

# Selects get consolation trophy at Glanbrook

Milton's boys select T-ball team hasn't beaten Erindale yet this year, and they couldn't beat them on the weekend either. But they beat everyone else to take the consolation championship at the Glanbrook Tournament.

Erindale Lions handed Milton a 15-11 defeat in the tournament opener, but Milton rallied to string together three impressive wins. Milton's Selects beat Erin Mills 19-1 in three innings, downed Clarkson 22-2 in four innings and more than doubled Guelph Royals 22-10 for the consolation title.

"The Guelph game was supposed to be close and it was not," said Milton coach Dave Roy, who works with manager John Glover. "It was close early on but in the fourth inning we held them scoreless."

"They (Milton) really played well," Roy said. "They've improved all through the year and the last three games have been the best yet."

Milton's record stands at nine wins against four losses. In tournament play, Milton has two consolation trophies in three tournaments.

Solid defence was a cornerstone of Milton's success. The pitching combo of Ryan Burne and Jim Stelter as well as fielders Brent Walker, Darren Haydar and Trevor Petherick all contributed effectively to keeping opposition runners off the bases.

The Milton infield of Adam Bertoli, Michael Roy, Michael Armstrong and Robert Haringa turned several double plays in allowing only 13 runs over the course of the tournament.

Offensively Mark Simpson, Craig Penfold, Stephen Glover and Nicky Aalbers wielded big bats.

## Optis in tough

Milton's Optimist major tyke baseball reps went up against some tough competition in recent action, and although they gave all their opponents a run for the money, Optis only came up with one win in three starts.

Milton downed Clarkson 13-11 in a tough, well-played game but lost 8-6 to Burlington in their other league contest. In exhibition action, Montreal Braves shaded Milton 7-6 at Burlington Sunday.

Chuckers Jeff McKenzie and Rick O'Donnell combined for nine strikeouts as Milton outlasted Clarkson.

O'Donnell got Milton on the scoreboard in the first inning, but Clarkson scored a run too.

McKenzie was hot in the second inning, striking out six batters. Offensively Milton moved into top gear too, scoring six runs. Stephen Webb slammed a homer. McKenzie, Mark Ollerenshaw, Darryl Finley, Bobby

## Sticking to plan paramount

Bob Gibson's season plan couldn't be working out better than at the moment, but his soccer team's success provides the one element Gibson wanted to avoid.

Tension. Because Can Travel Rangers are sitting atop their division in the Inter-County Soccer League, and the rest of the crowd would like nothing better than to knock them off.

While every team is gunning for Milton, however, Gibson is working to make sure the players maintain the relaxed style of play which has brought them success thus far.

There's a little bit more pressure on us," Gibson admitted. "Of course there is. Of course people are snapping at our coattails."

But while the pressure is on, Gibson wants to maintain the same easygoing attitude even if Milton takes a couple of losses as other teams key on the leaders.

"One of the things teams start doing when they're losing is argue with each other. I'm instilling that on our team. I don't want people to argue. I want them to have fun. I don't want to change our game plan. I think that relaxed atmosphere will keep us coming through."

But Gibson is quick to point out that although Milton plays loosely, "there is a discipline. It was there Wednesday (Milton shut out Acton 4-0). We have a wall of defence and it has not failed us."

Rob Holliday, Gibson, Omar Adams and Andy Cartwright scored for Milton against Acton.

Milton is slated to play Streetsville tonight (Wednesday) in Streetsville. Streetsville has come up from the cellar to second place, and Gibson regards them as easily Milton's toughest challengers.

## Wingers clipped

CRSC United of Georgetown handed Cheers Wingers of Milton a 2-0 defeat in Georgetown last week, but the first goal in the ladies' soccer game was shrouded in controversy.

The play was fairly even for most of the first half, with both teams getting several shots on goal. Georgetown took the lead late in the first half on a controversial play.

Milton contended the ball was out of play on a field poorly marked. Also, most players stopped but the official did not blow his whistle. Further, Milton said, the ball then was passed to an offside Georgetown player, who then scored. Milton argued strongly against the goal, but to no avail.

The second half started with a second Georgetown goal, but Milton's defence kept them at bay for the remainder of the contest. Milton's Carol Bousfield earned her team's player of the game award for aggressiveness.

Gaetan and O'Donnell also scored for Milton.

Clarkson came right back in the top of the third, however, scoring five runs to cut Milton's lead to one after three innings.

Clarkson took the lead in the fourth, scoring two runs to nudge ahead of Milton. But Pat Gleason made Clarkson's lead short-lived, scoring in the bottom of the fourth to knot the score at eight.

Clarkson counterpunched again in the fifth, scoring three runs, but Milton answered that with a four-run barrage to take a 12-11 lead. McKenzie, Rick Warren, Ollerenshaw and Gleason scored for Milton.

Webb added an insurance run in the sixth for the hard-fought victory.

Against Burlington it was another seesaw battle, but this time Milton came out on the short end.

