Jr. Sox topled in finals

Stranded runners cripple Milton's championship bid

A few too many stranded base-runners stranded the Junior Red Sox's hopes for gold at last weekend's Wallaceburg Tournament.

Leaving a dozen runners on base in Sunday evening's final — including three in their last at-bat — Milton was upstaged 10-7 by the Port Dover Sailors.

"We just couldn't get a couple (of runs) across when we needed to," said manager Glenn Turner. "It was definitely a game we were capable of winning. On the plus side, it was a strong performance against a 'B'-rated team."

Despite falling behind 4-0, the Red Sox kept the final verdict in doubt until the bitter end. This was due in large part to weekend standouts Richard Horn and Nick Mazzorato, who drove in three and two runs respectively.

Mazzorato deserved dual praise for catching the entire weekend in what were often scorching conditions.

Milton booked passage to the gold-medal showdown with an 8-4 semifinal victory over the host Wallaceburg Warriors Sunday afternoon.

Tyler Grace drove in the first three runs and Sean Mathé provided a solid complete-game effort on the mound.

Prior to that the Red Sox won their two preliminary games — the latter by default after Dundas was unable to field a complete team, due to an earlier altercation with some locals.

Their initial tournament win came in a 6-2 decision over South West London — with all of their runs coming in the fourth inning. Horn and Lee Mathé fueled the mid-game surge with two-run doubles, while Scott McTrach offered strong pitching.

The Wallaceburg Tournament marked an encouraging tune-up to next weekend's league playdowns in Clarkson and the OBA 'C' championships in Corunna August 18 to 20.

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Waples seriously hurt in Mohawk crash

Accomplished local harness racing driver Randy Waples began a lengthy recovery this past week after being thrown to the track in a three-horse accident at Mohawk Sunday night.

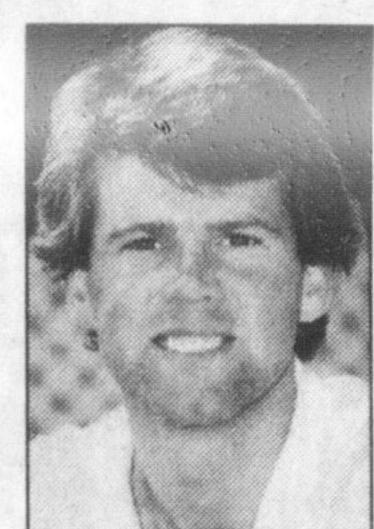
"He's actually in pretty good spirits, considering, because he's got a really good sense of humour," said wife Angela Tuesday morning. "He's a little better, but he's still got two broken

elbows, two broken wrists and some carpal bones in his hands are broken."

The winner of 4,258 races and nearly \$66-million in purses, Waples was aboard three-year-old gelding Don't Make Waves when Sudburysatrdaynite—driven by Keith Oliver—suddenly took a bad step in front of them on the final turn and fell to the track.

Jack Moiseyev — aboard Object of Art — were behind Oliver and couldn't avert the accident.

The three horses involved escaped the incident without serious injury, but all three drivers weren't so lucky — with Waples clearly getting the worst of it. While not requiring surgery for any of his injuries, he's expected to be out at least eight weeks.





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