

Red Sox Summary

Skipper Aims for Third Spot

A sprinkling of new faces and a host of well conditioned legs, will mark a changed Milton Red Sox line-up, when the hometown heroes march onto Civic Stadium turf tonight (Thursday) to open their regular Halton County Intermediate Baseball season against the Hamilton Cardinals. After two weeks of rugged workouts, the rookie Red Sox mentor Dick Clement, is optimistic about his team's chances this season and he reports, "I'm aiming at third spot and I'm pretty sure we can make it."

The hustling Sox leader feels his hurling staff could be stronger, but is hopeful that his hefty swingers can off-set this apparent weakness. "We could have six .300 hitters on the team this year, with Doug Hyatt, Bill Currie, Don Currie, Blake Inglis, Glen Dance and even rookie John Zoppas all carrying big bats."

Scanning through his line-up, Dick noted, "our catching looks good with young Wayne Timbers backing up Doug Hyatt." In the

infield, Dick points with pride to a quartette of hard hitting regulars in first baseman Blake Inglis, second sacker Bill Currie, shortstop Glen Dance and long ball hitting, third baseman Don Currie. "Doug McCutcheon will be in the outfield for sure, with probably John Zoppas filling one of the two remaining vacancies. The other outfield job is still wide-open," he said.

"Our pitching might be a little wobbly, but it's getting better and Nip Gervais will help in the late innings," smiled the Sox leader. "When we get rid of a

few rough edges, there's no one in the league that will be able to push us around, the team's got a lot of drive and hustle and that's mighty important."

Hilson to Start
The mentor is still undecided who will get the nod for the opening game pitching assignment, but suggests that he probably should go with an experienced veteran like Wayne Hilson. "I probably should go with Hilson," he said, "but I can't say definitely, I never like to name my pitcher until I see how he throws before the start of the game."



Merchants Prime for Opener Capture Exhibition Victory

Campbellville's defending Halton champions played a pre-season exhibition game against the Guelph team from the Senior Inter-County League in Campbellville on Saturday and came out on the long end of a 3-2 score.

Considering the early date and the weather conditions (it was very cool and windy) it was an excellent game with the home team scoring twice in the bottom of the ninth to pull it out of the fire.

Take Lead

Campbellville had taken a 1-0

lead in the third when Guelph's centre fielder dropped Terry Fetter's long fly and the Campbellville catcher raced all the way around to third, from where he scored on Elmer Dredge's single to left.

Guelph was fortunate to go ahead 2-1 in the top of the eighth. A single, a sacrifice, an infield out, a walk and a stolen base put men on second and third with two out when Campbellville picked the runner off third base. The ensuing run down ended with the runner sliding into third and being called safe in spite of the heat and protests from the Campbellville team.

The next batter singled in Guelph's two runs.

Winning Run
Two walks and an error loaded the bases for the Merchants in the bottom of the ninth. Stu King beat an infielder's throw to the plate for the tying run but a pop-up and a force at the plate brought up Al Wingrove with two out. With a count of three and two, the Campbellville star drove a line drive to deep centre field that the Guelph centrefielder dropped, to let in the winning run.

Pitchers

Four Guelph pitchers including ex Oakville Oak star John McKenzie held Campbellville to six hits. Stan Henderson led the attack with two, Bill Elliott doubled and Elmer Dredge, Al Wingrove and Jack Roberts all singled.

Rookie Shines

Young Dave Heffernan started for Campbellville and in three innings, retired nine men in order. He struck out four, threw out three himself, forced one to pop up in front of the plate and one to ground out to first.

The veteran Harry Hamilton was almost as effective in the middle three as he gave up one single and walked two, while striking out five. Jack Roberts worked the final three, giving up two runs off three hits. He walked one and struck out four.

Campbellville's next game will be their league opener against Georgetown in Campbellville on Monday afternoon, May 18, at 2.30.

Six Communities Field 14 Squads In Rural League

The newly formed Halton County Minor Softball Association will begin its first season beginning May 26, with 14 teams representing six rural communities. Association presy Pete Gates announced this week. Teams from Hornby, Drumquin, Omagh, Lowville, Cedar Springs and Moffat will have teams entered this season and the prexy reports that things are shaping up better than expected, especially in the Squirt and Pee Wee divisions.

Lowville will lead the communities with four teams entered, Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget. Omagh will have Squirt, Pee Wee and Bantam teams in action, while Hornby and Drumquin will each have Pee Wee and Squirt teams. Moffat will have teams entered in the Bantam and Pee Wee divisions and Cedar Springs will be represented by a Squirt squad. The Lowville Midgets will play exhibition games with the Bantam teams.

All league games will be twilight affairs and the home teams will look after the umpires. Some squads are still looking for additional coaching help, Mr. Gates said. Each team will play a 16 game schedule.



—Photo by Michael Burns

MILTON HARNESS RACING DRIVER Jim (Red) Holmes is shown during last year's "open house" at the Mohawk Raceway, Campbellville, explaining the use of hobbles to the crowd that attended, and E. P. Taylor, left, chairman of The Jockey Club Ltd. Open house will be held again this Sunday, May 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. Two exhibition races will be held, plus a question and answer period for the visitors. Free coffee, pop and donuts will be served.

