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## Rally stopped short Mohawks chip away win

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"It wasn't a big game," said Milton Merchants' owner Dieter Claer. "It was a big loss."

The big loss Claer was referring to was the 7-6 decision his squad dropped to the Campbellville Mohawks Sunday afternoon at Brian Best Park. The defeat was Milton's fourth in a row. But on the other side of the coin, it marked Campbellville's fourth win in their past five games.

The Mohawks chipped away all afternoon with single runs in the second, third, sixth, seventh and ninth innings sandwiched around a two-run fourth inning. Milton combined two-run innings in the fourth, fifth and ninth and nearly tied it up when they threatened in the last inning. "Everybody tries harder against Milton," Mohawk playing-manager Rick Mitchell said. "It's the rivalry. Usually when we get four runs in a hurry we sit on it but today we kept picking away at them. We kept getting the clutch play when we needed it."

Two of the clutch plays occurred in the ninth inning with Campbellville leading 6-4. Mohawk second-baseman Bill Dennis reached first base on a fielder's choice and promptly stole second. He advanced to third on a passed ball and scored when relief George Moore threw a wild pitch. The Merchants actually had a play at the plate but reacted slowly which Dennis took advantage of to score what later proved to be the winning run.

In the Milton half of the ninth, Mohawk starting pitcher Scott Gadd who sailed through the last three previous innings, ran into trouble. Skip McTrach and Glen Turner led off with easy walks as Gadd's pitches were nowhere near the plate. Andy Hull lofted a lazy single off the end of his

bat down the leftfield line which scored McTrach and when John Chodorowicz lined a single to score Turner with none out it appeared the Mohawks were in trouble of losing the game.

However, Gadd obviously got stronger and struck out Merchants' catcher Ange Tonelli on a couple of bad pitches. Rich Clement followed by flying out to deep centerfield before Gadd bore down and caught Doug Thompson looking at a called third strike to end the game.

It marked Gadd's second consecutive pitching performance. Last week he no-hit the Cambridge Pirates.

"I was trying too hard to throw the ball in the ninth," Gadd said. "I was over-throwing the ball and then the guys got together and said they were behind me and to throw strikes and that's all I did."

"It's just nice to beat each other," he added of the rivalry. "After the game everybody forgets about it."

Tonelli said he was impressed with Gadd's pitching and not too pleased with his own efforts at the plate in the ninth.

"He had a good fastball and breaking pitch," the big catcher explained. "You want to get anxious and go after the ball and you go after a bad pitch."

The loss didn't appear to bother the Merchants who are in a close battle with Dundas for first place in the Timmis Division of the Halton County Baseball League.

"That's four in a row," a dejected Claer said after the game. "We've never done that before. But we'll come back."

Similarly, Merchants' leftfielder Mitch Lajeunesse didn't take the loss too hard. "There's no point getting down about it. All we have to do to get back on track is for everybody to pull together. That's all we need."

Doug Timbers and Rick Knight drew bases-loaded walks off Merchants' starting pitcher Wayne Marchane. Tim Roberts knocked in Charlie Currie with a single in the sixth before Ted Fuller's RBI double propelled the Mohawks into a 6-4 lead.

