

Milton baseball standouts are HAC-ing around this summer

Two Milton baseball standouts will be HACing around local diamonds this month.

Hallan King and Liam Tennant will face competition from both sides of the border during back-to-back tournaments within the region as part of the Halton Athletic Club (HAC) Under-18 squad.

The duo are the youngest members of the team, yet have made key contributions since the season began — including in Cincinnati June 16, when they lost by just one run to the American powerhouse Walt Sweeney Cardinals.

King has worked his way into the starting rotation and also seen some play in right field while Tennant — who competed with the Central Ontario Baseball Association all-star squad at last year's Ontario Summer Games — has been in the thick of things as the team's number one shortstop.

They'll begin their local stretch this weekend at the Ninth Line Diamonds in Oakville for the Halton Wood Bat tournament. Then from August 10 to 12, HAC will play host to the Franklin Cup at Burlington's Millcroft Park.

Franklin Sports will sponsor the latter event and use it to introduce its new pro wood bat at the amateur level. Among the teams competing will be the Ontario Select 17's.

At 14 and 15 years of age respectively, Tennant and King will be squaring off top-level players much older than them and these upcoming tournament provide an ideal opportunity to see these gifted locals in action.

Baseball fans looking for game schedules or directions to the park can log onto the HAC website at www.hacbaseball.com.



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Miltonians Liam Tennant (left) and Hallan King will be part of the Halton Athletic Club Under-18 baseball team that'll square off against top teams from Canada and the United States at local diamonds this weekend and next.

Peewees win consolation title Sunday

Milton's peewee selects were derailed on their way to the championship finals last weekend in Royal York.

However, the local lads refused to walk away empty-handed — rallying from a pair of deficits, including a five-run hole after inning number one, to outlast Mississauga North 10-9 Sunday morning for the consolation crown.

Mike Melo provided the heroics, belting a two-out single to deep right field that brought home Scott Rankin. The hit capped a three-run rally in the bottom of the seventh inning, which punctuated a thoroughly entertaining clash.

Jason Brooks' four-hit performance was good enough to give him player-of-the-game honours. Milton — about the only team at the tournament that doesn't compete within a rep league — battled back after a potentially disastrous first frame, delivering impressive plate pop and aggressive base-running over the balance of the contest.

"We just kept chipping away and pulled it out," said manager Ian Walker.

The fact that the consolation champs were without the services of three starters made the comeback victory all the more inspiring.

Saturday night, the local peewees appeared to be championship-bound, but lost a couple of fly balls as the sun went down and were eventually edged by Regent Park 8-6.

Outfielder R.J. Carey made a few key catches through the initial stages of semifinal play, which helped the selects maintain their lead for much of the contest.

Tennis club hosts national qualifier

Top Ontario players will be serving up some exciting competition at the Milton Tennis Club next week.

Thursday and Friday, a national qualifying event will take centre stage as 16 male and female athletes vie for the honour of representing their province at Canada's Under-18 Outdoor Championships

Playdowns run each day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — with the finals for both sides scheduled for Friday afternoon.

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