

## Names in the news



Michael Boyle

**M**ORE PERFECT WEATHER couldn't have been desired as both Milton Minor Baseball and Milton Girls' Softball associations held their respective championship days Saturday and Sunday at Rotary Park.

Both championships were run smoothly. The planning organizations of both groups should be complimented with the care and consideration used for the players' final days on the diamond this year.

It is a credit to the hundreds of people involved, from the president of the leagues to the parents who run their children from park to park and cheer them on, win or lose, that summertime sports are as much valued as they are.

The Champion will again put out a "Salute to Summer Sports" special supplement with many team pictures and wrap-ups of each of the sports. The supplement will be inserted into the regular paper Oct. 7.

This week, names in the news include...

### Earl Demmery

Well not exactly a household name, Milton's Earl Demmery finished fourth in Canada among the best amateur 10-pin bowlers in the country.

Demmery participated in the Canadian playdowns of the Bowling World Cup which will be held at the end of October in Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Regional playdowns left the national championship with eight qualifiers. Demmery qualified for eastern Ontario and went up against some of the best bowlers in the country for the one berth to the Bowling World Cup.

In the national championships, which were held in Vancouver over the Labour Day weekend.

Earl led through the first 14 games with a 200 average. The championships then took the top four bowlers and Demmery was fourth in the roll-off.

"I didn't bowl as well," said Demmery. "I think I averaged about 190."

Randy Kostenuk, of Winnipeg, won the event beating Jack George from St. Catharines in a two-man roll-off.

Demmery qualified to the nationals through a house round in Oakville before going to the eastern Ontario roll-off in the spring in Toronto. Demmery averaged a hot 230 in the house round and an even 201 to win the regional roll-off.

### Al Brodie

A familiar face around baseball parks and hockey arenas, Al is recuperating in Milton District Hospital after suffering a heart attack Friday night at his home.

Al was moved out of intensive care last night (Tuesday) and should be able to receive visitors today (Wednesday). Saturday at the baseball park wasn't

the same without Al who will, no doubt, be back on his feet in no time.

### Ernest C. Drury

We're not exactly talking about the man as much as we are about the school which told the Milton Youth Soccer Club last week it couldn't use its facility for its finals day Saturday.

The club held many games of the Vanguard International Soccer Tournament at Drury and the rainy weather, apparently, chewed up the field pretty bad.

As a result, the school put out some money to fix the fields and didn't look too kindly on the club using the facility again.

The club has rescheduled the house-league finals for Brian Best Park and Milton District High School. The three finals get underway with the atoms starting it off with a 10 a.m. start.

### Gary Thomas

Gary Thomas, of Miltonwe Realty, who rescued Milton Aeros from the verge of collapse, has ordered his team's sweaters and received several inquiries from interested players.

The club has a three-year agreement with its new sponsor which will change the name of the team from Milton Aeros to Miltonwe Realty Aeros.



Gary Thomas

Interesting to note, Ontario Hockey Association spokesman Gary Wilson said he received an inquiry from Milton Flyers to run the intermediate team.

He said it was purely a speculative probe into the possibility of obtaining the franchise rights. Aeros' co-owner Russ Lane had driven to Toronto Wednesday Aug. 26 and turned in the team's entry fee which, in effect, put an end to the Flyers probe.

### Milton Mall

The Milton Fastball League's single-A intermediate entry into the Ontario Amateur Softball Association final playdowns, Milton Mall, will play the reigning Intermediate C champions, Port Stanley in their first game Saturday at 11 a.m. at Verona.

The tournament in is a double-knock-out tourney with eight teams. Verona is about a 20-minute drive north of Kingston.

Last year, Thornborrow Stags, which entered the OASA playdowns intact with their league team, were third.

### Wayne Marchand

It's official. Wayne Marchand's five-year managerial tenure with Milton Optimist Royals has come to an end. Marchand has decided to hand over the coaching reins to someone else.

