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Rain means rescheduling midget semifinal

The Red Sox' championship run was doused recently — at least temporarily. Milton's midget baseball team was entangled in a semifinal showdown with Clarkson Sunday morning at the Oakville Tournament when heavy rain interrupted the festivities.

As a result, the clash — in which the local club trailed 1-0 during the fourth frame — has been postponed until July 25 and will now be contested in Clarkson. The winner will battle either Brampton or Oakville for the title. Sunday's semifinal match featured a

spirited pitching duel between Jeff MacLeod and a fellow southpaw from Clarkson, who had two outs and one strike against another batter when the game was adjourned. En route to final four play, the Red Sox earned two shutout victories — one of the

mercied variety — and finished with a 2-1 division record.

They started the weekend off by humiliating Martingrove 18-0 in five innings. Reese Davies led the hit parade with a 4-for-4 clinic while also standing out with a homer and a double was Jordan Jeans.

Mike Austen delivered a memorable pitching debut, allowing no hits and just a pair of walks through two innings of relief. Before that it was Nathan Perrott stoning the opposition — surrendering only one hit and one walk.

Milton suffered a setback in round two, falling to Hamilton 10-4. Jarrett Konkle took the lion's share of punishment in six innings on the mound. He was more effective at the plate with a double and a single.

Also contributing two hits were Davies and Kevin Cooper.

Regrouping for the final round robin contest, the Red Sox shone in every department and blanked Belleville 6-0.

Leading the way with a complete game shutout was Michael Volpe, who threw a two-hitter and fanned five batters. He enjoyed rock-solid defence and helped out his own cause by recording two singles, a stolen base and an RBI.

Also driving in runs were Cooper, MacLeod and Mark Black.

Young crop looking good

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tournament," said Nick Slawson, Milton's director of hockey operations, who credited head scout Al Mason with some exceptional recruiting this spring. "He has definitely earned a tryout with us this fall."

The Merchants were by far the youngest team at the event, with 14 and 15-year-olds comprising the bulk of the squad. Among area hopefuls who gave standout performances were Michael Dube, Paul Pedulla and Frank Fazio — who had an impressive run at this spring's Ontario Under-17 Camp.

Added Slawson, "We probably won't have too many young players in the lineup this year, although some of these guys will be called up occasionally and should be ready to step in and make key contributions the following season."

"I'd be surprised if a few of them didn't make the Under-17 team."

The Merchants are scheduled to open training camp August 17.

Victory was decisive one

In spite of a track that was downgraded to sloppy before the third Gold Series Elimination, two-year-old colt Gutsy Decision turned in the fastest mile of the three Ontario Sires Stakes races at Flamboro Downs Thursday.

The 2:03.4 win guaranteed the Orbel G.G. colt a spot in the \$100,000 Gold Final this week and gave trainer Ross Henry his sixth OSS win at the Flamboro Downs oval in the past three weeks.

Gutsy Decision also put a nice deposit in the NGA Powerline bank account on behalf of the other trotters owned by the Brantford trio that includes Natalie, Gary and Allan Norris.

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