



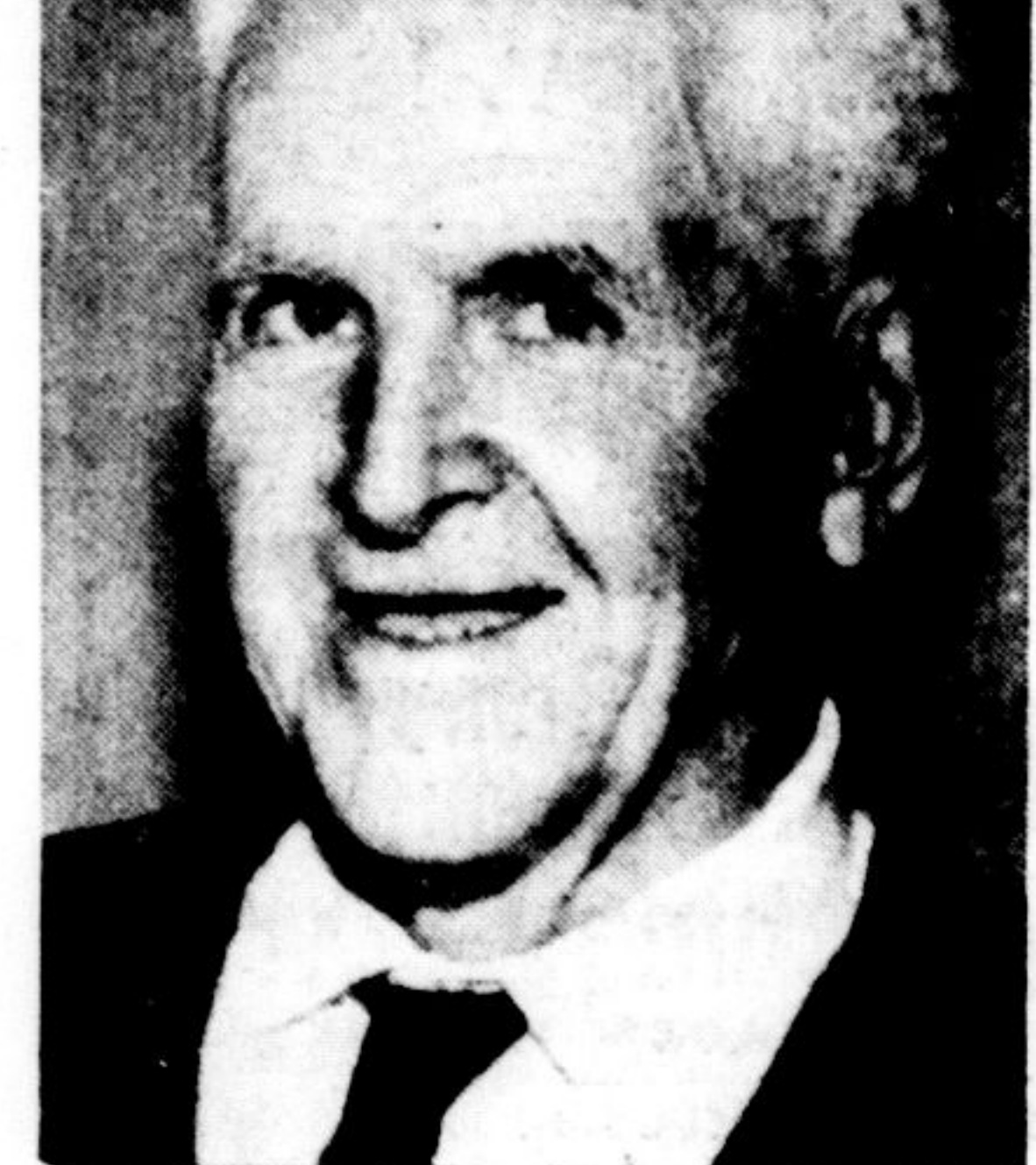
Sport Lites

by Brian McCristall

The White Haired Man sits upright in the chair and stares straight ahead. Like a gusher he spouts pure gold — in the form of gems from Milton's sports past — and the visitor eagerly accepts the information and jots it down.

