

Home run hitting is becoming habit forming

Slo-pitch hurlers felt the cruel effects of the juiced-up balls as 17 round trippers made their way onto this week's scoresheets. In a tribute to Homer (no, not from the Simpson's), here is a salute to those Sweet Swingin' Sultans of Sweat.

On top of the longball list is Chris "The Hammer" Heath, whose three fence flyers helped Milton Colour and Sound humiliate Halfon Pool and Patio 20-13. Heath was denied a fourth consecutive dinger by that old standby; the intentional walk.

Doug Catherwood went six for six and Don Simpson and Loris Faggion supplied seven runs for the victors. Jim McCrossin and Barry McTrach smacked six safeties and scored five runs as the Poolmen sank deeper in the standings.

The Key Centre rang up a 17-10 win over Bousfield Automotive. Pat Grant's four hits included the four bagger needed to keep pace with Willard Rath, Robert Filman and Neil Wood who flexed their arms and stretched their legs in lending homerun support.

Bouser's big bashers, John Burwhistle and Paul Church, blasted back to back spudskies in the sixth inning.

Slo-Pitch

with
DAVE ADAMS



Bousfield Auto then got their turn to play those Boys of Slumper from Re/max, who just can't seem to get their balloon out of the basement.

Mike Mutcherson sliced a pair of 'taters and Burwhistle supplied a solo shot as the Bandits relied on a 10-run fourth inning to erase the Realtors 18-12.

Paul McDermott and Barry Fletcher's bases empty homeruns gave some ray of hope to a Re/max team that has been starving for runs this season. "At least we weren't shut out," was the pseudo-optimistic cry.

The Dickens lacked the longball but still recorded twin spin wins against the division leaders. Oceanox sank from a first place tie in the Coors Division as the Dickens scored four runs in the eighth inning to snatch a 15-14 win.

Sterling five-for-five swats came from the bats of Rick Laufman and the Famous Billy Z, who were responsible for seven runs. Ted Chliszczyk kicked in with three hits of his own. Now if Ted could only see Pat Sajak or Vanna White about buying some vowels.

Round trip tickets belonged to Oceanox as both Graeme Colven and Ivan Poulin dusted three-run dingers in a valiant attempt at a comeback. John Rossi and Dave DeCaire nailed nine hits and scored four times.

From atop the Molson division, St. Clair Paint and Paper slipped a smidge as the Dickens devoured the Painters 17-11. Rick Jeffery fired five singles, a double and scored three runs. Mike Mollins and Rick Laufman enjoyed three-hit performances and combined for five RBIs.

Brian Budworth of St. Clair Paint, brushed aside remarks that his team may start falling faster than glueless wallpaper. "I got two hits and scored a run. I only hope the players can follow my example."

Oceanox did win their other match of the week, 10-7 over Milton Colour and Sound. Jeff Cookson and Murray "Don't Worry" Van Wart scored four runs off five hits.

The lacklustre Colourmen seemed to be in a rush to get to Jim Warren's bon voyage wingding. Paul Chesla and Loris Faggion reached base six times but could only score on three occasions.

It took 11 games, but Coliger's finally travelled out of the basement by virtue of a 10-8 win over Fat Freddy's. Merv Ball's two run homer in the eighth proved to be the deciding difference. Jay Dugale's and Ted Wedgewood's four runs were the end result of six seeing-eye singles.

Chris Cariton was able to score three of the four times he reached base for the Fatboys.

Adam's Apples: David Bousfield, obviously asleep at the wheel, was thrown out twice while trying to stretch singles into doubles. The only thing Bouser should try stretching is the webbing of his glove. . . Remember, next Thursday is Ladies Night at the ballparks. All women in attendance will be eligible to win a tour of Hollywood's Palace, courtesy of Carl Taylor. . . Next week's column will feature the slo-pitch standings as I brought the computer home from school. Maybe I should also have brought home one of my grade three students to show me how to turn it on.