This past year, Royals finished second with a 14-11 mark, their best in five years, but failed to advance in OBA play past the first round for the second consecutive year.

Interesting to note, Marchand's tyke house-league team, J&R Sewing Sales won the league championship Saturday and finished the year with a mark of 17-1.

# Swedish team to play Comets

For many years, Midget hockey in Milton has been in the doldrums, suffering as a result of the best players defecting to the Junior B ranks leaving a generally jaded group who have become a little tired of the grind after some 10 years of minor hockey.

When Bob Davidson was appointed coach this year, the Comets, still sponsored by Canadian Tire, were born and Davidson promised an exciting program to revitalize what should be the showpiece of any minor hockey organization. It is the culmination of 10 years of player development through the minor hockey system.

This week comes news that Sweden Dandardys midgets will be coming to Milton Sunday, Jan. 3 to play the Comets at Memorial Arena. Confirmation of the Swedish team's visit adds spice to the extensive exhibition and tournament schedule which Davidson and manager Rick Horne have set up to supplement the Comets' regular Tri-County schedule.

The Dandardys team, from suburban Stockholm, are visiting Southern Ontario for 12 days as guests of Welland Minor Hockey and will play seven games against local teams. Rated equivalent to OMHA

"AA" level, they will be meeting Welland, St. Catharines AAA, Port Colborne and Port Erie before they appear in Milton. Two additional games are to be arranged before they return to Sweden Jan. 7.

The Comets are planning a full afternoon of hockey followed by a social event at Lions Hall. Tickets for the game will be on sale shortly and if the demand is the same as it has been when other European teams have visited town they will be snapped up fast. The game is sure to be a sell-out.

In preparation for the season, Comets have been following a strenuous dry-land training program in addition to their on-ice

sessions. Next week they are adding to this with an early morning power-skating program under the direction of Cindy Brown. Some 29 players, including four goalkeepers, have been turning out for training. Davidson plans to cut back to about 20 after an intersquad game this evening (Wednesday) at Memorial Arena at 10 p.m.

Comets are certainly intent on getting midget hockey into orbit in Milton and with a late Sunday afternoon game time, should provide local fans with an attractive alternative.

## Champion Sports

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# Sargent claims league Dash Canadian Tire's Cinderella hopes 18-6

By Steve Leachman

The 1981 Milton Flag Football season came to a close Saturday with Sargent Farms capturing the league championship, defeating Canadian Tire 18-6.

This tremendously popular victory (at least for the Sargent Wives) ended the Cinderella hopes of the Canadian Tire squad to become the first fourth-place team to win a league championship.

Canadian Tire was unable to recapture the intensity of purpose that had led them to their upset victory over the Charles Hotel in the semi-finals and Sargent Farms was never really threatened during the contest.

After a cautiously played scoreless first quarter, Canadian Tire threatened to score the game's first points early in the second quarter. However, Terry Stephenson grabbed the first interception

of the game on the Sargent five-yard line to squelch the Canadian Tire drive.

After a series of exchanges with neither team showing much offence, Sargent Farms' Mike St. John picked off a John Suzuki pass at mid-field. This second Pick-off spurred the Farmers who moved the ball the rest of the field, capping the drive with an Andre St. John to Mo Silcock touchdown pass. The convert was missed leaving Sargent Farms with a 6-0 lead.

Canadian Tire continued to be unable to sustain an offensive drive and shortly after regaining the ball coughed up their third interception of the quarter, with Dan Shulist doing the damage for Sargent Farms. This turnover led to a 20-yard field goal by John Matwysyn to bring the score to 9-0. Mike Kendrick added a 60-yard single late in the quarter to send the Farmers away at halftime leading 10-0.

During the third quarter, the windy conditions seemed to affect both teams and there was no scoring, leaving the title up for grabs going into the final 15 minutes.

