



Photo by CAROL McDONALD

The Scannell Camaro and racing team at Montreal in the first race in the 1990 Players-GM Motor Sport Racing Series. Howie Scannell Jr. sits behind the wheel while the elder Scannell barks some commands into his headset.

Scannell on track for improvement

Howie Scannell Jr. finished 10th last weekend at Shannonville Motor Speedway in the third race of the 10 event 1990 Players/GM Motor Sport series.

According to Scannell Sr., a racer for 32 years, and responsible for looking after the 1991 Camaro the team uses, top 10 finishes are tough in this high profile racing series.

"There's some pretty well known drivers racing as well as people with major corporate sponsors like Tide, MacKenzie Financial and Sunoco," he said. "Last year we would qualify 23rd or 24th in a possible field of 26 and this year, with a little experience, we are qualifying in the top 10 and hoping to finish higher."

The car was damaged in an accident on the second turn of Sunday's race. But for that, Scannell figures the team could have finished seventh. "After the accident we were just happy to finish."

The week before Shannonville at a race in Montreal, the Scannell car finished 11th in a field of 26. All the cars are identically prepared, and according to Scannell, with the exception of safety features like roll bars and fire-suppression systems, and beefed up suspension, are exactly the cars that would be found on the street.

"You have to rebuild the car after every race," Scannell Sr. said. "We have to modify the suspension given the track we're going to and we have to do the brakes and other segments that can wear down." The Scannell car is sponsored by Grant Haulage, Active Ultrahaul and Hornby Box and Pallet for its run through the 10 race series.

"We're doing quite a bit better than last year," Scannell Sr. said. "But then we'd never done it before." The first race of the season was at Mosport and next week's race in the Eastern Canadian series is also at Mosport.

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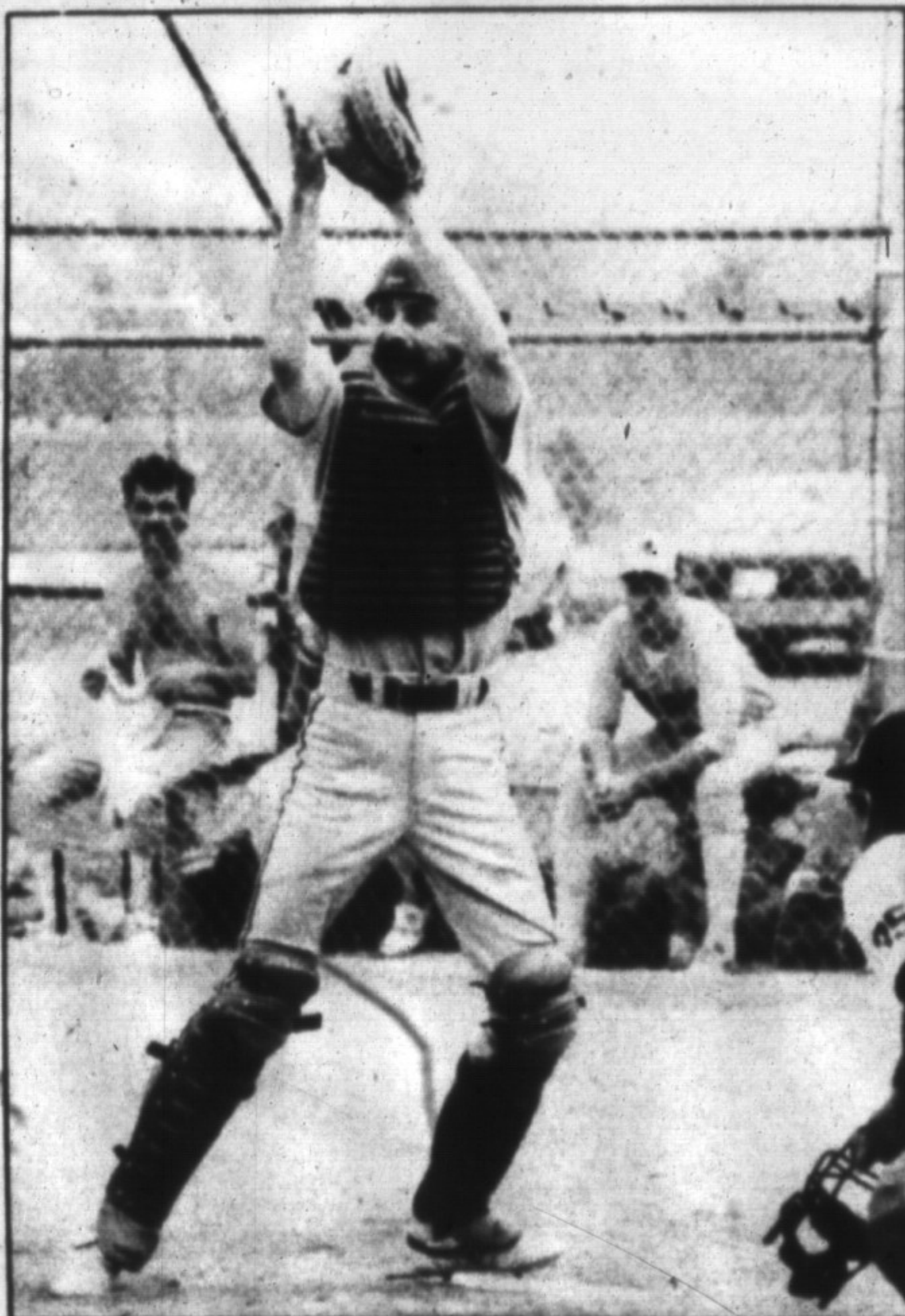
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Glen Turner, player-manager of the Milton Red Sox senior baseball team, hauls in a throw from brother John who was playing third. The brothers combined to nail Dundas right fielder and second place hitter Kevin Robinson at the plate on a force play for the second out of the third inning. The Red Sox gave up three runs in the frame and lost 8-4 in the game at Brian Best Park on Sunday.

