



No throw: Milton catcher Greg Cranker awaits a Hill to score. It didn't really matter as Royals won. throw which doesn't arrive to allow Dundas' Ross

This wasn't a Thruway year

This was to be the year Thruway Muffler finally got themselves untracked in the Milton Fastball League and went to bigger and better things.

However, the events didn't quite follow the script and Thruway joined The Racer's Edge, Miltonwe Realty and Lowville on the sidelines having been eliminated in the quarter-final playoff series.

In what many observers felt should have been the closest of the four quarter-finals, Fifth Wheel destroyed Thruway 12-4 in the opener and capped the series with a 7-0 one-hit pitching performance from Norm Topping.

Thruway fell under the pressure of Fifth Wheel's vaunted hitting game which unleashed a total of 28 hits over the two-game set while holding Thruway to a handful.

In the second game of the series, Fifth Wheel scored what proved to be the winning run in the second inning when Terry Morgan's triple drove in Jeff Heggie.

Morgan had quite an evening for himself rapping out three hits, scoring two runs and added a pair of RBIs. Fifth Wheel added two more in the third, a single run in the sixth and then put it out of reach with a three-run seventh.

Glen Gordon, Paul McCann and Heggie each added two hits apiece while Heggie connected for three runs-batted-in.

The conclusion of the quarter-finals allowed for the pairings for the semis. Fourth-placed Fifth Wheel tackles league-champion Colbeck Realty World while in a rematch, of sorts, of last year's final, McDuffe Equipment goes up against Thornborrow Oilers. The best-of-three semis began last night (Tuesday, weather permitting) and continue through today and tomorrow (Wednesday and Thursday). Monday and Tuesday of next week have been set aside as dates for any other games in the series which are required.

While Fifth Wheel was having a fairly easy ride to the semis, the other three match-ups proved closer than

most thought.

McDuffe Equipment, which was just narrowly nipped by Colbeck for first place in league play, barely out-scored Miltonwe Realty 10-7 in their two-game sweep.

Colbeck produced just five runs in two games with lowly Lowville but won on the strength of its great one-two pitching punch in Don Martin and Al Fenton who held Lowville scoreless.

Oilers had their hands full with The Racer's Edge in an interesting match-up. The break-up of last year's Stags, perennial MFL champs put the bulk of the players with The Edge and Oilers.

The Edge jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning. Oilers chipped away and ran away with an 8-2 win aided by four runs in the sixth inning.

Oiler pitcher Ed Dunn allowed two hits in the first inning and then held The Edge to just three hits over the remaining six innings to earn the win.

Loris Faggion's ground-out in the second inning scored Geoff O'Brien with one run and then Trevor Houston's two-run double in the third put the club ahead to stay.

Altogether, Oilers connected for nine hits with O'Brien leading the way with four hits. Steve Gervais led The Edge with two hits and scored the club's first run on Mark Curtis' triple. Curtis came around to score on an error.

Playoff Schedule
 Tuesday (yesterday)—Fifth Wheel vs Colbeck, 7 p.m.; Oilers vs McDuffe, 8:30 p.m.
 Wednesday—McDuffe vs Oilers, 7 p.m.; Colbeck vs Fifth Wheel, 8:30 p.m.
 Thursday—Fifth Wheel vs Colbeck, 7 p.m.; Oilers vs McDuffe, 8:30 p.m.
 If Necessary
 Monday—McDuffe vs Oilers, 7 p.m.; Colbeck vs Fifth Wheel, 8:30 p.m.
 Tuesday—Fifth Wheel vs Colbeck, 7 p.m.; Oilers vs McDuffe, 8:30 p.m.

Royals explode past Dundas 22-13 to tournament

Exploding for a season-high 22 runs, Milton Optimist Royals jumped into the Halton County Baseball League's championship tournament by destroying Dundas 22-13 Monday afternoon at Brian Best Park.

The victory gave Royals the best-of-three series in the maximum three games and puts the club in the series alongside Leaside and the winner of the Campbellville-Oakville series which Mohawks lead 1-0. The series will be played in Campbellville this weekend in a round-robin format.

Royals needed the win after stumbling 10-3 to Dundas Sunday afternoon. Dundas hurler Doug Shortridge held Royals to 10 hits as Milton was playing its first game since being eliminated in the Ontario Baseball Assoc-

iation playdowns the previous weekend to Kendal.

However, Royals got their act together and rebounded from a slow start, in which Dundas jumped ahead 8-3 after one and a half innings, to score eight runs in the second inning to take a lead it didn't relinquish throughout the game.