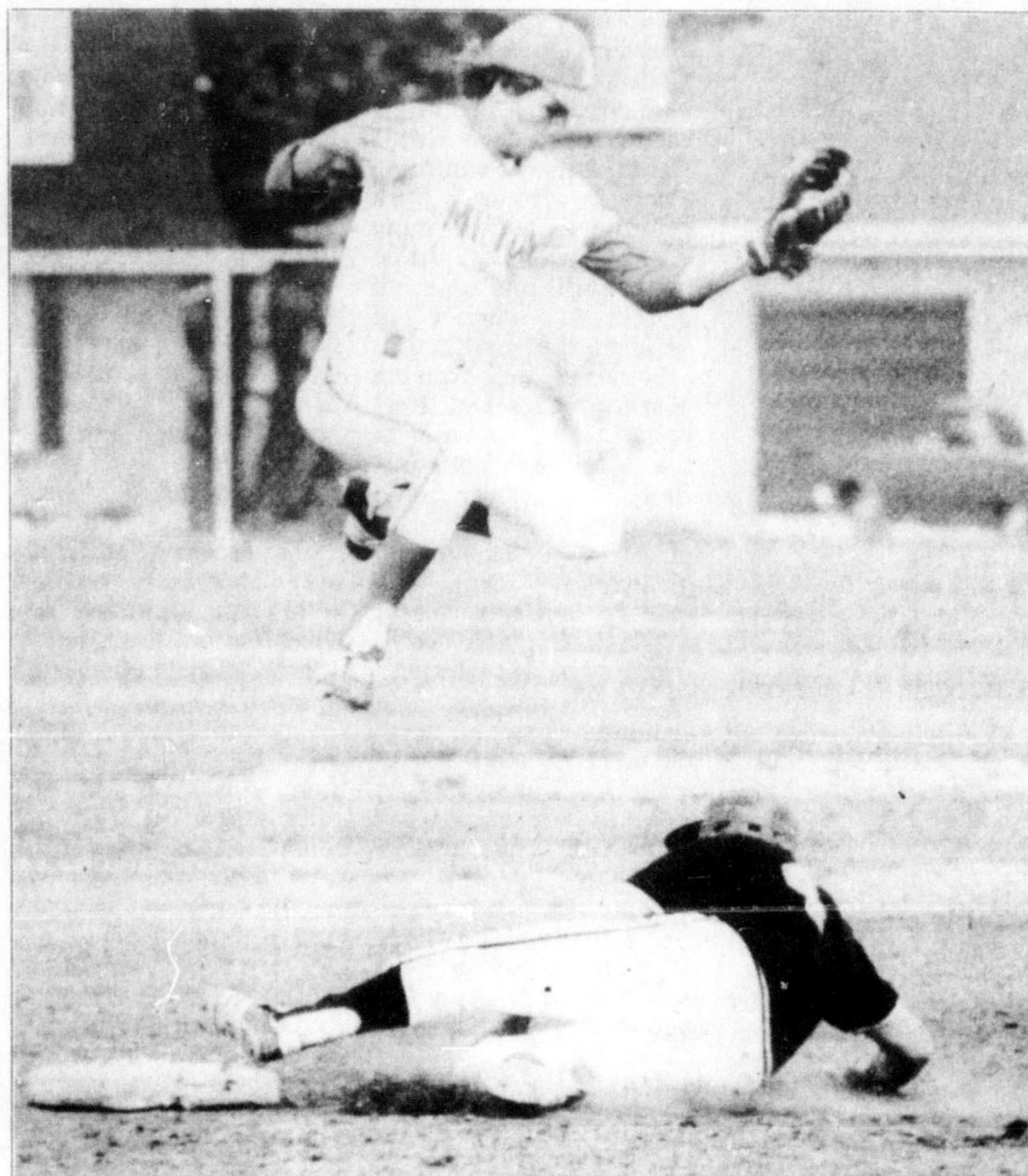
Gadd went the distance striking out six Milton batters and walking eight. Marchand allowed six walks while recording three strikeouts while Moore came on to pitch the ninth and allowed one walk and no Ks.

Both Campbellville and Milton lost games Saturday (see other story). The Mohawks were bombed 14-0 by the up-and-coming Dundas Chiefs while Milton lost 8-1 in a rain-shortened match to Etobicoke.

The exchange leaves Dundas on top of the Timmis Division with an 11-9 record followed one game back by Milton at 9-9. Campbellville improved their record to 7-12 while Cambridge remains mired in the cellar at 4-14.

Campbellville hosts Milton in a double-header Sunday before tackling Dundas away Monday. Milton travels to Brampton tonight (Wednesday), Cambridge Saturday and Campbellville Sunday for the twin-bill.

Notes: There are actually two races in the league. In order to advance into the Ontario Baseball Association playoffs, Milton must finish ahead of Dundas. Because Campbellville is classed as a C division team, they must beat out Cambridge... Merchants' manager Marchand hinted there would be some positional changes for tonight's game in Brampton... Mohawks' loss to Dundas prolonged a three-year winless string against the Chiefs... Dundas has won five games in a row.



SLIDING UNDERNEATH THE TAG, Mohawk Paul Elliot makes it into second safely as Merchants' second baseman Burke Harrison has to go high above the bag to come up with an errant throw. The Mohawks won their fourth game in the past five, turning back Milton 7-6 Sunday at Brian Best Park.

## Squirts improving edge Erin Mills 2-1

Fredericks' squirt soccer reps continued their steadily-improved play to defeat Erin Mills 2-1 Wednesday in Erin Mills Wednesday. The win evened their season record between the two teams at 1-1.

The game proved to be a slowly-paced affair with neither side showing any offensive strength. Much of the play was in midfield as each team exchanged possession. Milton got a lucky break when awarded an indirect free kick after the home team committed a foul during a Milton offensive drive. Kevin Moffatt passed the ball to centre Mark Harrison who lofted a shot above the goalies' outstretched arms.

The lead gave Milton added motivation,

causing them to press but they had to settle with a 1-0 lead going into the second half. Milton came out strongly after the intermission with an excellent team effort leading to their second goal.

