

Sox are slick base thieves

The Milton Red Sox major midgets stole five bases in the eighth inning, but couldn't quite steal a win away from league-leading Oakville last Tuesday at Maplehurst Ball Park.

Trailing 3-2 with two outs, pinch runner Jamie McBride was given the green light for home plate after advancing from first on a clean steal and passed ball. Milton's stolen base leader narrowly missed making it three straight in what manager Larry Black said was a highly controversial call.

"As far as I'm concerned Jamie stole home, but the umpire didn't see it that way," said Black, whose team is now 1-11-1 in Central Ontario Baseball Association (COBA) play.

Oakville added one more run in their last at-bat to remain undefeated with a 4-2 victory. They collected nine hits on the night.

McBride's out ended a spirited comeback attempt by the Red Sox, who scored twice with just a couple of hits. Pinch runner Ryan McHugh brought home the first run after stealing second and moving up to third on a past ball.

Cashing him in with a line-drive single was Chris Hunt, who stole second himself and was driven in on Ryan Smith's RBI single.

Also contributing to the eighth inning rally were Justin Lawrence and Geoff Bahr who each walked — allowing Black to utilize his team's speed.

Returning from a five-week hiatus — due to shoulder soreness — Bobby McKnight turned in a sound pitching effort with six innings of five-hit ball. He gave up runs in the first and second. Oakville's starter John Banks was red hot all evening and had a no-hit-

ter going until the bottom of the eighth when Hunt ended Milton's offensive drought.

Added Black, "This was one of our best defensive efforts all season. We made only two errors against the best team in COBA."

Two nights later a severely thinned Milton lineup — with the entire infield fulfilling work commitments — was pounded 6-0 by second-place Brampton. The game was called in the sixth because of heavy rain and lightning.

Hunt worked the entire game and fanned seven batters along the way. He was hit early and often, surrendering a two-run blast in the opening frame.

The Red Sox will host Erin Mills tonight (Tuesday) at Maplehurst, starting at 7:30 p.m. They'll head east this weekend to compete in the Cobourg Tournament.


Mavericks take 19th game

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Hartholt's top 10 placement in the league scoring race. He finished the season with 114 points.

Leworthy Jr., Biesel, Shawn Bomberry and Craig Hedley added two goals each, with back-up netminder Joey Camilleri earning the win.

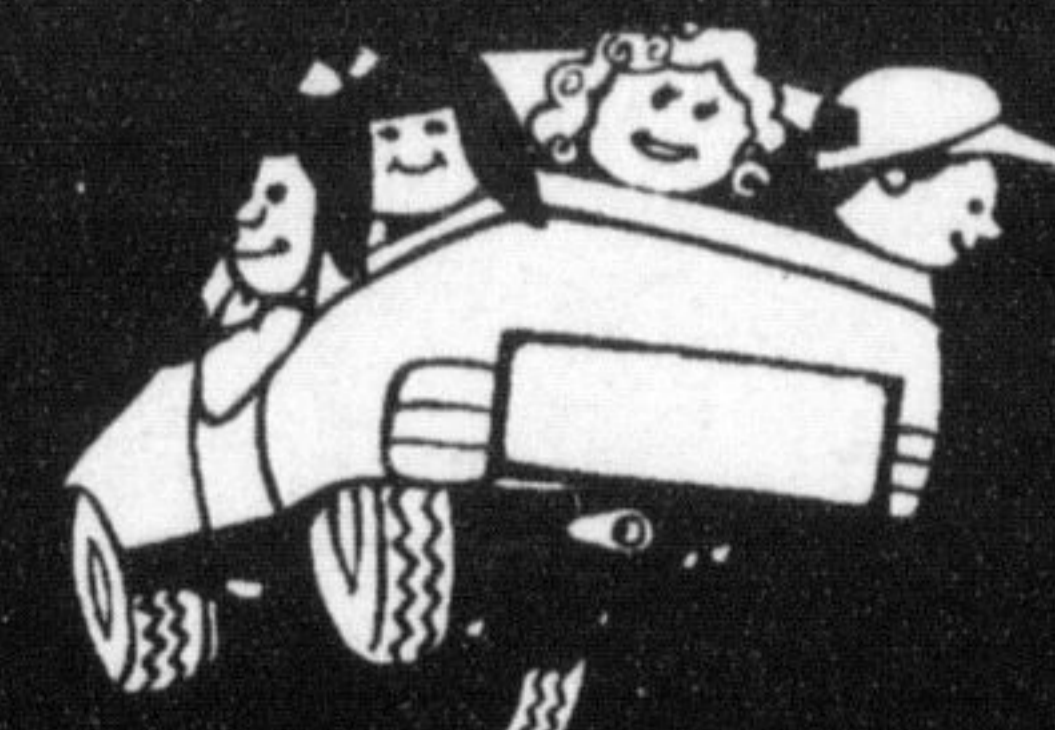
Maverick notes: Sunday's win was the Mavericks' 19th in league play, since moving from Brampton three years ago ... Public relations director Rick Imus set a new world record for the shortest opera at Friday's game. Performed during first intermission, Ghost of Stan clocked in at three minutes and 15 seconds — beating the previous record holder from England by 19 seconds.