Dundas closed the gap to 13-12 midway through the game but Royals' manager Wayne Marchand came on in relief to stop any semblance of a Dundas rally while his teammates continued to drive in runs to produce the huge win.

Despite connecting for as many runs, Royals struck for just 17 hits but were aided by 14 walks issued by a variety of Dundas hurlers.

Wade Bekar and Gary Naylor led the hitting attack with three hits apiece. Bekar added a

two-run homer in the first inning while Jack Cantelon drove home four runs and also hit a homer. Ray Tonelli, Ross Binsell and Skip McTrach connected for two hits apiece.

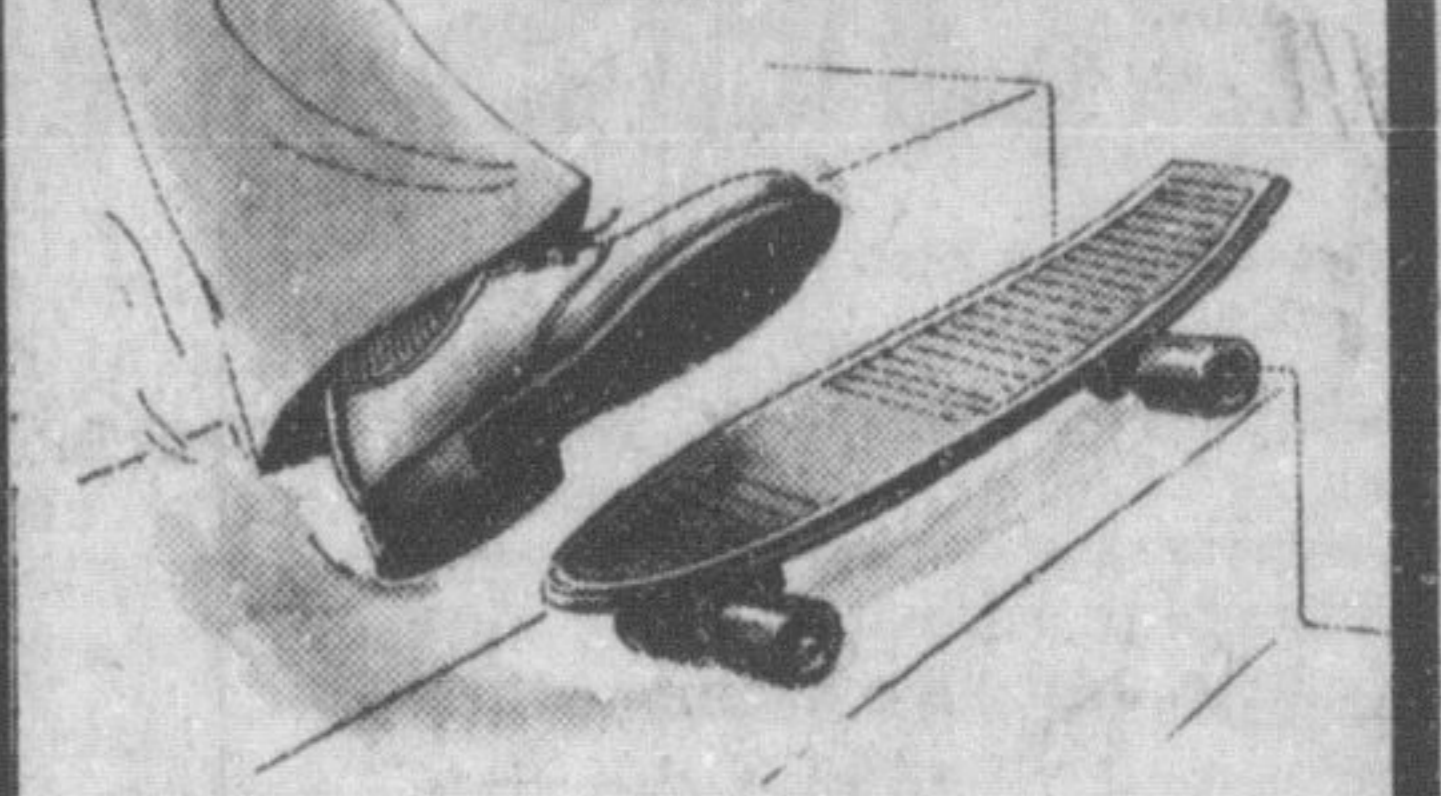
George Moore started on the mound and gave way to Tom Shepherd and Marchand.