Two Village Squads Enter County Action

Campbellville will be represented by two teams in Halton County Minor play this season, with Bantam and Junior squads wearing the familiar Village pin-stripes.

The schedules for the two teams are as follows. The Bantams will play their home games on Monday evenings beginning at 6.30 and the Juniors will be home on Thursday evenings at 6.30 and Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m.

BANTAMS

Home games — June 1, Georgetown; June 8, Oakville (1); June 22, Dundas; June 29, Brampton; July 6, Waterdown; July 13, Burlington; July 14, Oakville (2).

Away games — May 20 in Brampton; May 27 in Dundas; June 2 in Oakville (2); June 15 at Oakville (1); June 21 at Georgetown; June 27 at Milton; July 3 at Burlington and July 9 at Waterdown.

JUNIORS

First four home games: May 23, Dundas; May 28, Hamilton (1); June 4, Burlington and June 13, Ancaster.

First three away games: May 31 in Ancaster; June 8 in Burlington and June 6 in Oakville.

Our Readers Write

THANKS BRIAN

Dear Sir:

The Executive of Milton Minor Hockey Association wish to express their sincere thanks to you and the Canadian Champion newspaper for the wonderful co-operation extended to our Association over the past season.

We would expressly like to commend one of your staff members, Brian McCristall, who was exceptionally receptive and sympathetic to our requests and

ideas. It is our feeling that his efforts played no small part in promoting minor hockey in Milton.

May we again say thank you for the consideration shown our organization this past winter, through the medium of your newspaper.

Yours very truly,

R. Watkins,
Secretary,
Milton Minor Hockey Assoc.

Don Currie Belts Four Hits Red Sox Clobber Giants 16-5

Prepping for their Thursday night season opener in Hamilton, the Milton Red Sox swatted their way to a 16-5 pre-season exhibition win over the Georgetown Giants on Sunday afternoon. Hefty swinging from Don Currie paced a 16 hit Sox attack, as the burly Bronte St. resident cracked a home run and three singles in six trips to the plate.

A quartette of Sox hurlers limited and anaemic Giant line-up to five hits during the nine inning game. Rookie lefthander Ron Naylor was the most impressive, retiring the only six Giant hitters he faced in a two inning stint. Sophomore lefty Merv Fletcher allowed only one hit and an unearned run in his two innings and veteran Wayne Hilson hurled two innings, giving up one unearned run while not allowing a hit. Righthander Brian McDuffe worked the last three innings and allowed four hits and three unearned runs.

Sox manager Dick Clement was more than pleased with his team's hitting in the game, but suggested, "the Giant's might have been weaker than we were strong.

After they took out Dore, they didn't put in anybody who could have caused us trouble," he said. "Our fielding was pretty sloppy," he commented, "but it's a bad ball diamond."

Bill Currie had a triple and a single to help the Sox attack and Marty Scisizzi had two singles. John Zoppas, the first batter up in the game, slapped a triple and Blake Inglis, Doug McCutcheon, Glen Dance, Brian McDuffe, Brian McCristall, Doug Hyatt and Wayne Timbers all collected singles.

SOX SHORTS: Art Melanson announced this week he would definitely be out with the team in the very near future. Manager Clement reports that Art will help with the coaching for sure and if his knee stands up, will gradually work himself into a part time role. . . . The Red Sox will host the Georgetown Giants for an exhibition game on Sunday afternoon at the fair grounds. Game time is 2.30. . . . The next Sox league game will be in Georgetown on Wednesday. . . .

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Four Teams Represent Milton Halton County All-Star Action

An expanded Halton County Minor baseball grouping will swing into action on May 19, but the four Milton entries won't have their first home date until Saturday, May 23, according to the preliminary league schedules released this week by Bill Richmond of Georgetown, chairman of the Halton Minors.

The expanded groupings this year will have three tyke teams, six pee wee teams, nine bantam squads, eight midget teams and nine juvenile-junior teams, according to Mr. Richmond.

The proposed schedules for the Milton teams are as follows:

TYKE

At home: — May 23, Oakville; June 6, Brampton; June 20, Oakville; July 4, Brampton; July 18, Oakville; August 1, Brampton.

Games away — May 29 in Brampton; June 4 in Oakville; June 26 in Brampton; July 2 in Oakville; July 24 in Brampton; July 30 in Oakville.

The two top teams in the Tyke division will playoff at the end of the regular season in a best two out of three series for the Halton County title, Milton Tyke home games will be played on Saturday mornings beginning at 10 a.m. in the fair grounds.

PEE WEES

In the six team Pee Wee division, the Milton squad will play its home games at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday in the fair grounds.

Home games — May 23, Burlington; May 30, Georgetown;

June 6, Waterdown; June 13, Brampton; July 4, Georgetown; July 11, Oakville; July 18, Brampton.

Away games — May 20 at Georgetown; June 5 at Brampton; June 10 at Georgetown; June 17 at Oakville; June 20 at Burlington; June 26 at Brampton; July 10 at Waterdown.

