

Bantam girls deliver back-to-back rallies to take tourney title

Milton's bantam girls played the role of comeback kids to critical acclaim last weekend in Burlington.

Offering fans a double dose of excitement at crunch time, the local baseball squad staged seventh-inning rallies in both the semifinals and championship showdown to win its first tournament of the season.

Laura Wellstead's timely triple to deep right field cemented the title victory for Milton. Her heroics — which helped the team edge Mississauga 10-9 Sunday afternoon amidst wicked winds — were complimented by a three-hit performance by Jan Wollaston.

Scoring Milton's tying and winning runs respectively were Janet Adams and Erin Baker. The tournament champions held a couple of three-run cushions before falling behind in the sixth and then eventually battling back to prevail.

The semifinal clash was equally dramatic — with the bantams scoring twice in their final at-bat to eclipse Montreal 4-3.

RBI singles by Baker and Alexis Stoffels plus four innings of shutout ball by closing pitcher Nicole Gooding fueled the comeback campaign. Also offering credible efforts on the mound were starter Wollaston and middle reliever Wellstead.

Milton's semifinal triumph was the second of two versus Montreal. The first came during round-robin ending play — when, faced with a do-or-die situation, the girls fortified their efforts to win 8-3.

Catcher Haley MacDonald amassed three hits and scored three times while throwing out four opposing base-runners. Driving in two runs and scoring four herself was Alana Petrie.

Before that, the bantams split their first two games — losing to North York 8-5 before dismantling normally competitive Ajax 16-2. A 14-hit explosion was delivered in the blowout win — that due to inclement weather only lasted four innings.

Justine Williams stood out with three singles and a handful of RBI while Katie Wollaston pitched especially well for the victory.

All eight runs in the round one defeat came in the first inning, when a fielding breakdown opened the floodgates and created a hole that proved just too big to overcome.

Stephanie Mayes' rock solid pitching from the third-inning onward helped stop the bleeding.

Milton will look to shine at home next weekend, during their annual tournament at Rotary Park.

Midget Red Sox' pitching staff offer another rock-solid outing

Armed and dangerous.

The Milton midget baseball team's pitching staff has been exactly that in recent league play — stymieing opposing batters, both on home turf and hostile ground.

In Burlington Monday night, the Red Sox surrendered just six hits on the way to toppling their hosts 6-1.

Kevin Cooper struck out eight batters over seven strong innings in the convincing win — which served as pay back for a loss three weeks earlier — while James MacDonald and Conan O'Brien offered some late relief work to help push the local lads' regular season record to 11-3.

Continuing to provide reliable hitting in the lead-off

position, Scott Connolly collected four singles and scored twice — the first time on an opening-frame hit by Reggie Taylor.

Also driving him in was Andrew Pepper — whose 350-foot, two-run dinger over the left field fence in the fifth inning put the visitors over the top.

The Red Sox came close to blanking Burlington, but back-to-back doubles in the eighth spoiled their shutout bid. Steve Spiers robbed the hosts of two runs in their first at-bat when he tracked down a ball in deep left field.

Monday's victory extended the midgets' winning streak to four games — during which they've allowed just 10 hits and two measly runs.

Mavs win wild one

Short on bodies, long on offense.

That was pretty much the story for Milton's intermediate lacrosse team in Elora Tuesday.

Just 13 runners made the trip, but that was hardly a stumbling block as the local lads exploited the hometown cager early and often en route to winning 17-11.

Paul Pedulla's eight-goal explosion highlighted the night, while also standing out with four goals — including a natural hat-trick in the first period — was Steve Chuchmach.

Netminder Josh Arnold wasn't exactly in stellar form, but he did contain the hosts to just a single goal over a 29-minute stretch to allow his teammates to mount a comfortable lead that while challenged was never seriously threatened.

Milton's other marksmen were Kevin Barby, Derek Blanchard, Trevor Ford, Jordan Gunter and Mike Rovere.

Tuesday's shoot-out not only lacked any kind of defensive prowess but physicality as well — with just half-a-dozen minor penalties assessed all night, and none during the opening half.

The Mavericks now sport a league record of 5-1-1. They've hit the double-digit mark in three of their five victories.

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Standings as of June 13, 2001

Teams	Game	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pts.	W%
1 South Side '1'	9	8	1	0	16	0.889
2 South Side '2'	8	7	1	0	14	0.875
3 St. Georges	10	8	2	0	16	0.800
4 New Life 'B'	11	8	3	0	16	0.727
5 New Life 'A'	10	6	3	1	13	0.650
6 Holy Rosary	7	4	3	0	8	0.571
7 Milton Bible	9	4	5	0	8	0.444
8 St. Pauls	9	3	6	0	6	0.333
9 New Life Deaf	9	2	7	0	4	0.222
10 Knox	10	2	8	0	4	0.200
11 Boston	9	1	7	1	3	0.167
12 Grace	7	0	7	0	0	0.000

