

Juniors' pitching looks solid

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The Champion

Milton's junior baseball squad is hoping to make it better the second time around.

The Red Sox are intent on erasing the memory of a rather lacklustre inaugural season, and have enlisted the help of several newcomers to do so.

Among them are a handful of pitchers, who've filled the team's biggest hole — depth on the mound.

"Most definitely, our pitching is much better," said manager Glenn Turner.

The local juniors wasted little time in proving that to their skipper during season-opening play in Campbellville Sunday. Against newly formed Halton County, Milton hurlers Adam Ahearn and Ian Moszczak — acquired from the Guelph and Erin Mills organizations respectively — combined for seven straight shutout innings and led their new team to a 10-4 rout.

Ahearn worked the first four frames and was credited with the victory — giving up a measly one hit and fanning seven batters along the way — while Moszczak allowed three hits over as many innings and picked up two strikeouts.

Meanwhile, Miltonian Nole Kent — back from a two-year hiatus and obviously a bit rusty — closed things out and allowed all four runs in the eighth inning.

The Red Sox had a couple of concentrated scoring efforts themselves, the first of which was highlighted by a two-run homer by Nate Perrott — who's been extremely explosive this spring with both the juniors and Milton District Mustangs.

Paul Faggion also drove in a pair of runs while standing out defensively were catcher Andrew Coe, third baseman Bud Hall and centre fielder Jordan Jeans.

Milton's depth not only showed through on the mound but throughout the lineup as well, with 11 different players recording hits.

Overall, Turner was impressed with opening-day efforts and expects the club — now slotted in COBA's Tier 2 division — to be much improved over last season. He added, "I'd be disappointed with anything less than .500 baseball."

The Red Sox began a three-game showdown with Mississauga North last night in Mississauga. Sunday they play the host at Brian Best Park at 1 p.m.

Midgets stage another late rally

Milton's midget baseball team has been all about late scoring surges so far this year.

For the second time in as many home games, the local lads secured victory with an explosive finish at Maplehurst Ball Park Monday. Letting their plate pop do the talking, the Red Sox battled back to topple Georgetown 15-11.

Catcher Rob Angus spearheaded the rally with lead-off home runs — both to deep left field — in the seventh and eighth innings. His back-to-back long balls highlighted an evening in which the hosts managed a whopping 20 hits, including eight for extra bases.

Angus also had a pair of walks, while reaching base

safely on five different occasions and scoring the winning run was Kevin Cooper — who had three hits on the night. Matching that total were Chris Dumencu, Evan Jeans and Conan O'Brien.

Jeans thwarted a couple of visitor rallies with key outs at shortstop while doing likewise with impressive catches in left field, to prevent extra-base hits, was Andrew Kirkland.

Steve Spiers earned the win with two solid innings of relief, during which he allowed just two runs on a handful of hits. The offensive slugfest included a brief stoppage in play when one of Jeans' fouls shattered a light behind home plate.

Golfers shine

Jeff Thomas has given himself a tough act to follow.

The Milton teenager took top spot in the junior boys division (17 to 18 years) at the first event of this season's GolfScene Tour Sunday at the Guelph Lakes Golf Club.

Thomas shot an 86 for the day, finishing four strokes ahead of Guelph's Craig Belisle. A particularly strong short game led the local golfer to victory, as he needed the fewest puts — just 31 — of any competitor in his loop. He also had the longest drive and picked up closest to the pin honours along the way.

Fellow Miltonian Mark Wilson shot an 80 to take second spot in the juvenile (14 to 16 years) boys class. He was four strokes back of winner James Boyce of Mississauga and four strokes ahead of four other golfers who tied for third.

Wilson also had the least number of puts in his division, with only 26.



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