Murray "Drum" Campbell looks very much like a retired bank worker, and he is. All his training has taught him to keep things in orderly fashion, so when you ask a question, he gives quickly into his files of figures or memories or ideas and digs you the right answer.

As he stares, he recites without noticeable hardship, details of his days as a ball and hockey player in town. Often he'll wander from the subject for as long as five or 10 minutes, and he'll mention facts like the Milton Inn's current layer of brick was applied in 1905. Then he'll return to the topic.



MURRAY CAMPBELL

His information is believed to be accurate and detailed, so when he outlines the lives of all his 1901 teammates, you can catch a glimpse of the town's history. "Drum", a nickname he carried for a long time, was applied because of the similarity between his name Campbell and camel. "It came from the dromedary camel, that's how I got it," he says.

In his baseball playing days from 1901-1906 he was a catcher. His mates on the 1901 junior team included Roy Field at second base, Bill Atkinson the pitcher, Charlie Barber the third baseman, Clarence Turner the centre fielder, Lon Wharton the shortstop, Bill Patterson the leftfielder, rightfielder Bill Winn, first baseman Rube Springgav and utility man Cecil Earl. The team played seven games against Acton and Toronto teams, "and we did pretty well for a first year team," he said. After mentioning each player he gave a brief description of their lives, and sometimes death.

Home ground for the "Victorias" was the fair grounds, but it wasn't nearly as good as it is now, he said. The diamond faced south rather than east, and there was no grandstand. Three or four hundred fans would show up for a game and the standard fee was 15 cents, "though quite a few didn't pay". Bill Atkinson, the pitcher, was a hard thrower and lanky Clarence Turner was a wizard in the outfield.

It was the era of the dead ball and home runs were few and far between. Players often used "corked" bats and many times the umpires would catch them and order them to use proper bats. Standard baseball strategy wasn't yet devised and it was primarily an "overpower them, rather than outsmart them", game. The rules were much the same, except for foul balls. They didn't count as strikes. "Fellows used to try to wear the pitchers out and hit as many as four or five fouls," he said.

The Milton players, capless and wearing black turtle necked sweaters, padded white knickerbocker trousers and black stockings, were among the best dressed performers around. Travel was tough in those days and a trip to Palermo would be planned a week in advance. "Now young chaps get in a car with their girl friend and head to a dance 20 miles away without even thinking about it. I remember when it used to take more than three hours to get to Oakville by horse and wagon. The roads were really dusty," he indicated.

When he was a youngster, baseball in the United States was coming closer to maturity. He and his teammates took a keen interest in big league ball and names like Iron Joe McGinnity, John McGraw and Willie Keeler were popular. "Keeler was one of the nicest batters I ever saw. He played out his career with Toronto and he was really good," Mr. Campbell claims. His memories also cover Milton's senior ball team which reaches as far back as 1896 when Acton won three games against Milton and then Milton won the next four games.

Lacross, now a forgotten game in the County Town, once was top ranked in popularity. Back in the late 1880's Milton had a particularly strong team and was considered one of the best in the province. The games were in the fair ground and he used to carry water to players on the field. He remembers, "The Milton team beat a top club from Toronto and the Toronto boys got pretty mad. A few of our better players had to go down to the hotel and praise them up, or there might have been a fight." Though it had its years of great popularity, the game gradually died out and 1900 it was a thing of the past.

From 1903-1907, he played on several local hockey teams which competed in Western Ontario Hockey Association and Ontario Hockey Association play. Hockey, he believed, was a fine game but he never enjoyed it as much as ball. Shiny games were played in the old curling rink on Mill St. and the opposition used to come from Galt, Preston, Hespeler, Berlin (Kitchener) and other centres.

It was the days of seven man hockey and according to Mr. Campbell, "the rover always got in the way, he ruined the combinations. I was glad when they changed the rule so that there were six men on a side." In the old curling rink the fans stood to watch the game — there were no seats — and the ice wasn't marked. "It was a wide open game then," he continued.

Mr. Campbell started working in Milton in the Old Bank of Hamilton at the excellent salary of \$100 a year and in December of 1907 he was transferred to Toronto, ending his sports career in town.

