

Oaks Top League Ladder Rally to Edge Villagers

Oakville took over sole possession of first place in the Halton County League on Sunday when they walked into Campbellville and came out with a 7-5 victory.

Dave Hefferman started for Campbellville but was taken out in the second inning as Oakville got to him for three runs off four hits (all doubles) and two walks. He struck out two, Jack Roberts, the eventual loser, went the rest of the distance allowing four runs off four hits. He walked two, struck out two and hit one batter.

John McKenzie, down from Guelph, started for Oakville and allowed four runs off four hits in five and one third innings. He struck out four, walked six and hit one batter. D. Craig, the winner, finished for Oakville and in three and two thirds innings allowed one run off three hits. He walked two, struck out two and hit one batter.

A walk followed by doubles off the bats of McKay, Kane and Lawrence gave Oakville a 3-0 lead in the second and sent Hefferman to the showers. Campbellville got one back in their half of the inning when the first man up, Stan Henderson, drove a long home run over the left field fence.

Campbellville closed the gap to 3-2 in the fifth when Wingrove walked and scored from first on Cairns' double down the first base line. With one out in the bottom of the 6th the game was held up for over 20 minutes by a heavy rain storm. When play resumed Joyce singled, Chester walked and Roberts was hit by the pitcher to load the bases.

That finished McKenzie who was relieved by Craig. Dredge then drove in a run with a sacrifice fly and Moore's single scored another to give Campbellville a 4-3 lead.

The score remained this way until the top of the ninth when Dryden hit an infield single. McKay walked and Kane hit a short single to load the bases with none out. A strike out by Roberts on a swinging bunt down the first base line and two runs scored on the play. Craig's double scored two more to give Oakville a 7-4 lead.

Campbellville fought back in the bottom of the 9th. A walk, Henderson's single and Joyce's

doubled scored one run and had men on second and third and the winning run at the plate with two out. George Chester then smashed a hard drive to short and was just ripped at first to end the game 7-5 for Oakville.

Bondy and Kane both doubled and singled for Oakville while Lawrence, McKay and Craig all doubled and Dryden singled.

The veteran Stan Henderson led Campbellville' attack with a home run and two singles, Don Joyce doubled and singled, Earl Cairns doubled and Ken Moore singled.

Campbellville's next home game will be on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. with Dundas supplying the opposition.

Oakville 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 4 — R 7, H 8, E 1; Campbellville 0 1 0 0 1 2 0 0 1 — R 5, H 7, E 1, and Kane.

Oakville: McKenzie, Craig (6) Campbellville: Hefferman, Roberts (2) and Joyce.

Rain, Dust Cancels Sox Curtain Raiser

The Milton Red Sox will try again this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. to open their home schedule against the Hamilton Cardinals, following the cancellation of last Sunday's scheduled home opener. The Red Sox and the Cardinals struggled through four and one half innings on Sunday, in weather best suited for a camel driver, as strong winds whipped across the diamond and almost buried some of the outfielders in dust.

With one man on in the bottom of the fifth and no one out, the rains came down and drowned everyone's worries, as the Sox trailed 5-2. The bright spots in the game up to that time, were the effective relief work of young Ronnie Naylor and the power hitting of Don Currie with a home run and a single and Bill Currie with a triple. Wayne Hilson started on the mound for Milton but was chased from the contest in the first inning when the Cardinals turned on their fire power. Since the game was called before the required five complete innings had been played, all game statistics were washed out.

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—Staff Photo

VETERAN RED SOX performers Tom Marks and Ron Phillips rejoined the team this week and promise to add considerable strength to an already solid squad. A hard throwing hurler, Tom will probably see plenty of mound action and as a switch hitter he will also be able to help out in the hitting department. Ron Phillips announced early this year that he wouldn't be wearing the Sox togs this summer, but this week had a change of heart. Last year Ron made the Halton County Intermediate All-Stars as an outfielder. Tom, left, and Ron Phillips, centre, are shown with starry Red Sox rookie Ronnie Naylor, who has been quite impressive in three trips to the mound so far this year.