Kevin Moffatt gained possession of the ball at midfield and carried it up the wing while at the same time, avoiding the Erin Mills defenders. He passed to Paul Carles who found an opening, and fed the ball to Mark Harrison who promptly scored his second of the game.

Milton seemed to relax at this point allowing Erin Mills ample scoring opportunities but good defensive work by Paul Brodeur and Daniel Belvedere kept the Mississauga team from

## Busy sports week upcoming

The holiday weekend provides area sports fans with a wide variety of sports happenings to keep themselves amused and entertained over the three-day period.

The happenings actually get underway today (Wednesday) with the annual Hornby Horse Show which continues until Monday. There are four other events including a fastball tournament, a lifeguard competition, an antique car rally and an athletic meet at the Maplehurst Correctional Institute.

The following is a more elaborate description of the events.

**HORNBY HORSE SHOW**  
Expecting to draw upwards of 400 competitors, the Hornby Horse Show rates as one of the top equestrian shows of the year in the country. The event begins this morning and continues until late Monday afternoon.

Olympic team competitors from Canada and the United States are expected to participate as riders compete for over \$25,000 in prize money.

Two area riders will compete. They are Gail Casselman of Milton and Kim Samuel of Hornby. The events will be held at the Horse Place, formerly Sam-Son Farms on Trafalgar Road.

**MILTON FASTBALL TOURNEY**  
A total of \$800 is up for grabs as 16 teams pitch, hit and run in the annual Milton Fastball Tournament Aug. 3-6 at Brian Best Park.

Six Milton teams (all except Rockwell) will battle teams from as far away as Bradford. The tournament is set up in a divisional arrangement which allows each team at least three games before being knocked out.

First prize money is \$300, although winners of the second and third rounds will receive \$20 and \$40, respectively.

Action gets underway at 7 p.m. Friday night and starts up again in the morning at 8.30 p.m. Saturday and Monday and 9 p.m. Sunday at Brian Best Park. Play continues until the late evening hours each night.

Teams will come from Acton, Bronte, Oakville, Georgetown, Malton, Palermo, Mississauga, Bradford as well as Milton.

**LIFEGUARD COMPETITION**  
Kelso Conservation Area will be hosting the all-Ontario lifeguard competition Friday for the waterfront championship.

Fifteen of Ontario's best lifeguarding teams will battle it out in the water in four events. Each team will have six members of which three must be female.

The squads will be tested in paddleboard relay, lifesaving relay, emergency situations and first aid. For emergency situations, the teams will be tested in reaction time, suitability of treatment, execution, teamwork, preventative guarding and public relations in simulated accident conditions with trained victims.

The competition begins at 9 a.m. in Kelso.

**ANTIQUE CAR RALLY**  
If you feel like watching history pass before your eyes, you might want to make a note of an antique car rally put on by the Historical Association of Canada which will drive up from Oakville along Highway 25 and stop at the Milton Mall Monday afternoon.

The once-a-year tour officially called a Normoska Tour, involves a week of activities in which members will travel in caravan style to several sites in and around Toronto before settling at the home of Stirling Wheller in Hornby for a barbecue Monday.

## Gibbons' single gives Stags title

Terry Gibbons knocked in Garry Naylor with the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning to propel the Thornborrow BP Fuel Stags to a 2-1 win over Mowbray Blue Flames and claim the championship of the Collingwood Invitational Fastball tournament Sunday.

The tourney drew seven teams including four local entries. Accompanying the Stags and Mowbrays were the Georgetown Yankees and Hornby.

In the final game,

Stags scored the first run of the game in the second inning as Loris Faggion and Gibbons hit safely to produce one run.

Mowbrays rallied to tie the score when Brian Howard doubled in Doug McLaughlin, setting the stage for Gibbons' game-winning RBI in the seventh.

Ed Dunn was the winning pitcher for all four Stags' wins while Mark Grenke suffered the loss, another in the fourth and two more in the fifth. Keith McKinnon suffered the loss.

In the second game,

Georgetown 7-0, Meaford 19-1 and Elmvalle 2-0 while Mowbrays handled host Collingwood 4-1, Elmvalle 6-2 and Georgetown 4-1 before meeting in the final.

In the first game against Georgetown, Garry Naylor doubled and scored Stags' first run on Roger Johnson's single in the second inning. Stags added three more runs in the third, another in the fourth and two more in the fifth. Keith McKinnon suffered the loss.

In the second game,

against Meaford, Stags broke a 1-1 tie in the fourth inning sending 10 men to the plate and scoring seven runs in the fourth inning.

