

Senior Sox tops in Clarkson

Five straight wins gives Milton title

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

The Senior Red Sox punctuated July with a golden exclamation mark.

Taking that final step up the championship ladder after second-place finishes at two previous tournaments, Milton engineered five straight victories last weekend to reign supreme at the six-team Clarkson showcase.

A shortstaffed roster and sporadic hitting did little to impede the Red Sox march to the title, with a handful of complete-game pitching performances and topnotch defense proving to be an insurmountable combination.

Still, there was some question if their ever-growing 'always-the-bridesmaid-never-the-bride' status would continue — as Milton stranded several runners in scoring position early on and fell behind against the hosts in the finals Sunday afternoon.

"Oh yeah, that was definitely on

our minds — whether we'd be able to finally pull it out," recalled manager George Moore.

The answer would come in the top of the sixth, with three walks and subsequent hits by Taylor Lawton and Pat Mastrogiocomo providing all of the Red Sox's production in a 4-1 triumph.

Said Moore, "We left 10 runners on base, which continues to be a problem, but we also got some hits at the right time."

Adam Ahearn earned the championship win — going the distance for the second time on the weekend — while error-free fielding factored heavily into the victory as well.

Milton's title run was certainly pressure-packed, with three of the four wins secured by the narrowest of margins.

The Red Sox's only breather en route to the finals came in the form of an 8-0 whitewash of the makeshift Toronto Cardinals, against whom Matt Dickson tossed

a one-hitter and a walk-a-thon allowed the victors to deliver a blowout despite registering just four hits.

Milton kicked off the tournament with a 1-0 blanking of Quebec's Brossard Expos — highlighted by Ahearn's two-hitter and a four-inning RBI single by Kurt Mitchell.

The other one-run decisions both came against Ottawa's Capital City Crushers, 5-4 in second-round play and 4-3 in Sunday morning's semi-final.

Ian Zettle and Adam Finkbeiner were on the mound for the victories, while Kevin Cooper and Steve MacDonald led offensively with two-run hits.

The Red Sox's pitching stamina couldn't have come at a better time, with regular closer Nathan Tami unavailable last weekend.

Now 13-4-1 in tournament play and 26-13-2 overall, Milton resumes league action tonight in Etobicoke and hosts a double header versus St. Catharines tomorrow starting at noon at Brian Best Park.

