

# Spunky Sox improve playdown chances

Milton Red Sox rose from the depths of the Halton County Senior cellar on Sunday afternoon and hammered the first nail into the Caledonia Red Sox coffin.

Playing solid baseball for nine straight innings, the Sox showed on Sunday that an Ontario Intermediate "B" championship isn't entirely beyond possibility. The not so proud owners of a five win, 20 loss record, upset Caledonia 3-2 in an exciting O.B.A. game at the fair grounds and came within one win of reaching the O.B.A. Intermediate "B" finals. Only four teams have entered O.B.A. Intermediate "B" play this year.

Second game of the best of three semi-final series will be played in Caledonia on Sunday afternoon at 2:15. Either Ron Naylor or righthander Mike Boughton is likely to get the starting job. Naylor, however, may not make the game. Third game of the series if necessary will also be in Caledonia and will start at 2:15 Monday afternoon (Labor Day). Caledonia won the toss, held just before the start of Sunday's game.

Close to 200 baseball fans were treated to a fine game which wasn't decided until the eighth inning. Acting coaches Art Melanson and Doug Hyatt (coach Dick Clement was hospitalized late last week) had their performers in a fighting mood and it was at once evident, as lefty Ron Naylor retired Caledonia one, two, three in the top of the first.

In the bottom half of the inning, the Sox bats started to chatter and two runs crossed the plate. Left fielder Pete Sherratt hit a sharp single down the left field line. Steve Gervais sacrificed him to second and Ron Phillips sprayed a single into right field to score Sherratt. Art Melanson singled to put men on first and second and rookie third baseman Leon Stickle lofted a double down the right field line to score Phillips. Bill Currie walked before the next batter got out, to end the inning.

The score stayed at 2-0 for Milton until the fourth when Caledonia knotted the count and very nearly went ahead. A single, a bunt single and an error put men on second and third. The next batter cracked a

long blow into the hole in left centre. By the time the ball was retrieved and thrown back into the infield, all three runners were home. The Sox, however, took the ball to third base, claiming the hitter had failed to touch it on his way past. The umpires agreed and the third run was disallowed. The inning ended with the score tied.

The score remained deadlocked until the eighth inning when fleet, centre fielder Doug McCutcheon reached base on four straight balls. On the first pitch to the next batter, he stole second. Phillips grounded out, Art Melanson singled and McCutcheon moved to third. Melanson then stole second and Leon Stickle hit a two bounce to the second baseman, who checked McCutcheon at third and then threw to first for the put-out. McCutcheon surprised many,

## Sox short

Milton Red Sox ended the season on a sour note on Tuesday night of last week, dropping a 3-0 verdict to the Preston Merchants.

Only nine players were in uniform for the Sox and shortstop Bill Currie handled the mound duties creditably. The lanky, hard throwing righthander fired a seven-hitter over the seven inning route but the Sox couldn't give him any offensive help.

Rick Ortwein tossed the win for the Merchants, allowing only one hit — a sixth inning single by Steve Raspberry.

The loss gave the Sox a season's record of five wins in 25 starts.

## Village Midgets clobber Colgan

Campbellville Midgets settled the issue early on Saturday, bombing Colgan 30-4 in the opening game of an O.B.A. Midget "B" series. Second game of the series will be in Colgan Sunday and the third game will be in Campbellville on Monday if necessary.

The Villagers pounded out 19 safeties in an awesome hitting display and capitalized on five Colgan errors, en route to the lop-sided decision. Colgan's only bright spot was a four run first inning. From then on, the Villagers had complete control, scoring four times in the first, eight times in the third, four times in the fourth, six more in the sixth, three in the seventh and five in the eighth.

Bill Dennis fired the win for Campbellville, allowing only four runs on four hits.

Garnet Mitchell was the top plate performer for the winners with three singles and a double. Bill Dennis and Jack Mayes were almost as good with four singles each. Pete Andrews tripled and singled, Doug McLaughlin doubled and singled, Joe Weadge singled, and Allan Patterson doubled.

## M. Poppins theme for flower show

Milton and district residents invited to attend the Garden Club of Burlington's seventh annual flower show at the Royal Botanical Gardens headquarters on Plains Rd. W. on Wednesday, September 21.

This year's show, open 2 to 9 p.m., is based on the theme "Mary Poppins in Flowers" and publicity secretary Mrs. R. A. Dowling said she thinks exhibitors would find it challenging to make floral arrangements titled "Step in Time", "Chim Chim Cheree" or "Supercalifragilistic-expialidocious".

## Raiders near elimination trail best of five series

By Bob Watkins

Monday night Georgetown came back from a 6-0 deficit in the fourth frame to thump Milton 14-8 in Halton Ladies' Softball playoffs. The win gave the North Halton club a 2-1 lead in victories in the best three of five semi-final series.

Three walks and six hits produced six runs for Milton in the first two innings, but alert fielding held the Raiders scoreless until the final frame. After playing heads up ball for two innings the Raiders defence started to sag and Georgetown took advantage of errors to plate two runs in the third, five in the fourth, three in the fifth and four more in the sixth inning. A home run by Kaye Marsh in the top of the seventh sparked a small rally by Milton that netted two runs.

Gloria Zillo earned the win for Georgetown, allowing ten hits and five walks, and rapping three singles in four trips to the plate. Lorraine Seckington homered for the winners and Bet-

## Omagh wins

Omagh Pee Wees defeated Kilbride 5-2 in their first game of the O.R.S.A. playoffs in Omagh Tuesday evening. The Omagh squad earlier ousted Innerkip and Hickson from the league. A good crowd attended Tuesday's encounter and a bigger crowd is expected when the two teams clash Thursday in a 6:30 game in Kilbride.

however, by taking off for home and slid in safely with the winning run.

