



MILTON JUVENILES meet Bampton at the Milton Fairgrounds to battle for first place in the Halton County Juvenile league. The juveniles have won 11 games, lost three and tied one. Front row, John Penson, Barry McTrach, Reid Frank, Dave Hunter, Bob Boughton, Craig Brush, Rich Clement, Louis Faggion, Brian Boughton. Back row; Leon Stickle, Bob Hetherington, Robert Lee, Mike Harrison, Trev Houston, Steve Gervais, coach Wayne Timbers. Absent and not in picture were manager Nip Gervais, Harold Penson and Phil Brush. (Staff Photo)

Martin St. site said inadequate

Minor ball back in Rotary Park

When the Recreation Committee met this year to plan their schedule for Rotary Park, they had an additional problem to contend with. The problem was a set of lights worth approximately \$7,000, installed for adult use in what has traditionally been a children's ball park.

With the lights there it was only natural for the men's softball league to seek time on the diamond. The schedule released by Recreation Committee Chairman Chuck Gervais allowed the Industrial League to play on the lighted diamond Tuesday and Thursday evenings, cutting the time allowed

to the minor league by two games per week.

The minors went to council and aired their problems, and council over-ruled the recreation committee and gave minor ball permission to play at Rotary Park as they always had, until council had time to organize a meeting and look into the problem. The meeting was never organized until Cliff Houston and representatives from the Industrial League went to council five weeks later.

At this time Mr. Houston made it clear that neither he nor the Industrial League had any intention of shoving the children around. When he

found the minor league at the lighted diamond he withdrew his teams to the Meter Plant where they had been playing. The outcome of his appearance at council was the scheduling of the meeting to end all meetings.

It was decided at this meeting to approach the public school board for permission for minor ball to play on the Martin Street school grounds. Permission was granted.

The minor ball crowd sized up facilities at the Martin St. diamonds, but presented a list of three objections; the executive wanted the diamonds skinned, players' benches and protective screening installed along the sidelines.

The school board objected to the skinning of the diamond, fearing problems with mud in the wet seasons. Parks Board member Dave Smith offered to roll the diamonds to overcome the bumpy surface, to cut the infield grass to a length suitable for ball, and perhaps even install portable benches.

However this did not suit the minor ball executive and on Saturday, Mr. Perrott announced the Martin St. facilities were inadequate and said unless the minor ball players got a new diamond or went back to Rotary Park, minor ball would fold up. Minor ball returned to Rotary Park for Monday's games this week.

This spelled exit for Industrial Ball once again. Cliff Houston of the Industrial League said his league would move back to the Meter Plant for the first games of their Tuesday and Thursday schedules.

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ules, and play second games at the lighted Rotary Park diamond, and if necessary play-offs at Palermo.

A meeting of the Recreation committee was scheduled for last night and it was expected that the matter would be dealt with once again. Mr. Gervais said Monday, "I have reviewed the original schedule and I can't honestly see what changes I could make and still be fair to all concerned."

At the present time there is no more sign of a solution now than there was when the problem arose at the beginning of the ball season.

Milton judge at Bramalea

Pony racing sport grows

Pony racing, a new sport in this district, is attracting good crowds and a growing field of participants at the Bramalea Pony Raceway on the Second Line east of Brampton.

Bill Cross of Milton, a member of the National Trotting Pony Association, is presiding judge for the Bramalea Raceway's fortnightly race events, and has one trotting pony and one pacer he is preparing to enter competitions soon.

Proof of the sport's popularity is shown in the Bramalea track's crowd of 500 spectators at a recent race day. Among the patrons of the sport are Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Armstrong of Brampton, of Armbr Flight fame in the harness racing world.

Races are held on Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon, every second weekend at the district track. Usually there are five races plus a special children's race, with each race containing two heats. As many as nine pony-drawn sulkies are entered for each race around the half mile dirt track.

Mr. Cross enjoys being the judge, watching for misdemeanors and clocking the winners' times as they roar down the home stretch. Some day soon, he says, mutuels will be available for those who want to lay some cash on a favorite pony's nose.

Pony sulkies are patterned from larger size harness racing carts, and the ponies are harnessed similarly to a big trotter. In fact, Mr. Cross claims, the ponies will some day rival the harness racing boom. Right now, pony racing is big in the United States, although it is just catching on in Canada, but it's catching on quickly. Many U.S. tracks are having regular races.

At a recent sale in the States, the top pony sold for \$2,300 and several others went for \$2,000 or more, Mr. Cross reports.

People at the Bramalea track call it "a wholesome family sport" as one family might have three drivers in a day's races — father, mother and son or daughter.

Enquiries about pony racing are pouring in to the Bramalea promoters. Visitors from the London and Ottawa areas have been impressed with the area track and plan starting one in their neighborhoods.

The ponies and drivers are improving all the time, Mr. Cross says, as the recorded times on the last races show. Winners in the fourth and fifth races of the day clocked the half mile in 1.56 and 1.52 respectively, while in the slower class races, the times ranged from 2.08 to 2.27.

And the children's race is always a special feature as youngsters urge their tiny steeds on toward the finish line, cheered on by parents and friends among the audience.

While several Miltonians and district residents have been enjoying the races regularly, there is plenty of room for more, Mr. Cross says. He has been around horses and ponies for most of his life, and presently operates a harness shop in Milton, but he says you don't have to be an expert to get in on the fun.

Directions to the raceway: Take the Base Line east from Milton to the Heart Lake Road, second line east of Brampton, turn left and watch for are red and white tower.

The raceway is on the farm across from the tower.

The next races start at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 12.

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Thieves made a good haul when they broke into the Hornby Ball Club's refreshment booth at Hornby Park last week. Their \$62 worth of loot included gum, candy bars, cigarettes and cigars.

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Minors see action

Sox lose to C'ville in bad first inning

A younger version of the Milton Red Sox tangled with the league-leading Campbellville Merchants in Monday's contest. The Sox used juveniles Craig Brush, Mike Harrison, Trev Houston, Brian Boughton, Rich Clements and Robert Lee and midgest Don Hearn in the 6-1 loss.

Campbellville jumped on Lee for four runs in the first inning off three hits. Repta, Moore, McPhail and Chester scored. Repta walked, Moore was hit by a pitch, and Chester and McPhail both doubled. Chester scored on Early's double.

Lee was relieved after throwing to four batters and Cle-

ment retired the side. Lee came back in the second inning and pitched steady ball for the remainder of the game, giving up single runs in the seventh and the eighth.

Milton made a last stab in the ninth innings when Don Hearn's singled, Ron Phillips got on through an infield error, Houston walked and Boughton singled Hearn in.

Harry Hamilton allowed one run on five hits and one error while Campbellville scored six runs on 10 hits and two errors. Ralph Rintoul relieved Hamilton in the ninth with the bases loaded.

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