



### Peter McDuffe spreads ink with Georgetown

What may come as a shock to local hockey fans is that Peter Arnold McDuffe, 30, of Milton has signed a contract to play with the Georgetown Intermediate "A" Raiders.

That's right. He made the familiar scrawl on the black and white Monday evening in Georgetown. McDuffe had local hockey enthusiasts holding their breath, waiting for a decision from the retired professional goaltender of 11 years.

McDuffe was one of four goalies to grace the shell-shocked crease of the Indianapolis Racers last year with a 4.34 goals-against average. He played 539 minutes in 12 games and allowed 39 goals in 313 shots on net. He had one win, six losses and a draw.

He went to Indianapolis after being paid off a year of his contract with Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League. In his career he had also worn the jersey of the New York Rangers, St. Louis Blues and the now-defunct Kansas City Scouts.

He was once the Central Hockey League's most valuable player and co-winner of the Western Hockey League's Leading Goaltender Award.

Both local hockey clubs, the Georgetown Raiders and the Milton Tridents Intermediate "B" team were after McDuffe's services this fall. McDuffe simply kept up the suspense until his signing, by saying he had not made a decision.

McDuffe had ruled out playing senior hockey, he certainly is good enough, but said he would not like the travelling involved with that calibre of club.

His back injury is still haunting him. He had an operation a couple of years back after suffering pain on the golf course.

When I spoke with him two weeks back he said he didn't mind suffering pain and getting paid for doing the job, but he wasn't going to do the same for recreation.

McDuffe has had other things on his mind besides hockey lately, and that is the Milton Fastball League finals in which he is engaged as a first baseman for McDuffe Equipment, his brother's team.

McDuffe took a two week job at the local sporting goods store to pass the time 'til he could make a decision. When he had made it, he finished the job on Monday.

At least now the Milton Tridents can get down to signing their steady regulars and stop stargazing. What the Georgetown club can offer that Milton can't, is a better calibre of hockey.

I think we can call an official end to ball season this week with Milton Merchants being eliminated in the finals by a powerful Leaside Leafs, Omagh boys capturing the ORSA Halton titles and Lowville bantam girls and Brookville midget girls both winning ORSA titles.

The Milton Fastball League is three games into their finals and it could all be over Thursday night. Thornborrow BP-Muffles are making a valiant effort by winning the opening game over McDuffe Equipment and playing a close 6-4 battle Sunday evening which McDuffe's used to even the series. Game three went Tuesday evening.

It also helps when Milton Jr. Flyers have started their season and Trident Intermediate B's are into the exhibition schedule.

The Mall Dolls may have to forfeit their third game in the Halton Ladies' Fastball League final to Hillsburgh as the Srs. scheduled the game for last night (Tuesday) and a number of the Dolls including chucker Peg Lalande had work commitments. A forfeit would give Hillsburgh a game lead in the series the Dolls are fighting hard for.

Add to all this the Milton Minor Baseball bunched was staged Sunday morning with all the winners taking home trophies and others crests and full bellies.

The Milton Minor Hockey Association was to kick off their house league Monday evening with the senior division but president Joseph McCann had to cancel the evening.

Problems started arising Sunday when two coaches forgot to show for their team's practices. On Monday evening many of the boys were not informed what team they were playing on. Needless to say, McCann told me it was a "hectic time right now." House league will start Saturday.

