

Things looking up for Sr. Sox

Earn split with league leaders

The Senior Red Sox continued to salvage a largely forgettable June run at Brian Best Park Saturday afternoon — earning a hard-fought doubleheader split with the COBA-leading Erindale Cardinals.

Both games were won by the narrowest of margins, with Milton taking the first contest 3-2.

That was thanks largely to strong defence and credible pitching by Brian Stewart, who gave up just six hits — including a two-run blast that wound up on the other side of Commercial Street.

Besides that, he held the Cardinals in check.

Mike Grabauskas worked the final one-and-a-half third innings to record the win, getting bailed out by catcher Nick Mazzorato, who cut down a steal attempt in the seventh to thwart an Erindale rally.

Kurt Mitchell shared the spotlight by driving in Kevin Greer from third in the bottom of the seventh.

Greer accounted for two of the five Red Sox hits with a pair of doubles, while Jay

Egbuna drove in a run on a double of his own.

Called up from the juniors, Scott McTrach gave an impressive six-inning performance in the latter game, surrendering just two earned runs on seven hits through six frames.

Unfortunately that wasn't enough for the hosts to pull out the sweep, as they were held to a mere three hits and edged 4-3.

Mazzorato drove in a run on a single, while reliever Jeff Felker gave Milton one last shot at a comeback by fanning two batters in a scoreless seventh.

Saturday's split followed a 9-7 slugfest triumph over the Glanbrook Grizzlies last Wednesday.

Adam Scheerer picked up the win with a seven-inning effort and Steve Lauzon drove in three runs with a 3-for-5 night. Mazzorato and Carlos D'Costa each had three hits and two RBI.

The Red Sox sat at 6-8 heading into last night's trip to Ninth Line Park to take on the St. Catharines Metros.

Tonight they're back at the nearby diamond for another make-up game, against the Brampton Battlecats.



Price thrilled to be taken by Canucks

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Fresh off a breakthrough season with the Nepean Raiders (near Ottawa) of the Central Junior Hockey League (Tier 2 Jr. A), Jeremy Price was taken in the fourth round (113th overall) by Vancouver.

This marks the first time in recent memory that two Milton-area players were acquired in the same draft.

"I'm ecstatic," said the six-foot-one-inch, 175-pound former IceHawk. "I was told I could go anywhere from the fourth or fifth round to not at all, so to go as high as I did was great."

Bound for Division 1's Colgate University in the fall, Price highlighted the 2008/09 sea-

son with strong appearances at the World Jr. A Challenge and Canadian Junior Hockey League's Prospect Game.

Though developing his overall game this past year under former NHLer Garry Galley, the Milton defenceman's strong suit remained his puck control and powerplay prowess, which fueled his 41-point (12g, 29a) regular season.

He added a pair of goals and four assists in the playoffs, helping Nepean come within two wins of the league title.