Villagers Bomb Steel City Squad Hamilton Tosses Three Hit Win

Campbellville took on highly touted Hamilton Cardinals on Thursday night and won by a convincing 8-1 score. The game was played in Hamilton and the defending League Champions outplayed the home team in every department.

Harry Hamilton went the route for the winners and put on a brilliant display as he held the Cardinals to one unearned run on three hits. He hit one batter, walked one, and struck out five. Pete Ewing and Rick Holt pitched for Hamilton allowing eight runs off 11 hits. They walked three and struck-out seven.

Early Lead
Campbellville had a 1-0 lead on the first three pitches of the game when Ken Moore doubled down the first base line and scored on Dredge's sacrifice fly. Back to back doubles by Cairns and King in the second scored another to make it 2-0.

With one out in the fourth,

Fetter singled and should have been forced at second on Elliott's grounder but two errors allowed him to get to third. He scored when Iannuzzi fumbled Moore's grounder and Elliott came in on Dredge's single to make it 4-0.

Henderson Doubles
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on Cairns' single. On this hit Henderson raced around to third and scored when he and Cairns worked a double steal to make it 7-0.

Fetter walked to open the seventh, was safe at second on Elliott's sacrifice bunt, took third as Hamilton hit into a double play and scored on Moore's single to make it 8-0.

Meanwhile Hamilton had been coasting along on the mound for Campbellville. Back to back singles by Welch and Russell in the second had caused a little concern at the time but going into the bottom of the seventh they were the only two hits he had given up. With one out in the last inning Welch was safe on an error by King, he stole second, went to third on an infield out and scored when Holt singled through short to make it 8-1.

Welch Russell and Holt all singled for Hamilton. Ken Moore led the Campbellville attack with a triple and two singles. Stan Henderson, Earl Cairns and Stu King all doubled and singled and Elmer Dredge and Terry Fetter singled.

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C-ville	1	1	0	2	1	2	1	8	11	2
Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	

Campbellville: Hamilton and Fetter.
Hamilton: Ewing, Holt, and Chayka.

McCutcheon Earns Hero's Laurels Scrappy Red Sox Edge Dundas 6-5

Milton Red Sox parlayed a standout all-around performance by Doug McCutcheon, with the three hit relief pitching of "Nip" Gervais, and wound up with their second win of the season in Dundas on Thursday night. Doug "Doc" McCutcheon, filling in for regular receiver Doug Hyatt, doubled, singled twice, stole a base and threw out the tying run on an attempted steal, to earn the hero's laurels in the narrow 6-5 victory for Dick Clement's hustling ball club. "Nip" turned in his second relief win in two nights, as he limited the Dundas Merchants to three hits and one run during his three and a third innings on the mound.

The win was the second in two nights for the Sox, who downed the Georgetown Giants 9-5 on Wednesday night. The victory

gave the Sox a record of two wins and one loss for the season, as they bowed to Hamilton 12-1 in their league opener.

Sox Leap
A shorthanded Sox line-up leaped on the starting Merchant hurler for four runs in the first inning on two doubles, three singles and two walks. In the bottom of the inning the Merchants tallied once on a double and single. The second and third innings were scoreless for both teams, but in the fourth the home squad tallied three runs to tie the score and chase Red Sox starter Brian McDuffe from the contest.

Don Currie reached first base on an error to start the fifth for the visitors and Doug McCutcheon singled Currie to third and then stole second himself. The next two batters were retir-

ed without the runners moving, setting the stage for Blake Inglis to pinch hit for Wayne McConnell. Inglis' hard hit ground ball was bobbled by Merchant shortstop Paul Palador, allowing the two runners to score and enabling the Sox to take a 6-4 lead.

