

Sports personality named to sports hall of fame

By Bob Burt

Proficiency in any field often runs within a family from one generation to the next. So seems to be the case of prominent Milton sports figure Art (Sammy) Melanson.

Art's father was active in baseball from the time he was old enough to find his own way to the diamond until his death in September of 1951. But he was just recently acknowledged for his contribution to the sport when he was named to the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame.

The elder of the diamond personalities played his first organized ball in Inverness and later played for Glace Bay and Sydney.

As J. E. "Gee" Ahern, president of the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame puts it, Sammy was a man with spirit and ambition and he was always anxious to pass it along to younger players.

He coached the Dominion Hawks in the Cape Breton Pro League and after several years with the senior team Sammy coached the Junior Hawks.

Art still recalls his father's last performance as a ball player. "I was a bat boy then and my father was the manager. We were shorthanded so he stepped in and had two hits and a walk in three times at bat and we won that game," Art said. Sam senior was 51 years old at that time.

Foosy Scatalon, Fred Leaver and Art all played on teams coached by the elder Melanson in Nova Scotia. All three left Nova Scotia together, split up on their arrival in Ontario and came together later here in Milton to play Intermediate hockey.

Art spent his first winter travelling from his home in Toronto to Milton to play hockey. The following season he moved to Milton where he worked in a brick yard for a year before going to work at Knight's Men's Wear, where he has been employed ever since. Leaver moved from Brantford to Milton and still lives in the area.

Perhaps Foosy would be best remembered because of his ability and color on ice. He played part of a season in Springfield with Eddie Shore's Indians but never completed the season.

Art has been part of the Milton Intermediate baseball team since his arrival in Milton in 1946. He coached the team to a championship in 1949 and 1959 and stepped in as coach when Dick Clement stepped down early this season. He also played hockey until the intermediate team folded in favor of a junior entry three years ago.

As far as coaching next year goes, the Nova Scotian native has said he plans to decline but there is a long winter ahead and a lot of time for him to change his mind.

The same willingness to help ball players and young hockey players that "Gee" Ahern speaks of when the name Melanson comes up, is evident with Art or Sammy junior.

Rodney wins series two straight becomes O.B.A. Junior B champs



YOUNGSTERS GLANCE OVER leader Joyce Schultz's shoulder to get a peek at the score card and see exactly how it is done. Registrations for youth bowling began Saturday and although some bowled the first day, the league will be underway in earnest next week. (Staff Photo)

Milton loses finals

Rodney capitalized on a strategic backfire and the lack of good clutch hitting to beat the Milton Juniors here Sunday and win the O.B.A. Junior B Championship two games to none.

The strategic backfire came in the top of the eighth inning. Milton was down 4-2 with two out and a man on first when coach Art Melanson chose to put the catcher Pascoe on base so Naylor could throw to Hogg. Hogg had struck out three times in his first three trips to the plate.

With men on first and second Naylor threw the wrong pitch and Hogg lashed it into centre field. Doug Coverdale misjudged the ball and moved

in on it. The shot sailed over his head and scored two runs. The batter was thrown out sliding into home plate.

Milton took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning. Rodney scored once in the third, three times in the seventh and moved out of reach with two more in the eighth to take a 6-2 win.

Bill Currie opened the scoring in the first inning with a long well hit ball in straight-away centre field for a home run. Steve Gervais doubled and scored on Brian Stover's single in the first inning.

Milton left 11 men on base in the remaining innings. They loaded the bases in the second and again in the sixth stanza

but could not come through with the necessary bingo.

The crowd (the largest of the season) rose to a pitch in the ninth inning when John Penson came through with a pinch hit single with Leon Stickle on base. But the sides were retired without anyone crossing the plate and Rodney returned home winners.

Ron Naylor allowed six runs on seven hits in going the distance, while Milton scored two runs on seven hits. Bill Currie homered and singled, Naylor, Trev Houston and Brian Stover singled twice each. Stickle doubled and singled and Steve Gervais doubled for the Milton offence.

Milton loses 8-2 lead

Clinton home runs spark rally—victory ties series

Milton Juniors lost the second game of the semi-finals to Clinton here Sunday. Milton took a 4-1 lead in the second inning and increased it to an 8-2 command in the fifth, then proceeded to blow the game. The loss tied the series at one game each.

The turning point of the game came in the top of the sixth inning when Clinton donned their batting shoes and came out swinging. They got three consecutive singles and a double off Trev Houston before Rich Clement came in on relief. The first batter he faced "ashed one into deep centre field for a home run. Five runs scored and the next three men were retired in turn.

A similar beating ensued in the following inning. Two batters singled, a third got through a fielder's choice and the fourth homered, scoring four runs in the inning and taking a 11-8 edge that was not countered.

Clinton scored two runs on eight hits while Houston was on the mound and scored four runs on four hits off Clement. Boughton pitched the last inning without allowing a hit.

Steve Gervais homered for Milton, Craig Brush tripled, Faggion tripled, Brian Boughton singled twice and singles went to Leon Stickle and Barry

McTrach. Howes, Bartliff and Mustard all homered for Clinton.

The series resumes in Clinton on Sunday. Game time is 2 p.m. Three cars are required for the trip. If anyone is willing to drive they should contact Nip Gervais tonight (Wednesday) or as soon as possible at 878-3152.

Must register this weekend for M.M.H.A. hockey school

Registrations will be accepted this weekend for a special hockey school sponsored by the Milton Minor Hockey Association, league secretary Bill Rowney announced today.

The school will be held at Milton Arena beginning October 2. The course is open to anyone ages 8-18 and registrations will be limited to the first 175 players.

