

Sox Primed for Playoffs Tangle with Ajax Sunday

"They're fit as a fiddle and twice as anxious, Red Sox mentor Dick Clement commented, after it was announced that his team would begin O.B.A. playoffs in Milton on Sunday afternoon. The Sox will again be taking on the powerful Ajax squad, who eliminated the locals in O.B.A. playdowns last summer. First game of the series is set for 2:30 on Sunday afternoon at the fair grounds. Because there are only four teams entered in the O.B.A. Intermediate "B" division, this series will actually be a semi-final set.

Managers of the two clubs are hopeful of arranging a three out of five series, but if this is impossible, a two out of three set will be played instead. The second game will be played in Ajax on Sunday, September 6.

Commenting on his club's

chances in the O.B.A. playoffs, Mr. Clement said "We could surprise a lot of people if our pitching holds up and our batting becomes more consistent." Throughout the season, the Sox have been plagued with player shortages, but for the playoffs, manager Clement is hopeful that a full team will be on hand.

"I expect we'll give them a real tussle," manager Clement reported, "and if I can keep my team hepped up and running, we'll take them." Although the O.B.A. playoffs are about to begin, the Sox still have several Halton Intermediate games left.

Tonight (Thursday) the Sox will host the Georgetown Giants for a 6:30 p.m. game at the fair grounds and manager Clement is hopeful that another postponed game can be rescheduled for early next week, possibly against Campbellville.



—Staff Photo

EVERYONE'S GETTING EXCITED about the big ball game on Tuesday evening, including Red Sox manager Dick Clement and rival mentor Primo "Casey" Rigo of the Fastball All-Stars. The contest, to be played at the fair grounds beginning at 6:30 on Tuesday night, will be divided into two sections, with four innings being played according to hardball rules and four innings played according to softball rules. Casey (left) is shown here threatening the Red Sox mentor, with a rather under-sized club. The game has been planned to coincide with the Old Fashioned Days celebrations.

Softball Stars Tussle with Sox

Milton's top hardball and softball performers will be squaring off for a special "Old Fashioned Days" ball game at the fair grounds on Tuesday evening. The game, being billed as a grudge match, will pit the choice performers of the Milton Fastball

league against the community's Intermediate hardball squad, the Milton Red Sox.

The contest will consist of four innings of hardball and four innings of softball and the winning team will undoubtedly claim baseball supremacy in the community. Primo "Casey" Rigo, a renegade hardball veteran, will be at the helm of the All-Stars and Red Sox mentor Dick Clement will chart the fortunes of the hardballers. Gord Krantz has arranged the game.

Included in the line-up for the All-Stars will be Bob McPhail, Roger Johnson, Bob Sales, Frank Kaszycki, Bob Shutte, Hap Emms, Bruce Miller, Cliffe Bill, Bob Carr, Stu Hannant, Gord Marshall, Keith Bridgeman, Eric Toletzka, Ed Gallick, Squeek Rigo, Blackie Gaeton, Eric Hiltz and Don South. Four members of the softball All-Star squad have played with the Red Sox. They include, Ron Shannon, Don South, Stu Hannant and Eric Toletzka.

Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Trafalgar Golfers Cop Second Place

Three representatives of the Trafalgar Golf and Country Club were second in the Ontario junior championship at Sleepy Hollow Country Club on Monday. The Trafalgar team of club pro Roy Romain and teenagers Sandra Post and Wayne McDonald, captured the second position in the tournament.

Romain was the top professional in the tournament with a three-under — par 70 and earned first prize money of \$85. Miss Post shot an 80 to finish first among the young women and Mr. McDonald shot a gross of 73.

★ SPORTS PAGE ★

Merchants Tackle Cannington Seek Fourth O.B.A. "C" Trophy

The highly potent bats of the Campbellville Merchants will be out in full force on Saturday when the Halton County league leaders travel to Cannington for the opening game of a best of three O.B.A. Intermediate "C" semi-final series. Cannington is located near Belleville and has a population of less than 1,000.

Len Andrews, manager of the Merchants, expects to start veteran left-hander Jack Roberts in the opening game of the series. Game time is slated for 2 p.m. and it is estimated that it will take about three hours to travel from the Milton district to the Belleville suburb.

The Merchants will open this year's O.B.A. playdowns in search of their fourth intermediate "C" title in the past eleven years.

The Village squad captured the O.B.A. "C" championships in 1953, 54 and 55.

The Villagers' mentor is optimistic about his club's chances, but regrets that rain postponed several league contests during the past week. "I'm getting a little concerned with the lack of work my pitchers have been getting," he reported, "but they're all eager to go and I think we'll be okay."

The second game of the series will probably be played in Campbellville on Saturday, September 5, with the third game (if necessary) to be decided at a latter date.

