

Many calls go Milton's way

Turner's RBI single wins it

Milton Merchants baseball team took advantage of several questionable umpiring calls to rally from an early disadvantage and post an 8-7 win over Brampton Athletics in Halton County Baseball action Sunday at Brian Best Park.

"I think it was pretty obvious," Brampton coach Ken Nantais said of the calls which went against his team.

Fortunately there was no question on the winning run when Glen Turner lined a long single off the right field fence, scoring Ken Armstrong who scored easily from third base in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Merchants' player-coach Wayne Marchand agreed that several calls seem to favor the home team.

"A couple of times it went in our favor," he said, tongue-in-cheek. "You win some and you lose some. Today we won some."

The story of the game was the Milton comeback. The locals

trailed 5-0 after the second inning and 6-1 at one point.

Milton put together a three-run outburst in the fourth inning to close the gap before adding three more in the seventh and the winner in the eighth.

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of the game in left field, catching a long fly while running towards the fence. Brampton committed six errors to Milton's three. Armstrong made a key play to end the game, fielding a tricky bouncer off the rough ground and throwing it first for the out. A brief downpour one hour before game time didn't seem to affect the field.



TRYING A UNIQUE WAY to slide into second base is Streetsville's Brent Walker who tries to jump over Milton tyke fielder Darren Widdis during action Thursday at Rotary Park. Widdis had to deal with a situation his coaches probably didn't teach him, but he got Walker out anyway.

Weightlifter Terry is going to Russia

by Michael Boyle
The son of a Milton family will be heading to Leningrad, USSR, to compete in a weightlifting competition.

Terry Hadlow, 21, leaves Tuesday as part of a 50-man team of officials and athletes which will explore the facilities of the 1980 Olympics as well as train and compete in their athletic specialties.

The weightlifter, who lives in Ottawa, received the invitation as a result of his excellent three-medal performance at the Pan-American Games last week in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Hadlow stunned the favored Cuban Daniel Sayas to capture the gold medal with a lift of 145 kg. in the 90-kg. snatch division.

He added a lift of 180 kg. in the clean-and-jerk category for a bronze medal. His total for the two lifts gave him the silver medal.

"Yea, I beat the hot-shot Cuban," he said. "Just before the competition he came over to me and said 'Cuban one, Canada two, and it got me rolling. We weren't there to go over and play dead for the Cubans.'"

Both lifts for Hadlow weren't personal bests. He has snatched 150 kg. and done 182.5 kg. in the clean and jerk.

"The heat was unreal," he added. "We couldn't maintain our fluids levels for very long. It was 95 degrees (Fahrenheit) when we were lifting."

"I blacked out once while I was lifting and my coach had to come over and help me out. It was in the clean and jerk which I think I could have done better in. But it was the same for everyone."

The excessive heat took more of a toll when the athletes discovered nothing was air-conditioned.

Hadlow left immediately from the Games last Thursday to return to Canada and began training again on the following day for the Russian trip.

"I'm torn between two thoughts right now. One, I'm tired and I'd like to rest, and two, I'd like to learn as much as I can."

"Basically I'm going to be a scout while I'm over there."

Hadlow is the only one of the 25 Canadian athletes who will be in Leningrad. The others will be competing in Moscow. Part of the team leaves later today while the remainder of the squad leaves with Hadlow next Tuesday. They will stay 12 days.

Clair was suffering from a lack of sleep after helping to organize the Canadian Chili Cookoff Saturday at the Milton fairgrounds.

Milton was stilled by Brampton pitcher Bill Young who allowed just a ground ball single to designated hitter Skip McTrach through the first three innings.

Brampton strung together three consecutive singles in the second inning and a sacrifice fly which produced two more runs—signalling the end of Marchand on the mound.

Lefthander George Moore pitched the rest of the game effectively for Milton, allowing only one run and four hits to gain the win.

Milton finally put the offensive act together in the fourth inning. Mitch Lajeunesse led off with a single past third-base man Keith Adams. Ange Tonelli, who played his first game of the year at first base, punched another single through the right side, setting the stage for a one-run double by Rich Clement.

At this point, Young was replaced on the mound by Joe McGregor who struck out catcher Doug McCutcheon and Armstrong. Second-baseman Burke Harrison came through in the

bottom of the eighth, driving in both runners with a sharply hit single to centre field which closed the gap to two runs.

