

Sports school spots open

Registrations are now being accepted for the 20th annual Milton Sports and Fitness School.

In conjunction with the Halton Sports and Fitness School, the local program will once again offer two one-week summer camps — from August 9-13 and August 16 to 20.

The cost is \$95 for one child and \$85 for each additional child in the same family. The camp — held at Milton District High School — is open to boys and girls aged 6 to 13 years.

For more information, call camp coordinator Brian Arsenault at 689-3245 or 847-0595.

Thunder gets Drury's number in the rematch

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

The E.C. Drury Spartans enjoyed a sunny start to the 12th annual Corbett's Baseball Tournament in Burlington — but were eventually Thunder struck.

Looking for a return trip to the championship finals, Marc Messier's charges scored early and often in game one of round robin action Saturday to upset the Thornlea Thunder — who were finalists at last year's Prentice Cup at SkyDome and are currently ranked ninth in the Toronto Star's Metro Poll.

However, EC's emotional high from a 7-4 victory wouldn't last long.

Forced to battle the York Region giants once more, after two teams bailed out of the tournament and divisions had to be rearranged, they came crashing down to earth with a 17-4 humbling.

No excuses

As a result, the Spartans lost the total runs doubleheader and failed to advance.

While Thornlea got a strong performance out of ace hurler Nicholas Yap in the second contest, Messier couldn't bring himself to use that as an excuse for losing by such a wide margin.

"Brutal," Drury's manager said of the blowout, "Sure their pitcher did a nice job, but he wasn't anything we couldn't handle. We just didn't put the ball in play enough."

His team's game two beating had a lot to do with defensive miscues as well. They committed eight errors, compared to two in the initial clash, which played a pivotal role in their self-destruction.

EC might have been able to make things a little tighter had they used competent pitcher Jon Grisold — but with an all important league showdown against Bishop Reding waiting in the wings, he was held in

reserve.

The Thunder collected nine runs in the first two innings and were in cruise control the rest of the way.

Jack Turner highlighted a rather lacklustre offensive effort for the Spartans — crushing a solo dinger in the third and stealing home on a wild pitch for the second run.

While everything that could have gone wrong did in game two, EC posted a well-rounded win to start the doubleheader — arguably their most impressive of the season.

Hunt looks good

Starter Chris Hunt surrendered just four hits and two runs — both unearned on throwing errors — while his infielders turned two double plays to stymie the Thunder's rally bid.

Ryan Harper worked the last three innings on the mound and was just as sharp.

Mike Austen stroked a two-out double in the first to score Craig McDonald and one inning later Kyle Donnan came in on a single by Ryan McHugh to make it 2-0 Drury.

Thornlea would even the count before McDonald's RBI single in the fourth cashed in Mike Monroe, who brought home Jed Cosby on a single to establish a two-run cushion once again.

Season winds down

Turner and Evan Jeans later delivered RBI hits to bolster the lead and solidify their team's triumph. Providing these final runs were Austen, Donnan and Johnny Glead.

EC faced Bishop Reding yesterday and finish up the regular season tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in Oakville against St. Thomas Aquinas, whom they defeated 8-5 earlier in the year. Halton playoffs begin next week.

Team goes in fits and starts

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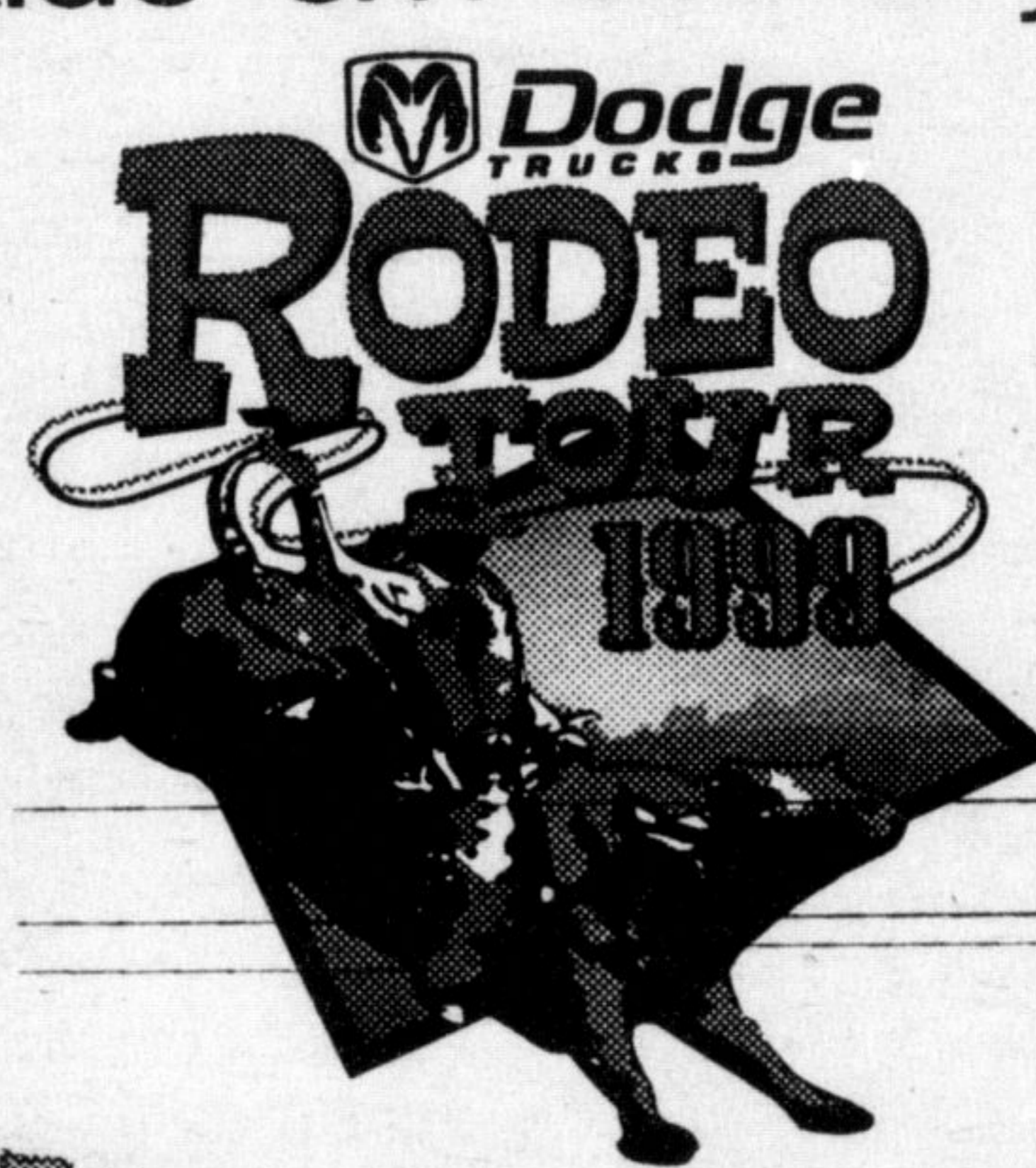
three days earlier at practice, goaltender Andrew Dowdell struggled through the final period but persevered to collect win number five.

Maverick notes: Hartholt leads the team with 17 goals and 28 total points in six games. Leigh is not far

behind, with 14 goals and 20 points ... Since returning to the fold earlier this month, Bryan Jackson has picked up a goal and four assists in three games ... Milton is in Owen Sound Thursday and will host the unbeaten Elora Mohawks Friday at 8 p.m.

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