Dave Marshall struck out five batters as he shouldered the loss.

Burlington took a one-run lead in the first inning. But Webb tied it when he tripled and scored on a hit.

The second and third innings were scoreless. Burlington erupted for three runs in the fourth but Milton added four of their own. Marshall, Darryl Finley, Warren and Gleason scored to give Milton a one-run lead.

The fifth was scoreless but Burlington scored three in the sixth to take a two-run lead. They padded that with another in the seventh. O'Donnell countered with a run for Milton in the last inning, but that was the extent of the Milton rally.

Milton lost a heartbreaker to the visitors from Montreal, leaving the bases loaded in the seventh (last) inning to lose 7-6.

Braves went ahead 2-0 in the first inning. Milton came back with two runs in the third and two in the top of the fourth to take a 4-2 lead. McKen-

zie and Warren scored in the third while Finley and Derek French added the other two in the fourth.

That lead was short-lived, however, as Braves scored twice in the bottom of the fourth to tie the game. Montreal went ahead 7-4 with two runs in the fifth and one run in the sixth inning.

Milton rallied with runs from Marshall and Deraiche in the seventh but fell short, stranding the three baserunners for the 7-6 loss.

## Injuries nag Magna

There was good news and bad news for Magna International juvenile baseball reps last week.

The good news was that Milton cruised to an easy 17-3 win over Cawthra in league action.

The bad news was twofold. Firstly, Magna has lost the services of starter Frank Fitzgerald for the season. Secondly, Milton is amassing a disturbing number of rained-out games.

Fitzgerald broke his wrist in an accident unrelated to baseball and is out for the rest of the season. Working under a substantial existing injury load, Magna must rely on Bonin's Esso midget reps for players until some of Magna's walking wounded return to action.

There's a good deal of talent on the midget club, but in the event of a scheduling conflict Bonin's games take precedence over filling in for Magna.

Milton's juveniles were rained out twice this week, and coach Bill Churchill is worried that the make-up games will run into the playoff season.

At Cawthra, Paul McCutcheon went the distance to earn the win, striking out 11 batters. A second-inning three-run double by Chris

Wright set Milton up for the easy win. Bill Corradetti led Milton with two hits. Darren Widdis, Fitzgerald, Bruce Cameron, John Blasko and Steve May also hit safely. Midgets Matt McCandless and Jim Speck also contributed at the plate.

## Some shaky fielding

Seehaver Welding major peewees dropped two close games in Central Ontario Baseball Association play last week. Shaky fielding probably spelled the difference in both contests.

Welders lost 7-6 when Streetsville came to Milton for game one of the week and dropped their second game to Clarkson 7-5.

Damien Dubien pitched for Milton, striking out 10 batters and allowing but seven hits in the opener. Early fielding problems contributed to five unearned runs against Milton, however.

Todd Mulley led the offence for Milton as he singled twice, scored twice and drove in a run. Trevor Brandt scored twice and clipped a single. Stewart Williams singled and scored once. Kevin O'Donnell singled, Dubien, Ryan Peddie and Garth Moore each banged an RBI and John Cheeseman scored once.

Welders again had early fielding jitters against Clarkson which took a four-run lead from Milton starter Mulley. Mulley went the distance, scattering but four hits as he took the loss.

David McDuffe paced the Milton attack with a double, a single and an RBI. Dubien singled, scored twice and drove in a run. Mulley doubled and drove in two runs while Williams singled and scored once. Moore added a single and Brandt crossed the plate once to round out the offence.

Welders hosted Brampton Tuesday and are slated to visit Oakville tonight (Wednesday). Milton finishes the regular-season COBA schedule Friday at home to Burlington. Ontario Baseball Association playoff classifications were awarded Monday night but were not available at press time.

In other developments, Milton will soon draw for an opponent at the Pepsi-Cola Tournament, to be held at the Cnaadain National Exhibition July 29.

## Lions now 7-6

Strong pitching and error-free defence put Milton's Lions Club bantam baseball reps above .500 on the

season last week.

Milton beat Burlington 2-1 Monday night and edged Oakville by the same margin Thursday.

Jody Rowley went the distance for Milton against Oakville, pitching a three-hitter. He struck out two, walked one and hit a batter.


Irenej Vrban got the win for Milton against Burlington, pitching no-hit ball until the fourth inning. He retired with a 2-0 lead in the sixth after being tagged for a single. Rich Carman relieved, striking out two batters before giving up the run-scoring single. Carman then nailed down the Milton win by striking out the side in the seventh. Vrban and Carman combined for 13 strikeouts.

Oakville jumped to a short-lived lead, scoring in the top of the first inning. Lions replied with two runs in the bottom of the first. Eric Peternell had one single for Milton while Carman had the other two and drove in both runs. Lions played errorless ball and made many fine defensive plays.

Greg Rae scored both Lions' runs in Burlington. He got the first one in the second inning, the result of a series of Burlington errors. Rae got the game winner in the sixth when he was squeeze-bunted home by Jody Rowley.

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