Sports were only a physical outlet for him, not a love. Now, when prompted, he has a store of tales he's willing to divulge, but never uses the accepted phrases like "I loved baseball" or "hockey was great." He only tells of an era we'll never know with a knowledge, and an appreciation we can really admire.

Tigers gain 7-5 victory
Merchants still winless

Milton Merchants continued to be plagued by poor defensive play and remained winless this week, dropping a 7-5 verdict to the Aurora Tigers in Milton on Friday night.

Despite superb goaltending by Bob Lee, the Merchants were unable to come really close to victory, as the Tigers scored three times in the final stanza to sew up the decision.

Joe Hore, playing his second consecutive game on a forward line, proved again that he's All-Star calibre, as he scored twice and assisted once in the losing effort. Rookie Jim Cole, Craig Brush and Doug Hearn's potted the other Merchant markers. Jim Cole, Leon Stickle, Brian Bond, Craig Brush and Doug Lucas, the club's newest defenseman, earned assists.

The loss, Milton's second in three league games, left the locals in the lower echelon of the

Midgets get 8-1 victory

Milton Rotary Midgets kicked off their Tri-County schedule on Thursday night with a resounding 8-1 win in Fergus.

Graham Hearn fired a pair of markers for the Midgets and Rod McKersie, Marty O'Neill, Don Hearn, Ted Hood, David Gates and Don Chuchmach scored once. Rick Cole picked up a trio of assists and Ted Hood and Don Hearn had two each. Single helpers went to Don Chuchmach and Marty O'Neill.

Milton went ahead 2-0 in the first period, scored twice more in the second and got four markers in the third after Fergus got a goal from Mason. Gord Young played steadily in the Milton net.

"The boys were really hot," manager Ron MacKay reports.

Rotary Midgets whip Orangeville Monday

Three first period goals paved the way for the Milton Rotary Midgets as they clipped Orangeville 6-1 in their first home game of the Tri-County season on Monday night.

Bob Robson, Mike McGrath and Don Hearn got first period markers, Hearn scored again in the second period and Don Chuchmach and Ted Hood tipped in third period passes as the locals captured their second game of the young season. Graham Hearn and Rick Cole had two assists each and Rick Gooding and Ted Hood set up single goals.

Gord Young handled the Milton netminding duties.

Getting goals is easy work for Juveniles

Scoring goals was as easy as one, two, three for Nadalin Electric Juvenile Flyers on Monday night as they swamped Orangeville 7-0.

Barry McTrach, starting his first season of Tri-County hockey, was the scoring star of the game as he blinked the red light three times and assisted once. Paul Kitchen had two goals and an assist and Richard Clement and Grant Gooding had single goals. Tom Gooding assisted twice and Keith Higgs and Marty Seeds had a helper each.

The Flyers took the lead for good at the five second mark of the first period. Two more goals in the second stanza and four in the third closed out the scoring.

Phil Brush played the first and third periods in goal and Alan Gilbert guarded the net during the second stanza.

Chuchmach gets three

Milton Kinsmen Pee Wees lowered the boom on Hespeler Monday night to get their Tri-County season off to a flying start.

The Pee Wees, coached again by Bob Collen and managed by Ken Young, broke loose for four third period goals as they crushed the usually tough Hespeler squad 6-2.

First-year performer Greg Chuchmach was the top goalgetter of the night with three. Mike Kaszycki, Carl Barker and Marty Cairns added singles. Garry Gooding led the assist parade with two and singles went to Kaszycki, Chuchmach, Fraser MacKay, Jim Robertson and Cairns.

D. Roos and B. Laurence had the lone Hespeler markers; Roos in the first and Laurence late in the third.

Brad Evans and Glenn Turner shared the goaltending duties for the winners and turned in fine performances. The Kaszycki, Cairns and Chuchmach combination proved to be the best line on the ice and Fraser MacKay and Wade Bekar earned the praises of manager Ken Young for their fine defensive efforts.

Legion Bantams blank Orangeville

Milton Legion Bantams made good use of their home ice advantage on Monday night and handed Orangeville an embarrassing 7-0 defeat.