Stags added to their total with 11 more runs on 10 hits in the next inning sending 13 batters to the plate. Dale McQueen was the losing pitcher for Meaford.

Stags jumped on Elmvalle hurler Carl Edwards for a pair of first-inning runs to vault into the lead and both runs stood up for the rest of the game although Elmvalle outthit

the Milton team by a 7-6 margin.

All in all, Stags scored 30 runs on 45 hits in the four games and allowed only two runs on 20 hits.

The leading hitters for the Stags were Steve Gervais with seven hits, Garry Naylor and Gibbons with six each, Faggion and Doug Naylor with five hits apiece, John Pension and Don Hearn with four each and pitcher Dunn who chipped in three hits.

It marked the first time Stags won the tournament after five consecutive tries.

## Started with Model A

# Change homes for their cars

Stirling Wheller has an addiction. For several years now he has been consumed with the task of restoring old cars and trucks, an endeavour which takes up more and more of his time and money.

His home on Steeles Avenue resembles nothing

short of an old used car lot. Parts and vehicles lay scattered over his one-acre home and in three garages.

One of the highlights of the year takes place this weekend when the Whellers host about 60 other car lovers of the bygone era in weeklong

touring activities as part of the annual Normoska Tour which highlights the year for the Historical Association of Canada.

How does one get started collecting old cars? "It all started with this car here," he says pointing to his favorite car, a 1931 Model A Ford. "My

brother gave it to me when he went overseas in 1943 and I drove it until 1957."

It was long after that Wheller became hooked on antique cars but the Model A holds a particular place in his heart.

The car is a masterpiece. It still runs very

well although there is no heater which makes anything but summer driving very cool. Technically, the automobile is in A-1 shape. The Whellers even went to the point of purchasing a special licence plate with the initials LB which signifies to them their home in Long Branch.

Then, sometime in the late '60s, Wheller got the bug and started collecting almost everything he could get his hands on. He added a second prized-catch, a 1950 Club Coupe Ford and he was on his way to collecting more than 15 vehicles including an ice truck from the Lake Simcoe Ice Company.

"I thought it was great," says his wife Barbara, "until we got so many. It can be expensive if you want it to be."

Stirling avoids much of the cost by doing his own restoring.

"Time," he explains. "If you have lots of time you can enjoy them. Doing your own work is the biggest advantage. A paint job alone will cost you up to \$1,000. Upholstery costs run just as high because you want it to look like the original stuff."

For many years while they lived in Long Branch, the Whellers stored their vehicles in garages scattered throughout the city. Then they decided that for their own convenience (and to reduce the eyecore of parts lying around the backyard), they opted for their spacious

home in Hornby.

The home has succeeded in hiding the vehicles although each of the garages is jammed full of parts and automobile frames.

An old fire truck sits naked, its engine and much of its equipment denuded because Wheller is part-way through restoring the truck.

The truck used to be right down where I lived for many years and then someone called and asked if I'd like to have it. There's very little equipment for it and we have had to go to Hershey Pennsylvania to pick up a siren for it (at a huge open-air flea market)."

"Everybody in the club knows I have a fire truck though so they pick up parts whenever they can."

Most of the cars in the auto club are registered as antique cars which allows the owners to pay just a \$10 fee for a special licence. However, they are restricted to driving their cars in club activities, parades and the like.

About 60-70 of the club's members will meet, cars in hand, later this week to participate in the annual tour which will see them drive in parade fashion throughout the area. The members will be camped in the Clairville Conservation Area.

On Monday, the members will meet at the Wheeler's home for a barbecue amid the parts, vehicles and garages.



STANDING BESIDE THE car which got him started, Stirling Wheller is proud of his 1931 Model A Ford. The Whellers went out to specifically purchase a 1931 licence plate with the initials LB. The couple is originally from Long Branch.

## Outburst paces Mowbray

Mowbray Blue Flames rallied for three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to post a 9-7 win over C and P Landscaping in Milton Fastball League play Thursday at Brian Best Park.

The Blue Flames had a busy week losing 4-2 Tuesday to C and P before dumping Thornborrow Stags 3-1 the next night.

Marty Cairns led off the sixth inning Thursday with a single and his

team trailing by one run. After Geoff O'Brien flied out to right field, Rick Bridgman followed with another single. Larry Campbell became the inning's second out when he flied out but Ray Tonelli saved the day with a double.

Warren McLeod walked, followed by another single by Doug McLaughlin which allowed the Blue Flames the victory.

