

Senior Red Sox push their league win count to 11



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Senior Red Sox Kurt Mitchell (at top and above) gets gunned down at second base during Saturday's 7-5 loss to St. Catharines. Milton returned the following day to mercy Dundas 13-3.

Finkbeiner solid on the mound again in blowout victory

Milton's Senior Red Sox put yet another notch in the win column by thrashing Dundas 13-3 Sunday afternoon at Brian Best Park.

Adding another chapter to a season in which victory has come much more often than in recent years, the Bob's Auto Service sponsored squad amassed 18 hits in the eight-inning mercy.

Adam Finkbeiner delivered seven solid innings to lift the seniors' league win count to 11. Closing things out on the mound was Ian Zettle.

Building on a prosperous summer, outfielder Dwayne Johnson went 4-for-5 and drove in three runs, while matching that RBI total with three hits was Jeff Sommer.

Ryan Davison and Pat Mastro also stood out at the plate and a near flawless fielding campaign factored heavily into the blowout victory as well.

The Red Sox weren't quite so defensively sharp before and after this weekend-closing win.

At home against St. Catharines Saturday afternoon, they gave up a handful of unearned runs on seven errors and fell 7-5. Four of those runs came in the third inning alone.

Dan Fiorita helped keep things respectable with some sound pitching, as did relievers Josh Campbell and Nathan Tami. Milton's 12 hits should have been enough for victory, but nine runners were left on base, including two in the final inning.

Leading offensively with three hits apiece were Nick Aalbers and Matt McCandless.

Errors were costly in Erindale Monday evening as well.

A couple of unearned runs on as many fielding miscues told the tale as the Red Sox were trimmed 6-5. Once again, a late rally fell short.

Two-hit nights were offered by Johnson, McCandless and Sommer while a credible six-inning performance was given by Brent Kostal. Working short relief were Tami and Zettle.

The local seniors still have a chance to reach the dozen-win plateau during regular-season ending play in Oakville, either tomorrow or Sunday.

From there, they'll look to cap a much-improved season with a successful showing at the Ontario 'C' championships over the Labour Day weekend in Creemore.

Junior Mystics win their second straight with extra-innings surge

The Junior Mystics made it two in a row by doubling up Glanbrook 6-3 Tuesday night at Lions Sports Park.

Milton needed extra innings to outlast their guests, with a bases-clearing triple by Katie MacKroby in the eighth cementing the victory — number eight in 10 games for the local ladies.

Tara Elkie drove in two runs on four hits while Lori Kostur was the other offensive standout with a triple, two singles, three runs scored and an RBI.

On the mound, starter Cate Kennedy and Lindsey Harrold combined for a dozen strikeouts and held

the opposition to just 10 hits — five less than Milton.

Harrold delivered back-to-back strikeouts in the eighth to strand the lead runner at second base.

The Mystics' fourth and fifth wins of regular-season league play have built up some momentum for this weekend's provincial junior championships in Townsend.

They begin the double-knockout tournament tonight and close out the season next weekend with Tri County open-class league playoff action in Fisherville.

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