BANTAMS

Milton Bantams will be playing in a nine team grouping and will play their home games at 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoons in the fair grounds.

Home games — May 23, Brampton; May 30, Waterdown; June 6, Burlington; June 13, Georgetown; June 20, Oakville (1); June 27, Campbellville; July 4, Oakville (2); July 11, Dundas.

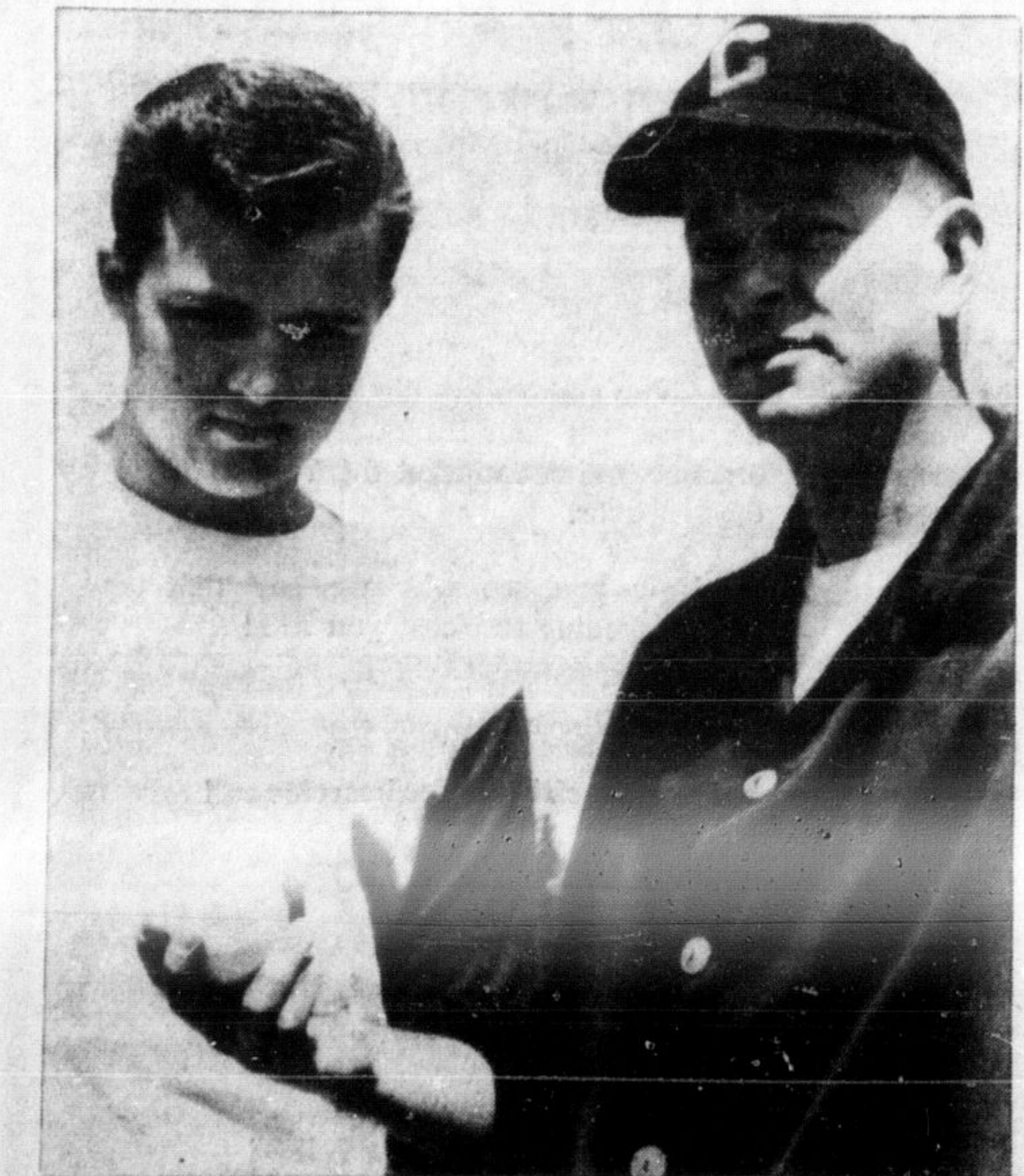
Away games — May 26 at Campbellville; June 1 at Oakville (1); June 7 at Georgetown; June 12 at Burlington; June 18 at Waterdown; June 24 at Brampton; July 1 at Dundas; July 7 at Oakville (2).

MIDGETS

In the eight team Midget division, the local entry will play its home games at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday evenings.

Home games — May 23, Burlington (2); May 30, Brampton; June 6, Georgetown; June 20, Waterdown and June 27, Dundas.

Away games — May 25 at Dundas; June 13 at Brampton; June 17 at Burlington (1); July 2 at Burlington (2); July 5 at Georgetown and July 7 at Waterdown.



—Staff Photo

VETERAN STAR Stan Henderson of the Campbellville Merchants, gives some valuable pitching advice to youthful Dave Heffernan of Rockwood, who is trying out with the Merchant organization this year. Dave starred with the Guelph teams during the past and last year saw limited action with the Guelph Royals of the Senior Intercounty League.

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