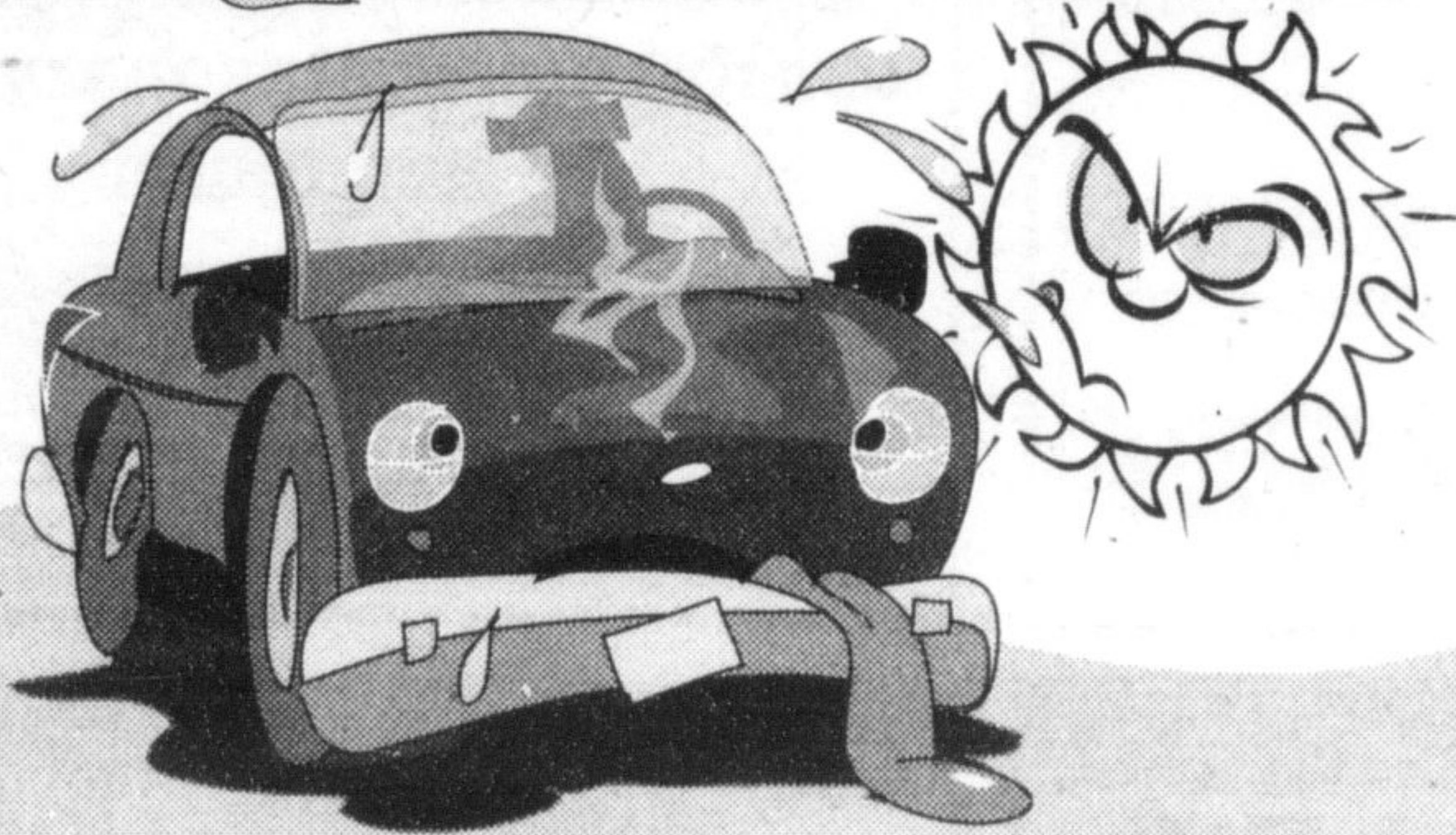
"Probably the two biggest things (that helped me get drafted) were playing for coach Galley and competing at the World Jr. A Challenge. That was a big stage and a lot of people were watching," said Price.



Jeremy Price

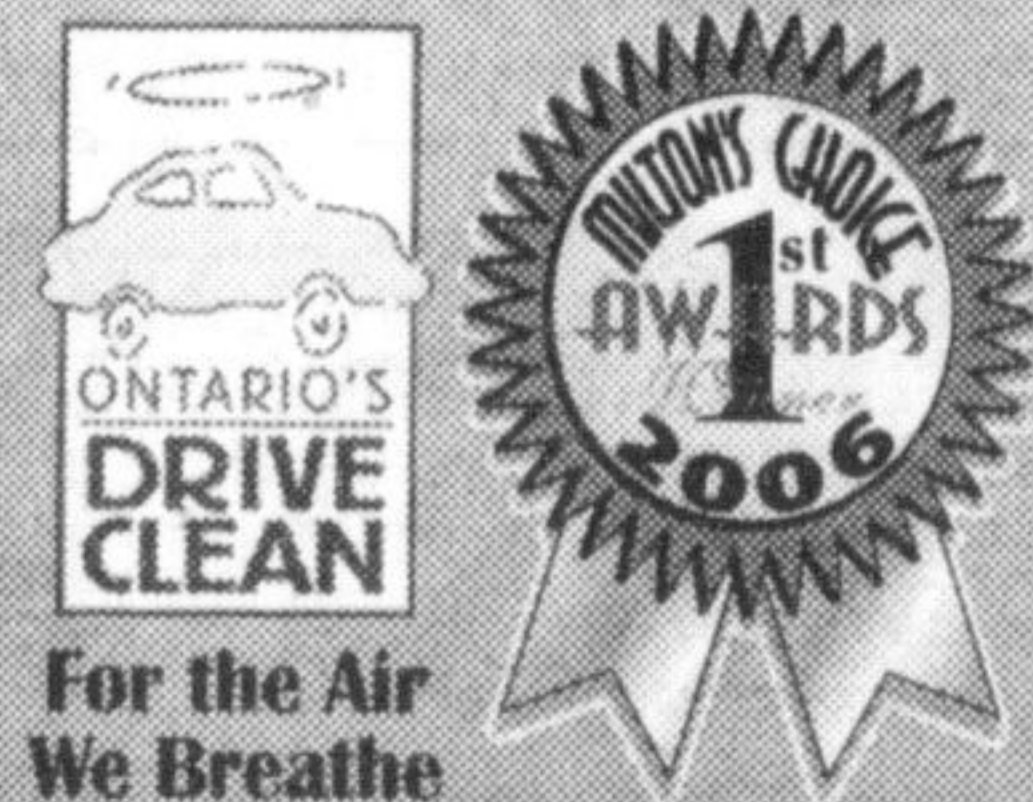
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