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Paul Van Oorschot has been named to the provincial junior basketball team for the second year in succession.

The slender athlete who also was the male athlete of the year for Milton District High School received the word Sunday night, one week after trying out for the squad.

He left Monday to train at Durham College in Oshawa for a week before travelling to Vancouver for another week. The squad later moves to London, Ont. for a third week of action.

McDuffe stretches string

McDuffe Equipment extended their winning streak to five games and moved into third place in the Milton Fastball League last week as they edged Muffles 8-7, blanked C & P Landscaping 12-0 and defeated Movbray Blue Flames 7-3.

Against Muffles, McDuffe Equipment scored six runs in the first inning and then held on to win 8-7. Leading hitter for McDuffe was Lee McPhail with three singles. Other hits came from Peter McDuffe, single and a triple, Bob Lee, single and a double, Brian McDuffe, single and a double and Ray Evans and Keith McKinnon, two singles each. Winning pitcher was Keith McKinnon.

McDuffe Equipment once again had a big inning as they scored six runs in the fourth inning on their way to an easy 12-0 victory over C & P Landscaping. McDuffe's unleashed a 14-hit attack to produce their runs. Ken Fay, Peter McDuffe, Bob Lee and Rick McTrach led the attack with two hits each. Other hits came from Hugh Williams, Ray Evans, Lee McPhail, Brian McDuffe, Barry Elliott and Larry Bennett. Winning pitcher was Larry Bennett.

Against Mowbrays, McDuffe opened up a 7-0 lead after three innings and then coasted to a 7-3 victory. Hitting for McDuffe were Bob Lee and Ken Fay with two hits each and Hugh Williams, Peter McDuffe, Ray Evans, and Dave Aselton with one hit each. Winning pitcher was Dave Aselton.

Rockwell and Thornborrow BP FuelStags tied 3-3.

Leon Stickle hit a two-run home run with the help of the fielder in the bottom of the seventh inning to snatch defeat into a tie.

Rockwell scored two runs in the first inning as Don Seelen singled, Harold Merry doubled and Don Martin knocked both runners in with a double. They made it 3-0 in the third inning as Andy Trencs walked and Rick Peavoy tripled.

Stags scored one run in the sixth as Ron Neath struck out but got on when the catcher

dropped the ball. Ed Dunn sacrificed him to second and Bill Brush hit a single to score him. In the seventh, Stags tied the game as Loris Faggion singled and scored in front of Leon Stickle's home run.

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C & P Landscaping defeated Thornborrow

BP Fuel Stags 5-3 as George Trencs threw a five hitter. Stags scored a run in the first inning as John Penson singled. Doug Nayler forced him at second and Garry Naylor hit a triple.

C & P tied it in the second as Dave Decaire singled and scored after two walks and a single. C & P scored two more in the fourth as Frank Robinson bunted and went to third base on Stags' overthrow. Dave McCann tripled and

scored on a pass ball. C & P scored two more in the fifth as George Trencs had the key hit with a triple knocking in two runs. Stags scored two in the seventh as Mark Curtis walked. Dave Spencer singled and Terry Gibbons scored them both with a single.

C & P scored five runs on nine hits, seven walks and five Stags errors. Stags scored three runs on five hits, five walks and one C & P error.

Milton Springers are not far from hopping with joy, following Milton Council's decision to permit the local gymnastic club to use the former Main St. fire hall for club facilities.

"It is a great relief to get that fire hall," said club president Betsy Horn.

The 200-member club has spent the past six months scouting for new facilities, following the announcement of a planned high school at Ernest C. Drury School.

The school was the former training ground for recreational and competitive gymnastics students.

The club plans to move into its new quarters next month following completion of renovations to the fire hall.

A standby fire truck will remain in the hall. The club plans to use an upper level floor for dance classes and will install its collection of permanent equipment on the ground floor.

The recent decision to provide the fire hall for the gymnasts has meant more than just a home. Mrs. Horn said the club would have lost the services of its head coach Janet Campbell, if a location had not been found.

Without sufficient facilities, classes would have been cut and the club would have been unable to afford a coach, explained Mrs. Horn.

The recreational classes might have continued, but the competitive club would have folded," she said.

In recent months, Springers have been

bringing home the medals following a successful round of competition against area clubs and some of the province's top gymnasts.

