

# Key Centre finds correct combination in tournament

The Spring Training Tournament of the Milton Men's Slo-Pitch League held last Saturday at Drumquin Park crowned a new champion. Four straight victories by our newest member, the Key Centre, put a lock on the coveted title.

Bright, early morning sunshine (a little too bright perhaps) greeted the athletes, who were sporting the latest in baseball attire; track pants, shorts, culottes. The first four games were all decided by the slimmest of margins. Yes, even slimmer than Merv Ball's slender new profile.

A typical tussle was the 12-11 win by the Key Centre over Re/max Realty. Neophyte sponsor Randy Howse led by example with three hits. Neil Wood and Ken Phillips each scored a pair of runs. For Re/max, Dennis Cheevers also

## Slo-Pitch

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led, but certainly not by example.

St. Clair Paint and Paper were next to do a fast fade as the Key Centre once again scored a dozen runs while allowing the Painters only a singleton.

Meanwhile, Bousfield Automotive and The Dickens were engaged in a marathon match-

up that saw the day's only extra inning game. Seven first inning singles supplied a six run lead for The Dickens as Bousfield Automotive appeared to be in need of a spring tune-up.

However, the Automen finally stopped idling, shifted into drive, tied the score at eight and forced an additional frame. All was for nought though, as Ian Grant scored the only run The Dickens would need to win 9-8.

The Key Centre pushed the fast forward button on Milton Colour and Sound and disposed of the tv boys 6-5 in just 40 minutes.

The championship final pitted Key Centre against The Dickens. The restaurateurs appeared to be overmatched, overworked and overtired as they served the Keymen a 16-2 victory, tax and gratuity included. Howse went

four for four and scored three runs. Rich Hierman, Robert Filman and Pat Grant supplied eight hits and five runs. For The Dickens, Ian Grant scored each time he reached base.

**Adams Apples:** Darcy McGee's demonstration of Newton's Law of Physics at least proved that a moving object (Darcy's skull) is able to withstand the force of an immovable object (the steel backstop). Well, at least nothing that nine staples and four stitches can't fix. Have a speedy recovery Darcy and we'll see you back soon.

**Memo to Bill Michaluk:** If you use the scorebook to keep score you'll find it's a lot easier to know what inning it is... And one final thought; to err is human, two errors is Adams.

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## Practice makes perfect

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Milton's Ryan Leworthy takes a few laps of the track at Bishop Reding with his father Mike in preparation for this Saturday's South Central Regional Games for the physically disabled. Leworthy, a racer and basketball player gave a demonstration of wheelchair athletics to the students of W.I. Dick Middle School on Tuesday.

## Next year

# North Halton to have triple-A rep hockey

By BRAD REAUME

The 1990-91 season will see the birth of triple-A minor hockey in the Milton area.

Wayne Pries, chairman of the committee overseeing the move, said agreement to the plan exists in principle from all associations involved.

The Halton Triple-A Hockey Alliance will draw players from a zone stretching from Flamborough to Orangeville. The geographical area of the zone is determined by population and existing playing patterns.

Double-A and single-A teams in each community will maintain their present local structure, Pries said. "It's every boy's dream to play triple-A hockey. We want to give everybody the opportunity to play to the highest level."

Pries said the zone is large geographically, but a population of 90,000 to 125,000 is required by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) in the zone plan. Eventually the entire province will be included in triple-A zones.

Presently a 50,000 base population is required for triple-A recognition and then only with a solid record of success at double-A.

"There are centres with 80,000 people who struggle at double-A," Pries said. "They don't even attempt to move up."

It is hoped that with the opportunity to play triple-A hockey, local players will stay local and not try to bend the rules by playing with other associations, Pries said. Players have been known to 'acquire' Toronto addresses and then travel to the games from outside the Toronto area. It is not unknown for families to pull up stakes merely so the children can play triple A hockey.

The Georgetown Minor Hockey Association has agreed to be involved and Pries said he is waiting for the announcing of the new Milton Minor Hockey Association executive

before receiving official word on Milton's stance.