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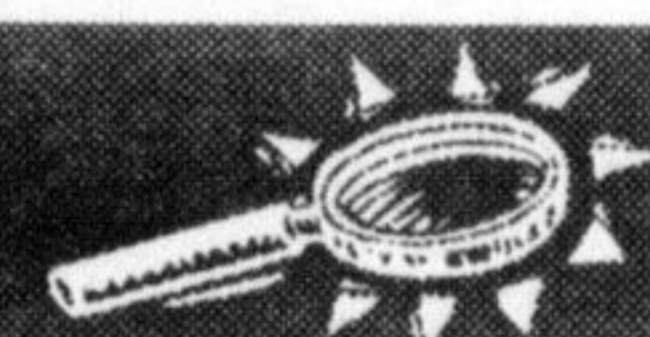
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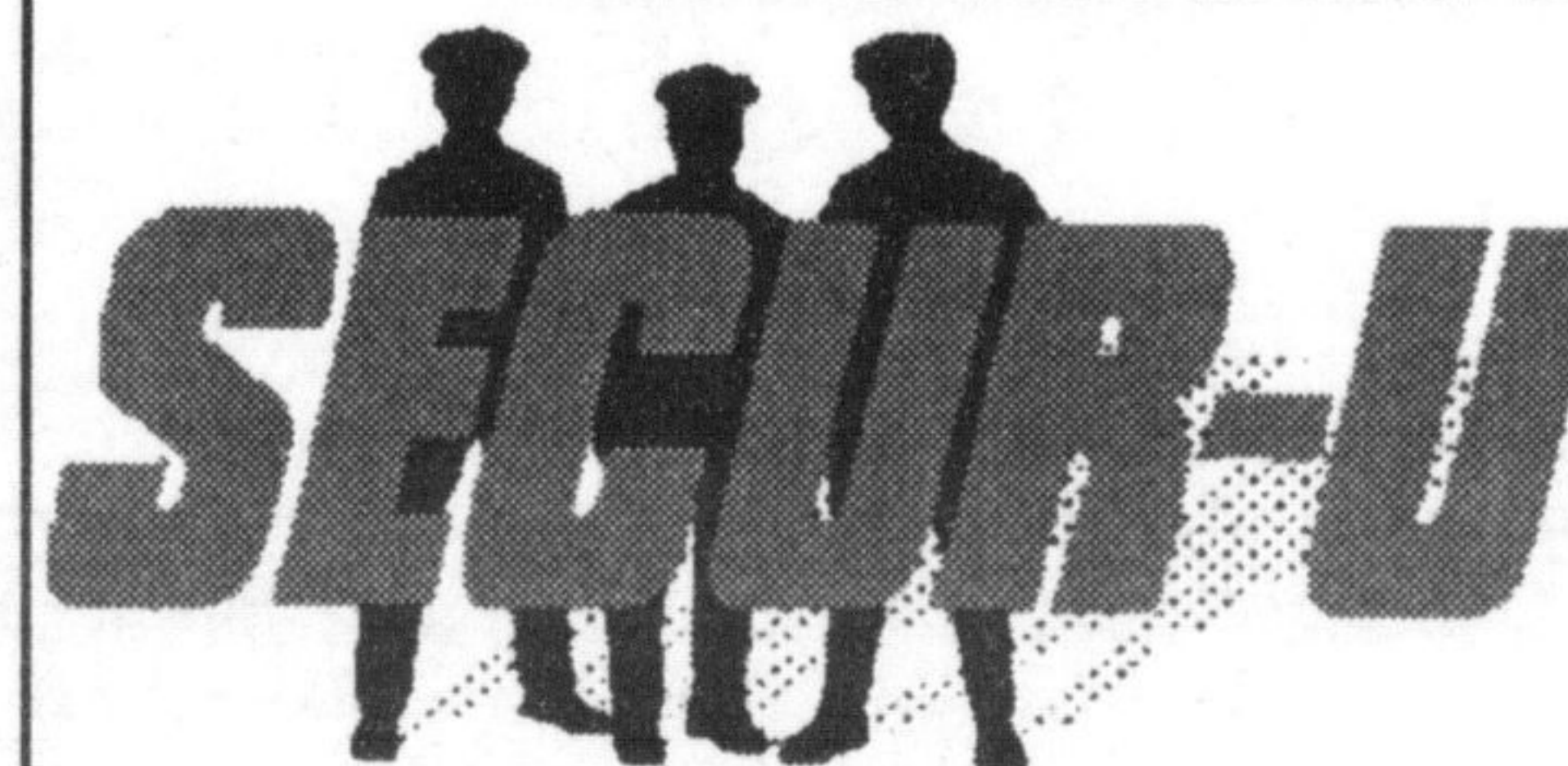
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