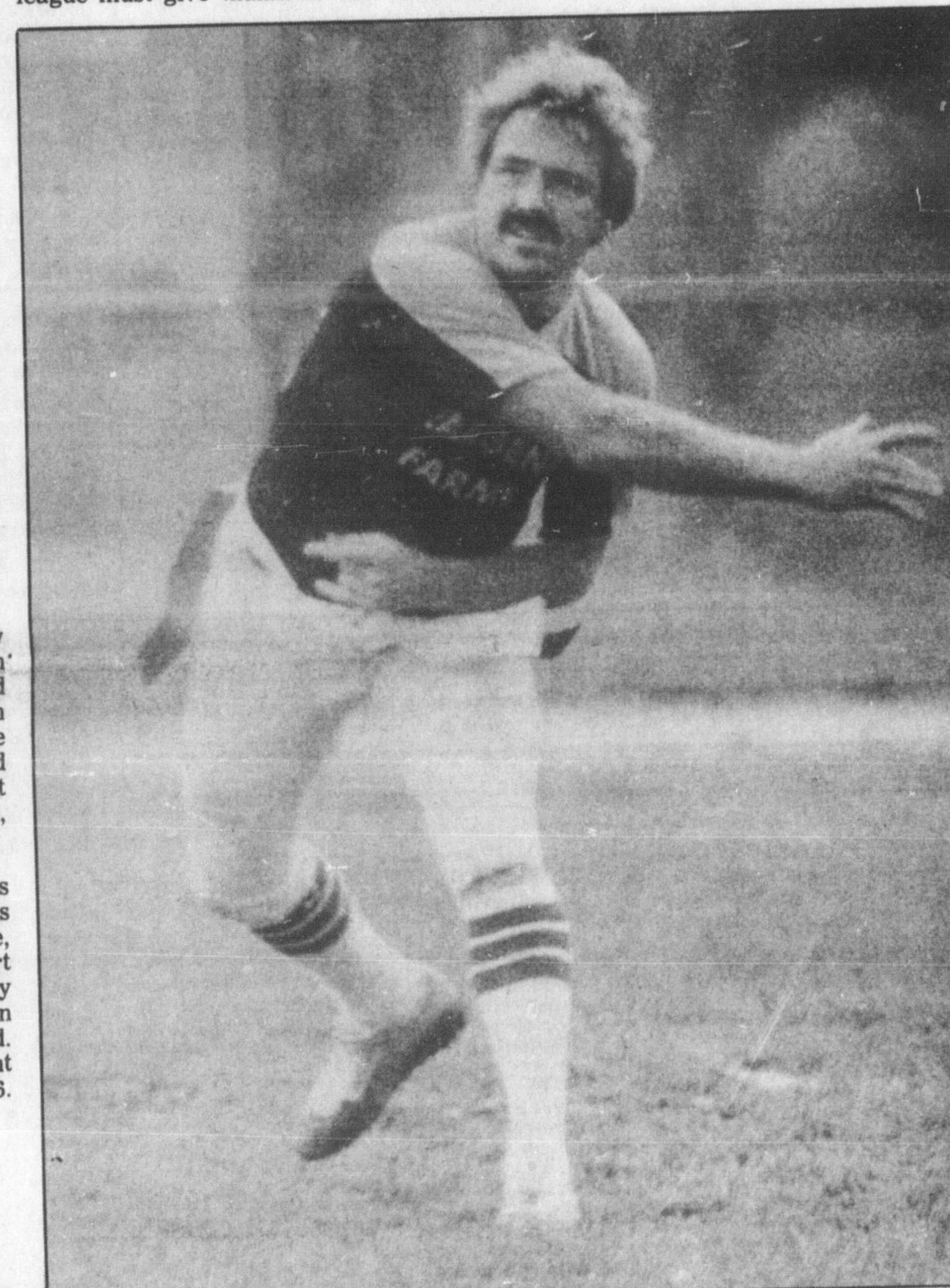
Sargent Farms put the game on ice early in the fourth quarter as Terry Houghton pulled in a St. John pass and outdistanced the opposition for a 50-yard major. With Matwysyn adding the convert to make the score 17-0, several Sargent players could be heard muttering something about "Dynasty" and "How do you like that, Charles Hotel."