### Milton Junior Flyers season schedule

HOME GAMES	ROAD GAMES
Sept. 29 - Orillia	Sept. 29 - Orillia
Oct. 6 - Burlington	Oct. 6 - Burlington
Oct. 13 - Streetsville	Oct. 13 - Streetsville
Oct. 20 - Brampton	Oct. 20 - Brampton
Oct. 27 - Dixie	Oct. 27 - Dixie
Nov. 3 - Thornhill	Nov. 3 - Thornhill
Nov. 10 - Oakridge	Nov. 10 - Oakridge
Nov. 15 - Acton	Nov. 15 - Acton
Nov. 17 - Georgetown	Nov. 17 - Georgetown
Nov. 24 - Barrie	Nov. 24 - Barrie
Dec. 1 - Orillia	Dec. 1 - Orillia
Dec. 10 - Burlington	Dec. 10 - Burlington
Dec. 17 - Oakville	Dec. 17 - Oakville
Dec. 22 - Streetsville	Dec. 22 - Streetsville
Dec. 29 - Brampton	Dec. 29 - Brampton
Jan. 5 - Dixie	Jan. 5 - Dixie
Jan. 12 - Thornhill	Jan. 12 - Thornhill
Jan. 21 - Oakridge	Jan. 21 - Oakridge
Jan. 26 - Acton	Jan. 26 - Acton
Feb. 2 - Georgetown	Feb. 2 - Georgetown
Feb. 11 - Barrie	Feb. 11 - Barrie
	Sept. 30 - Thornhill
	Oct. 7 - Acton
	Oct. 14 - Georgetown
	Oct. 21 - Barrie
	Oct. 28 - Brampton
	Nov. 4 - Burlington
	Nov. 11 - Orillia
	Nov. 18 - Dixie
	Nov. 25 - Oakville
	Dec. 2 - Acton
	Dec. 9 - Thornhill
	Dec. 16 - Oakridge
	Dec. 23 - Orillia
	Dec. 30 - Georgetown
	Jan. 6 - Barrie
	Jan. 13 - Streetsville
	Jan. 20 - Brampton
	Jan. 27 - Burlington
	Feb. 3 - Dixie
	Feb. 10 - Oakville

- Milton Merchants eliminated . . . . . B2
- Flyers draw in season opener . . . . . B3
- Brookville girls win ORSA . . . . . B2
- Foberts capture championship . . . . . B5
- Omagh boys in Halton title . . . . . B3

### Best show today

# McDuffe battles Thornborrow for Milton Fastball championship

By Peter McCusker  
If McDuffe Equipment is to win the Milton Fastball League title it won't be without a battle with Thornborrow BP-Muffles.

The green shirts took a surprise victory Thursday evening at Brian Best Park in the opening game as Nick Gauthier allowed two hits and no runs in their 2-0 win.

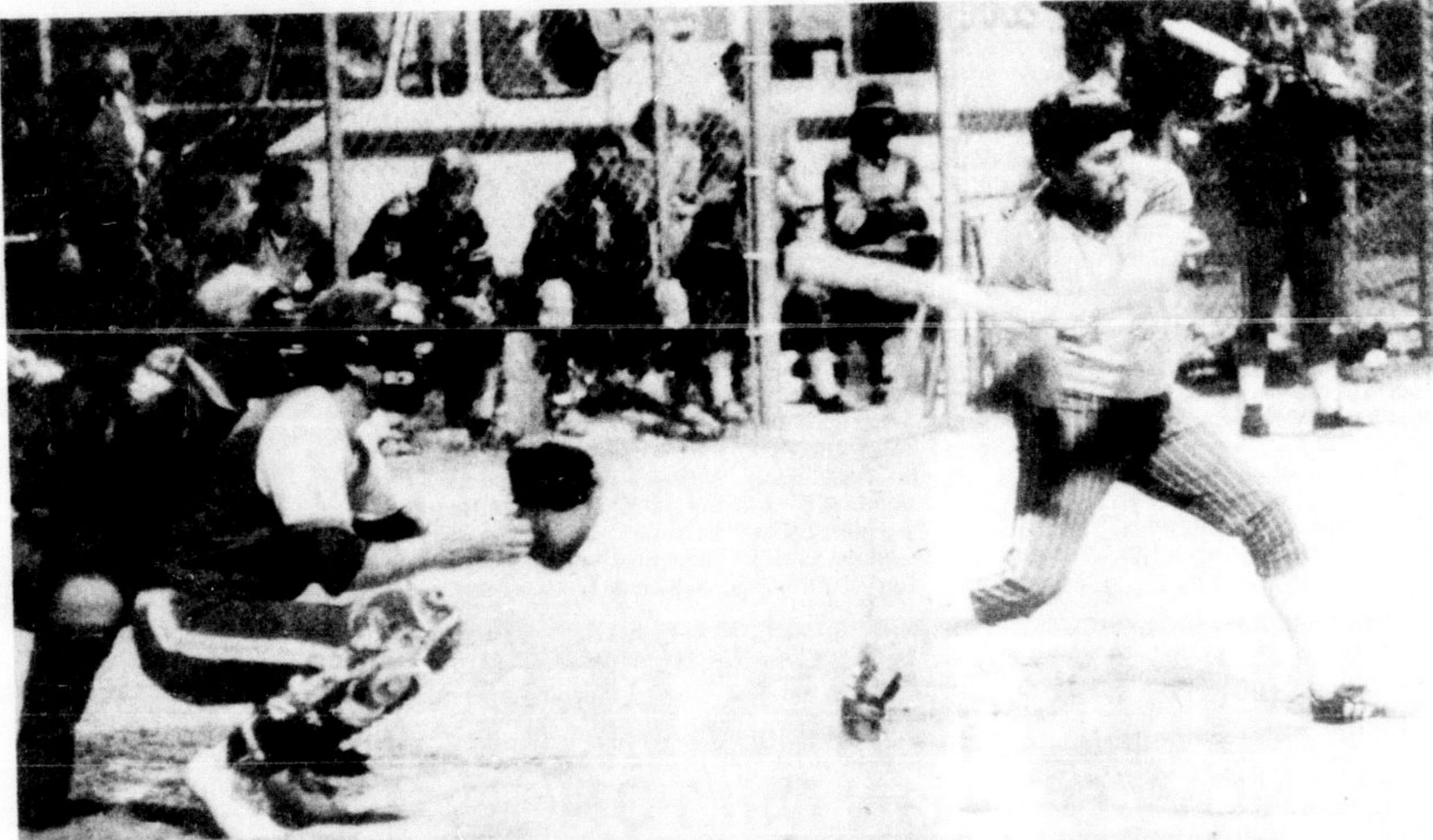
McDuffe Equipment is known in the league for their power at the plate and even triple crown winner Mitch Lajeunesse was held hitless.

