



### Concentration plus

Showing perfect positioning and excellent concentration, Jamie Hüsser, of Core-Fix Radiator in Junior T-Ball, strides through the ball in action Friday at Rotary Park. Core-Fix won the game 22-16 over Rotary Club.

## Despite three setbacks team second at Gaspé

The rally driving team of Bob Lee, of Milton, and Randy Black, of Mississauga, overcame two flat tires and an off-road excursion to finish second in the Rallye Baie des Chaleurs over the weekend through the Gaspé Peninsula of Quebec. The race was won by Bjorn Anderson, of London, the current Ontario champion who finished the race nearly three minutes ahead of Lee and Black.

The second-place finish gives the local team 70 points, 23 points ahead of runners-up Bo Skowronek, of Saskatoon, Sask., and a firm lock on the reins for the national rally champion.

Four-time Canadian champion Taisto Heinonen, of Surrey, B.C., dropped out of the race with gearbox failure. The lack of a finish virtually eliminates the B.C. team from a shot at a fifth national championship.

In the inter-provincial rally championship, the local team is now tied with Anderson with 106 points.

Lee and Black began the race in fine

style running through the first stage in the fastest time but on the last corner, which is direct left turn, their Datsun 510 went off the road and the team lost 10 seconds. The accident bent the right side of the car.

During the fifth stage, in the 500-km race, the car had a flat tire which took four minutes to replace and dropped the pair to third place. When Heinonen dropped out of the race, the team found themselves in second place, just two minutes and 17 seconds back of Anderson.

Over the next three stages, Lee and Black picked up 39 seconds before another flat tire caused the team to lose the 39 seconds they'd picked up. The team drove for four minutes on the flat. The second flat prompted the pair to run for the second-place finish.

Of the 27 starters, 17 finished the 14-stage event which run on narrow, twisting logging roads in the area.

The next event in the national series is in Nova Scotia July 25 followed the next week by the Lobster Rally in New Brunswick.

## Equipment coming

A motion, prompted by several house-league coaches for more practice equipment immediately, was passed at a three-hour meeting of the Milton Minor Baseball Association executive Sunday night at the Optimist Club.

Although the motion which was passed did not exactly meet with the total requests, in effect, it will allow each team in the pee-wee and tyke divisions to have a complete bag of equipment per team.

Also, the two older T-Ball division, senior and intermediate, will have more batting helmets supplied for practices. Although no exact cost was put on the purchases, it was estimated the total costs will be in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

Six house-league coaches attended the meeting to state their reasons for wanting the equipment immediately. For the occasion, the MMBA executive allowed for a more open type of meeting than is normally

## Gretzky golfs for charity

Edmonton Oilers' sensational Wayne Gretzky will be the centre of attention when Indian Wells Golf and Tennis Club hosts its sixth annual charity golf tournament Monday at the north Burlington club.

Indian Wells director Vic Hadfield says 36 National Hockey League players and officials will join 108 regular golfers at the tournament which will raise money for Big Brothers.

It marks the sixth year in a row Indian Wells has hosted a charity golf tournament. The tournaments began when Hadfield's father died of cancer and the tournaments have donated funds in excess of \$100,000 to various charities.

Because of Gretzky's presence, the entry fee is \$99.99 in honor of his number 99 sweater. Among other NHL players expected are Ian Turnbull, Darryl Sittler, Paul Coffey and Rick Lanz.

The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 12.30 p.m. Dinner will follow the golf. Former NHL referee Red Storey is the master of ceremonies. The event is sponsored by Neilson's chocolates.

The impending mail strike may stop some entry fees from reaching the club in time. Anyone in this situation is asked to call Vic at 335-2955.

# Miscoe puts in several gutsy performances as Milton's first entry in Robbie tourney

Milton Youth Soccer Club's first-ever entry into the world-prestigious Robbie tournament in Scarborough, Miscoe Data squirt reps, did their coaches, 'hemselves and MYSC proud with their performances over the weekend.

Drawn in a tough division, a longside North York Cosmos, Markham and Niagara Falls, Miscoe went into the tournament looking for their first win of the season.

They didn't have to wait long as in their first game, Miscoe played a fantastic game against Markham. Miscoe played the game with just one substitute on the bench as three were unavailable on holiday.

Milton goalie Darnell Vrban played a fantastic game blocking all but one shot which came his way as Milton won the

game 2-1.

