

## Slo-pitch tourney looking for teams at Hornby Aug. 7-9



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It's called the Hudson Open and although it sounds somewhat like a golf tournament somewhere in the Arctic Ocean, it is actually a slo-pitch softball tournament.

Organized by Garry Hudson, hence the name, the tourney will be played Aug. 7-9 at Hornby ball park. The tourney is aiming for 16 entries. Entry fee is \$75.

Any team which wants to play, whether in a league or not, can sign up by calling Garry at 878-5422.

If the event gets its 16 teams, the tourney will be divided into divisions and each team will be guaranteed three games.

I wonder if town council would participate?

Over in the Halton County Baseball League, league officials will be sitting down soon to draw up the qualifications for Ontario Baseball Association play-down action in one of the most stupid formats yet conceived.

The league, in co-operation with the OBA, waits until the season is half over before deciding in what classification Oakville, Dundas, Milton and Campbellville will play.

The other two HCBL teams, Leaside and Cambridge, by virtue of their histories, are classed into A and D respectively.

However, the league waits until they see how the teams are doing before they actually decide.

Although Milton beat Campbellville twice on the weekend, it could work out to Campbellville's advantage.

For starters, the HCBL championship is virtually handed to Leaside at the end of the season because of their immense strength.

The OBA is a fairer competition and something all teams generally shoot for at the beginning of the season.

Now, if Campbellville ran away with second place, the team would probably have been classed at the B level. Since its recent three losses, the team has returned to the pack. With its generally small population under consideration, Mohawks stand a good chance at going to the C level where the competition won't be nearly as strong.

The situation works in reverse for Milton Royals which has probably set itself up for the B level.

Interesting to note, most Campbellville players grew up and played with the town's minor program whereas a good number of Milton players live in Georgetown, Brampton and Mississauga and didn't play ball for Milton until the senior level.

This has nothing to do with sports but some of you might like to rack your brains for 10 minutes with this skill question.

Write down a 10-digit number where the first number tells the number of zeros in the number, the second number tells the amount of ones, the third number tells the amount of twos, the fourth number tells the amount of threes and so on down the line.

The winner receives a two-week stay at the Hornby Holiday Inn, as soon as its built. Answer next week.

Now that the Milton Fastball League has put aside all its internal problems, it can get down to the business of all-star teams heading for provincial fast-ball championships.

With Milton Mall going at the single-A level, Milton Glass Construction aiming at double-A, one step below, and Omagh / Colbeck trying its luck at the Ontario Rural Softball Association title, this area is to be well-served at the all-star level.

Most teams are composites although Omagh and Milton Mall have strong flavors from Colbeck and last year's Stags, respectively.

It might be worth your while to drop down to Brian Best Park and see some of the exhibition games. We'll keep you posted on the times and dates.

Last night, Milton's new major mid-level team held a team meeting at Lions Hall.

Coach Bob Davidson was expected to lay down the groundwork and plans for the team in the coming year.

