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**THE BASEBALL SEASON** has finally arrived and the Milton Red Sox celebrated on Sunday by going through a brisk workout. Toughest part of the training program under the direction of new manager Dick Clements, is the running. Sox veterans Doug McCutcheon and Glen Dance, left, and second year man Bill Currie take time out for a smile with their task master.



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**THE STRONG HURLING ARMS** of Wayne Hilson, Brian McDuffe and Merv Fletcher will be the biggest factor in the Red Sox favor, when they open their regular season in Hamilton on May 14. The three sturdy performers are expected to carry the bulk of the pitching load this year. For the team's opening workout on Sunday, 17 players showed up.



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**ACE BELTERS** with the Campbellville Merchants for the past ten years, Earl Cairns and Ken Moore will be back in the lineup come opening day. The two stalwarts anchor a power packed unit that has dominated ball in the County for the past decade.

## Many Faces Missing

# New Mentor Cracks Whip Runs Sox Into Condition

Hoping for a hard running hustling ball club, Dick Clements chased 17 prospective Red Sox players through a stiff workout at the fair grounds Sunday afternoon. During the opening workout of the season, the newly appointed Sox mentor issued early notice that his team was going to be in top notch condition. "I've always felt that if you wanted to play good ball, you had to be in excellent condition and if you don't want to work, we don't want you." With that stiff warning, the

skipper ordered the squad to run, run, run and before the two and half hour workout was over, tired legs and sore backs were the order of the day.

Missing from the opening workout were several important cogs in last year's team, that finished in the fourth spot in the league standings. Topping the list was Halton league All-Star Ron Phillips. Others missing included third baseman Theo Charlton, second sacker Ron Shannon, sub catcher Don Anderson, first baseman Blake Inglis and pitchers John Hopkins and Butch Riddell.

Following the practice The Champion contacted Phillips, Charlton, Shannon and Anderson and they all indicated they wouldn't be suiting up this summer. Ron Phillips noted, "I won't be playing ball at all, I have a lot of things I should be doing with my family on Sundays and I work on shifts, so it makes it pretty tough." Commenting on a rumor that he intended to play with the Campbellville Merchants, Ron stressed, "I never at any time even considered it, I've always said that I'd never play out of town as long as there is a team in Milton. I don't think it's right."

Theo Charlton, a Sox standout for four years, said he has decided to give up hardball this year because it takes up too much time. "I want to have more time on the weekends to go away with my family and play golf," the former third sacker noted.

Ron Shannon and Don Anderson both suggested that "hardball takes up too much time," but Ron left the door open for returning within the next couple of years. Ron noted, "I'd like to try golf this summer but you can never tell about next year."

Club officials are hopeful that regular first sacker Blake Inglis will show up for weekend workouts and it is expected that left-hander Butch Riddell will be in uniform come opening day. The only other member of last year's team missing, John Hopkins, has moved out of town and isn't expected to sign with the team.

Rumors are circulating however, that Stu Hannant and Don South both former stars with the team, will sign up this year. Both players retired two seasons ago.

**Diamond Dust:** Rain postponed planned workouts for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The first Sox home game will be on May 25 against Hamilton. Assistant coach Archie Cairns is building a scoreboard to be erected in the park.

## M.M.H.A. Annual

The annual meeting of the Milton Minor Hockey Association will be held in the Legion Hall on Sunday afternoon starting at 2 p.m. All interested adults, coaches and managers should attend. The Association has just completed one of its most successful seasons and in order to ensure another "success" next year, the co-operation of everyone is needed. Association president Bob Kanerva stressed this week.

During the meeting, the executive for 1964-65 will be elected and proposed changes to the Association Constitution will be voted on. Don't forget, 2 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

## ICE ON WAY

The ice surface at Milton Arena is gradually disappearing and should all be gone in another week or two. The ice-making machinery at the rink was shut off after the skating carnival 10 days ago and officials are letting the warm weather get rid of the ice for them. First summer activity scheduled for the rink is a Kinsmen-Legion bingo in May.

# List Minor Baseball Groups Will Start Schedule May 18

Using the same system that proved so successful last season, the Milton Minor Baseball Association announced this week the initial player allotments for the coming schedule which will probably begin on May 18. Association president Al Surbey stressed that changes will be made to even up the teams.

In the structure to be used, there will be five groups each with about 23 players. Each group will be divided into two teams, with the most experienced playing on an "A" team and the less experienced boys playing on a "B" team. All the "A" teams will play in the "A" league or National league and all the "B" teams will compete in the "B" league or American league. Coaches will be able to "juggle" players between the "A" and "B" teams of their grouping until the midway mark of the schedule.