Canadian Tire finally came to life as Gary Kennedy intercepted a Sargent pass at midfield and on the ensuing sequence, Suzuki hit Randy Johnson with a short pass that with some brilliant running by Johnson turned into a 40-yard touchdown play to put Canadian Tire on the board. The Canadian Tire attempt at a two-point conversion failed making the score 17-6.

As time ran down in the game, Kendrick added another single-point rouge to make the final score 18-6.

In closing out the football season the league must give thanks to the referees

who once again suffered through a lot of "Guff" from a lot of frustrated jocks and still came through intact and to all the players who made this the league's best year to date. See you all next spring.



He led them: Sargent quarterback Andre St. John led his team to an 18-6 win over Canadian Tire for his team's second Milton Flag Football championship in the past three years.

# Leaside romps to fifth crown

One of these days, somebody is going to make a league just for Leaside Maple Leafs. But in the meantime, the Halton County Baseball Association will have the honor of awarding Leaside the championship year after year.

For the fifth consecutive season, Leaside emerged with the HCBL championship winning a double-knockout, three-team tourney with Campbellville Mohawks and Milton Optimist Royals over the weekend at Campbellville ball park.

The three clubs played against each other once Saturday with a final game between Campbellville and Leaside Sunday which Leafs won easily 23-11 to salt it away.

In the earlier games, Leaside beat Milton 5-2 and Campbellville doubled Royals 4-2 in an exciting game which was decided in the top of the ninth when Mohawk shortstop Rick Mitchell belted a two-run homer.

Leaside closed out the day with a 7-1 win over Campbellville before humbling the club in the 23-11 debacle.

Clearly, Leaside is out of its milieu in the HCBL and should entertain thoughts of moving up to the Inter-County Baseball League. However, rumors Toronto Maple Leafs baseball club of the CBL is against a second Toronto team in the league has made it difficult for Leaside.

Maple Leafs are five-time HCBL champion and three-time holders in the Ontario Baseball Association 'A' group. No team has won two OBA, single A calibre championships and the last HCBL team to win the crown, outside of Leaside, was Oakville in 1976.

The tournament over the weekend began in good competitive fashion with Royals throwing a scare into Leaside. Milton led 1-0 when Rich Binsell's double scored Ray Tonelli in the second inning.

The run must have awoken Leaside as Maple Leafs promptly struck for three runs off three hits in the fourth to take a 3-1 lead. Royals drew to within one when Tonelli's single scored Andy Hull.

The game went without another score until the top of the seventh inning with Leslie scoring twice off one hit and two Royals' errors to sew it up.

The most exciting game was, typically, played between Royals and Mohawks. Pitchers Roger Clement, for Milton, and Don Thomson, for Campbellville turned in sterling efforts. Clement allowed just five hits while Thomson limited Royals to four singles.

Mohawks received a solo home run from Tim Roberts in the second inning for a 1-0 lead. In the bottom of the fourth, Royals got hits from Glen Turner and Tonelli and turned two costly errors into a pair of runs for a 2-1 lead.

Doug Timbers evened the score in the fifth with another solo home run. With the fifth deadlocked, Mitchell belted a two-run homer in the seventh to provide Camp-

bellville with the margin of difference.

The final Leaside-Campbellville contests were strictly no-contacts as Maple Leafs superior pitching, bench strength and all-around play was too formidable for Mohawks.

### Underdogs up 2-1

# Oilers, Wheelers have the edge in MFL semi-final playoffs

Fifth Wheel and Thornborrow Oilers moved to within one win of taking their respective semi-final series in the Milton Fastball League with key victories Monday night.

(The fourth games in each of the best-of-five series was scheduled for last night (Tuesday) which were too late for publication in this week's edition. The fifth games, if necessary, are to be played tonight (Wednesday).