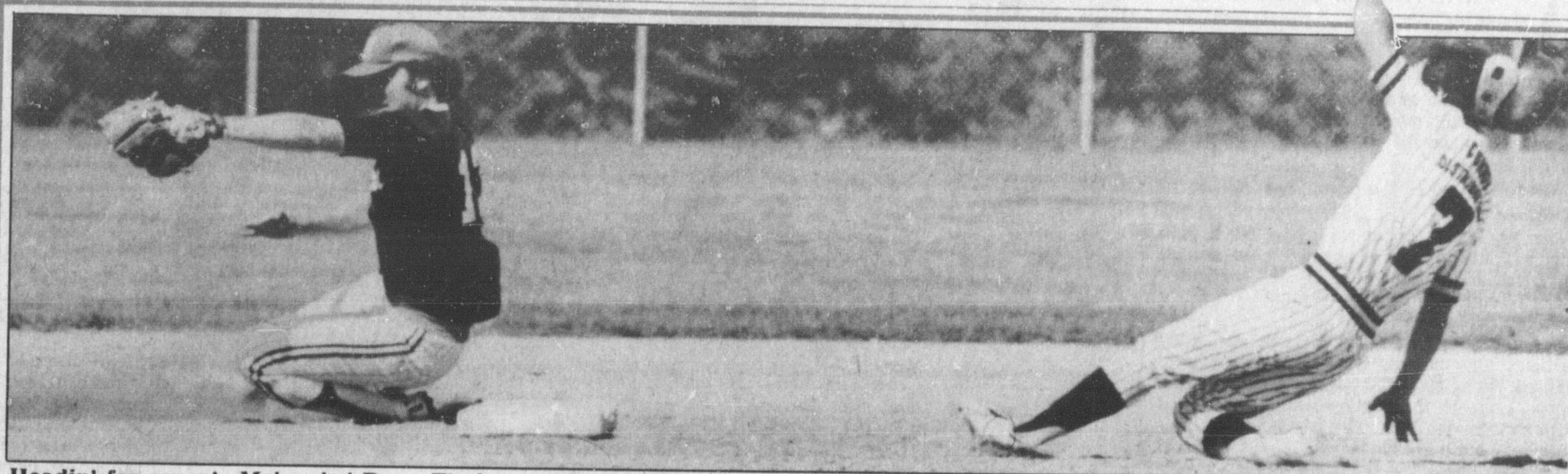
We'll have a full report in next week's paper.

Just a reminder that Milton Minor Hockey is holding its annual golf tournament Tuesday Aug. 4 at Hornby Golf Course.

It's open to anyone who worked with any MMHA team last year. Contact Larry Scott at 878-5678 and let him know.

# Champion Sports

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Headin' for secon': Mohawks' Doug Timbers slides safely into second ahead of the throw to Royals' Jack Cantelon Saturday at Brian Best Park. Royals squeaked out a 6-5 win in the first of a home-and-

home series over the weekend before embarrassing Campbellville in front of their own fans with a 20-8 win Sunday. The wins vault Milton well into second place.

## Royals take rounds two, three

In what could prove to be the most important series of the season for both teams, Milton Optimist Royals swept a pair of games from Campbellville Mohawks over the weekend to hand Mohawks their third straight loss and extend Milton's winning string to six games.

The exchange of games put Milton solidly ahead of Campbellville in the race for second place in the Halton County Baseball League.

Royals won the first game when Garry Naylor hit a sacrifice fly in the eighth inning for a 6-5 win at Brian Best Park Saturday before embarrassing Campbellville 20-8 Sunday afternoon at Campbellville ball park.

It was an unusual turn of events for Campbellville which had its seven-game winning string halted by Leaside 3-2 Thursday night at Talbot Park.

However, the wins for Royals showed the continued improvement of a club which has one of the strongest hitting line-ups in the league and is now receiving effective pitching performances from both its starters and relievers.

In the first game of the series, which were played before the largest crowds of the year at both parks, the score seasawed back and forth until the eighth. Royals carried a 5-4 lead into the eighth but some heady baserunning by Mohawks tied the score.

Doug Timbers drew a one-out walk for Campbellville, stole second and went to third on an overthrow. After Tim Roberts struck out, Ray Evans walked to put runners on the corners.

Evans promptly took off for second and when catcher Greg Cranker threw to second, Timbers raced home to score the tying run.

However, Royals got right back into it in their half of the inning when Skip McTrach led off with a double off the left-field fence. Glen Turner moved him up with a sacrifice and Naylor drove him home with a long sacrifice fly to deep centre field.

Pitcher Roger Clement, who replaced starter Tom Shepherd in the fifth inning, put

down Mohawks one-two-three in their half of the ninth to earn his third win against one loss. Clement has won all three games in a span of 2 1/2 days and has established himself as a starter in the rotation after being worked in slowly by manager Wayne Marchand.