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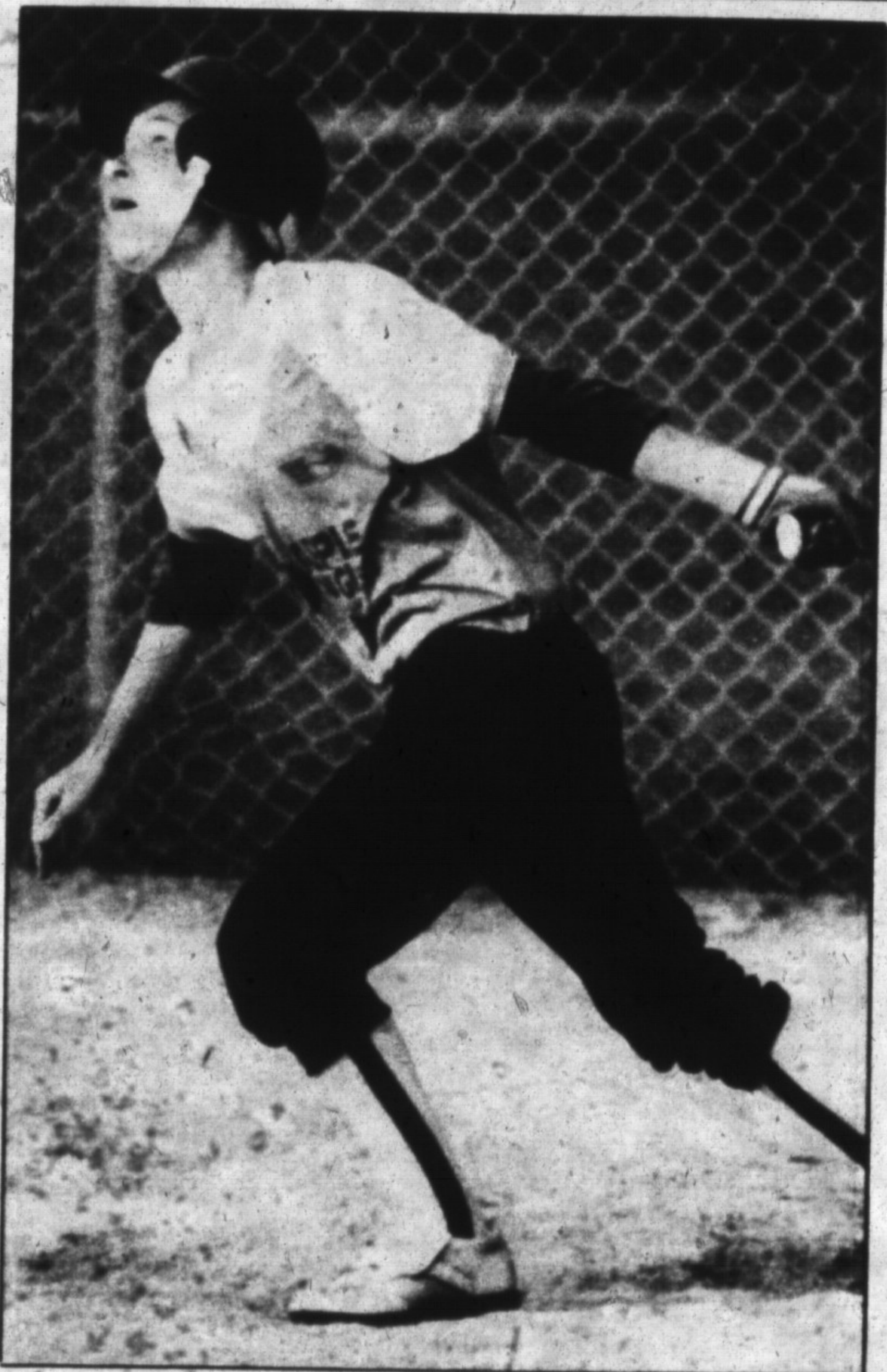
THE RACER'S EDGE



Photo by JOHN WARREN

Intensity is not a problem

Mike Amantea breaks for third, he slides . . . SAFE! Derek McGowan couldn't slap the tag down in time and now Re/max is looking good in their comeback attempt in this game against Apple Auto Glass. Darryl Milec (right) the leadoff hitter for Apple Auto Glass has his eyes fixed on his attempt for a base hit. His squad won the contest 14-4 with Milec contributing a walk and a single.