## GROUP 1

Coaches — "A" section — Merv Rusk and Boyne Clement; "B" section — John Perrott and Larry Stewart.

Players: Lawrence Buckley, Steve Clements, Albert Casson, Michael Winney, Paul Perrott, Phillip Winney, Brian Rusk, Kenneth Rollins, Peter Jacobs, John Zanatta, Kim Mountain, John Kellman, David Hutchinson, Bill Tardiff, Jimmy Kosulich, Van McPhail, David Anderson, Larry Siatham, Steven Smith, Wayne Wilson, Paul Martin, Scott Morton, Norman Mowbray, Dale Devlin.

## GROUP 2

"A" section — Frank Clarke, Leo Bekar; "B" section — Bruce Hood, Dean Gray, Roy Gray. Players: Stanley Heaslip, Maurice Cassidy, Stephen Clarke, Ernest Boterman, Benny Nyholt, John Jensen, Lawrence Whitney, Russell Chaney, Stephen Thomson, Trevor McGrath, Mark Chase, Marc Fontaine, Howard Wrigglesworth, Lawrence Cargill, Derrick Vander Vliet, Kevin McGrath, Mike Kaszycki, Robert Gray, Barry Haggart, Kenneth Armstrong, Peter Soltz, Keith Williamson, David Roberts, Ken Jensen.

## GROUP 3

"A" section — Kent McIntosh, Trev Houston; "B" section — Max Hatherley, Peter Cassidy, Mr. Johnson.

Players: John Chase, Bryon Watson, Don Rowley, Bruce Barber, Robert Antonucci, Steve Chase, Leslie Wilson, Rick Figg, John Hasselheldt, George Rommeleare, Warren McLeod, Jas. Thomson, John Hatherley, Joe Hart, Robert Evans, Paul Wilson, Ronald Downs, Christopher Keyes, Richard Case, Stephen McCann, Michael Ford, Ken Fay, Glenn Turner, Terry Lawrence.

## GROUP 4

"A" section — Steve Kijanka, Perc Barr; "B" section — Bob Collen, Jim Murray, Earl Wilton.

Players: Ken Brown, Joseph Boterman, George Presniak, Kenneth Job, Peter Marsh, Raymond

May, Stuart Robertson, Doug Barr, Stirling Buckley, Richard Murray, Kevin Smith, Billy Presniak, Rodney Chesky, John Boterman, Robert Chesky, Jimmy Robertson, Philip Collen, Steven Dills, David Robertson, Kurt Smith, Leslie Brown, Randy Hood, Brent Wilson, Douglas Wright, David Wright.

## GROUP 5

"A" section — Al Surbey, Vern Bridgeman; "B" section — Lloyd Smith, Bill Thompson.

Players: Rito Martini, Bob Henry, Donald Fay, Michael Aikenhead, Martin Bradshaw, Neil Bradbury, Glenn Surbey, Nigel Ferguson, Gary Young, Robert Bradbury, Peter Ferrier, Gary MacDougall, Raymond Williamson, Brian Williamson, David Smith, David Cross, Tony Barbrook, Mark Aikenhead, Ivan Beaulieu, Jim Cassidy, Robert Smith, Ritchard Bridgeman, Graham Bradshaw.

## Minor Baseball Meeting For Union Hall Tonight

At a meeting in the Union Hall tonight (Thursday) coaches, managers, umpires and interested parents will discuss proposed plans for the coming minor baseball season with members of the 1964 Milton Minor Baseball Association executive. President Al Surbey reported this week that 173 registrations have been received and that the initial player allotments have been made by the executive.

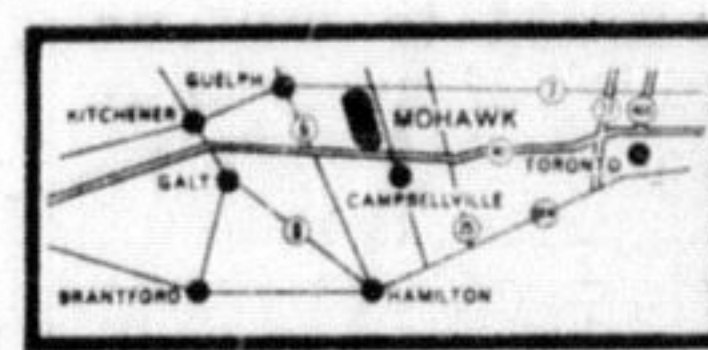
At tonight's meeting several proposed rule changes will be discussed and it will be decided if the changes will be put into effect this year. A planned change in the "B" or American league, would have all players on hand in the batting line-up for the first half of the season. Only nine players will take to the field, but everyone on the team will take a turn at bat. During the last half of the season players will only bat when they have a position in the fielding line-up, unless the coach decides to bat his complete roster.