Against the Stags,

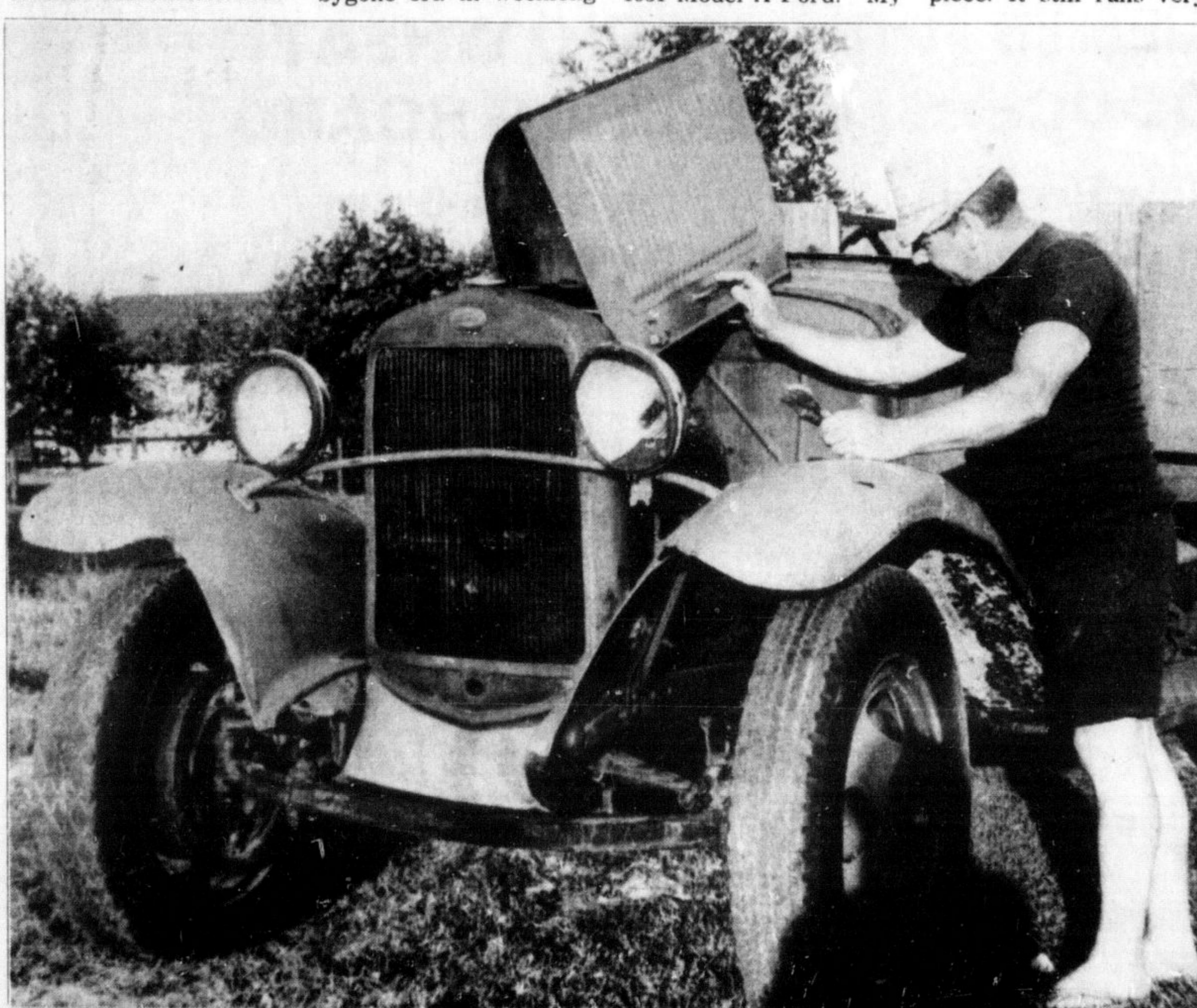
McLeod's three-run homer in the first inning held up for the win. After Hugh Marshall doubled, Ray Tonelli reached on error, setting the stage for McLeod's home run blast.

Blue Flames' pitcher Rick King settled down after walking the first two batters he faced, allowing just four hits and two walks the rest of the way to notch the victory.

In the match Tuesday,

C and P scored three runs in the third before adding a fourth in the fourth inning to salt away the victory. The Blue Flames rallied for single runs in the last two innings but their march was stopped when Bridgman struck out to end the game.

Chaisson, McCann, Martin and Robinson bunched singles together for the three-run third. Murray, Chaisson and Decaire put singles together for the final run of the inning.



DOING ALL OF HIS OWN restoring work has allowed Stirling Wheller to save a lot of money. At the same time it has enabled him to increase his number of antique

vehicles. Stirling found this old ice truck sitting on a lot close to Buckhorn Lake near Peterborough.