Jim Marshall and Richard Murray had a pair of goals each for Milton and Garry Young, Wayne Emms and Nigel Ferguson finished up the Milton scoring. Garry Young had three assists, Ben Nyholt two and Nigel Ferguson, Dave Heipel and Richard Murray one each.

Glen Dance's performers scored four times in the first period, once in the second and twice in the third.

Pat Devlin gained the shut-out for Milton and Phil Bailey of Milton played the first period in goal for Orangeville when their netminder was late in arriving.

Problems ruffle Parton's feathers but solutions may not be far away

So you don't feel well. Likely your car is broken down, you haven't a penny to spend, your nose runs, your feet smell. Well, don't be disgruntled—go talk to Alan Parton.

After you've heard all his problems, you're bound to be at least a little happier.

This is a down in the dumps story. Alan, as most Milton folks know, is the portly manager of the Milton Merchant Junior hockey club. He's usually quite friendly and easy to get along with, but for the past two weeks he hasn't smiled—not even once. During that time the Merchants have played three Surburban league hockey games — losing two and tying one.

Unless you have a long arm and lots of time, there's not much sense trying to count all his problems. Suffice to

say, they are many: ● **Roger Wildfong.** Roger is a hard working, effective forward who isn't a problem at all — when he's able to play. However, he's been working afternoons and it is unlikely that he'll be able to make as many as half of the games for the first part of the year at least.

● **Defence.** Certainly Renato Bertoli is Junior "C" calibre, Steve Lawrence is eager —but young and green—and Steve Gervais and Bill Anderson are hard workers. Newcomer Doug Lucas was on skates for the second time this year on Friday night and he could help. But help is needed and fast.

Apparent laziness. "Some of the players are taking it easy. If they don't want to skate, they're going to start sitting on the bench. About four of them aren't pulling

their weight and they'd better start pretty soon," manager Parton said. He also quoted co-coach Enio Schisizzi who suggested, "I'd rather lose with a bunch of 15 and 16 year-olds than wait for 19-year-olds to get in the mood."

● **Drinking**—not the ginger-ale and milk variety. It has been rumored some players (two or three) have been frequenting south-Halton bistros. The night hawking may have slowed them down. Some say they're doing their sleeping on the ice.

The problems undoubtedly will be difficult to overcome, but not impossible. The first step in that direction will be a meeting tonight (Wednesday). The coaches, manager, assistant captains and captain will meet first. Then it will be decided whether a

meeting of all the players will be called.

Import help is still being sought. The latest effort involved a call to Tulsa on Monday night. It is hoped it may result in a couple of Toronto Maple Leaf Junior chateaux coming to town.

Combinations will be shuffled and that possibly involves either Dick Marshall or Leon Stickle moving back to defense and Steve Gervais moving up to a wing spot.

Despite it all the general attitude of the team is "quite good", Alan says and he believes, "we're capable of winning two or three games this week."

Thursday night the Merchants go to Orangeville. Friday night they host Newmarket for an 8:30 game and Sunday they travel to Aurora.

Minor hockey

House loop happenings

BANTAMS

Stirling Buckley bulged the twine twice on Wednesday night as Bell Bros. bopped Milton Police 4-0. John Sprout and Phil Colpen collected the other Bell Bros. markers and Colpen, Mark Chase, Sprout and Tom Wills earned assists. Police performers picked up four of the five penalties assessed.

Milton Department Store topped Local 4970 by a four goal margin (5-1). Steve Clark popped in Ricky Lowe's pass for the only Union goal. Buddy Thomas hit for a hat trick for the winners and added an assist for a four point evening. Leslie Wilson scored once and assisted twice and Roger Rowley had a goal and an assist.

In Saturday morning Bantam play, Bell Bros. wrapped up its second victory of the week, blasting Western Athletic Supply 9-2. The Bell boys had a scoring field day with Philip Colpen leading the way. The

might might had three gogals and three assists. George Presniak tallied three times and assisted twice and Mark Chase, Craig Smith and Tom Wills had single markers. Craig Smith and Darryl Graham had three assists each. Terry Rowley and Joe Harrison scored for the losers and Harrison and Peter Roberts earned assists. The Suppliers picked up all three penalties in the game.