Talks with MMHA president Terry Brandt have produced an agreement in principle to the plan, Pries said.

According to Pries the OMHA began implementation of the zone concept for triple-A last year when a number of zones were formed north of Toronto. Richmond Hill, Vaughn and Simcoe were included in one such zone. The success of those projects has led to the same thing happening here.

"The whole thing has been in the works for four or five years," Pries said.

A survey by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) in 1984 prompted Pries to write a letter in December of that year to OMHA suggesting the zone alignments at triple-A.

Enough ice time is presently available in Milton and Georgetown and the probable centres for the 11 teams that will give the area a full slate of triple-A squads. Pries said more ice time would be nice but they do have enough to begin the process without treading on anyone's toes.

"Some (classifications), like minor novice, major midget and juvenile have very few teams at the triple-A level throughout the province, so we will have to look closely at exactly what teams we want to include," Pries said.

"It will take the cream off the top of the present teams, but if it serves to keep the kids here then so be it," he added.

The Halton Triple-A Hockey Alliance teams will be known as the Halton Hurricanes.

Initially it was thought Acton might join a Guelph-based zone but they have elected to play in Halton. There is a lot of work left to do and details will probably take all summer to iron out, said Pries. "It's going to happen."

# MDHS sets several school records at Rebel Relays

A number of fine results and school records fell when Milton District High School competed in the Rebel Relays at Georgetown High School Tuesday.

In boys events Craig Batstone won gold in the long jump with a leap of 5.81 metres. Mike McLaughlan finished fourth. The midget boys 4 x 800 relay team set a school record and took first. The team of Mitch Robinson, Mark Costain, Graham Henderson and Chris Heipel finished in 9:52.17.

Robinson ran an 800 metres, Andy Coulson ran 200 metres, Sean Faulknor scrambled another 200 metres and Paul Ouellette finished up with a 400-metre run in a sprint medley in

which MDHS was second in 4:17.15.

In the same event the junior boys team of Dion Comba, Batstone, Trevor Brandt and Kevin Wessinger finished second in 4:15.57.

Jamie Hamilton was fourth in the junior boys triple jump and the midget boys 4 x 200 metres team managed a school record, though they didn't place. Will Gearin, Ouellette, Coulson and Faulknor finished in 1:47.01.

In girls track action Christy Picard managed a gold in the junior girls high jump with a leap of 1.50 metres. Marsha Van Cedar heaved the javelin 28.39 metres and cleared the bar at 1.40 in the midget girls high

jump to claim golds in both events. She also managed a third in midget girls discus.

Robin Leworthy won the junior girls javelin with a throw of 31.32 metres. She also took the discus with a 25 metre throw and came second in high jump at 1.50 metres. Lynda Zavitz finished second in the midget girls high jump at 1.35 and Betsy Merry lobbied the shot 8.87 metres to claim a second place.

The 4 x 400 junior girls relay team of Christina Dick, Carol Johnston, Lisa KanHai and Brenda Howard finished second. The midget girls 4 x 800 team set a school record at 11:28.21. Melissa McCuaig, Robin El-

lison, Howard and Paula Ashby claimed the silver medal.

The MDHS 4 x 100 junior relay team of Michelle Drnovscek, Picard, Johnston, and Dick finished second in 56.10. In the open distance medley senior relay Tara Laskosky ran a 1,200 metres, Dick ran a 400 metres, Howard ran an 800 metres and Ashby finished off with a 1,600. The team finished third.

In the midget girls 4 x 400 relay Nia Llewellyn, Gemma Warner, Karen Smith and Ellison ran fourth in 4:56 even. They claimed a new MDHS record.

Zoe Fielder flung the shot 7.75 metres to finish fourth.

## Want to play fastball?

Looking for a place to play some fun fastball?

The Milton Men's Fun Fastball League is looking for players. League spokesman Paul Stover said one entry in the five-team loop has dropped out and the league would like to continue with five squads.

Some players from the former team remain but more are needed to make a viable entry, says Stover. Interested people can call Mike at 878-8093 or Paul at 878-3458 after 5 p.m.