Royals connected for 13 hits as Mohawks went with five pitchers. Each Royal starting batter hit safely with Turner, McTrach, Naylor and Andy Hull leading the way with two apiece.

Clement and Shephard limited Campbellville to just seven hits as Mohawks' hitters were silenced significantly over the weekend games.

Mohawks were good hosts the next day to Milton watching Royals jump ahead 8-0 after 2 1/2 innings and then were forced to play catch-up ball the rest of the way.

Royals caught fire with 20 hits including three homers. Mike Copp relieved starter George Moore in the fifth inning and earned the win.

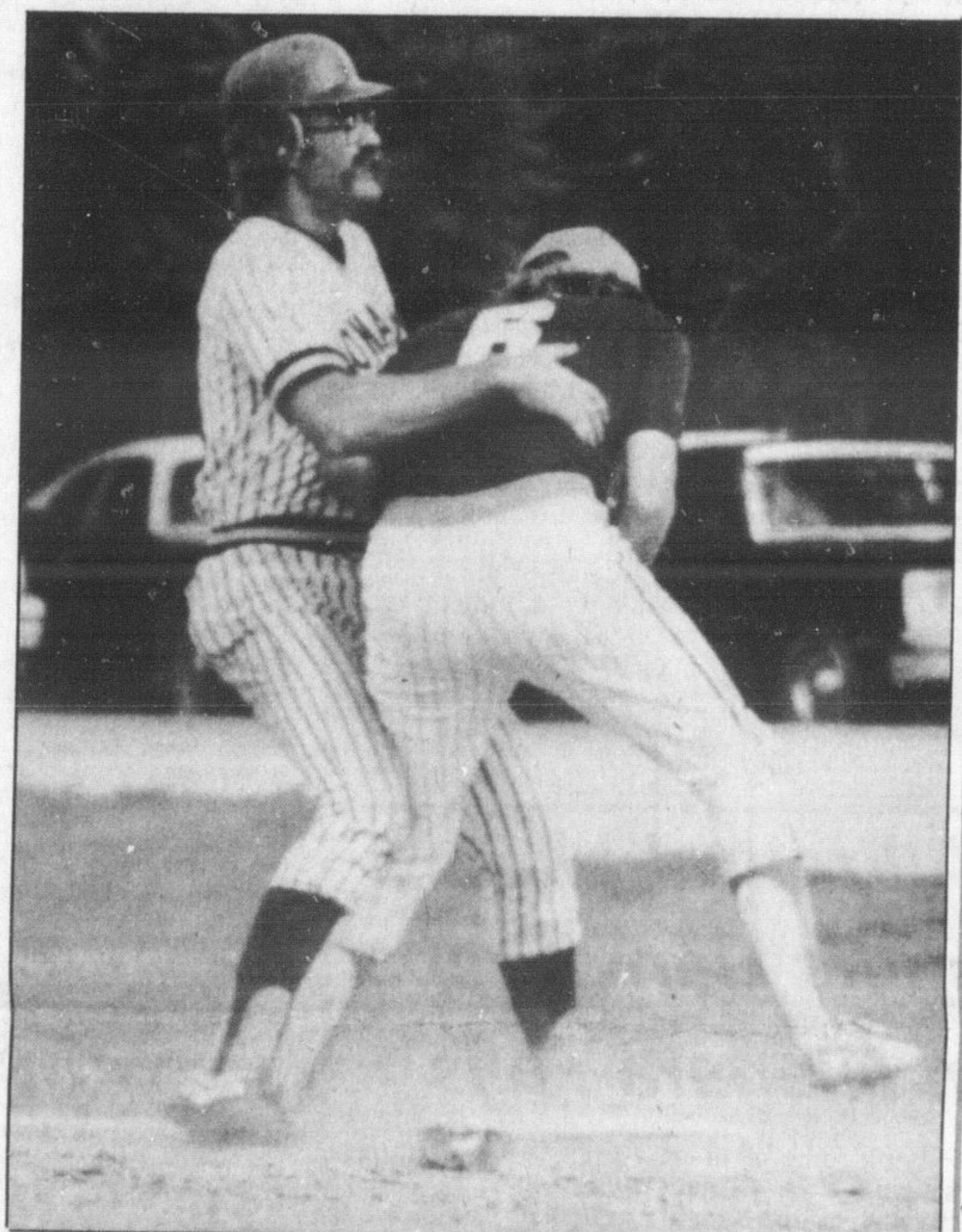
Wade Bekar started Royals on the right note connecting for a three-run homer in the first inning.