MIDGETS

Paul Mountain clicked for two goals and Neil Gibbons and Keith Bridgeman netted singles as Park Farm Dairy shut-out Knight's Men's Wear 4-0 in open night Midget action. Tom Learmonth had a pair of assists for the winners. The losers picked up four of the six penalties.

Steve Dolby, Danny Evans, Robert McKee and Alfonso Volpe triggered Harris Stationery markers against Ledwith's Super Save on Wednesday. Maurice

Cassidy assisted twice in the 4-2 win and Jerry Knowles and Norman Biggar earned single helpers. Stephen Smith and LeRoy Rhynold scored for Ledwith's and Ed Perry and Ron Dunsmore assisted.

SQUIRT (NOVICE)

Dave Marshall and Danny Desjaurie took care of the scoring as Mowbray Fuels and Rebekah Lodge locked up in a 1-1 tie on Saturday. Leonard Brown assisted on Marshall's goal for the Fuellers and Geoffrey Banner helped out on the Rebekah counter.

It was Randy Hamilton all the way as the fast skating Beech Bros. star scored four times to beat Crest Hardware 4-3. Mike Arnold had an assist for the winners. D. Turner scored twice for the losers and John Ruskman had one goal.

Steve McCutcheon and Garry Dance notched a brace of goals each and Paul Stover singled as the Little Firemen swamped the Little Pontiacs by a 5-0 score.

PEE WEE

Dave Anderson, Mike Ford, Keith Williamson and Hugh Campbell scored as Milton Pharmacy edged Milton Lumber 4-3. John Challinor, Kent Ismond, Mike Ford, Paul Dredge and Paul Martin had single assists for the winners and Ricky Roberts helped out twice. Dave Roberts scored twice and George Hood had a single goal for the Lumbermen. Charles Alcock (2) and Steve Ste. Marie had assists.

Hood's Chicken Kings turned in the most prolific performance of the week, blasting McCuaig Insurance 7-1. Graham Bradshaw's goal on a pass from Bill Clarridge was the only bright spot for the Insurers. Ricky Bridgeman scored four times for the winners and Craig Brown, Randy Rogers and Keith McKinnon had single goals. Keith McKinnon and Keith Austin had two assists each and Gordon Meechan, Atholl Robertson and Wayne Wilson assisted once.

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Broom-ball

Curlers beware, there'll soon be another broom wielding sport in town. Cliff Porter is trying to arrange a broom-ball league to play at least once a week in Milton arena. So far considerable interest has been shown.

Anyone interested in playing in a broom-ball league should contact Cliff at 878-9214 as soon as possible. It is hoped play will begin within the next two or three weeks.

MILTON ARENA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
4:30-7:30 — Figure Skating
8:10 p.m.—Pro-Am Hockey
Game 1: Hiltz vs Cain;
Game 2: Champaux vs Willmott.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11
2-4 — Public Skating 25c
8:30 p.m. — Junior Hockey

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
6:45-1:00 p.m. — Minor Hockey
2-4 p.m. — Public Skating 25c
8-10 p.m. — Public Skating 50c

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
8:00-9:00 — Couples' Club

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14
4:30-11 p.m.—Milton Minor Hockey Tri-County Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
8-10 p.m. — Pro-Am
Game 1: McConnell vs Brush; Game 2: Turner vs McCutcheon

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16
2-4 p.m. — Adult and Pre-School Skating 25c and 10c
5:30-9 p.m. — Milton Minor Hockey House League

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Bantam rally falls short

Georgetown Bantams scored four times, then had to hang on for a 4-3 victory, as they toppled the Milton Legion Bantams in the first game of the Tri-County Bantam season.

Three first period Georgetown goals and a single in the second put the locals squarely behind the 8-ball, but they fought back and nearly gained a tie.

Benny Nyholt, Richard Murray and Nigel Ferguson formed a potent forward unit for the Legionnaires and accounted for all three local goals. Murray pulled the trigger twice and Nyholt earned a goal and two assists. Ferguson had two assists.

Phil Bailey started in goal for Milton but was injured. Pat Devlin took over late in the first period. Milton had three of the 10 penalties assessed.



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