In the second game of the series, which was played one day later than scheduled because of wet grounds, Dundas broke a 3-3 tie with a four-run fourth and held on to earn the win and force Monday's third match-up.

Roger Clement pitched the first four and a third innings and was saddled for the loss although he could have sued for non-support.

It marks the second consecutive year, Milton has put out Dundas to advance in the HCBL playoffs.

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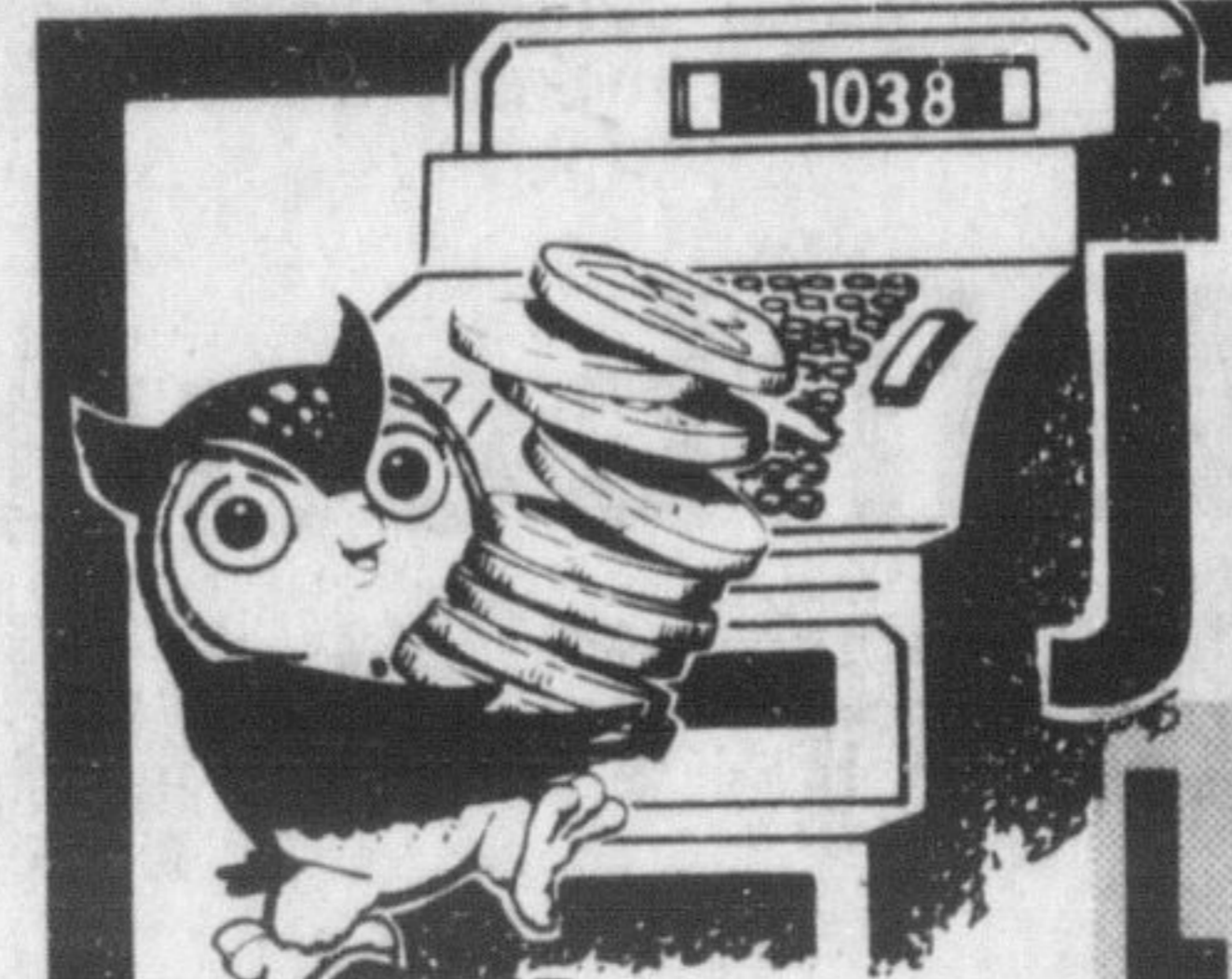
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Needham top bowler

In the largest turnout of the season, Chris Needham bowled her way to the ladies high honors at the Milton Lawn Bowling Club's weekly tournament.

Elizabeth Nyholt finished second to Mrs. Needham while Marg Adams was third. On the men's side, Dean Parrot took the top honors.



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