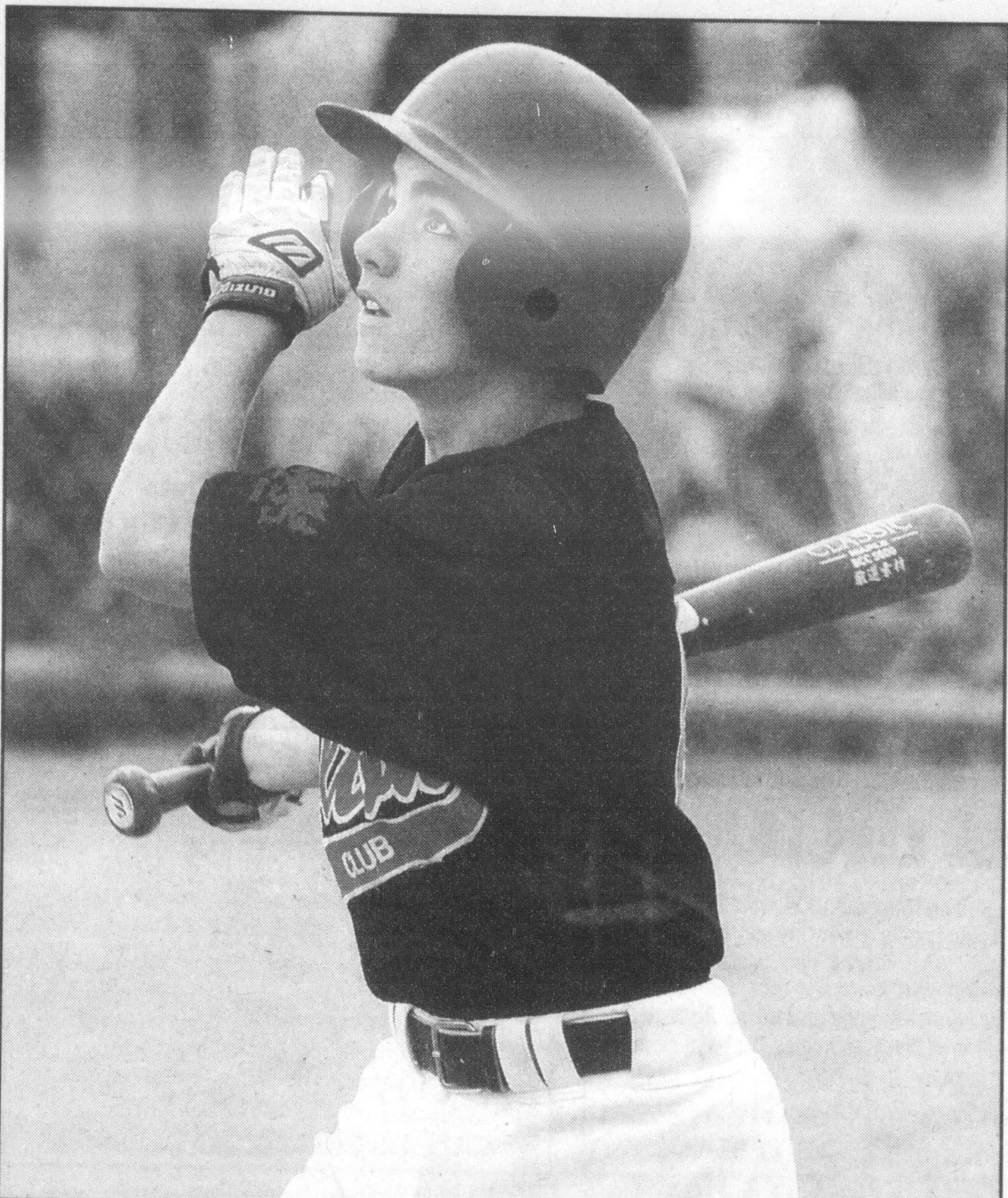


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Letting one go

HAC Under-17 second baseman Will Hunter watches his pop up during the recent Gates-America Wood Bat Tournament. HAC didn't fare so well, but will get another chance to shine on local diamonds this weekend, when they host the 10-team Mizuno Cup.

IceHawks add to forward ranks

The rebuilding continues.

Wednesday afternoon the IceHawks beefed up their forward ranks with the addition of 20-year-olds Corey Konecny and Dan Falbo of the Newmarket Hurricanes.

Konecny amassed eight goals and seven assists in eight games with Newmarket last fall before being traded to the OHL's Guelph Storm and collecting half-

a-dozen points in 49 games there. The six-foot, 185-pounder brings a strong forecheck to the IceHawks along with some promising numbers.

Falbo — five-foot, eight-inches and 175 lbs. — began last year with the OHL Barrie Colts before being moved to Newmarket and contributing 12 goals and 11 assists in 30 games.

IceHawk camp begins in mid-August.

Under-13 Magic on a roll

The Under-13 Magic rep boys knocked off the top two teams in their South Region Soccer League's Second Division in succession recently.

They began by whitewashing first place Oakville 5-0, handing their neighbouring rivals their first loss of the season.

Andrew Browne sank goals one, two and five, while aiding the decisive win with single deposits were Kyle Lynch and Daniel Husarewych.

The Steve's Handyman Service-sponsored team closed out the week by blanking second-place Mississauga 2-0, with Browne and Richard Monk serving as the marksmen and Jason MacDonald recording his second straight shutout.

From there, the Magic pushed their win streak to three games with last Friday's 2-1

decision over Mount Hamilton.

Nicholas Garcia put one in over the opposing goalie's head for the game winner late in the second half, while Ivan Bosnjak dented the twine midway through the first.

Michael Haringa made some key saves to keep Milton in position to win.

Now sitting third at 6-3-2, the Under-13 boys switch gears to League Cup semifinal play August 13 in Caledon. Their opponent has yet to be determined.