Eight months of fund raising has also paid off handsomely for the group. The club recently received a \$10,000 Wintario grant to be used for new equipment.

While training at Ernest C. Drury School, pupils had the opportunity to use the school's gym equipment, but that came to an end once the club was forced to move.

Members recently enjoyed a shopping spree, thanks to the club's efforts.

The organization now boasts a new collection of gym equipment including a set of uneven parallel bars, box horse, tumbling mats, vault, springboard, area mats, crash mat, record player and mirrors.

Mrs. Horn said the club expects to raise a further \$1,000 to purchase equipment for the boys' section of the club.

An official opening of the Milton Springers Gymnastic Club will be held in October.

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Promising hockey players off to train at summer school

By Denis Gibbons

Seventeen-year-old Joe Gaeton of the Milton Jr. B. Flyers is going to summer school at the Milton Memorial Arena.

He's among 40 specially selected mid-level and junior-aged hockey players who are improving their conditioning, skills and team play at the Maximum Ability Sports summer program.

The program is being directed by Randy Nesbitt, a former player with the Burlington Junior B Mohawks.

A graduate of the National Coaches Certification Program Level 4 course, Nesbitt served as an assistant coach to Dr. Alan Morris of the Thornhill Junior B Thunderbirds last year.

He initiated the program in 1978 because he saw too many midget draftees going to Major Junior A training camps unprepared.

"We're interested in the elite players," explains Nesbitt, "the ones we've scouted during the hockey season."

"Fifteen of our boys were selected; this year's overage midget draft, six already have experience with Major Junior A teams and another small group are midgets, who weren't drafted, but want to go on to Junior A play."

The 1979 program opened May 1 with students, who pay a \$275 tuition fee, doing dry land training on their own six days a week to improve their aerobic capacity, strength and flexibility.

They were tested periodically during May and June to make sure they attained a level of physical performance where the possibility of injury in the second stage of the program would be minimized.

During the first week of July, the 40 hockey-career hopefuls took to the ice in Milton for three times a week, two-hour instructional sessions which will continue into early August.

The final two weeks of the four-month

program, August 1-24 are reserved for competition four nights a week.

"We concentrate on skill development in July with no physical contact allowed," says Nesbitt. "We like to give a player a little breathing room, so that every time he turns around he doesn't

have somebody shoving a stick in his face."

Burlington's Dave Beckon, a diminutive, 17-year-old centre was part of the inaugural Maximum Ability Sport program in 1978. The extra instruction and training helped him win a regular spot

with the Memorial Cup champion Peterboro Petes in his rookie season of Major Junior A play.

Beckon, who is now a sophomore in the program, assesses it this way.

"Any sport requires a year-round effort," he says. "Better conditioning decreases the chances of injury. And the instructors break everything down into a science so that you have a better understanding of what you're doing."

"I was one of the smaller guys on our club, so it was important for me to be quicker and get the jump," adds Beckon.

Scott Vanderburg, a centre with the Brantford Alexanders who is eligible for the NHL draft next season, Windsor Spitfires' goalie Bob Ferguson, Dave Robson of the Alexanders and Burlington's John Rea, a late cut of the Ottawa '67s, are also taking advantage of the off-season opportunity to improve their marketability.

Among the first-rate instructors Nesbitt employs are OHA technical director and Toronto Maple Leafs' assistant coach Ron Smith, goaltending specialist Larry Sadler, Sheridan College director of athletic training and therapy Barry Bartlett and Dr. Yasha Smushkin, a Russian power skating expert who once taught players on the Soviet Union National team.

The Soviet system of working in five-man units is an important part of the teaching passed on to students in the Maximum Ability Sports program.

Even with the \$275 tuition fee, Nesbitt says revenue from the program barely covers expenses. He says he's hoping to find a sponsor interested in providing the financial backing necessary to keep fees from rising next summer.

But for now, Nesbitt's reward is the satisfaction of helping 40 young men improve their chances of making a career out of hockey.



MAXIMUM ABILITY SPORTS program director Randy Nesbitt points out proper techniques to Bob Ferguson, goalie for the Major Junior A Windsor Spitfires. Ferguson is one of four Junior A regulars improving his skills during the summer session being held at Milton's Memorial Arena. On-ice instruction is given three times a week.