In the third inning, Hull and Naylor each drove in a run before McTach who went four-for-five on the day belted a two-run double to stake Royals to an insurmountable lead.

Mohawks tried gamely to narrow the gap in their half of the third when Rick Mitchell hit a three-run homer but Royals continued to pound away for more runs. By contrast, Mohawks caused their own downfall nipping their own rallies with inning-ending double plays in the fifth and the sixth when the score was within each.

Turner was the big gun going four-for-five with two homers and four RBIs. The two clouts gave Turner three for the weekend against Campbellville. As mentioned above, McTrach also had four hits.

Jack Cantelon contributed three hits including a three-run homer while Bekar and Tonelli chipped in with three hits apiece.



Well-hidden: Mohawks' baserunner Ray Evans tries to get out of the way of Milton first-baseman Ross Binsell in Royals' 20-8 massacre of Campbellville Sunday at Campbellville ball park. It was a day most Mohawks wished they could have hidden.

## All-star teams ready

### Colbeck reinforced by six more rural players

The Milton Fastball League will try a new era this year by entering three teams for provincial fastball championship divisions.

The league itself has formed two all-star teams to compete at the single-A and lower double-A intermediate divisions in OASA while Omagh Colbeck picked up some players from rural addresses to bolster its Omagh entry for the Ontario Rural playdowns.

Several weeks ago, The Champion profiled the single-A team, Milton Mall. This week we'll take a look at the double-A team, Milton Glass Construction and Colbeck.

The playdowns are slated to get underway in the middle week of August. The mail-strike has held up correspondence.

Back in the late 1960s, Omagh put together a formidable team for the Ontario Rural Softball Association playdowns.

That team won several championships and team officials with this year's Omagh / Colbeck Realty World entry say this year's entry is on the threshold of similar ORSA results.

Bolstered by several additions from Hornby / Milton Realty World and McDuffe Equipment, Colbeck is strong at every position and has the advantage in that many players have played with Omagh throughout the last decade at the minor and now intermediate level.

In addition to the good record over the years, Omagh midgets tasted victory three years ago when the midget team with Don Martin pitching captured the Ontario championship for ORSA.

Martin won't be with the team this year as his involvement with

Grimsby Juniors disqualified him from playing at the lower level. In addition, Dave Martin and Steve Inglehart are with Grimsby and Derrick Neelands signed a card to play with Omagh midgets. All were strayers with Colbeck this year in the Milton Fastball League.

Despite the absence of Donnie Martin, Colbeck will have a strong pitching staff. The ace will be 29-year-old Al Fenton who is the mainstay of the team and its heart.

Fenton can do it all, with his bat,

with his arm and with his glove. He'll be supported by McDuffe's Keith McKinnon, Hornby's George Trench and Colbeck's own Glenn Inglehart.

Other players with the team are (from Colbeck) Darren Elliot, Len Jillard, Dale Inglehart, Perry Caputo, Larry Withnell, Tony Ceelen and Wayne Riebot.

Players from other MFL teams are Tom Marchment, Wayne Roskum, Glen McClure and Trench from Hornby / Milton and Frank

Robinson and McKinnon from McDuffe.

Handling the managerial role will be Charlie Withnell. He'll be assisted by Val Caputo.

The ORSA rounds get underway sometime in the first two weeks of August and are best-of-three affairs.