A second proposed change would have the executive making adjustments to balance the teams at the end of the first half of the season. From there on, however, no changes will be made. Games this year will start at 7 p.m. sharp.

Umpire in chief Clay Jubb also announced this week that he would be conducting an umpire's school for all men who wish to officiate in minor ball games. The date and time of the school will be announced later.

In Halton County Ball this year, it is hoped that the local Association will enter Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee and Tyke squads. Coaches for the Midgets would be Dave Brush and Chuck Gervais, while the Bantams will be under the direction of Alan Parton and Joe Wilson. Bill McTrash and Gus Mowbray will coach the Pee Wees and Don South and Murray Whistler will be in charge of the Tykes.

## Mohawk Opens Monday Night at 7:45



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## SPORT LITES

By BRIAN McCRISTALL

**HIGHLIGHTS** of a 93-game season aren't always the easiest thing to describe, but there are bound to be a few outstanding memories when you've had the chance to hob nob with fellows like Jack Adams, Carl Voss, Clarence Campbell and other elite members of the hockey world. Milton's Bruce Hood returned home this week after completing his second season as a professional hockey referee — a season that started in early September and lasted through until late April.

Travelling more than 30,000 miles in his line of duty and officiating in Central, American and International shinny league games, as well as serving as a standby official in five Stanley Cup Playoff contests, provided the burly Heslop Road resident with a goodly number of thrills.

**A CHICKEN THROWING INCIDENT** in Quebec City headed Bruce's laugh list, as he recalls working a game between the Providence Reds and Quebec Aces. An avid French fan so appreciated the first Ace marker that he tossed a shopping bag onto the ice and much to the surprise of those present (including our home-grown official) a cocky Rhode Island Red chicken popped out of the bag and strutted across the ice. As if this wasn't enough to lower the house with laughter, just a few minutes later the Aces dared to score again and once more the "chicken tosser" went into action and repeated his fowl trick. Needless to say, the prankster was escorted from the rink, but not before he had placed lasting humorous impression into the memories of the Ace followers and Milton's Mr. Hood.

A second incident that Bruce now smiles at, didn't tickle his fancy when he first discovered a mistake. After officiating a Saturday night game in Omaha, Nebraska, Bruce took a plane to Cincinnati, Ohio, for a Sunday contest, only to find that his suitcase and equipment had been forwarded to Memphis, Tennessee. All was not lost however, he caught up with the luggage two days later in Chicago, Illinois.

A breakdown of Bruce's schedule shows that during the season he refereed 48 American League games, 27 in the Central League, six exhibition contests, three Central League playoff games, five standby games in the Stanley Cup semi-finals and four International League playoff games. No doubt a tough grind by any measurement.

**DURING HIS TRAVELS** BRUCE came across another Miltonian, husky Don Currie who was toiling with the Toledo Blades of the International League. He reports that Don is making a mighty big impression around Toledo and that the Milton resident played an important part in the Blades' march to the International League championship. Don played left wing for the Blades' rookie line and set up the winning goal in the second overtime period of the final game of the championship series against the Fort Wayne Comets on Sunday. Don is expected back in town on the weekend following week long victory celebrations in Toledo.

Bruce reports that he worked two games in the new rink in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which he describes as being the nicest building in hockey. During his stay he attended a special luncheon marking the opening of the building.

**PROSPECTS FOR NEXT YEAR** appear extremely rosey for the 6'2", 205 pounder, as he expects to work between eight and ten games in the "big top" more or less on a tryout basis. The suggested idea of the N.H.L. officiating staff doing games in the Western Hockey League next season, would also do quite a bit to add to Bruce's travelling cake. If the deal goes through he will probably be officiating in games clear across Canada and the U.S.A., from Quebec to Vancouver and Los Angeles, not bad for a local resident, in fact, (it's pretty darn good for anyone.)

**M.M.H.A. PREXY BOB KANERVA** called this week and asked us to relay his thanks to the public, for the tremendous help given him during his first year in office. "Everyone's tried very hard to help me and I appreciate it," the M.M.H.A. head noted. "During the past winter we've run a successful hockey program in town and I'd like to thank the minor hockey executive, statistician Audrey Brush, arena manager Larry Arbie, league conveners Chuck Gervais, Sonny Hearn, Tom Mitchell and Dave Brush, the sponsors, coaches, managers, referees, referee-in-chief Murray McConnell and our Tri-County representative Alan Parton, for their co-operation during the season. It's been terrific."

Bob's was the only nomination received for the president this year and he has agreed to hold the office for a second term. During the next year he expects to make several changes and initiate some new programs, all of which are designed to improve hockey for youngsters in the town and district.