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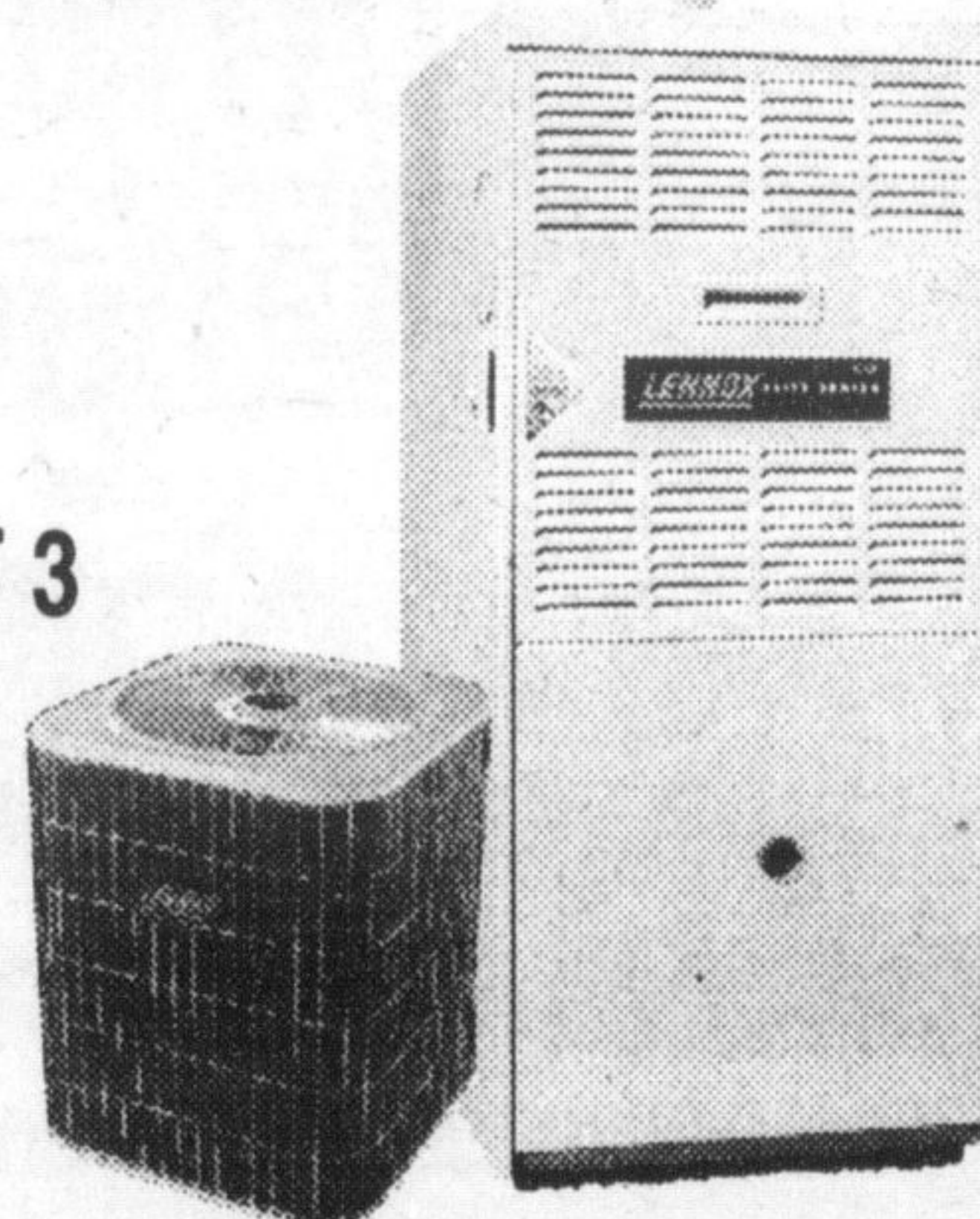
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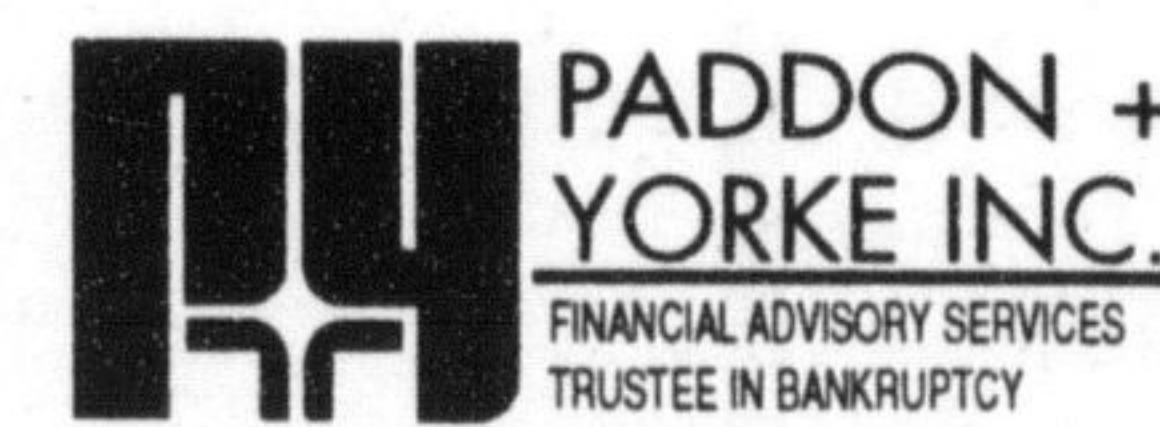
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