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Eight-year-old Tammy Sherry takes a swing at the ball but it goes the wrong way in Senior T-Ball action last Wednesday at Rotary Park. The regular season is winding down with playoffs less than a month away.

Omagh starts OR Friday at Brian Best

FRESH FROM a weekend tournament victory in Georgetown, Miltonwe Realty fastball team will start play in the Ontario Rural Softball Association playdowns this weekend against Linden.

Entering under the town of Omagh, the Miltonwe team is one of the hottest fastball teams in these parts and should progress well into the playdowns.

The first game is slated for Brian Best Park at 8:45 p.m. Friday with the second game going Sunday night in Linden.

Over the weekend, Miltonwe allowed just one run against them in four games to take the championship.

After defeating Nashville Trust 10-0, Acton Roadrunners 5-1 and Thruway Mufflers 3-0, Miltonwe led Anderson Construction 5-0 after three innings in the championship game before rain fell. The tournament organizers allowed the score to stand to give Miltonwe the title.

Incidentally, Thruway claimed a measure of revenge Monday night defeating Miltonwe in regular MFL play.

Sometimes the most interesting news doesn't involve the winner of a particular event, but who finished second and third.

Such was the case last week when Acton Sabres named Bill Richmond to coach their junior club for the 1982-83 season replacing Jules Russiani who decided to step down after a couple of years behind the bench.

The interesting news isn't that Richmond was selected but who came second and third. In second place in the balloting, right behind Richmond, was none other than Milton's own Gary Hudson. The third top candidate was new Milton resident Bob Smulders, a former top NHL prospect until an automobile injury put a damper on his potentially good career. There were six candidates altogether.

The choice for coach, says team spokesman Ray Graham came down to Hudson and Richmond. The five-member selection committee couldn't decide between the two and it went before the 10-member team executive where Richmond won 6-4.

Hudson, who coaches Milton's Fifth Wheel major bantam team which is slated to travel to Finland during the Christmas break, is known to have coaching aspirations at the junior level. Last year, he almost took over the Flyers after coach Doug Johnston resigned.

Richmond has an arm's length of coaching credentials and had accepted the post of coach for Orangeville in the Mid-Ontario Jr. C League before taking the Acton job.

Richmond coached in the Oakville minor hockey system for many years, despite living halfway between Georgetown and Acton. He coached Oakville's triple-A juvenile team a few years ago to the all-Ontario championships. Many of those players played last year with Oakville Blades which lost just two regular-season games and won the league championship easily.

He is also the Hockey Ontario coordinator for this area and is heavily involved in coaching programs.

Smulders, 29, just moved back to Milton at the end of May after several years as player-coach for Campbellton Tigers in New Brunswick, a senior hockey team.

Mike Boyle



He had a promising career in junior hockey with Peterborough Petes, playing under coach Roger "Captain Video" Neilson. In his last year of junior, Smulders was injured in a car accident and spent the year in a hospital bed recuperating from leg injuries.

Despite missing a year, he was selected in the fifth round of the junior draft by Buffalo Sabres and spent two years with Cincinnati Swords and Hershey Bears of the American Hockey League. After a year in the Eastern Hockey League with Charlotte, Smulders played in Holland with Den Haag before moving over to Campbellton.

Sticking with hockey, the new name for Milton's junior hockey team is in fact an old name—Steamers.

Peggy Finn, a player with Milton's senior girls' hockey team, picked the name in a recent Champion name-the-team contest and as a result picked up two tickets to an Edmonton Oilers-Toronto Maple Leafs game next year. She submitted 12 entries altogether. (see page 6)

The name Steamers has been the name of Milton's Tier Two hockey teams, at least until this year. Milton Minor Hockey Equipment Manager Larry Scott, in a spirit of good intentions, decided to change the name from Steamers to Jr. Aeros, in respect of Thomas' ownership, at the time, of Milton's intermediate team. Thomas also sponsors the Tier Two teams.

However, Thomas went and purchased the junior club and folded the Aeros putting Scott in a tricky situation.

The Milton Fastball League's annual tournament is set to go again during the Civic Holiday weekend at Brian Best Park.

Initial reaction is for the tourney to consist of 12 teams although organizers are still trying for the usual number of 16.

Should 16 teams participate, the tourney will start Friday July 30 and be finished Monday Aug. 2. If 12 teams take part, there will be no games Friday with action beginning at 10 a.m. on the following three days.

The Wayne Gretzky celebrity golf tournament is being held today (Wednesday) at Indian Wells Golf Course.

The tourney, which costs \$150.99 to enter, will have a field of 144 golfers including 19 celebrities.

Joining the Great Gretzky on the course are Bruce Hood, skier Ken Read, Dale Hawerchuk, Gordie Tapp, Harry Howell, Norm Ullman, Andy Bathgate, footballer Leif Petersen, Bob Nevin, Bobby Baun, Rick Vaive, Wilf Paiment, Bill Delago, Paul Coffey, Mike Nykoluk and Pat Hughes.

The dinner will follow the tourney and anybody interested in attending can do so. It starts at 7 p.m. and costs \$50.

All money raised goes toward charity.

Royals keep pace with two-game sweep

Milton Royals kept pace with the front-runners in the Halton Senior Baseball League with a pair of relatively easy victories over Burlington Brants in a doubleheader sweep Sunday at Brian Best Park.

Behind the four-hit pitching of Wade Bekar, Royals took the opener 6-2 before they unloaded their heavy artillery blowing away Brants 15-5 in the shortened seven-inning nightcap.

Bekar was the star of the show though. In his first starting assignment of the year, Bekar pitched a no-hitter for six and one-third innings and set down Brants in order in four innings. Bekar started slowly and walked the

first batter he faced. The runner eventually came around to score but Bekar settled down and allowed just five baserunners until the ninth when Burlington bunched together three of its four hits for their second run.

