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Sr. Sox sweep doubleheader versus Chiefs

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The Champion

Back at home and back in the win column.

That was the story for the Senior Red Sox Saturday afternoon at Brian Best.

Officially beginning its home schedule after a complete weekend washout postponed the 2004 kickoff, Milton handily won both halves of its double-header with the Dundas Chiefs.

An 8-0 whitewash and 11-4 rout respectively evened the Sox' record to 2-2.

"We hit the ball, that was the difference," said manager George Moore, referring to offensively mediocre road trips earlier in the week that both resulted in defeat. "There was a lot of encouraging signs today. Our defense was strong and we got some good pitching as well."

Adam Finkbeiner worked seven shutout innings to highlight game one — collecting six strikeouts along the way and not letting a single opponent past second base.

His teammates committed just one error and jumped ahead early on Dundas. Newcomer Chris Coughlin's three-run opened things up in the fourth, and the Chiefs were pretty much toast from that point on.

Equally steady during a complete-game effort later in the afternoon, Ian Zettle fanned eight batters and worked his way out of a few mini jams to cap the sweep.

Again, Milton's defense faltered just once to keep Dundas at bay.

Offensively, Jeff Sommer drove in three runs, while Todd Devlin and Matt McCandless scored three times each. A fifth-run surge in the eighth essentially squashed any hope for a visitors' comeback.

New catcher impressive in debut

Newly-acquired catcher Sean Bush of McMaster University provided another source of encouragement Saturday. Brought in to complement veteran Ryan Davison, Bush threw out two runners in his first appearance at Brian Best.

Much like behind the plate, Milton has depth at just about every position this summer — marking a stark contrast to recent years when short lineups were commonplace.

Moore was quick to point out that his beefed up ranks present him with a very real challenge of finding time for all two-dozen or so players.

"We'll have to do some shuffling for a while, but the guys are really pushing each other right now," he said.

The Red Sox were back on the road last night, looking for a little pay-back for their season-opening defeat to Oakville. Saturday afternoon they return to Brian Best to take on Erindale. Game time, as always, is 1:30 p.m.

Milton's juniors had their home opener postponed Sunday because Erindale couldn't field a team. They traveled to Brampton last night and are back at Brian Best Sunday at 1 p.m. to complete a home-and-home series with the Braves.



Mixin' it up at rookie camp

Mississauga IceDogs draft pick Adam Simms (left) pounds on Mark Pawlowski after taking a stick from the fellow OHL hopeful during the Milton IceHawks' prospect camp at Milton Sports Centre. For further details of the camp, see page 26.

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