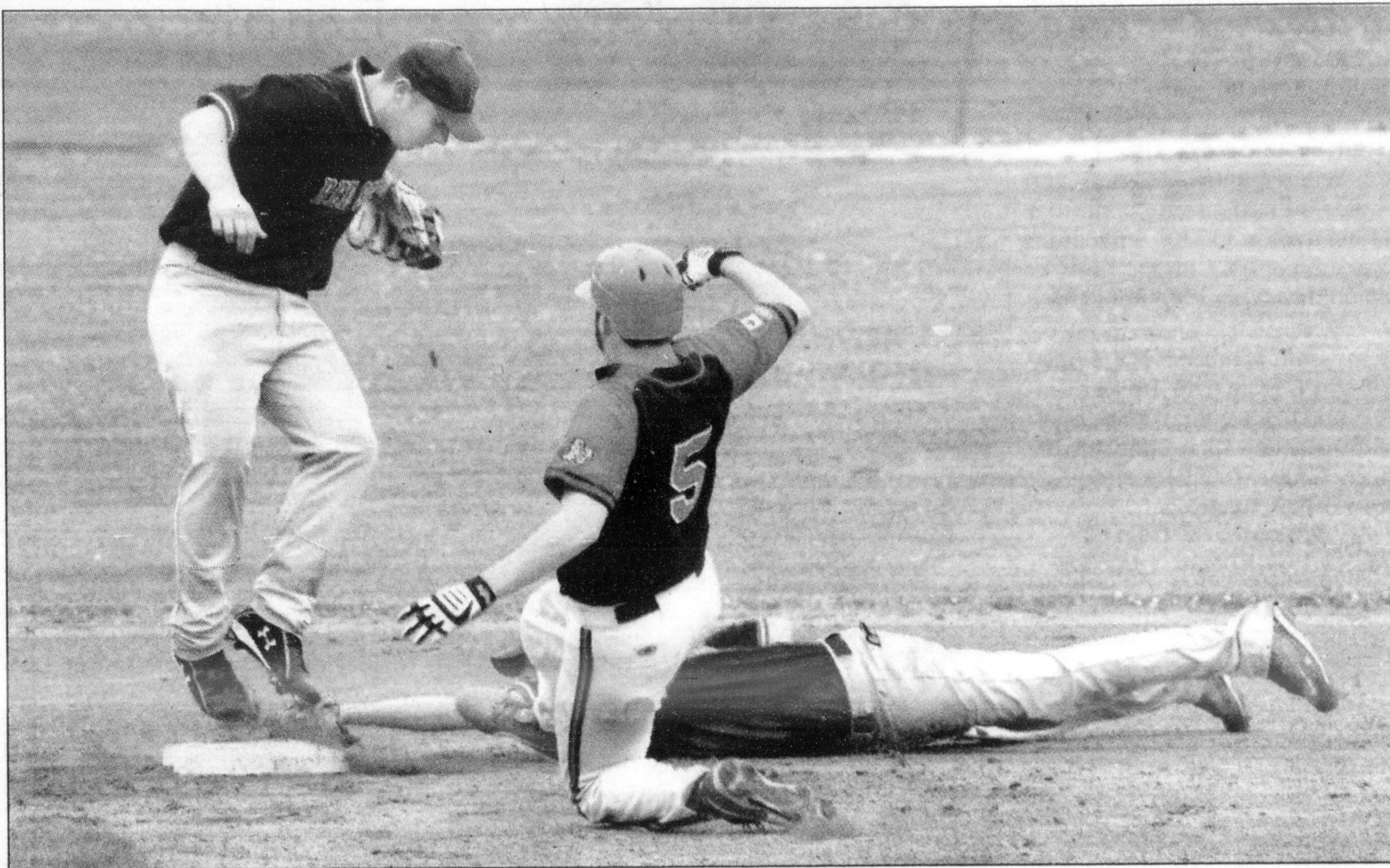


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HE'S OUTTA THERE! Milton Senior Red Sox second baseman Kurt Mitchell touches the bag for the out ahead of Oakville runner Carter Buchanan as Red Sox shortstop Kevin Greer leaps clear of the play at Brian Best Park Saturday. On the strength of a complete-game gem from veteran pitcher Ian Zettle and a balanced attack, Milton won 9-1 to extend its winning streak to four games and even its Central Ontario Baseball Association record at 11-11. The Red Sox will be in London this holiday weekend for the Ontario 'A' Eliminations.

Waples steers way to Maple Leaf Trot win

Guides San Pail to victory; joins dad in champions' circle

By John Siscos
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

With Miltonian Randy Waples at the reins and buoyed by a vocal cheering section, San Pail pulled off an impressive upset in the 58th edition of the \$720,500 Maple Leaf Trot Saturday night at Mohawk.



Randy Waples

Enjoying his 19th career win for trainer Rodney Hughes, the five-year-old gelding delivered a neck victory over reigning champion Arch Madness and 1-4 favourite Lucky Jim in 1:52.1.

San Pail had finished second to Lucky Jim their last time out, and with Saturday's triumph brought his rival's win streak to an end at 15.

"I couldn't be any happier," said Waples, moments after capturing his first Maple Leaf Trot — a race his Hall-of-Fame father Ron won five times. "I'm an emotional guy. This is sweet; really sweet. When I was a little kid I used to walk into Greenwood and see the big plaques on the wall, all the winners of the Canadian Pacing Derby and the Maple Leaf Trot, they were the two races to win when I was young. Now my name's on both of them."

San Pail prevailed on the strength of a brilliant drive from the local harness racing veteran, who admitted he may have over-raced him in the elimination — a race in which he was beaten by one-and-a-quarter lengths by Lucky Jim.

"I was so down on myself last week when I over-raced him," Waples explained. "It worked out (tonight), and I can't say enough about Rod Hughes, the job that he's done with him. He's such a nice horse."

Alexander a force at U19 World Championships

Kayla Alexander was a driving force in getting Canada's basketball juniors to the FIBA U19 World Championships, and has continued to lead the way now that they're there.

Off to NCAA Division 1 Syracuse University next month, the six-foot-four-inch Miltonian has been a defensive rebounding standout at the international showcase in Bangkok, Thailand and as of last night had hit double-digits in the national team's last three games.

That includes a team-high 12 points in Monday's 64-50 loss to the defending champion U.S.A. to kick off the final-eight round

Alexander, 18, was a strong presence on the boards, but her



Kayla Alexander

Canadians shot a mere 25 per cent from the field en route to their second defeat of the tournament.

They began with a tough 54-46 loss to Russia before stamping their ticket to the elite eight with an 87-26 dismantling of Tunisia and 73-51 victory over Japan — in which the local cager had a tournament-high 16 rebounds.

She earned game MVP honours in the first round with 14 boards and nine points, following that up with 13 points and 10 rebounds against Tunisia.

Canada was back in action yesterday evening, needing to step things up against Spain — who beat the U.S. to open the tournament — in order to keep its medal hopes alive.

The world championships run until Sunday.

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