In the second contest McDuffe's almost lost their lead in the sixth inning after chucker Dave Yemm fired a pass ball, and runners came towards home with Ray Evans scoring and Jeff Scott advancing to third.

With "Yukon" Evans' run making the tally 5-4, Scott would have been the tying run.

In the opening game Thornborrow hit the scoreboard in the first inning as Noel Ing grabbed a base on Peter McDuffe's error at first base.

Ing stole second and was driven home on a hit by Dennis Gleed.



McDUFFE SLUGGER Mitch Lajeunesse starts his swing. The league's top batter came through with a big triple Sunday night to power McDuffe equipment to a 6-4 win over Thornborrow BP-Muffles to tie the series at one game apiece.

But with bases loaded on Thursday night and McDuffe badly needing the runs which were set up, Lajeunesse struck out.



READY TO HIT is Carl Hymers of Thornborrow BP-Muffles in the opening game of their final series.



CONGRATULATIONS are exchanged by members of the Thornborrow BP-Muffles team after they defeated McDuffe Equipment in the first game of the Milton Fastball League finals Thursday evening at Brian Best Park.

## Lajeunesse happy hitting for McDuffe in M.F. League

He's the weak link in the field.

Mitch Lajeunesse will freely admit he is the weak link in McDuffe Equipment's infield as the team battles Thornborrow BP-Muffles for the Milton Fastball League crown.

The stout shortstop prefers his former center field position and thinks if the team had Ray "Yukon" Evans or Gary Naylor in that position, his team would be deadly.

But where Lajeunesse pays his dividends to the squad is in his batting.

The triple crown winner this year has counted 12 home runs, 26 runs off 36 hits for 46 RBIs and an average of .414 in 87 times at bat.

His secret? Well, he really doesn't have one.

Lajeunesse has a good swing and he states that all he does is swing.

"There's no use trying to place hit the ball. I know that sounds unprofessional and it is definitely possible to do it. But you have to take something off your swing to do that," he said.

"I just swing, but you have to have a good eye."

Because of operating his variety shop on Main St. he felt he didn't have the time to travel with the team another year.

Of course he misses playing in that calibre of league but told The Champion he enjoyed engaging a position in the MFL. Dennis Gleed has also played in the OFL.

Mitch testified to the quality of play in the MFL by stating a number of Milton's league players could be in the OFL but they just don't have

the freedom or have other commitments.