Royals tied the score in the second and took the lead with two runs in the third. The club subsequently added another run in the fifth and two more in the sixth to sew up the victory.

Rick McTrach, Ken Armstrong, Garry Nayler and Jack Cantelon paced the Milton attack with two hits apiece. John Turner knocked in two runs while Roger Clement, Garry Nayler,

McTrach and Cantelon finished with one RBI each.

In the second game of the day, Royals were paced by a spectacular display of home run hitting by centrefielder Glenn who finished the day with three circuit blasts and six RBIs.

Royals trailed 4-0 in the third before scoring seven runs in the fourth and seven more in the sixth. Turner hit his third consecutive homer in the seventh to complete the scoring.

The centrefielder had four hits altogether to lead Milton's 13-hit attack. The club stranded just four runners in the game.

Cantelon also had a fine effort with

two hits, including a grand-slam homer and six RBIs. Armstrong added three hits while McTrach helped out with a pair of hits and two runs batted in.

Dave Turner earned the win on the mound for Milton going as far as six and one-third innings. Lefty George Moore mopped up in pitching the final two-thirds of an inning.

The two victories enabled Royals to remain in the hunt for the top spots with Campbellville and Dundas. Royals are 3½ back of Mohawks and 1½ back of Dundas. Fourth-place Cambridge is 10 games behind Mohawks and pose no threat at all to third place.

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A heady matter

A player with Kitchener (right) prepares to go head-to-head with a player with Milton Halton Videos in major atom soccer play Wednesday at E.C. Drury

School. Kitchener prevailed by a 6-2 score but Milton came through with an encouraging effort against an obviously powerful team.

Winning becoming habit

Enjoying a systematic approach to winning, Campbellville Mohawks ran their Halton Senior Baseball League winning string to almost unheard of 14 games with three relatively easily accomplished victories last week.

Mohawks feasted off the league's tailenders in newcomers Burlington Brants and Brampton Braves in running their string to 14 games.

Mohawks received a four-hitter pitching performance from Rick Mitchell to post an 8-1 win over Brants Wednesday night in Burlington. They followed that up with a 9-4 win over Braves Thursday night in Brampton before blasting Brampton 11-5 Sunday afternoon at Campbellville ball park.

Despite posting the 14 straight wins, Mohawks lead second-place Dundas Chiefs by just two games with five contests remaining in the regular season. In addition, Chiefs are just one back of Campbellville in the lost column and with one match between the two clubs remaining in the regular season. In addition, Chiefs are just one back of Campbellville in the lost column and with one match between the two clubs remaining, could find themselves in an interesting head-to-head race down the wire despite their remarkable record.

Rick Mitchell threw a dazzler at Burlington Wednesday night. He had a shutout going until the ninth inning when Burlington scored an unearned run to escape from being blanked.

Mohawks scored single runs in the

first, second and fourth innings before scoring twice in the sixth, five times in the seventh and one more in the eighth to salt it away.

Brampton gave Campbellville a good run for the money Thursday night building a 4-0 lead after two innings. Mohawks chipped away with two in the fourth, one in the fifth and one more in the seventh to knot the score at 4-4. There was more scoring in regulation play forcing the contest into extra innings.

For Couriers

It was neither usual or fortunate

Milton minor mosquito Purolator Courier rep team had an unusual exhibition game against a team from Kilbride Thursday.

Unusual in the respect that this game was just for fun and there was no pressure on either side to win. Unusual also because the Kilbride team consisted of a mixture of yellow and orange shirts and a mixture of ages. First impression was that some players were tall. This opinion was confirmed when the majority of the Couriers forward line were able to run under the legs of the Kilbride defence without ducking.

Another unusual feature to the game was Milton's goalie. It was not their usual Sean Wakely who was given an opportunity to play forward and dazzled all with his foot work. Milton's net

Mohawks made way for a quick exit home scoring five runs courtesy of three hits and two errors for the 9-4 winning margin.

Steve Tait got things rolling in the 10th with a lead-off single. Bill Dennis's attempted sacrifice was muffed putting runners on first and second with none out.

After a strikeout to Ray Evans, Steve Smith reached on another error by ex-Royal pitcher Mike Copp. Rick Mitchell reached on a fielder's choice scoring

one run before Paul Ridley laced a single. Tim Roberts' double drove home the final runs for the win.

Mohawks built a 10-4 lead against Brampton Sunday and coasted to the relatively easy win.

Charles Currie led the way for Mohawks with three hits while Tait, Rick Mitchell, Roberts, Dennis and Ray Evans pounding out two hits apiece in the club's 17-hit assault. Evans also belted a homer. Hap Perrott picked up the win.

this game was defended by Lee Finch who performed well and displayed good goalie sense and a strong kick.

Milton opened the scoring on a shot from Daniel Belvedere but Kilbride came back quickly to tie it up. Before the half was over they were able to score another two goals.

The second half saw only one goal scored, in Kilbride's favor, but all were content with the game and plan to meet next Thursday in Kilbride for a rematch.

Have you ever heard the story of fortunately and unfortunately. It goes like this.

Unfortunately the Couriers had no regular season game this week. Fortunately, they had a League Cup game.

Unfortunately it was against the powerful premier division Oakville team. (A team who had already humiliated another opponent in League Cup 20-0.)

Fortunately, the game was played at Brian Best. Unfortunately, it was an extremely hot and humid day. Fortunately, they only played on half the field. Unfortunately it was in Milton's half. Fortunately not all Oakville's shots entered the net. Unfortunately 10 did. Fortunately the game ended. Unfortunately Milton's chances of any further League Cup action were squashed by the luck of the draw.

Luck which seems to plague them with top teams in their first round of cup play.