Campbellville is expected to be at full strength for the series opener.



SPORT LITES

By BRIAN MCCRISTALL

EVER HEAR ABOUT THE GUY that washes his car in the rain, talks to hermits on the mountain and walks all the way home just to lose weight? Does he sound a little bit crazy to you too?

Well, he's gone and done it again, George Gobel used to say, "they don't hardly make them like that there any more," but we've got one. Yes sir, The Canadian Champion's armchair news editor has gone and made another rash prediction and he'll probably eat crow pie all next week. Yes, as an over-weight news editor he's just terrific, but as underpaid sportswriter he's in the wrong class.

You have to have that lean hungry look (acquired after years of starvation) before you can claim the honor of successfully blowing more predictions than Welk's got bubbles.

Yes, Sir Downsie made a rash prediction this week and he's going to pay for it. From his corner we heard slight chuckling sounds and on closer inspection learned that he laid an egg. He dared to suggest that Casey Rigo's muddball contingent will overwhelm and completely clean the Sox when the clubs tangle in an "Old Fashioned Days" extravaganza at the Fairgrounds Tuesday evening.

After a stern look at the facts however and a glassy stare at our Mc"Crystal" ball, we have to wholeheartedly disagree with our honourable superior. As a car-in-the-rain-washer he could be top brass and we don't even deny that he talks to himself and hermits besides, but when it comes to foreseeing the sporting future, he's way off limits.

Since these few remarks might cost us our job, I'd like to have the satisfaction of being right (for a change). So, I'd very much appreciate it if you would show up at the game on Tuesday evening and cheer the hardballers to hopeful victory. P.S. If you see Downsie, be sure and rub a little salt on his wounds.

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MILTON AND DISTRICT baseball squads in several different leagues are presently playing or arranging playoff games in various O.B.A. and O.R.S.A. groupings. On the local front, the situation as of publishing time was still very unsettled, but there was a chance that several minor ball teams would be playing home games on Saturday afternoon. On the Intermediate level, the Red Sox will tangle with Art Rennie's highly capable Ajax squad, in an Intermediate "B" semi-final series starting at 2:30 p.m. in Milton on Sunday.

The "Foaming Cleanser Contingent" drubbed the Sox last season but it is strongly hoped that the situation will be reversed come Sunday. Word has it that the minor squads are nearly set for battle with the Tykes slated to face either Chippawa or Merriton, the Pee Wees to oppose Ingersoll, the Bantams to battle Dunnville or Chippawa and the Midgets to face either Chippawa or Stony Creek.

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Steel Plant Topples Meters Notch Series At Game Each

Clutch hitting performances from Marvin Sine and Blackie Gaeton and the classy six hit pitching of Bob "Toothpick" Shutte, boosted the Ontario Steel Plant to a 7-6 win over Meter Plant to notch their best of five semi-final series at one game each.

In the first game action at Palermo Park last night (Wednesday), the Legion parlayed the powerful hitting of Don South and Grant Stark with the five hit pitching of Murray Whistler as they grabbed a 2-0 lead in games over the Flyers.

The third games in Industrial Fastball semi-finals action will be played at Palermo Park on Saturday evening beginning at 7 p.m.

LEGION 6 FLYERS 2

Murray Whistler was the Big word for the Legion, handling the Flyers with ease as the veterans wrapped up their second consecutive 6-2 win in the best of five series. Don South and Grant Stark with a double and a single each shone at bat for the winners. Dave Smith chucked the

distance for the Flyers and Ray Andrews belted a double and two single in a losing cause.

O.S.P. 7 METERS 6

The upstart Steel Plant crew tabled a king-sized rally in the sixth inning to overcome an early Meter lead, as they tumbled "Casey" and his crew to even the best of three series at a game each. Bob Shutte hurled his best start of the season to silence the Meters' heavy artillery. Marvin Sine's single, double and four rbi's paced the winners and Blackie Gaeton had a pair of singles.

Jim Rowley was charged with the loss and Gord Marshall and Ab Jannuzzi each plunked hom-ers. Marshall also singled.

OBTAIN UMPIRE CARDS

Two local men in blue, Clay Judd and Murray Hood, recently received O.B.A. umpire cards. They have been working Halton County minor league ball games throughout the season and expect to work several O.B.A. play-off contests.

GAMES POSTPONED

Weather played havoc with ball schedules this week and heavy rains on the weekend forced the postponement of several Intermediate ball games in the district. Saturday the Campbellville Merchants were slated to play Dundas but rain postponed that contest. On Sunday the Sox were to host the Villagers at the fair grounds but it was called off because of wet grounds. Tuesday evening's scheduled game between Milton and Campbellville was also called off.



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