Registrations will be taken Saturday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and Sunday from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. Registration fees have been set at \$3.50. Times and breakdowns will appear in next weeks Champion. Mr. Rowney also announced expectations of 425 boys from age six to 18 to participate in minor hockey this year.

Oust St. Mary's

Jack Roberts paces Merchants to win compete in finals against Petrolia

Campbellville suffered one of the worst defeats that has ever been inflicted on them Saturday when St. Mary's tied up the semi-final series with a 10-1 victory. The big feature of St. Mary's win was a seven run eighth inning that was accomplished with only one hit.

The real explanation of the outcome of the game was Campbellville's inability to score off the offerings of St. Mary's pitchers Armstrong and Flak who held them to one run off three hits (all singles).

Campbellville still had plenty of opportunities to score as they picked up nine walks and left 13 men stranded on base. The two St. Mary's pitchers struck out nine.

Rintoul replaced Hamilton and another run scored when Andrews dropped a throw from Repta at the plate. The final run of the inning came in on a wild pitch and when the smoke cleared, St. Mary's were leading 10-1.

Hastings homered and doubled for St. Mary's. Love, Jim Noble and Maxwell all singled. Elmer Dredge, Earl Cairns and Harry Hamilton singled for Campbellville.



Fish and Game News

by arn coulson

With duck hunting season only a few short weeks away, maybe we should all sharpen up a bit in more ways than one, namely our manner in the field and our aim. These lovely fall Saturday afternoons are a good time to get that old shotgun out, make sure it is not loaded and there is no obstruction in the barrel, clean and oil it after leaving it standing all summer.

Most Saturday afternoons from now on, there will be a club member or two at the trap and range of the Halton Sportsmen's Club House to assist you with your problems and help sharpen your eye with a few shots at clay birds. When you get into the field, you will find this will have been time well spent.

Remember, fellows, there is one basic rule in duck hunting that I am afraid is not being followed these last few years. If a flock of ducks travels toward you blind and passes a blind to get to yours, wait until they get in range and let the other fellow have a shot to prevent the waste of shells and the crippling of birds.

Halton Sportsmen's Club election night in September saw a few changes in the executive. Paul Coulson took over the president's seat from Jim Mountain after two years of service as Jim stepped down to vice-president. John Readhead is still secretary, Ron Marshall is treasurer with Gord Middleton as his assistant and Gord Tuck of Bronte is the new gun director. Gord brings with him a treasure of shoot planning and is also an ardent hunter and trapshooter. Fishing director is Don Kearney, sick and benevolent Ken Lewis, public relations Arn Coulson entertainment committee George Presniak, fund raising Dick Scherel, Kilbride, horseshoe contests Primo Rigo, building Ira Murphy.

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St. Mary's - Armstrong, Flack (8) and Leslie. The first game of the Ontario Intermediate "B" Finals will be played in Campbellville on Saturday, September 23 at 2.30 p.m. against Petrolia. Petrolia reached the finals by defeating the defending Champions from

Walkerton in two straight games while Campbellville were beating St. Mary's, who in turn had eliminated Hagersville.

The second game will be in Petrolia on Sunday, September 24 at 2.30 p.m.

Campbellville advanced to the Ontario Intermediate "B" finals by beating St. Mary's 6-1 in the third and deciding game of their best of three series in Campbellville on Sunday last. Smarting from the 10-1 defeat handed them by St. Mary's, the previous day, Campbellville calmly and efficiently cut down their opponents behind Jack Roberts brilliant two hit pitching.

Dave Flack went the route for St. Mary's, allowing six runs off 12 hits. He walked three, hit a batter and struck out three. Half the hits he allowed were for extra bases. Roberts walked two and struck out five. He hit one batter.

In the bottom of the first Moore singled, stole second and was driven home by Dredge's double to make it 1-0. In the second Chester scored from first on Joyce's double to make it 2-0 and in the fifth Repta walked, went to second when a pick-off attempt went wrong and scored on Moore's double to build it up to 3-0.

Roberts singled to open the

bottom of the seventh but was out at second on Repta's attempted sacrifice. Repta stole second and scored on Moore's single and it was 4-0 for Campbellville.

In the top of the eighth Maxwell walked but was out at second on an infield grounder by Ballentine. Mitchell's short single to centre put men on second and third and a hit batter loaded the bases. Love then hit to short and Campbellville were within a whisker of completing a double play as Ballentine scored to make it 4-1.

In the bottom of the eighth Larry McPhail homered to make it 5-1 and then Stu King doubled and scored on Roberts' single to complete the scoring at 6-1.

Jim Noble and Mitchell singled for St. Mary's. For Campbellville Ken Moore and Elmer Dredge both doubled and singled twice. Stu King hit two doubles, Jack Roberts two singles, Larry McPhail a home run and Don Joyce a double.

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Belles split series lose second game 38-18

Milton Belles and Georgetown Georgettes are presently deadlocked in a 1-1 tie for the Halton Ladies' baseball championship. Milton won the first game 6-1 and lost the second game 38-18.

Sandy Cuthbertson was the key to the big win for the Belles. She threw a no-hitter and struck out 16 batters in seven innings of play.

Milton broke out in the scoreless game, scoring two runs in the sixth and four in the seventh inning. Georgetown scored in the sixth inning on walks to L. Quackenbush and B. Quackenbush.

Shirley Bridgeman led the Milton batting with a home run, a triple and two singles, while Cathy Hood singled three times, Debbie Burkholder singled three times, Carol Hearn honored and Sandra Watson singled.

The tables turned in the second game. Georgetown wasted no time letting their presence be known as they struck for 17 runs in the first inning. They scored six in the third and 10 in the seventh to account for the bulk of the scoring.

Milton scored two in the first one in the third, four in the fourth, six in the sixth and five in the seventh.

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