

Uneven effort leads to big loss for junior Sox

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The Milton Jr. Red Sox played a triple header Monday night at Maplehurst. Not exactly, but it seemed that way. They lost 13-0 to undefeated Dundas after clobbering St. Catherines 14-4 the previous day.

Each of the three-inning segments of the game were so different it makes sense to report on them that way.

Game One (innings 1 to 3) Milton 0, Dundas 0

The Red Sox were outstanding, and if you didn't know and had to pick which team was the undefeated one, you would have gone with Milton.

Ian Mosczak was excellent on the mound. The left-hander doesn't throw particularly hard, but he has some good pitches in his repertoire. His curve ball was freezing left-handed batters and then falling nicely over the plate for strikes. He allowed just one hit, and the rest of the time the Dundas Tigers batters were popping them up. At one point, he retired six in a row. The fielding was crisp and sure-handed on every hit ball.

The Red Sox bats had some fire and the players were aggressive on the base paths. Reese Davies opened the game with a hard drive to left-centre field that would have gone for extra bases if not for a great catch. Taylor Lawton walked, and then promptly stole second base and third base, before being stranded.

In the second inning, Mike Austen and Jed Cosby, with a smash down the third base line, had hits, but again the Red Sox couldn't cash them in. But, the hitters were all over the ball, so it was only a matter of time, or so it appeared.

Game Two (innings 4 to 6) Dundas 3, Milton 0

The Tigers nickled and dimed the Red Sox for a couple runs, with bases on balls starting to hurt Mosczak.

Dundas scored two in the fourth inning after a leadoff double and by inching their

way around the bases with steals and fielders choices. The Red Sox got out of the third inning when a runner tried to go to third on a hit to centre field. Todd Black gunned him down on a perfect throw to Davies, who had time to pick his nose and do his nails as he waiting for the runner to slide into the tag.

In the fifth inning, a leadoff walk appeared sure to be scored as the Dundas hitter drove one to deep right-centre field. Black turned it into the TSN highlight of the night, the week, the month, and the season. He raced after the ball and made a fantastic over-the-shoulder catch as he neared the fence. The runner on first had already reached third base and Black could have walked the ball to first base to double off the runner. He threw the ball in and the inning was over.

At the plate, the Red Sox were still hitting the ball hard, but couldn't put anything together. Their best chance to score was in the sixth when leadoff batter Nathan Perrott skied a ball so high to centre that the fielder lost it when it came out of the clouds. Perrott landed on second, but couldn't get past third.

Game 3 (innings 7 to 9) Dundas 10, Milton 0

Nothing went right for the Red Sox. All of a sudden they couldn't hit (no hits in this segment) they couldn't field (errors everywhere) and they couldn't get anybody out with three different pitchers. It was a total team meltdown.

Dundas scored seven runs in the ninth inning, and that was in take-it-easy mode, not taking the extra base or going home when they would have probably scored. Even they were feeling badly for the Bad News Sox.

Milton would be well advised to forget anything that happened after the sixth inning, especially by Saturday afternoon. They play Brampton in the delayed final of the Agincourt tournament at 4:30 at Brian Best after the senior Red Sox game is finished.

Another second-place finish for the Mystics

Always the bridesmaid, never the bride.

Milton's midget girls fastball team is beginning to adopt that mantle. In London earlier this month, the local ladies delivered their second silver-medal performance in as many tournament appearances.

Once again, championship defeat came by a heartbreakingly slim margin — as the Mystics were eclipsed by Chatham 3-2.

After falling behind early on, the eventual runners-up narrowed the gap with unanswered runs in the fourth and fifth. Unfortunately, Milton couldn't find enough holes in the opposing defense to complete the rally.

Lindsey Harrold and Katie MacKrory did an impressive job neutralizing Chatham bats over the final five frames to keep their team within striking distance.

Carolyn Coates, Laura Anne Sheehan and Alicia Taylor each had two hits in the gold medal showdown.

Chatham's championship victory came on the heels of its 6-4 round-robin ending win over Milton — which also saw a healthy lead narrowed but not quite erased.

Before that, the midgets won three straight to cement their championship berth. Their round robin campaign was highlighted by a 12-2 trouncing of Oak Ridges — a team they had fallen to at an earlier tournament this season.

A 14-hit effort was led by Tasha Leslie's pair of triples and a single, while Harrold and MacKrory scattered five hits over the six-inning mercy.

Sandwiching this round two triumph were a 4-3 squeaker over Enniskillen and a 9-4 toppling of Wallaceburg. In both games, the silver medalists mounted early leads on the way to victory.

The Mystics' next tournament competition comes across the border in Dayton, Ohio July 7 and 8. The international showcase will serve as a prelude to the team's own tournament, slated for July 27 to 29.