The keynote to this team is its versatility. Colbeck is staffed by many players who can play any position and the additions from Milton and McDuffe fit right in the mould of the team.

### Glass Construction

## Thruway, Wheelers, McDuffe combine for double-A team

The forming of Milton's single-A intermediate O.A.S.A. entry was done with many players who played last year with Milton Stags. Because the Stags went single-A last season, an OASA rule prevents players from moving down a notch in the next year of play.

As a result, Milton's double-A entry is comprised mostly of players from McDuffe Equipment, Fifth Wheel, Thruway Mufflers and one player from Oilers who didn't play with Stags last year.

The line-up is formidable and except for its pitching appears on paper to be as strong as Milton's single-A entry, Milton Mall.

The team is sponsored by Milton Glass Construction and will be coached by Bob Davidson (Thruway), Pete McDuffe (McDuffe) and Chris Heath (Fifth Wheel). The trio selected the players for the team which were, in turn, approved by the

leagues. So far, the team is slated to play several exhibition games against Milton Mall, Omagh / Colbeck and some intermediate teams from Toronto.

Defensively, the club shapes up like this.

Catching is in the capable hands of Kevin Smith (FW) and the Thruway pair of Dennis Gleed and Brian Peavoy. Defensively, the catchers are strong and provide the club with some excellent hitting potential.

The infield shapes up with Pete McDuffe (McD) at first, Dave Pelley (FW) and Ray Tonelli (Oilers) at second, Ray Delegarde (FW) and Tonelli at shortstop and Ken Fay (McD) at third base.

All are excellent fielders with the double-play combination of Pelley and Delegarde of Fifth Wheel being a definite asset in that they will have played one full season together by

the time the OASA playdowns get underway.

In the outfield, the squad has the pick of the crop with Doc McCutcheon (McD), Bob 'Pie' Lee (McD), Randy Coulson (McD), Doug Williams (TM) and Rick O'Donnell (TM).

There are four pitchers signed by the club which has the luxury of being able to use Coulson as a fifth pitcher should the need arise.

Thruway contributed Nick Gauthier, Ted Moore and Jerry Lisi to the club while McDuffe added Larry Bennett. McDuffe's Keith McKinnon would have been available but he chose to play with Omagh Colbeck in the Ontario Rural Softball Association playdowns.

The plan for the team is to play for the zone championship before advancing to the provincial championships which are played in tournament form.



Tagged out: Dave Pelley (left), from Milton's double-A entry in OASA, tags out Glen McClure, from the Omagh entry in ORSA play, in an exhibition game between the two teams Sunday at Brian Best Park. Omagh beat Milton 3-2 in nine innings.

## Omagh cut Glass by one

If the exhibition contest between Milton Glass Construction and Omagh Colbeck Sunday is any indication of what these teams can do, Milton should be well represented in the provincial fast-ball championships.

Omagh held on to win 3-2 in a tightly played contest lacking the usually apparent errors which plague teams which haven't played together.

It was just their first shot together as teams. Both teams are staffed with a collection of players from several MFL teams although Omagh is fortunate in having nine players from its own Colbeck side in the Milton Fastball League.

Omagh broke a 1-1 tie with single runs in the fourth and sixth innings of the nine-inning game and then held on as Milton Glass charged later in the game.

Keith McKinnon started on the mound for Col-

beck and went four innings before Al Fenton came on to pitch the final five innings. Each hurler was nicked for a run.

Ted Moore pitched the first four innings for Milton Glass. Jerry Lisi threw the fifth and sixth innings before Nick Gauthier mopped up and threw the final three innings.

Colbeck scored a single run in the first when Wayne Roskum singled home Tony Ceelen. Fenton scored on the lone Milton Glass error in the fourth and Fenton's double drove home Tom Marchment in the sixth with what proved to be the winning run.

Dennis Gleed led Milton Glass with three hits and knocked in both runs with two singles.

Each team connected for six hits. Omagh committed two errors while Milton Glass had one error. The two teams plan further exhibition games.