

# Senior Sox now sport winning record

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*The Champion*

The Senior Red Sox have bid farewell to sub .500 baseball — at least for the time being.

Milton hasn't sported a winning record in league play this late in the season in several years. That is, until now.

Some July sizzle has George Moore's Red Sox sitting at 10-9 — following a 3-for-3 weekend sweep.

The local lads got things rolling in Oakville Friday evening, toppling their regional rivals 7-3 on the strength of a complete-game effort by Adam Finkbeiner.

The young hurler regained his composure after a somewhat shaky start and blanked the hosts through the last four innings, during which his teammates turned things up offensively to pull away.

Stalwart Matt McCandless led the attack with two doubles, while matching that hit total was newcomer Kevin Komiski. Kurt Mitchell, arguably the team's most improved player at the plate this summer, aided in the comeback win with

a pair of RBI.

Rookie shortstop Taylor Lawton made a picturesque diving play to end the game — putting the kibosh on a last-ditch rally attempt by Oakville.

The following day Milton moved up to winning-record territory by sweeping Glanbrook in an afternoon doubleheader at Brian Best Park.

Much like the night before, the Red Sox had to battle back from an early deficit in game one, while pitcher Ian Zettle went the distance and got stronger as things wore on. His fortified efforts allowed the club to squeak by 6-5.

Lawton brought home the winning run in the bottom of the seventh on a fielder's choice single by McCandless. Instrumental in the play was Kevin Wilson, who lumbered into second base to break up the double play after smacking a homer earlier in the game.

He and Pat Mastro had two hits apiece.

"We seem to be able to rally more this year," noted Moore.

Noticeably dejected after coughing up the victory in game one, Glanbrook offered minimal resistance in the latter contest and was dismantled 15-0.

Freshman Adam Ahearn surrendered one measly hit in the five-inning mercy, which was every bit as ugly as the score would indicate.

"They were really disheartened after the first game and just crumbled. They couldn't pick up the ball," said Moore, referring to Glanbrook's brutal defense.

McCandless clobbered a three-run homer and drove in four runs overall, while Lawton, Nick Aalbers and Manny Thapar all had multi-hit outings as well. Mitchell also stood out with three RBI.

The Red Sox will take a break from league play this weekend to compete at the Wallaceburg Tournament. Then they'll resume their quest to finish with their first winning record in recent memory. With just nine games remaining, including a handful at home, that's a distinct possibility.

Remarked Moore, "The key will be getting everybody out against the top teams, which hasn't happened much this year with work commitments."

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## Story incomplete

A gymnastics story that appeared in the July 1 Champion was incomplete.

The article on the Milton Springers' year-end awards banquet stated that Julie Gagnon was named to the honour roll. It should have been noted that the retiring Novice 1 competitor had a banner season, highlighted with a 37.19 point performance at a provincial qualifying meet — the best score ever for a Springer. Julie made a return trip to the Ontario championships this past spring, where she ranked fourth on bars and helped her Central Region team take second overall.

The Champion regrets this oversight.

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