Turner says Milton Red Sox can't quit despite team's woeful 1-9 record

By BRAD REAUME

The Milton HJM Red Sox are in the midst of a June swoon.

The 1-9 Red Sox have not won a game since they beat Oakville on June 2 for their only victory of the young season.

Last weekend they dropped both ends of a home stand, with a 6-0 setback against Dundas and an 8-4 loss to Burlington. June 10 the Red Sox lost 6-2 in Dundas.

"We can't quit," said Red Sox manager Glen Turner. "We have to accentuate the positive. With any luck at all we could have won 50 per cent of our games."

Red Sox veteran George Moore gave the team a rousing talk prior to their game against Burlington, according to Turner, and while Milton took to the field with some of the gusto that had been missing they were still beaten.

"All I can ascribe it to is inexperience," said Turner. "It's just something we have to work through."

Turner said the outfield defence has been su-

perb, with numerous running and diving catches. Pitching for the most part has come along well, especially since the opening few games when a lack of practice time, due to rain, hurt the Red Sox.

"Our bats aren't there. Infield defence is shaky but we only had five hits against Burlington. You aren't going to win too many games in this league with only five hits," Turner said.

He described a litany of line drive outs on offence, and miscues on defence, that could happen to any team. "It's the small things."

He feels that switching the lineup is a necessity because they haven't found the winning combination.

According to Turner the rest of the league has improved considerably, partly because of the yearly improvement of junior level players but mostly because of the influx of talent due to a couple of franchise shifts and collapses.

"With Campbellville and Bloor folding and Leaside and Etobicoke switching over to the

Metro League there are a lot of good players trying to find a place to play," said Turner.

"There are no weak links in the schedule. This is the toughest I've seen the league in the 14 years I've been involved."

The Red Sox movement to youth has caught them in a temporary time warp as other teams gain from an influx of experience while Milton is teaching its next generation.

Roy Skinner has left the team due to personal commitments so the pitching staff will go through some rough times until a replacement, probably John Blasko, is able to climb the hill on a regular basis.

He says he doesn't expect Blasko to start, "but he has pretty good stuff."

The Red Sox play tonight (Wednesday) in Streetsville and then take a break in the schedule for the Campbellville tournament on the weekend, where they open against Tillsonburg at 11:15 Saturday.

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Lacrosse peewees split three games 1-1-1 after tourney

Following their tournament win at Whitby, the Milton Realty World peewee lacrosse team continued with three league games last week and managed to split 1-1-1.

Last Monday Milton soundly defeated Brantford 11-0. Pat Lennox netted five and Jimmy Leworthy three, with singles by Andrew Hartholt, Jamie Comba and Ryan Pender.

Facing stronger competition last Wednesday, the team travelled to Guelph, where they lost their second game of the season, falling 7-4. Milton's goals were scored by Leworthy with a pair, Hartholt and Rockel.

The following night the team took to the floor at home against Orangeville II and despite having most of the good scoring opportunities they had to settle for a 5-5 tie. Leworthy maintained his high level of play with a hat trick.