Playing the game of his life, Jarret Blanchard raced through to take a corner kick, putting the ball at the inside post where the Markham goalkeeper had some trouble grabbing control of the ball. In the confusion, Mike Cox picked up the loose ball and drove it home into the top of the net. The goal provided Miscoe with the confidence they have needed all year and this showed in the determination in the whole team to continue their fine effort.

Midway through the second half, Cox made a tremendous run through the Markham defence after Scot Woods set him up with a perfect pass. Cox was pulled down just as he was about to crash home his second goal with the Markham goalie at his mercy.

Hard-hitting Kevin Fontana stepped in to take the ensuing penalty kick and coolly thunderbolted the ball into the net to give Miscoe a 2-0 lead. Markham pulled to within one but Milton held on to give themselves their first win and a deserved win at that.

In the second game, Miscoe played the strong North York Cosmos in a contest every bit as exciting as the opener.

Miscoe jumped ahead 1-0 midway through the first half with Cox again crashing one home from a well-taken corner by Joey McIntyre who controlled the midfield in fine fashion.

Cosmos rallied to take a 2-1 lead in this closely fought game but Miscoe Data would not give up and with constant pressure tied it at 2-2 with Cox finding the net again.

Cosmos restored their one-goal lead just before the half with a fine header from a corner kick and sewed up the win with one more in the second half. Coach John Saunderson said he felt his team could have won the game had the squad more than one substitute.

In the final game against Niagara Falls, a Milton win would have tied the two clubs for the top of the division. However, Niagara Falls struck for three unanswered goals in the first half en route to a 7-0 win.

The 12 heroes who carried Milton's colors in the tournament were Dominic Walker, captain Colin Catherwood, Robbie Crowe, Gino DeAngelis, Richard Carrera, Ian Muir, Vrban, McIntyre, Cox, Blanchard, Woods and Fontana. The team was coached by Danny Cameron and Saunderson.

## Champion Sports

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# Mohawks run string to six with a 13-10 Royal flush

That efficient running machine known as Campbellville Mohawks continued its strong play of late with a 13-10 win over Milton Optimist Royals Sunday to run its winning string to six games and a firm lock on second place in the Halton County Baseball League.

Mohawks have more than rebounded from its poor 2-4 start with the string of victories. The squad also handled lowly Cambridge Pirates 9-7 Saturday in Cambridge.

Mohawk Doug Timbers had quite the afternoon pounding out four hits in five trips to the plate to spark his team to the win Sunday. Timbers included two homers among his hits, scored three runs and added four RBIs.

A total of eight home runs were hit with Campbellville taking advantage of their short fences with five blasts out of the park.

Mohawks led all the way jumping ahead 5-0 after three innings and 9-3 after five. Although Milton struck for five runs in the sixth, Campbellville bounced back quickly to restore the wide lead and didn't look back.

Timbers and Steve Tait hit back-to-back solo homers in the second inning and four batters later, Steve Smith hit a two-run double to put Mohawks ahead 4-0. In the fourth inning, Ray Evans and Tim Roberts again hit back-to-back homers and that was the ballgame.

Charlie "Ace" Currie, recovered from an ankle injury incurred from an off-field accident, took over from starter Dan Thomson in the fourth inning to earn the win. Garney Mitchell came in relief to earn the save.

The Milton loss drops the squad to one game below .500 and fifth place in the six-team league. The squad lost its third in a row. Leaside beat Milton 10-4 Thursday before Dundas exploded on Royals 14-8 Saturday at Brian Best Park.

Milton has an opportunity today (Wednesday) to get back on track when they host Oakville Oaks in a doubleheader at 2 p.m. at Brian Best Park. The games are both seven-inning affairs. Oakville is one game above .500.



Gotcha! Milton catcher Greg Cranker runs down Campbellville Mohawk baserunner Rich Knight, in a double play during Sunday's game at the village ball park. Campbellville won the game 13-10 as both teams paraded several pitchers to the mound.

# Waiting still better for baseball equipment

I GUESS I MUST be aging faster than I think I am.

Sunday night at the Optimist Club, the Milton Minor Baseball Association executive passed a motion which calls for the purchase of nearly \$1,000 worth of practice equipment.

The equipment includes full catcher's gear and a full complement of helmets for the tyke and pee-wee division.

