

Good defence allows Re/max, Halton Pool to tie one on

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In the slo-pitch battle of the basement boarders, Re/max Realty tangled to a tie with Halton Pool and Patio 14-14.

Three dazzling defensive grabs by Re/max rookie Terry Young in the final two frames showed why he is indeed outstanding in his field. Paul McDermott swung a sizzling stick for the Realtors in cranking out four hits. Ron Anderson and Don Lawrence were each good for a pair of runs.

Steve Gervais and Bob Castrucci matched hits with four apiece. Jim McCrossin and Barry McTrach contributed five McHits to the pool.

Later in the week an injury plagued nine man lineup for Re/max devoured the Dickens 19-8. In winning only their second game of the season, Jim Wedgewood squeezed a two run homer from his bat to compliment a six hit, three run night.

McDermott and Lawrence once again ran like rabbits to reach home seven times. And the musical rendition of Da Two Rons Run, Anderson and Fisher, ran across the plate five times.

For the Dickens, Fred Masse sprayed three

Slo-Pitch

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hits and scored a pair. Fred Bakes, who lugged out a bases loaded triple in the eighth, showed their life after breath.

A seemingly pitiful 10 hits for Oceanox produced only eight runs but against the Dickens that was good enough for an 8-7 win. Clive Gilray (not the movie critic) was responsible for 20 per cent of his team's totals.

The Dickens pummeled 22 hits in a losing cause. Craig Kemp, Steve Kindree and Rick Laufman slapped nine of those safeties.

St. Clair Paint and Paper's streak continued with a 15-11 shellacking of Milton Colour and Sound. Bob Comport led the Painter with five hits. Bill Brown, Frank Haydar and Brian Budworth rallied round the bases to score six runs.

Budworth's four hits equalled his career high set during the squad's warm-up when he hit four fungoes to his perpetually patient teammates.

The scoresheet detailing the written accounts of the Colour and Soundmen were not made available for my analysis.

The Key Centre regained the lead atop the Coors Division with a 12-1 win over Fat Freddy's. Sandy Aquilanti hammered a three-run homer in the eight and Pat Grant nailed a two-run shot in the ninth for the new league leaders. The pitching of Neil Wood and Marsh Horner severely stifled the opposition.

The only run for the Fatboys came in the second inning as a direct result of Pete and Repete. Crewson legged out a triple and Fowler knocked him home with a single.

The season's first shutout nearly occurred in the 11-4 game between Oceanox, winners of their last three, and Goliger's Travel, losers of four in a row.

Bob Roselle of Oceanox, following in the footsteps of those before him, homered with two aboard in the third. John Rossi

sandwiched a strikeout between three singles.

As for Goliger's, their travel alarm obviously didn't go off until the ninth inning. With only goose eggs to show for eight innings, the Travellers finally scored four runs, with two out, to chase away that skunk that was seen lurking in the bushes.

The week's finale saw Bousfield Automotive sneak by Halton Pool 11-10. It was Mutch Ado About Something as Mighty Mike Mutcheson powered a pair of two-run taters. Don Restivo registered two ribbies. Bob Castrucci, Dunc Currie and John Vanderwader supplied the offensive pool power.

Adams Apples: Pitcher Stumper Davidson has informed me that he has lowered his ERA to 1.97 per inning. . . . Ian Birnie's phantom force out at second base leads me to believe he's seen *Field of Dreams* one too many times.

If it's true Bill Michaluk took his team's scoresheet to Europe, I'm sure he'll find a suitable use for it in their under equipped facilities. . . . Next week's column will include the slo-pitch standings. Make your wagers early!

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Rival Junior B hockey leagues break off talks about merging

By TOM MICHIBATA
Special to the Champion

Talks between the Central Ontario Junior B and independent Metro Junior hockey leagues have broken off indefinitely.

The Metro group came to the Central League requesting a meeting in July to discuss further merits of joining forces and perhaps forming a Junior A league. But because the date is well after the Ontario Hockey Association's Saturday deadline for junior teams to apply for entry into its association, the Central group want no part of Metro's intentions.

The Ontario Hockey Association is the governing body for junior hockey in the province and is part of the Ontario Hockey Federation.

"The meeting is off," said Oakville Blades GM Murray Walker, a member of the Central three-man committee formed to hold discussions with the dissident Metro group. "It (the meeting) misses the June 15 deadline."

"Unless something happens we're not interested in any further deals," said Central League convener Grant Turner.

Metro was at odds with the OHA and opted out of its auspices last year, citing the association's high administration costs as the major reason. The OHA verbally agreed to allow Metro to be part of the federation for one year because it was affiliated with the Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League (MTHL), an OHA member. That one-year period has since expired and Metro is now on its own.