Fifth Wheel, fourth-place finishers in the league, battled league titleholder Colbeck Realty World to a 4-3 win Monday which went eight innings.

In the other series, Oilers bounced back from a 2-0 disadvantage to take a 5-2 lead and held on for a 5-3 win over McDuffe equipment.

In each semi-final series, the lower-placed team has a two game to one lead with two chances to wrap it up.

Fifth Wheel and Colbeck have played three tight-scoring games so far. In the opener, Colbeck needed a seventh-inning run to force a tie and then won the game 4-3 in the bottom of the 10th inning.

Fifth Wheel battled right back to even the series with a 3-1 win which set the stage for Monday's 4-3 win.

In the third game, Jeff Heggie belted a triple for Fifth Wheel in the eighth inning and then came home on a passed ball to score the deciding run.

Colbeck jumped out into a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning when Larry Withnell singled, Wayne Riebot doubled

and Tony Ceelen doubled.

Fifth Wheel bounced back in the fourth to tie with Glen Gordon drawing a lead-off walk, scoring on Dave Pelley's triple who scored on Ray Deleard's single.

Wheelers got the lead in the fifth with Paul McCann hitting a single, being sacrificed to second, stealing third and scoring on an error.

The seesaw battle continued with Colbeck tying the score in the bottom of the fifth. Len Jillard tripled and scored on an error.

Norm Topping threw the first three innings for Wheelers before being relieved by Deleard who earned the win. Don Martin suffered the loss.

Oilers and McDuffe played 4½ scoreless innings before McDuffe struck for two runs off Oiler starter Ed Dunn. Pete McDuffe singled, scored on an error on a ball hit by Doug McCutcheon who scored on Doug McLaughlin's double.

In the top of the sixth, Oilers took the lead with three runs. Trevor Houston and Norm Mowbray drew consecutive one-out walks, Bill Brush hit a two-run triple and came home on Loris Faggion's RBI single.

Oilers padded the lead to 5-2 without a hit in the top of the seventh. Dan Tielmans and Dave Cluett each drew walks and moved up a base on a wild pitch. Houston's sacrifice fly scored Tielmans and Cluett came home on a passed ball.

McDuffe tried gamely to rally in the seventh. Pete McDuffe led off with a triple and after Dunn struck out catcher Paul

Lorimer, Randy Coulson hit a pinch-hit single. However, excellent defensive plays threw out Coulson at second trying to stretch a single into a double and Dunn struck out McLaughlin to end the game. McDuffe out-hit Oilers 6-4.

McDuffe won the opener 4-0 on Rob Amos' four-hit pitching. Pete McDuffe hit a two-run homer in the first inning and Bob 'Pie' Lee hit a two-run double in the third.