Ladies' soccer

Heady's sweeps three

The Milton Heady's Ladies Soccer Club picked up three more wins in their march on the playoffs. Another game was cancelled when the lights failed to come on.

Milton defeated Brampton 5-2, shut out Georgetown 5-0 and dropped Caledon 4-1. The lights didn't work in the second half of a rematch with Georgetown.

It took just 15 minutes for the Heady's squad to notch their first goal during their game against Brampton on June 25. It came when Wendy Marak hit a high shot on net. The goalkeeper could not control it and Dianna Hickey smashed home the loose ball for a 1-0 lead.

Brampton fought back hard and equalized the score but just before half ended Hickey was again in the right place at the right time to restore the Milton lead.

Heady's kept pressing in the second half. Karin Abbott took a beautiful corner kick and Maria Kappas headed the ball into the net. Marak captured the fourth Milton goal with a high kick outside the 18-yard box. Brampton didn't give up and narrowed the lead to 4-2.

Heady's scored another goal in the last minutes from winger Tyresa Hoogveld and the contest ended 5-2.

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Sweetpeas edged in tourney final by arch-rival Streetsville 23-22

The coaches for Milton girls T-ball rep Sweetpeas, Brian May, Bob Colgan and Joanne Nichols, realigned the batting order and gave their girls extra batting practice in preparation for an anticipated showdown with their Kitchener and Streetsville rivals at the Durdas Junior T-Ball Tournament last weekend.

When it was over these eight and nine year olds had battled against and beaten Clarkson and Kitchener as well and the rain only to lose to Streetsville in both the preliminary

round and again in the championship final.

In a 29-28 victory over Clarkson, Rachael Colgan's game deciding triple, double and three singles earned her the game's MVP award. Gillian Daziel's four RBIs in the last batter position and the strong outfield throws of Jennifer Dumencu and Carrie Ann Nichols for putouts were contributing factors in the win.

In the afternoon game against Streetsville, first baseman Stefanie Rammo's two last batter line drive

snared, other putouts and assists, gave her the game's MVP honours. At the plate, catcher Jackie Sutman managed four RBIs as last batter and Jennifer Duff, who shared the catching duties, went two for three.

The team's batting sagged in the critical fourth inning when they fell behind, never to recover in dropping a 24-15 decision.

In the semifinal against the strong Kitchener squad, Jennifer McManus's three-for-four performance and strong second base defence made her the MVP choice. Erin Pfeiffer's exceptional four-for-four and Terri Lee Davidson's two big hits contributed to the close 19-18 victory.

In the championship final Jessica Wellshead hit a three-run homer and a pair of doubles for the MVP performance, while Jennifer Pender contributed with four hits in a losing 23-22 cause. Streetsville did not need their last at bats to record the victory.

The championship finalist trophies brought smiles to the Milton squad and reminded them that they are still the second best Ontario junior girls T-ball team.

Milton Sweetpeas can hardly wait until the Kitchener tournament in three weeks when they'll get another crack at Streetsville.

OTA tennis fair at Milton Tennis Club

The Gatorade-Wilson Tennis Fair will be visiting the Milton Tennis Club on July 25 from 2-4 p.m. The fair features ball machines, radar guns and a lot of other equipment and demonstrations.

The travelling tennis fair, now in its 18th year, will visit more than 100 tennis clubs and recreation facilities this summer as part of its annual pilgrimage across Ontario.

The fair is designed to appeal to players of all ages and abilities. "It's a fun filled afternoon of tennis with drills involving ball machines and radar guns as well as tons of great prizes to be given away," said Cathy Wright, program co-ordinator for the Gatorade Wilson Tennis Fair.

Everyone is invited to bring their racquets and come on out and enjoy all the action.