Bernie Dore, the winning pitcher, had two singles each for Georgetown.

John Hopkins started on the Milton mound and was relieved by Tommy Marks in the sixth inning. Marks was charged with the loss. Dore, the last of three Georgetown hurlers, was the winning pitcher.

ROUND THE DIAMOND . . . The Sox play their next game on Saturday in Campbellville. . . . Theo Charlton is the hottest hitter on the team, with five hits in the last two games. . . . Art Melanson and Doug Hyatt both have four hits in the two games. . . . Ron Shannon will be out of the Sox line-up for at least two weeks, with an injured ankle. . . . Ron Phillips was robbed of a home run in Dundas, when the Dundas centrefielder, Don McPhail made a sensational catch.

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