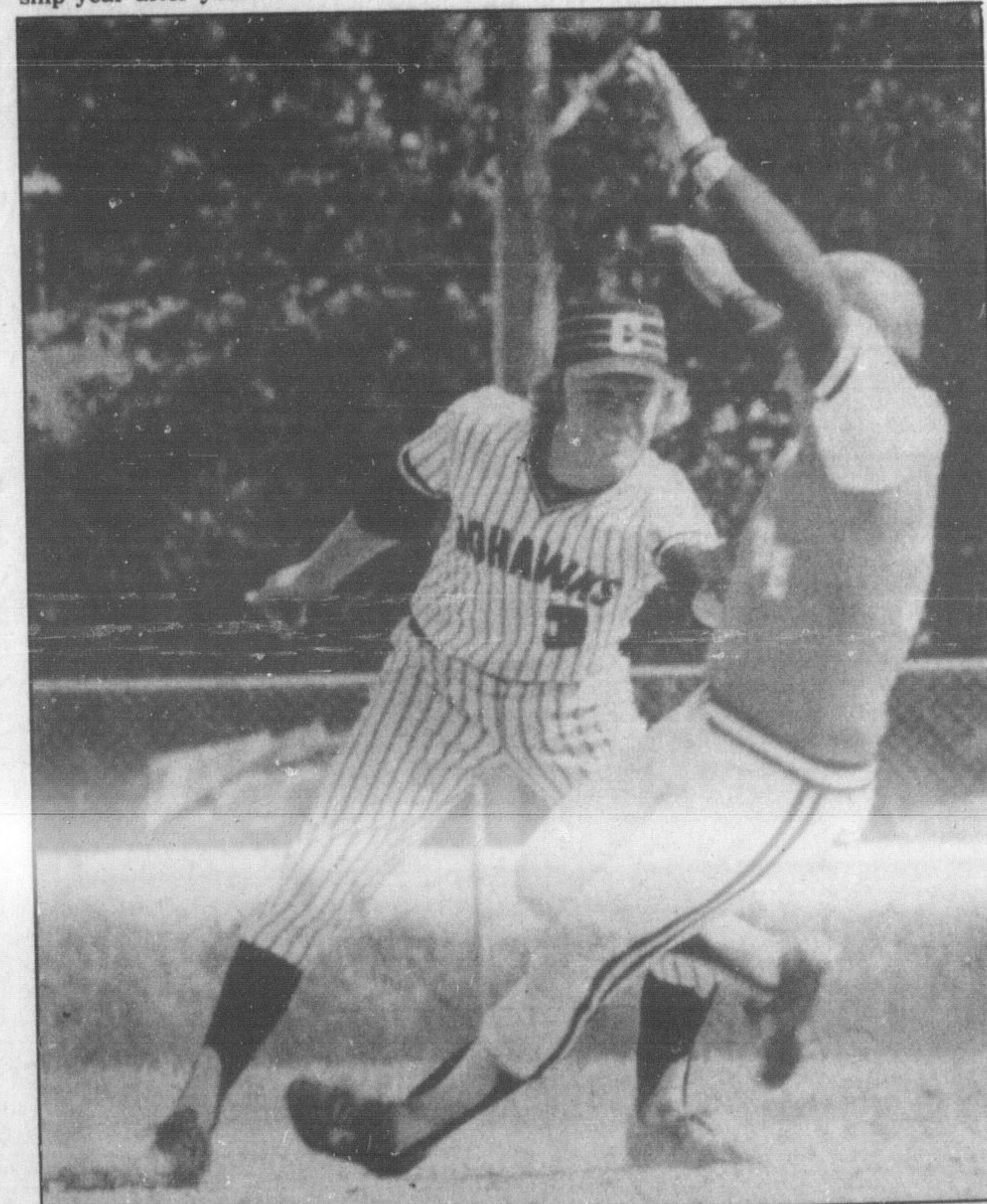
Oilers marched back the next night with four hits in the fifth inning which led to all three runs and a 3-1 win.

The big inning started when Brush singled, Faggion hit an RBI triple, Doug Naylor followed with an RBI single and Houston hit an run-scoring double. McDuffe scored an unearned run in the fourth inning for a brief 1-0 lead when Lee singled, moved up on a sacrifice and came home on an error.

In the first games in the Colbeck-Wheelers series, Larry Withnell's second hit of the game scored Don Martin in the 10th inning for the victory in the opener. Fifth Wheel led 3-1 at one point before Colbeck rallied in the fifth and seventh innings for single runs with Al Fenton providing the charge. Fenton hit a triple in the fifth and scored on a sacrifice fly and then belted an inside-the-park homer in the seventh to force extra innings.

Wheelers evened the series although the club managed but two hits off Fenton in the second game.

The club used their hits properly. Deleard hit an RBI single in the first and Heggie belted a two-run triple in the third.



Gallant effort: Mohawk second-baseman Steve Smith puts the tag on Gino Campoli of Leaside Maple Leafs but it didn't help much as the powerful Leaside club won all three games by decisive scores to win the Halton County Baseball championship over Campbellville and Milton over the weekend.