

Brantford Sox Out-Shine Stars

Brantford Red Sox took advantage of every available break on Sunday afternoon as they outplayed and out-shone a bright contingent of Halton County All-Stars in Waterdown.

The best the Halton County league had to offer wasn't quite good enough as the polished inter-county squad scored three runs in the second inning and never surrendered the lead. In the seventh inning, they added one more when a pick-off play at first base went awry, the ball skittered far into the outfield and Gerry Metherall rounded the sacks.

The All-Stars, managed by Oakville Oaks mentor Tom Byers, scored single runs in the third and sixth innings and had rallies stymied in the second, fourth, seventh and eighth innings.

Reserve hurlers Harry Hamilton of Campbellville, Bernie Dore of Georgetown and Mike Anderson of Hamilton were the only players in uniform who didn't get into the game. The dream team mentor made full use of his bench and when All-Star choices Rick De Marche of Hamilton, Al Wingrove of Campbellville and Dennis Mendyk of Hamilton failed to show up, he had to start Georgetown shortstop Pete Lawson in left field and he was the hitting star of the game with two singles and a double in four at-bats.

All three front-line pitchers, lefty Jack Sutton and righthander Trevor Madden of Hamilton and lefthander Jack Roberts of Campbellville, hurled three innings and the starting Sutton was charged with the loss. During his stint, Sutton allowed three runs (two of them earned), three hits and walked two, while fannig six. Trevor Madden was on the mound for the middle innings and shut out the Sox, while allowing two hits and one walk and striking out two. Jack Roberts finished the game and allowed one unearned run, one hit and two walks, while striking out one.

Jim Bourne and Gerry Metherall shared mound duties for the winners with Bourne working the first three innings, All-Stars scored a run off each hurler. The Stars slammed out 10 hits including two singles and a double by Pete Lawson of Georgetown, two singles by perennial All-Star Earl Cairns of Campbellville and singles by Ross McKellar of Preston, Jack Wildfong of Preston, Bill Weldon of Dundas, Don Arnold of Dundas and Don McPhail of Dundas.

Tough Task for Campbellville Need Win in Oakville Tonight

Ever plucked a six year molar from a live rhinoceros? Well it's just a wee bit easier than winning a game in the Oakville Oaks' own ballpark and that's what the Campbellville Merchants have to do tonight — if they intend to have a crack at the Halton County Championship this year.

The Len Andrews coached Merchants will travel to Oakville tonight (Wednesday) for the all-important "rubber" match in the best of three Halton County series and if they win, they'll have the right to enter the championship finals against Hamilton. If they lose, it will chop a nine year championship win string — an unprecedented feat in any league.

Evenly Matched

The Villagers and the Oaks are about as evenly matched as any two teams around and in league play this year, they finished with identical records while Campbellville notched two wins against the Oaks at home and managed a tie in two contests on the road. The Village mentor suggests, "there's not much to choose from between the two teams but they have the home advantage and we haven't won in Oakville this year."

In contrast to the opening contest, Len expects a full line-up for tonight's 6.30 game and although he won't decide definitely until game time, he is presently leaning towards starting Hamilton and having Roberts available for relief work. "I don't really know which one I'll start," he said, "but both of them will probably be in the game."

If the Villagers win tonight, they'll start a best of five series with the first place finishers in the league — the Hamilton Red Wings. Although no schedule has been drawn up, the Merchants would hope to have a home game on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 but no real arrangements have been made.

Outside of Halton County play the Merchants have entered the O.B.A. Intermediate "C" category and they are supposed to be ready to start the O.B.A. play-downs by Saturday, August 28.



During the game, lucky draws were made and proceeds from the ticket sales, approximately \$750, will go toward the betterment of minor baseball on the Halton County level. Top ticket sellers were Gary Duchelle of Waterdown, who sold 63 books, and Ron Deleard of Burlington, who sold 43 books. Red Sox manager Bob Salvisburg and Halton baseball officials Bill Richmond and Murray Hood conducted the draws.

Sports

Red Sox Drop Second Game Pirates Cop Round-Robin Win

Preston Pirates splurged for six runs in the second inning and it was really more than they needed as they cake-walked to a 7-1 victory over the Milton Red Sox at the fair grounds on Monday night.