He said he had more pressure on him playing here. "Everybody was on my back and some wanted me to fall on my face," he said.

Mitch laughed at some of the attitudes that he said he encountered. "They think if you're from the OFL you think you're something. There you're nothing, a number 29. But if I didn't hit here I wouldn't feel I was doing my share."

"I'm a competitor and I always want to do well, and you know I started the lineup almost every game," he said.

He explained that if you didn't produce at the plate while playing for the Globals you sat on the bench. So Lajeunesse had to get into the habit of hitting well, or not playing at all.

Speaking of MFL pitchers, Lajeunesse said you have to watch Nick Gauthier all the time.

"If you take your eyes off him, he has the sucker in there. To hit Nick you have to be ready all the time, he has an unorthodox delivery," the

batter spoke from behind his store counter.

He said DaVe DePapa was the fastest pitcher he faced this year. "He's smart too, he makes you hit drop balls," Mitch said.

The league-leading batter said most of the pitchers tried to crowd him at the plate, throwing inside balls or hitting the inside corner of the plate.

He knew they did this to take away much of his hitting power as he would then be forced to use the bat closer to the grip.

He doesn't really have any plans for next year as the season winds to a close. But the MFL would be losing their best hitter if he left.

Lowville bantam girls were crowned Ontario Rural Softball League champions after defeating Oneida 7-6 in Lowville Thursday evening.

It was a come-from-behind victory for pitcher Janice Simmons who retired 12 Oneida batters. The winning home run was smacked by Donna Nixon in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Lowville got off to a 2-0 lead early in the contest but was unable to maintain the momentum and fell behind.

## BOWLING

### CANADIAN METER GIRLS

September 28  
Ladies' high single Kathy Rusk 304, ladies' high triple Kathy Rusk 723.

Other top singles Joan Deforest 247, Shirley Steptoe 239, Ruth Twiss 235, Anna Willats 234, Pat McLean 228.

Other top triples Joan Deforest 714, Pat Istead 617, Marlene Schultz 591, Anna Willats 590, Shirley Steptoe 587.

Bowles won 7 for 20, Thomson 4 for 16, McLean 3 for 15, Coulson 3 for 15, Evans 0 for 13, Tunney 4 for 12, Bailey 5 for 22, Peruscello 2 for 10.

### RATEPAYERS

September 26  
Ladies' high single, Marlene Morton 301, ladies' high triple, Grace Little 679, men's high single, Jack Patterson 367, men's high triple, George West 731.

Other top singles George West 323, Dick Cain 261, Judy Jwioff 258, Gord Kent 257, Delmar Tawse 254.

Other top triples Ken Brown 713, Dick Cain 701, Jack Patterson 699, Gord Kent 691, Marlene Morton 665.

The O.K.'s won 7 for 14, Bernie 7 for 12, Euche 2 for 10, Spittires 5 for 8, Bob's

Boobs 2 for 7, Marg's Morons 5 for 7, Heartaches 2 for 4, Harolds 0 for 4, Judy's Jokers 2 for 2, Connies Clowns 0 for 2.

### HALTON CREDIT UNION

September 28  
Ladies' high single Asta Windmoller 247, ladies' high triple Mary Brinke 628, men's high single Jim Thring 271, men's high triple Pete Vandenhuevel 730.

Other top singles Pete Vandenhuevel 268, Corrie Brouwers 223, Bill Vanderheyden 267, Ev. Thring 223, Harry Koks 266.

Other top triples Ted Brouwers 679, Asta Windmoller 626, Gus Tielemans 649, Sini Vandevorst 543, Harry Koks 635.

Ted Sievers won 2 for 14, Pete Vandenhuevel 5 for 14, Gus Tielemans 5 for 13, Tom Bousfield 5 for 10, Joe Daemen 4 for 9, Barry Villeneuve 2 for 9, Frank Halk 2 for 8, Henry Vandenhuevel 3 for 7.

### MEN'S COMMERCIAL

September 26  
I.G.A. Choppers 26 points, McCuaghs 19, P.L. Robertson Sockets 18, Charles Hotel 16, Milton Bowllaway 15, Milton Music 13, U.C.O. 12, Milton Muller 12, Mono's 10, Milton

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