Important Play
Gervais shut-out the Merchants in the fifth and sixth innings, but in the seventh Joe Martin opened the inning with a single. On an attempted steal, fill-in receiver McCutcheon, tossed out the speedy Merchant outfielder and it proved to be the most important play of the game. The next batter up, husky Don McPhail, belted a long home-run to bring the Merchants within an ace of a tie.

The Sox, led by Doug McCutcheon, collected eight hits in the game. Bill Currie had a double and Wayne Hilson, Glen Dance, Don Currie and Wayne McConnell each had singles.

Brian McDuffe started on the mound for Milton and pitched three and two third innings, allowing four runs on five hits and two walks, he struck out two batters. Gervais hurled three and a third innings, allowing one run, three hits and two walks.



Ron Phillips, Tom Marks Return To Bolster Steady Sox Line-Up

Two former Red Sox stars returned to the local baseball scene this week and you could very nearly see club mentor Dick Clement leaping for joy. Healthy hitting Ron Phillips and strong armed righthander Tom Marks both showed up at Monday night's workout and will undoubtedly work their way into the Red Sox line-up in the very near future.

Ron, a powerful righthanded swinger, made the Halton Intermediate All-Star squad last season as an outfielder, but early this spring he said he wouldn't suit up with the team this season. This week however, he ap-

parently surveyed the situation and decided that it would be worth another try. "Ron will be a big help to us," manager Clement reports, "he gives us another righthanded hitter and he can play either first base or the outfield."

Tom Marks has been one of the better Sox twirlers over the past several seasons, but hung up his spikes mid-way through last season. Manager Clement is looking forward to having the hard throwing righthander on his staff and he expects that Tom will bolster the pitching corp considerably.

"Now that we have these fellows back, I think we have as good a Milton team as there has been for a good long time. We'll likely be as good as our pitching and the way that Nip Gervais and Ronnie Naylor have been throwing, that's pretty good," the manager remarked.

For the first three regularly scheduled games this year, the Red Sox batting averages are as follows: Bill Currie .500; Wayne McConnell .500; Doug McCutcheon .416; Don Currie .363; Brian McCristall .333; John Zopas .285; Blake Inglis .250; Nip Gervais .250; Gord Hasselfeldt .166; Glen Dance .166; Wayne Hilson .142. Several players have yet to bat this season and others have been to bat two or three times without a hit.

Bantams Capture Win Belt Villagers 16-3

Milton Bantam All-Stars combined a nine hit attack with 16 walks and marched to an easy 13-3 win over Campbellville, in a Halton County Bantam contest in the Village on Monday evening.

Hard hitting Lorts Faggion with a single, a triple and three walks and Gary Naylor with a single, double, triple and a walk, paced the local attack. Ted Hood had a double and two walks, Ken Parton three walks, Barry McTrash had three walks and a single, Keith Higgs had a single and walk, Mike McGrath, Ken Rusk, Jack Surbey and Paul Keilty each had a walk, Danny Evans had two walks and a single and Dave Smith had a single.

Gary Naylor hurled the distance for Milton and B. Dennis and Doug McLaughlan shared the mound duties for the Villagers. Inglis and Robertson each had a single and a triple, Mitchell had a double and Common and Dennis each had singles. Andrews had two walks.

SPORT LITES

By BRIAN MCCRISTALL

A SPUNKY 140 pounder who has just enough speed to break a cracked pane of glass, has shoved some new life into the Milton Red Sox pitching corps and it could be just enough to send the Sox spiralling towards the top of the Halton Intermediate standings. "Nip" Gervais isn't as big as a good sized teenager, but when it comes to floating a pitch past a batter, he stands mighty tall. This year he returned to the Red Sox wars after serving on the retirement list for two summers and with the season only three games old, "Nip" has picked up two victories in relief.

In his only two outings, "the Big Snapper" has handcuffed the opposition and picked up valuable relief wins, making Dick Radatz and Ron Perranoski look like mediocre firemen. Last Wednesday evening in Georgetown, he hurled six innings of relief ball, as the Sox mangled the Giants 9-5, for their first win of the year. The very next night the veteran right hander travelled to Dundas and stopped the local Merchants, once again picking up the win with a strong performance.