Early in the afternoon Chubby Dan started to scream from the stands and it seemed every insult he shouted was levelled at Salvisburg. The hot-tempered Red Sox playing manager challenged Chervaty to come out on the mound and pitch to him. Dan was ready and eager but officials decided to delay the "grudge match".

The Pirates connected for five safeties off the offerings of lefthander Ron Naylor who hurled the distance for the losers. He gained two strike-outs and was the victim of his own wildness plus several defensive miscues made by his teammates.

One of the defensive gems of the season was made in the third inning when first baseman Bill Currie ranged far to his right to grab a hard hit ground ball and fired to Ron Naylor covering first for the put-out.

A carload of Juvenile performers was absent for the contest since they thought the game was in Preston and they made the long jaunt to the Pirates' home.

Scuba Divers

"Wreck diving" in the Georgian Bay area sounds interesting and a local diving enthusiast is anxious to arrange a cruise if enough interest is shown.

More than 20 people are active scuba divers in this area and one gentleman has hopes of arranging the cruise. All he needs is the names of 10 or 12 people who are interested in renting a boat for a Saturday or a Sunday in early September. Several boats can be rented in the Georgian Bay area and each one is outfitted with a compressor on board.

Divers interested in the cruise should have their own equipment. Anyone interested in the proposed cruise should contact Roy Downs at The Champion office as soon as possible and he will forward the names to the organizer.

Doug Coverdale Flings No-Hitter Baby Red Sox Crush Bramalea 9-0

Lefthander Doug Coverdale twirled a pitcher's dream — a nifty no-hitter, on Thursday as the Milton Red Sox Juveniles swamped Bramalea 9-4 and virtually clinched a post in the Ontario Baseball Association Juvenile playdowns.

The defensive gem of the contest came in the opening inning when centrefielder Frank Bertasson raced back to make an over-the-head catch of a well hit ball by the first batter.

The Milton offense was almost as strong as Coverdale, as local swingers pounded out seven safeties and actually clinched the victory in the first inning with four runs on four hits with Steve Gervais' triple being the key blow.

The locals added three more runs in the third as Frank Bertasson homered with two men on and gained single tallies in the fourth and sixth innings.

The victory for the Juveniles, the second in a row over Bramalea, now gives a better than even chance of finishing first in the race for an O.B.A. berth. According to a new ruling this year, the team in each O.B.A. category which finishes highest in the regular league standings, is entitled to represent the league in the O.B.A. playoffs.

Masterful Hurler

Rick Ortwein spun a masterful game against the Sox on Monday striking out nine of the 18 batters retired in the abbreviated six inning contest. He allowed only three safeties including a double by Bill Currie and a triple by Brian McDuffe which produced the only local run. Brian McDuffe's second single was the only other Red Sox hit in the game.



SPORT LITES

By BRIAN McCrystal

JUST FOR THE RECORD

Umpire baiting is a popular sport anytime in the season but just around playoff time it becomes particularly noticeable. Although we can't always agree with the way the poor men in blue are treated, it's sometimes quite obvious they are a little slack on the job. Last Wednesday evening in Georgetown was an ideal example. According to the coaches of both the Georgetown Giants, Dude Lindsay, and the Milton Red Sox, Dick Clement, the men in blue were just plain "horrible". Dude phrased the situation nicely when he suggested, "just 'cause it's a consolation series they don't have to give us consolation umpires." The Giant mentor and the Sox leader were on friendly terms throughout the game and kept track of the ones the men in blue "blew".

Lowville Wins

Lowville Bantams battered Hornby 6-2 last Wednesday night in the first game of the Halton Minor Bantam Softball playoffs in Lowville.

Drumquin Pee Wees Win O.R.S.A. Opener

Drumquin Pee Wees poked out 17 safeties Saturday evening as they pounded Bright 8-4 in the opening game of a best of three Ontario Rural Pee Wee "C" series.

Maurice Curtis hurled the victory for Drumquin and helped his own cause with a single. Calvin Cordingly singled and doubled and Harley Pickering, Harold Merry and Norm Biggar singled twice. Keith Leslie and Doug Hilson each rapped out three singles for the winners.

The second game of the best of three series will be played in Bright on Saturday.

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