

Milton Mystics tournament this weekend

The Milton Mystics midget softball team will host their annual tournament this weekend at Lions Park.

Their first game is tonight at 8:30 against Hamilton. They will also play tomorrow at 11 a.m. against Stoney Creek and at 3 p.m. versus Aurora.

The playoff round of the eight-team

tournament will be held Sunday.

These are the Mystics players:

- 22 Carolyn Coates
- 3 Tara Elkie
- 6 Ashley Elliott
- 12 Lindsey Harrold
- 4 Tasha Leslie
- 77 Katie MacKroty

- 13 Shannon MacKenzie
- 14 Ameer May
- 9 Lindsey McLaughlin
- 19 Sarah Mooney
- 11 Kate Moore
- 16 Laura Anne Sheehan
- 4 Alicia Taylor
- 8 Sarah Zebruck

Red Sox major winning streak has come to end

Call it unlucky 14. It had to end sometime and for the Milton Red Sox a 13-game winning streak was stopped Monday night in a 9-8 loss to Guelph at Maplehurst.

The Red Sox dug themselves an early hole when they trailed 5-0 after the Royals had batted twice. Steve Spiers had early control problems, hitting two batters and throwing some wild pitches. Just as he started to come around, a two-out dribbler through the infield handed Guelph two runs. By the third inning Spiers was humming, but manager Jeff Harper said after the game that he was mostly interested in getting three innings of work for three pitchers in preparation for a big tournament this weekend.

The Red Sox got a couple runs back in the bottom of the second inning when Ryan Harper and Michael Volpe reached base on walks, stole their way around, and then were driven in by an opposite field smash off the bat of Chris Dumencu. They picked up another in the third when Evan Jeans raced home from third on a wild pitch, but then blew a big opportunity when they had the bases loaded with nobody out and couldn't bring in a run.

It almost happened again in the fourth inning. With Spiers and Scott Connolly resting on third and second with nobody out, Guelph brought in a new pitcher who struck out the first two men he faced and then had two strikes on clean-up hitter, Conan O'Brien. O'Brien ripped it into right field, scoring both runners, and then was driven home by Harper to give Milton a 6-5 lead.

Dumencu pitched two scoreless innings in relief and was on his way to a third when the Red Sox blew a rundown play between third and home, allowing a runner to score, and then a Texas Leaguer fell in to score another and give Guelph a 7-6 lead.

The Red Sox alternated in the field between sloppy and competent. They turned a nice double play in the seventh to get out of a bases loaded nobody out situation, and catcher Jeans made a spectacular catch of a foul ball as well as throwing out a runner trying to steal third. Volpe could have held the Royals scoreless over the final three frames if not for errors resulting in unearned runs.

The Red Sox got one back in the seventh after Harper reached base for the fourth consecutive time, and was driven in by Volpe. O'Brien smashed a double to bring home Jeans for Milton's other run.

The Red Sox got runners to second and third in the ninth inning but couldn't get them home. The big blow was Paul Duff being called out on a questionable third-strike appeal call.

Jeff Harper wasn't too upset about the loss or that the winning streak had been stopped. You don't win 13 games in a row without being good, as well as having a little luck. "Eventually, the breaks are going to go against you. Guelph is the best team we've played in a month. They're probably the best hitting team in the league."

Harper suggested it wasn't a must-win game or he might have done some things differently. They were preparing for an important AAA tournament this weekend in St. Catharines.

Milton has a 21-6 overall record and is 15-4 in league games.