There were several heroes for the Sox — Ron Naylor hurled a fine game, allowing only six hits while claiming four strike-outs; Art Melanson, who moved to shortstop for the game and was the defensive star with two put-outs and seven assists, as well as hitting two sharp singles; Leon Stickle, who had two RBIs

and Doug McCutcheon, whose fine base running resulted in the final run.

Art Melanson commented after the game, "I was quite happy with the way we played. I think we had the strongest team we could field at that time and there were plenty of players left on the bench to help out if they were needed." Two players did get into the game as pinch performers — Doug

Coverdale hit for Wayne McConnell and Chris Ramshaw went in to play right field after that change.

Melanson singled twice, to pace the Milton offense, while Naylor and Stickle each doubled, and Phillips, Currie and Sherratt singled.

Diamond Dust: Navler fashioned a fine move to first base to pick off a runner in the second inning. . . . Catcher Steve

Gervais made a fine throw to second base to nip a runner in the seventh inning. . . . Melanson was superb defensively but he got some help from big first sacker Ron Phillips. The veteran first baseman dug a couple of long throws out of the dirt. . . . Caledonia's big trouble was right field, where they made three changes. . . . The crowd at the game was reported to have been the largest of the season.



MILTON RED SOX went one game up in a best of three O.B.A. Intermediate "B" semi-final series on Sunday. The Sox came through with a top notch performance to edge Caledonia 3-2 in a fine, closely fought contest at the fair grounds. Shown in the front row are Al Jordan, Mike Boughton, Art Melanson, Dave

Aselton, Pete Sherratt, bat-boy Mark Hyatt, Chris Ramshaw, Wayne McConnell, Steve Gervais and Ed McLeod. Standing behind are Ron Phillips, Doug Coverdale, Doug Hyatt, Steve Rasperry, Doug McCutcheon, Ron Naylor, Bill Currie, Leon Stickle, Marty Scisizzi and Brian McDuffe.

# Champion Sports Page

## Jack Roberts blanks Mitchell George Chester blasts homer

Campbellville came through with a win in their first game of the round-robin series to determine the Ontario Intermediate "C" champions.

The defending champions defeated Mitchell 3-0 in a fast, well played game in Campbellville on Sunday, but they will obviously have their work cut out for



GEORGE CHESTER Belts Home Run

## Omagh Pee Wees capture title

Omagh Pee Wees tripled the score on Drumquin Saturday night to capture the Dales Farm Equipment Trophy, emblematic of Pee Wee Supremacy in the Halton County Rural Minor Softball league.

Omagh polished off a perfect day with an 18-6 win over Drumquin after edging Glen Williams 4-1 and bombing Kilbride 9-1. In other action Drumquin defeated Hornby 24-19, Kilbride edged Moffat 7-6 and Drumquin blasted Lowville 27-8.

Seven teams vied in the day-long tournament with Lowville getting a bye in the first round since it finished in the cellar position at the end of the regularly scheduled league play.

The championship trophy was donated by Lyle Dales of Dales Farm Equipment.

Association president Ray Fuller described the tournament as being "quite successful".

them as Corunna — the other entrant — defeated Mitchell 9-1 on Saturday, as pitcher Peters, a newcomer to Corunna, struck-out 17 Mitchell batters.

In Campbellville all the scoring took place in the second inning. Earl Cairns walked and was sacrificed to second. Stu King doubled down the leftfield line to drive in what turned out to be the winning run. King moved to third on an infield out and then George Chester lofted the ball over the leftfield fence to make it 3-0 and that's the way it ended.

The game featured the hurling of George Coveney for Mitchell and Jack Roberts for Campbell-

ville. Coveney held Campbellville to three runs off four hits. He walked three and struck-out six. Jack Roberts hurled a masterful shut-out as he limited Mitchell to three scattered hits. He fanned eight and didn't walk a single batter.

McNaughton, Mitchell and Coveney all singled for Mitchell. For Campbellville George Chester homered, Stu King doubled and Earl Cairns and Jack Roberts singled.

Footnotes: Next weekend Campbellville and Mitchell both play in Corunna. On September 10 Campbellville goes to Mitchell and on Sunday, September 11, Corunna comes to Campbellville.

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Mitchell — Coveney and McNaughton; Campbellville — Roberts and Wingrove.

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## Playoffs

Lowville took a commanding two game lead in a best of five Halton Rural Minor Softball Association series for the Midget championship this week. Hornby leads the best of three Bantam final series with one win.

Lowville capped successive decisions over Glen Williams, while Hornby captured a verdict over Omagh. Second game of the Omagh - Hornby final will be played tomorrow night (Thursday) at Hornby.

## Paquette gets 24 strike-outs Lowville eliminates Brougham

Lowville Intermediates let Jacques do it and he didn't have much trouble as hard throwing Jacques Paquette hurled a nifty four-hitter and struck out 24 batters as Lowville eliminated Brougham 5-3.

The winners took a 2-0 lead in the fifth inning on an error, three singles and a walk. Brougham got a run in the sixth to make it 2-1 before Lowville made it 3-1 in the seventh on a walk and a single. In the eighth a single and two triples produced two more Lowville runs. Brougham ended the scoring in the ninth before Paquette claimed his 24th strike out.

Harold Thompson tripled once and singled twice for Lowville. Lee Coulson tripled and

singled, Jacques Paquette singled twice and Stu Dolbel, Danny Heatherington, Larry Colling and Stu King all singled once.

Hornby visits Lowville Thursday night in a sudden death playoff game in Halton County semi-final action.



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