

# Coach says humble pie may be good for midgets

Milton's minor midget baseball team broke new ground Tuesday night — but not the kind they had in mind.

Coach Paul Perrott drew his first-ever game ejection in the fourth inning.

An hour later — with their skipper waiting in the parking lot — the Red Sox had squandered a five-run lead to Waterdown and lost for the first time this season.

The 9-7 defeat came without the services of a handful of players, including lefthanded pitcher Jeff McLeod and short-stop Jordan Jeans.

"I take full responsibility for the loss," said Perrott, whose team remains atop the Central Ontario Baseball Association (COBA) standings with a 6-1 record.

"The ejection came while Waterdown was intentionally walking one of our guys.

## Bantams turn on the power

What a time to get hot.

The Milton major bantam baseball team hadn't had a home run through the first three weeks of the season but over a three-day stretch recently they managed to launch four — plus a rash of extra-base hits to boot.

Their power surge guided them to five straight wins and the championship title at the Owen Sound Tournament.

After falling behind early on in the finals they exploded with 13 runs in the last four innings to pummel Kincardine 17-5.

Leading the slugfest with long balls were Evan Jeans and T.J. Monaghan, who crushed a tape measure 350-footer.

Paul Duff, Rich Gostlin and Michael Volpe combined for an effective pitching campaign while the entire team played great defensively.

All three facets of their game were gelling in the semifinals as well when they blanked Georgina 14-0.

Ryan Harper and Jeff Schouten showed strongly on the mound while Zack Cosby came up with some impressive catches.

Highlighting offensive efforts with his first of two homers was Jeans with Schouten, Mark Black and Chris Dumencu posting two extra-base hits apiece.

The Red Sox' toughest battle came in their tournament opener against Aurora. Stellar pitching by Kevin Cooper plus a third-inning homer by Duff made the difference in a 5-4 squeaker.

## Jessica's an inspiration

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the Anaheim Mighty Ducks are on the tube.

Along the way Jessica's been a constant inspiration to both able-bodied and physically challenged children, through her role as a Tammy with the Easter Seals Society and the adorable smiles that come whenever one shoots a glance her way.

"Jessica knows her limitations but at the same time doesn't feel any different from the other kids. That positive attitude has made things a lot easier on us," her mother said.

Their catcher balked and some of the guys yelled out about it.

"For whatever reason the umpire thought I had objected to his judgment and gave me the heave-ho."

Milton came into the game with only nine players, due to high school exams and work commitments, and the ejection of their coach was the

straw that broke the camel's back.

Perrott gave full marks to Waterdown for battling back but added that the game was one his troops would surely have won — and won decisively — under different circumstances.

He said, "Maybe in the long run it'll be good for the team, that they tasted some humble pie early in the season. They were getting a little comfortable

with the lead we had Tuesday."

Among the bright spots on the night was a three-run homer by Perrott's heavy hitting son Nathan, his fourth long ball of the year. And Jarrett Konkle pitched well through the early stages of play.

The Red Sox next home game is slated for Wednesday, July 1 at Maplehurst Park against Kitchener. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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