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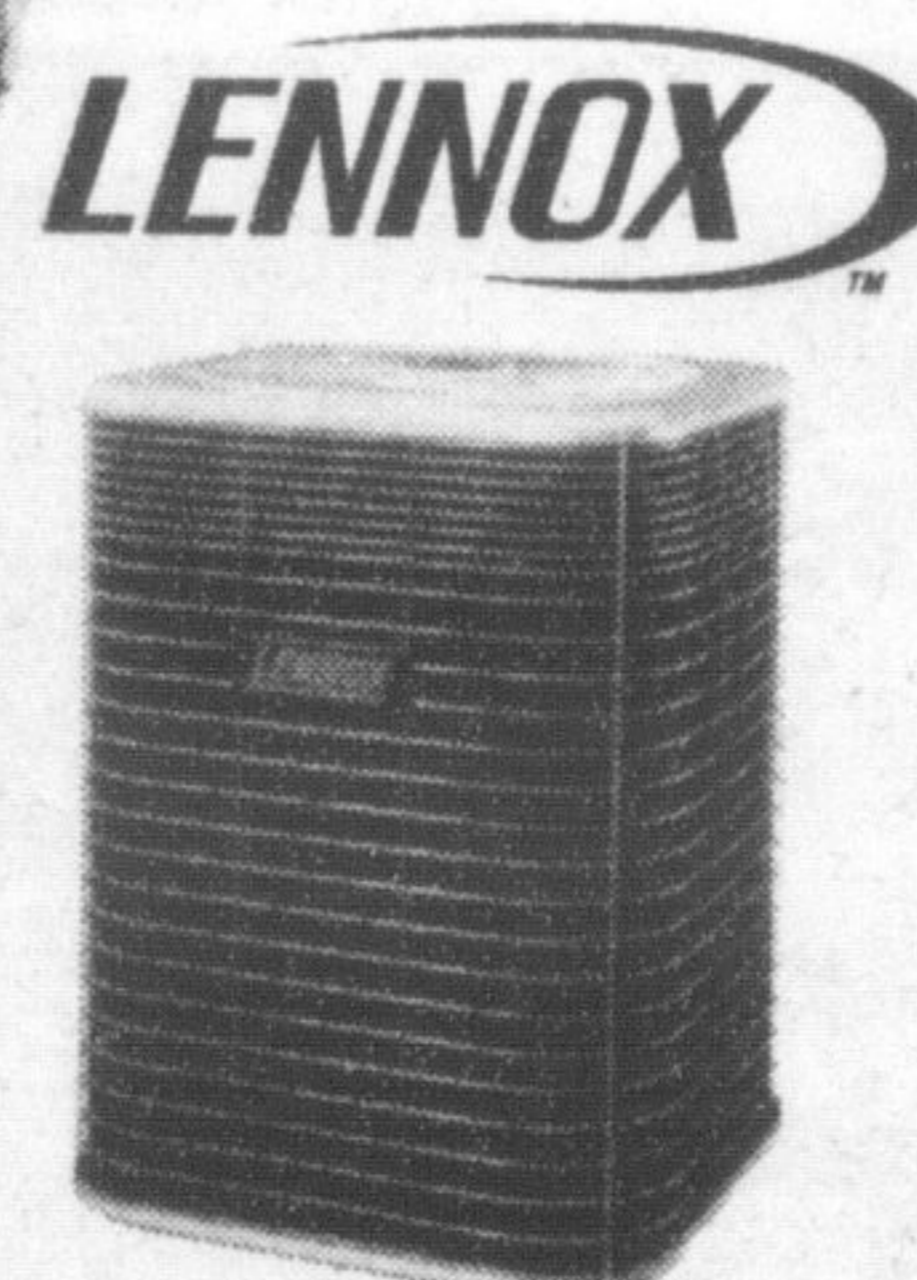
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	TEAMS	G	W	L	T	PTS
1	ST. GEORGE'S	12	10	2	0	20
2	MILTON BIBLE	13	10	3	0	20
3	NEW LIFE "A"	13	9	4	0	18
4	SOUTH SIDE	14	9	5	0	18
5	BOSTON	13	7	6	0	14
6	HOLY ROSARY	15	6	9	0	12
7	KNOX	11	5	6	0	10
8	HILLCREST	11	3	8	0	6
9	NEW LIFE "B"	13	3	10	0	6
10	ST. PAULS	13	2	11	0	4

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