NOW IN HIS 31st YEAR, Nip is no newcomer to the Halton Intermediate scene, having started his Intermediate career in 1951 at the tender age of 18. The only other member of the 1951 team still in action is Art Melanson. The next ten years Nip tossed his assorted repertoire of "junk" with considerable success and remembers particularly having had amazing good fortune against the Bronte and Dundas entries.

"I remember that I once pitched seven straight games against Bronte before they finally beat me. They just couldn't seem to buy a hit," Nip remembered, with a large smile on his face.

THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER Nip has also proven a thorn in the side of Dundas, having lost only two games to them. "I used to pitch against Dundas four times nearly every year and it seemed that every time I pitched, they couldn't hit", he remarked.

Nip's success throughout the years has helped considerably to build up the reputation of slow ball pitchers. When he's really mad and when the glass is cracked badly, Nip can sometimes break it, but not too often. Unlike Satchel Paige, Nip doesn't throw a hesitation pitch, it just seems that way because it takes as long to reach the plate. His variation of speeds are best described as being slow, slower and slowest, but you can't knock success and Nip has had plenty.

NOW THAT HE'S BACK in uniform and has resumed his winning ways, everyone but the fastball hitter is glad to welcome him. If his first two performances are any indication of his usefulness this year, Sox mentor Dick Clement will have every reason to thank his lucky stars that Nip decided to suit up this semester.

NOTES: The weather played havoc with ball schedules this week, forcing the cancellation of Campbellville and Milton Intermediate games on Sunday, the Industrial Softball openers on Tuesday and house league games in Milton the same night. . . . The Campbellville Merchants are back to their old tricks, trouncing Hamilton 8-1 and thus dispelling rumors that the hard hitting men from the Village are finally slowing up. . . . The arrival of Tom Marks and Ron Phillips on the Red Sox scene this week, strengthens the Sox considerably. . . . The Sox have been short of righthanded swingers for the first three games and Ron's hefty righthanded bat should prove a real boom. Tom is a switch hitter and should be able to help from both sides of the dish. . . . Clay Jubb is still looking for men who are interested in umpiring house league ball games. . . . If you have a night a week to spare, why not give him a call.

Organize Teams, Present Awards At Girls' Softball Ceremonies

About 60 girls turned out for the opening ceremonies of the Milton Girls' Softball Association, held Monday evening at the Williams Avenue High School.

Present Trophy
With the help of several players from the Rotary Raiders, president Glyn Roberts set the teams on a temporary basis, as the League will be re-organized a little later in the season, in order to balance up the teams. Current sponsors are the Flora Shoppe, Knight's Men's Wear, Ledwith Food Markets, McCuaig Insurance, Milton Pharmacy and Tri-County Athletic Supplies. Short exhibition games followed the presentations to last year's winners, allowing the girls to try out their new sweaters.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the

Championship Trophy and crests to the Milton Pharmacy crew, who were the champions last year. Coach Ed Stroud accepted the trophy on behalf of the Drug-gist team. Capt. Marsha Waldie presented the Finalists crests to the Sputniks, who were just edged out in the playoff finals last season.

Exhibitions
League games are to be played Monday and Thursday evenings at Williams Avenue High School, game time being 7:00. League action starts Monday, June 1, when Milton Pharmacy meet the Flora Shoppe entry and Ledwith's tangle with Tri-County Athletic Supplies. All games played up to and including June 19th, will be exhibition affairs, with the League officially beginning June 22nd. This will approximately coincide with end of the school year and allow the girls to concentrate on the final examinations.

Pee Wees Lose

Milton Pee Wee All-Stars dropped an 8-4 decision to Burlington, in their home opener at the fair grounds on Saturday afternoon. The locals belted three home runs in the contest, but were unable to stop the powerful Burlington attack.