"We won't return to the OHA as it is today," said Al Lang, a Metro League director and part of its discussion committee with Central. "All we're doing is communicating with them and hope they see how to cut



Rick Bince

costs in operating junior hockey."

Walker says there is no need to talk at this point.

"It's like the Meech Lake Accord thing. If Newfoundland is absolutely determined not to change their mind what's the point of talking," he said. "We only agreed to meet if we had areas of common ground. Then we could see what our differences are and iron them out. But collectively we would come under one umbrella."

As far as Walker is concerned, the Metro League is in his bad books. "It's not a bonafide league and its most important players know that," Walker said. "Those guys are headed towards a path of destruction."

Rick Bince, coach and GM of the Milton Merchants, echoes Walker's sentiments. "Forget them. Personally I'm fed up with them," Bince said.

Walker says it's ironic that all of the turmoil is occurring during the OHA's 100th anniversary year.

"It's no good for hockey. If they decided to come back, we could sit down and talk about restructuring. We want them back but we want them back under the conditions that govern us all. To say to hell with the OHA and then set up your own organization is anarchy," Walker said.

"I mean who is driving the bus? I've been around the sport for a long time so I know when push comes to pull someone had to make the decisions. Otherwise you'll have people ganging up on each other," he added.

Walker believes many of the Metro people are getting the wrong information from the MTHL or they are "hearing what they want to hear."

The Metro League and MTHL are affiliated.

"It's a recreational league within the MYHL and that's the best they can be," Walker said.

Bince blames MTHL president John Gardner for the misinformation.

"The people in Metropolitan Toronto have a radical leader," Bince said. "John Gardner is trying to dictate things over there. It's probably one of the reasons why people in the Metro area are not doing anything. Those kids are being lied to by Gardner."

"I think they are a pretty disappointed group. They had no chance to go for the Sutherland Cup. I talked to some of the kids there because I run a summer hockey camp and they were peeved."

"They should realize that the OHA and CAHA are not buckling under. Last year they made an error in judgement. They've got until midnight Friday to re-enter the proper way."

Gardner couldn't be reached for comment.

Lang though, gives Gardner a vote of confidence. "John Gardner has been great for our league," said Lang, GM of the Thornhill Thunderbirds. "He's saved us \$10,000 per team. People seem to lose sight of the fact we're in it for the kids. We're not egomaniacs."

"They say we don't get to play for the Sutherland Cup. Personally I don't give a hoot. Only one team from our league would get to go and that was mine last year."

Lang says the reason to go junior A this year is that the label is more attractive.

"People will watch Junior A before Junior B," Lang said. "It's like do you pick Car I or Car II. You take A before B. It's a better marketing tool."

Notes: Milton Merchants coach and GM Rick Bince has put forth an amendment to expand the recruiting boundaries designated as non-import to Metropolitan Toronto for all 14 Central Ontario Junior B Hockey League teams. Currently five teams are allowed to go into Metro with this designation — Aurora, Newmarket, Streetsville, Brampton and Markham.

Voting on the amendment will take place at the OHA's annual meeting Saturday in Toronto. Bince though doesn't like his chance of success.

"If I win this one, they should make me president of the United States. . . ."



Photo by BRAD REALME

The Legend and Greystone

Canada's Moe Norman, often described as the best striker of a golf ball in the world, took the inaugural shot at Greystone Golf Club on Monday. Greystone, immediately north of Milton on First Line Halton Hills, actually opens for play next July. The private club is looking to fill out its membership of 380.

Lacrosse team wins Whitby tournament

In zone eight league play Milton Realty World peewee lacrosse team improved its record to 4-1 with two impressive victories last week including its first tournament championship.

On Tuesday in Orangeville, Milton overcame a 3-0 first period deficit with a hat trick from Jimmy Leworthy and a solo from Pat Lennox to earn a 4-3 win. Assists went to Andrew Hartholt, Derek Rockel, Ryan Pender and Jimmy Leworthy.

On Thursday evening back at Milton the team beat Arthur 5-1 with

goals from Lennox and Leworthy each with a pair and a single by Andrew Hartholt. Assists went to Trevor Petherick, Willie Noon and Leworthy.

Following their two wins Milton entered the Whitby tournament last weekend, returning home with the title for the first time.

On Friday Milton routed the Whitby III team 10-1 with Hartholt scoring six goals and Leworthy popping a pair and adding four assists.

Saturday the team played Orillia winning 7-0 with pairs of goals from

Leworthy and Hartholt and singles by Lennox, Petherick and Hartholt. In the semifinal Milton faced stronger opposition from Whitby II but came through 5-2 with a goal from Hartholt and two each from Petherick and Leworthy.

In a hard-fought final against Owen Sound goals by Leworthy and Hartholt gave Milton a 2-0 first period lead. Petherick added a pair in the second half and was joined on the scorecard by Lennox and another by Leworthy put the game out of reach.