The purpose of the equipment is, of course, safety. No one wants to see kids hurt playing baseball. However, I find it a little confusing to discover the association spending \$1,000 now when it could have spent half the money for next year by using a Wintario grant it.

I played softball a few years ago and was a catcher. Now, I realize the ball is small and travels faster in baseball, but I can distinctly remember that my total eye protective equipment consisted of a wire mask and a hockey jock.

I don't recall ever requiring hospital assistance because of the "many" injuries associated with the catcher's position.

I was hit with swinging bats, ran into by sliding runners attempting to score and nicked numerous times with foul balls in games. In practices, I think the only danger was chasing foul balls which crossed a street.

And yet, several house-league coaches were up in arms at the MMBA at the lack



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of practice equipment and how "dangerous" it was for the boys to be practicing without a full complement of protective equipment.

For starters, it wasn't to say practice equipment didn't exist. In fact, two bags of equipment were available for the tyke and pee-wee divisions (it was incorrectly reported last week that two bags of equipment were available to each division).

However, I find the entire situation and eventual motion which was passed is still too much for what is required when one considers the cost factor.

In effect, what the organization is doing is wasting \$500. If they'd held on another month and half and used what they had, maybe even shared the rep teams' equipment, MMBA would have \$500 more to spend next year by putting the money together with a Wintario grant.

I can see where the executive is caught between a rock and a hard place. The rep teams are fully equipped for practices but

the house-league teams aren't. The game equipment is satisfiable by both the executive and the majority of coaches.

Trying to be fair to both sides, the organization opted to ensure the two older divisions were properly equipped and that the T-Ballers would be provided with protective helmets for practices.

In the end, the executive showed it tries to represent everyone within the organization and doesn't try to play games or choose sides. That is commendable.

Unfortunately, there isn't a report this week of the Milton Fastball League.

We do have the standings, though, and McDuffie is in first place followed by Colbeck and Thornborough Oilers who lost twice last week including a 11-4 defeat suffered at the hands of The Racer's Edge.

Milton's new midget hockey team, a combined team with a few minor-midget players added for a higher profile team, will hold a meeting of all interested players Tuesday July 14 at 7.30 p.m. at Lions Hall.

Any hockey player in town who is of minor-midget or major-midget age (15 or 16 as of Dec. 31, 1981) is encouraged to attend.

At that time, coach Bob Davidson will

outline the basic goals and intention for the team. A structure of what players can expect for the coming year, which will be a totally different concept than existed last year, will be explained.

In a related matter to the team, the Milton Minor Hockey executive asked Davidson to relieve his assistant coach, Murray Van Wart, of all duties associated with the team.

After Davidson has selected his team, he can re-apply to the executive for Van Wart to help out in the team. However, as things stand now, Van Wart is officially no longer with the team.

The matter concerns a rule which states that no coach can move to a rep team in which his son is eligible. As Mike Van Wart played with the minor midget team last year, the rule was being applied in this case.

Sticking with hockey, MMHA has received approval from the town of Milton to build a "Hockey Hall of Fame" at Memorial Arena.

Hockey players who went through the MMHA system and on to bigger and better things in the hockey world will be featured. Initial plans call for plaques to be erected on the west end of the arena above the glass. Players such as Mike Kasycki, John Tonelli and Eno Scisizki who went on to the National Hockey League along with

officials Bruce Hood and Leon Stickle among others will be honored.

It should be ready in time for hockey season and is just one of several additions to both arenas MMHA has planned.

A mixed doubles tennis tournament concludes today (Wednesday) over at the Nassagaweya Tennis Courts.

It began three years ago under the direction of the Jaycees Canada Day celebrations and features competitors from the Milton Tennis Club, Kinsmen Park Tennis Club and the host Nassagaweya Tennis Club.

The semi-finals are slated for 4 p.m. with the finals going for 9 p.m. under the lights.

A few weeks ago, several players were ejected, or rather, not accepted into the Milton Fastball League. Well they're all back.

At another meeting of the MFL executive, it was decided that in the best interests of the league and the teams, all players will return to their teams.

The only restrictions concern Mike Leslie, of Miltowne and Mark Curtis, of The Racer's Edge. Neither is allowed to pitch although they're permitted to play anywhere else and hit.

All this goes to show you that the work of two three-hour meetings can quickly become erased in a one-hour meeting. Got it? I don't.