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Division T-Ball

Week of June 4 - 10
Gorruks 12 vs
Carefree Mini Storage 20
Players of the Game
Bradley Lloyd & J.J. Schaap

Shopper's Drug Mart 23 vs
Brian's Auto Repair 26
Players of the Game
Connor Appleton &
Leo DalBello

Bantam
Creative Memorials
rescheduled Waterdown

Milton Transmission 16 vs
Georgetown 9

Acton 5 vs
BCF Associates 7

Creative Memorials 13 vs
Carlisle 6

Milton Transmission 7 vs
BCF Associates 4

Milton Lions Club 7 vs
Carlisle 1

Youth
Ireland C 5 vs
Knights of Columbus 1

Knights of Columbus Won
Oakville 3 Lose

Division T-Ball

Week of June 11 - 15
Carefree Mini Storage 20
Brian's Auto Repair 15
Players of the Game
Myles Husby & David
Brechtin

Shopper's Drug Mart 12 vs
Gorruks 14
Player of the Game
Ryan Stark, Bradley Lloyd

Brian's Auto Repairs 14 vs
Carefree Mini Storage 20
Players of the Game
Jonathan Piche &
Alex McMaster

Bantam
Milton Lions Club 3 vs
Kilbride 9

BCGF Associates 12 vs
Waterdown 8

Georgetown 1 vs
Milton Transmission 16

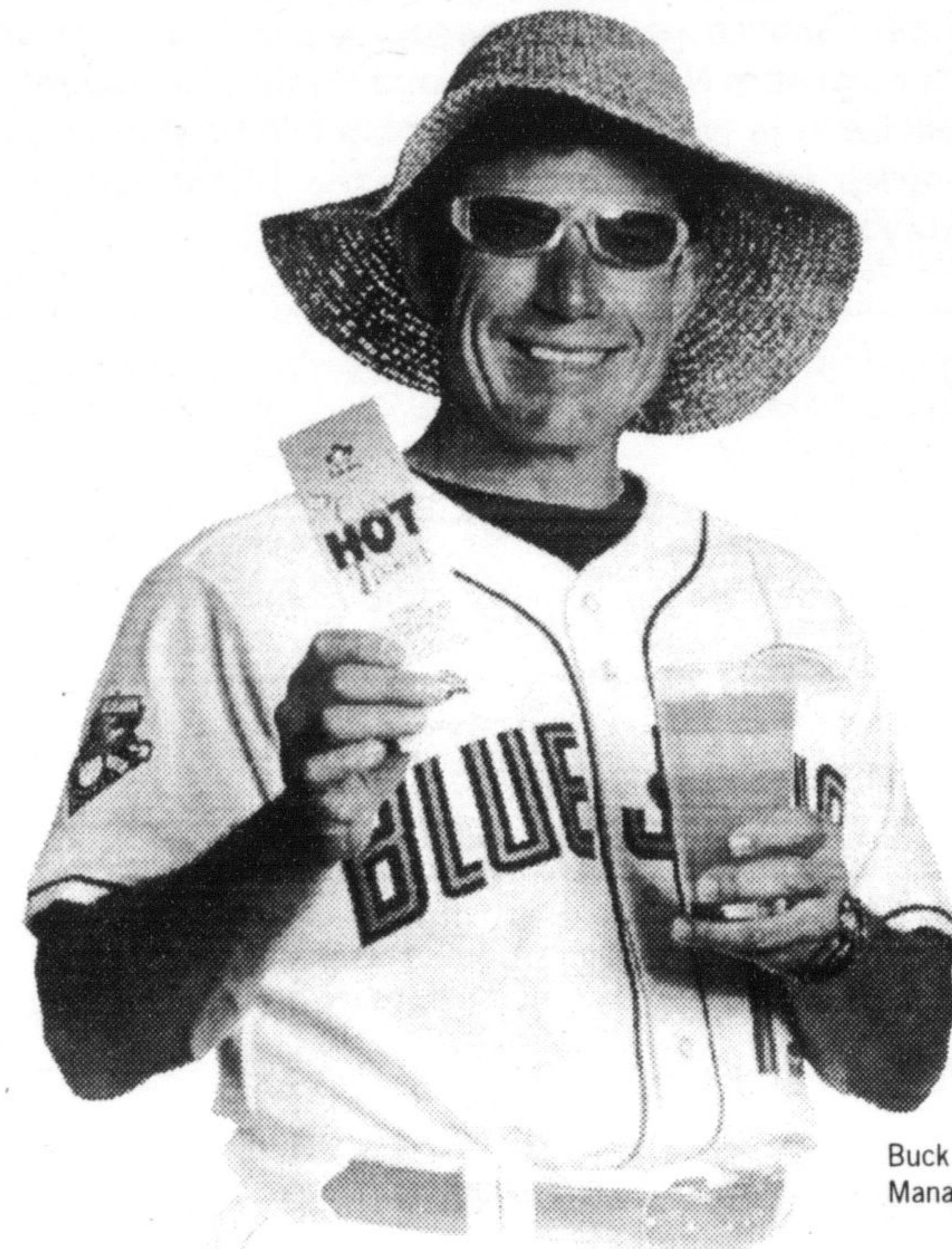
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