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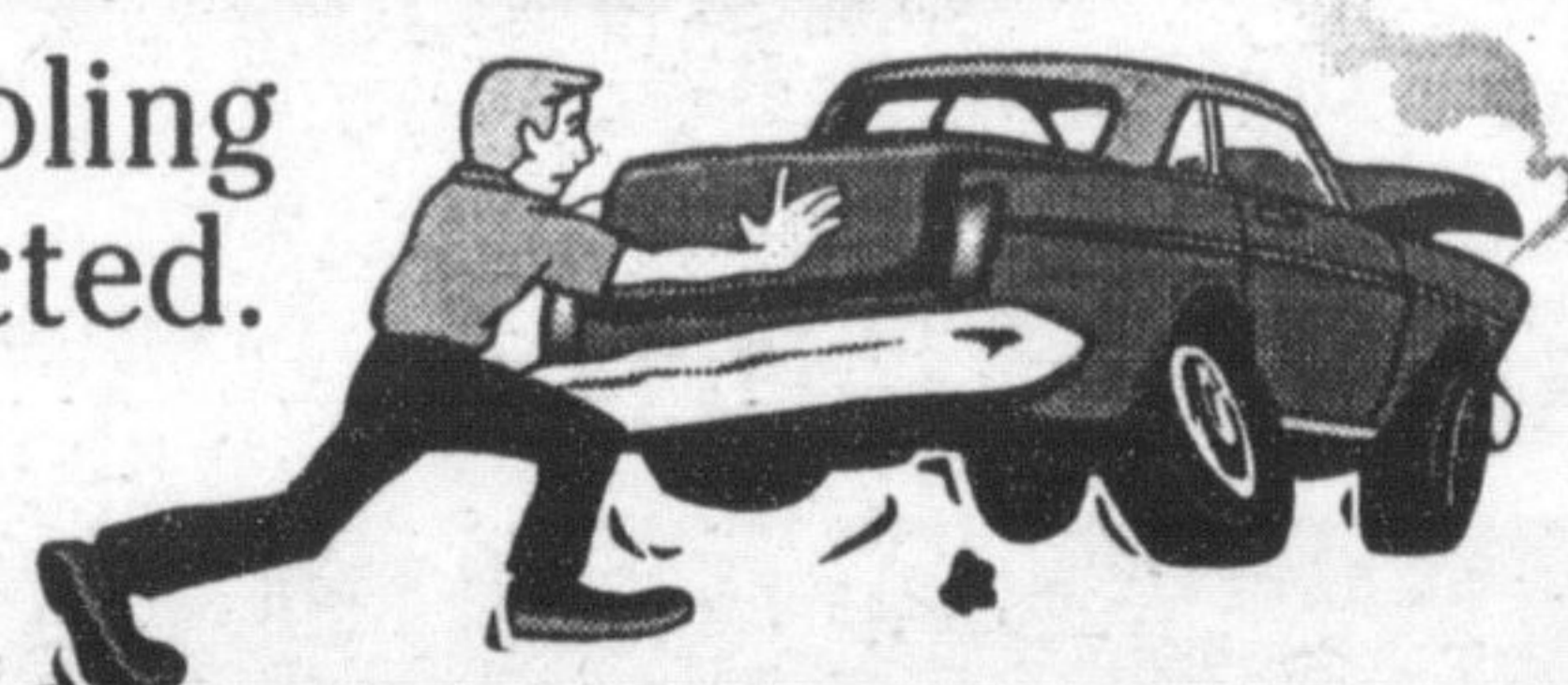
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Brians Auto 15 vs Gorruds 15	Key Centres 6 vs Canadian Tire 5
Player of the Game Robbie Davidson	Lifestyles 6 vs Canadian Tire 7
Mason Howe	Fifth Wheel 7 vs Canadian Tire 12
Carefree Mini Storage 20 vs Shoppers Drug Mart 17	Key Centre 6 vs Canadian Tire 8
Player of the Game Bradley Gorman	Lifestyles 4 vs Canadian Tire 6
Ryan Stark	Fifth Wheel 10 vs Canadian Tire 12
Mosquito	Key Centre 5 vs Canadian Tire 4 (Curlew)
Week of June 7 - July 20	Lifestyles 7 vs Fifth Wheel 7
Apple Auto Glass 11 vs Austin Noble 4	Bantam
Apple Auto Glass 11 vs Optimist Club 9	Week of July 9 - 13
Runnals 10 vs Wendy's 5	BCF Associates 0 vs Kilbride 26
Optimist Club 13 vs Austin Noble 8	Milton Lions Club 16 vs Acton 7
Apple Auto Glass 10 vs Wendy's 3	Carlisle 6 vs Milton Transmission 7
Runnals 13 vs Austin Noble 12	Acton 5 vs BCF Associates 6
Apple Auto Glass 14 vs Optimist Club 13	Creative Memorials 17 vs Waterdown 7
Runnals 6 vs Austin Noble 4	Georgetown 2 vs Milton Transmission 16
Optimist Club 9 vs Wendy's 4	Youth
Runnals 5 vs Optimist Club 5	Week of July 9 - 20
Austen Noble 11 vs Apple Auto Glass 11	Knights of Columbus 2 vs Oakville 13
Wendy's 8 vs Runnals 7	Knights of Columbus 5 vs Burlington Cardinals 6
Optimist Club 7 vs Austin Noble 6	Carlisle 5 vs Knights of Columbus 9
Apple Auto Glass 10 vs Wendy's 1	Knights of Columbus 6 vs Campbellville 9
Austen Noble 13 vs Runnals 7	Knights of Columbus 7 vs Lime House 8
Apple Auto Glass 4 vs Optimist Club 2	