Don Hearn paced the local assault with two round trippers and Ray Tonelli blasted a single circuit clout. Ray Evans went the distance for Milton and was charged with the loss.

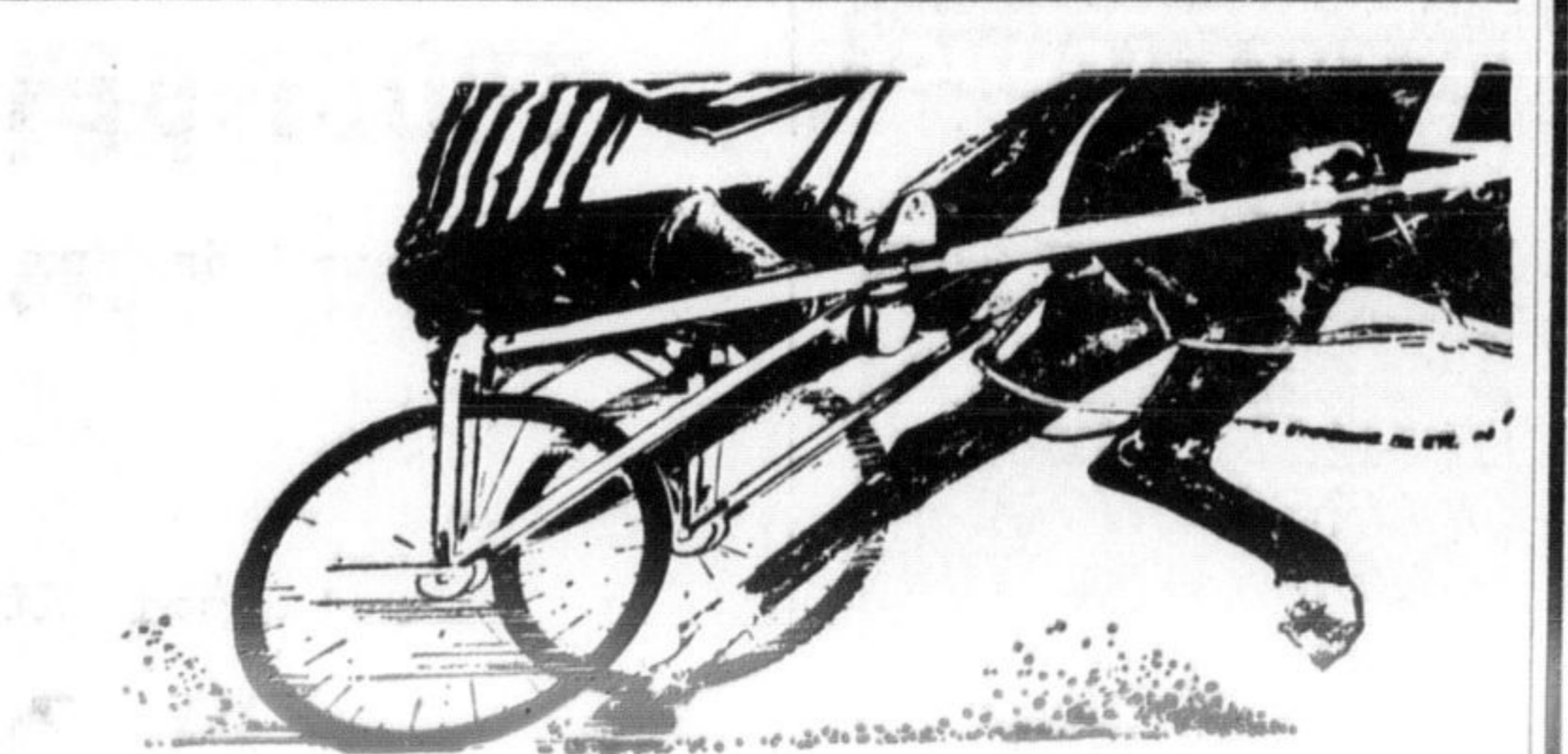
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