

Lack of players continues to plague Jr. Red Sox

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

The Champion

Milton's junior baseball team has had more than adequate plate pop through the initial stages of the regular season.

Too bad it can't say the same about the number of players available for competition.

The Red Sox — who're averaging eight runs a game — have had a skeleton crew for all three outings thus far, including Monday's 12-11 loss to the host Stoney Creek Kinsmen.

Only 10 guys made the trip — and of those, half arrived at the ball diamond just in time to prevent a forfeit.

The shortened lineup, due in large part to commitments to high school baseball, left the club severely thin in the pitching department and essentially behind the proverbial eight ball before things even got started.

Inexperience hurt team

Kurt Mitchell and Andrew Neilson, neither of whom is anything close to a seasoned hurler, each worked four innings on the mound. While able to keep things somewhat respectable, their inexperience — plus a balanced attack from the opposition — was just too much for the visitors to overcome.

Even with a six-run outburst in the ninth inning to close the gap, Milton had the winning

run in scoring position in its final at-bat but failed to complete the rally.

"Those two really sacrificed themselves out there," said manager Glenn Turner, referring to his makeshift pitchers.

"I'm sure their arms are pretty sore today (Tuesday). Once again a short bench really hurt us."

If there's one bright spot so far, it's the team's late-inning offensive efforts.

Milton has trailed by wide margins each time out yet battled back to make things interesting — and were victorious in the come-from-behind role with just nine players against the Erin Mills Athletics May 11.

Highlighting the nearly successful rally in

Stoney Creek Monday evening was Jordan Jeans.

Making his season debut, the right fielder lashed out a two-run double in the ninth and finished the game with a pair of hits and as many runs scored.

Jed Cosby scored three times — after recording a single, double and walk — while contributing a couple of hits plus a sacrifice fly and one run was Todd Black.

The 1-2 Red Sox' home game with the Brampton Royals Sunday has been cancelled. Milton travels to Mississauga North Wednesday night and are back at Brian Best Park next Sunday, May 28 to face Waterdown.

Game time, as always, is 1 p.m.

Few good players needed for football, soccer action

The Halton Invictas junior football club, which plays in the Ontario Varsity Football League, could use a few more players.

Teenagers interested in joining the team, based out of Oakville and Burlington, can give program organizer Jack Crawford a call at 639-5992 or just attend one of the team's practices.

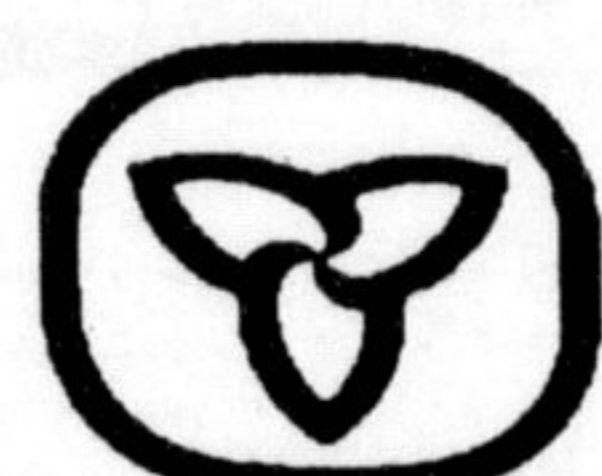
The club is currently working out at Lord Elgin in Burlington Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Soccer sessions

Milton Youth Soccer will once again be hosting its Kick-It Soccer Camp this summer at Lions Park.

The camp is broken into two one-week training sessions — the first going from July 10 to 14 with the second set for August 14 to 18.

Opened to boys and girls aged 6 to 13 years, Kick-It Soccer Camp features all-day clinics and costs \$149 per child for each week. To register, or for more information, call 1-877-608-5425.



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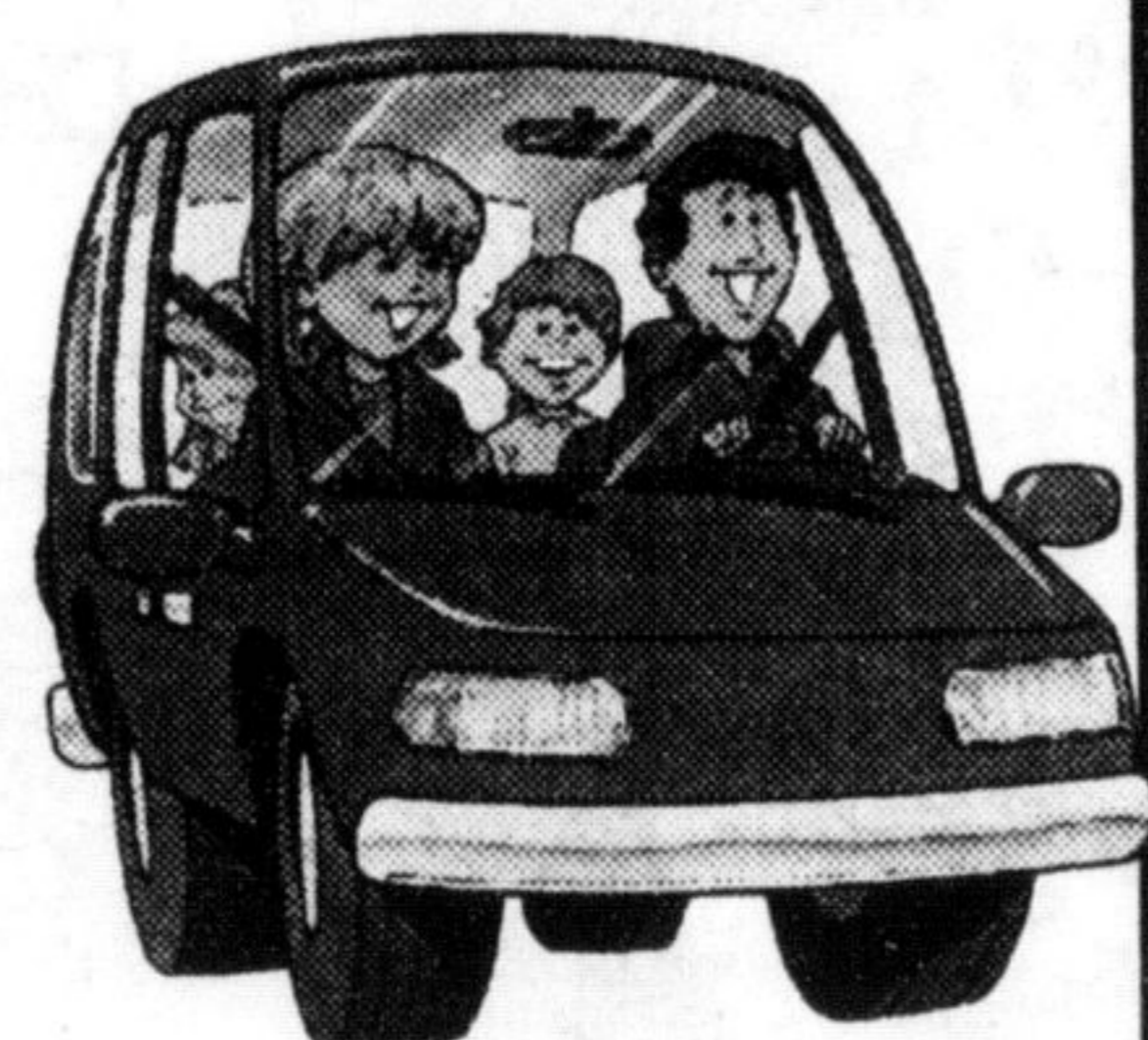
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