

Hanley bounces back to claim fourth ACT race

Junior Hanley resumed his ACT/GM National Stock Car Series winning ways Sunday at Mosport with his victory in the Bud 100. The win was his fourth of the season in seven starts.

His efforts were not without challenge. Eventual second place finisher Randy MacDonald of Oshawa tried both the upper and lower grooves, taking several shots at the leader, but his Chevrolet was not able to conquer Hanley's Ford. Beaver Dragon of Milton, Vermont was third in a Pontiac.

Much of Hanley's competition was elim-

inated on an 81st-lap melee which removed five top runners from the field. Shelburne, Vermont's Kevin Lepage, who was sixth at the time, and Rollie MacDonald from Pictou, Nova Scotia who was fourth, came together on the front stretch.

Lepage's Ford drilled the pit retaining wall while MacDonald's Chevrolet went into the outside barrier. Getting caught in the middle of the incident were young lions Derek Lynch, Steve Knowlton and Danny Knoll Jr. All were knocked out of competition for the balance of the event, but no one was injured.

Brad Leighton of Centre Harbor, New Hampshire crossed the line in fourth and Robbie Crouch rounded out the top five. Crouch, an early contender, was involved in an incident with just two laps remaining. The Tampa, Florida competitor was sent to the rear of the field with Bill Zardo Sr. after the pair spun in the first turn when neither was willing to give an inch as they battled for third.

Zardo ended seventh behind Buzzie Bezanon after losing a clutch. Completing the top 10 were Quebec drivers Claude Leclerc, Andre Beaudoin and Don Forte, all one lap down.

Hanley's victory put him back on top in the overall American-Canadian Tour (ACT) point standings. He leads MacDonald after seven of 22 races 812-801. In the \$200,000 GM National Stock Car Series standings for the 12 Canadian races on the ACT schedule, MacDonald, the 1990 champion, maintained his advantage. Defending title holder Hanley, has moved into second 422-390.

The ACT schedule continues on Saturday night at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway in Scarborough, Maine. Post time for the Coca-Cola 100 is 7 p.m.

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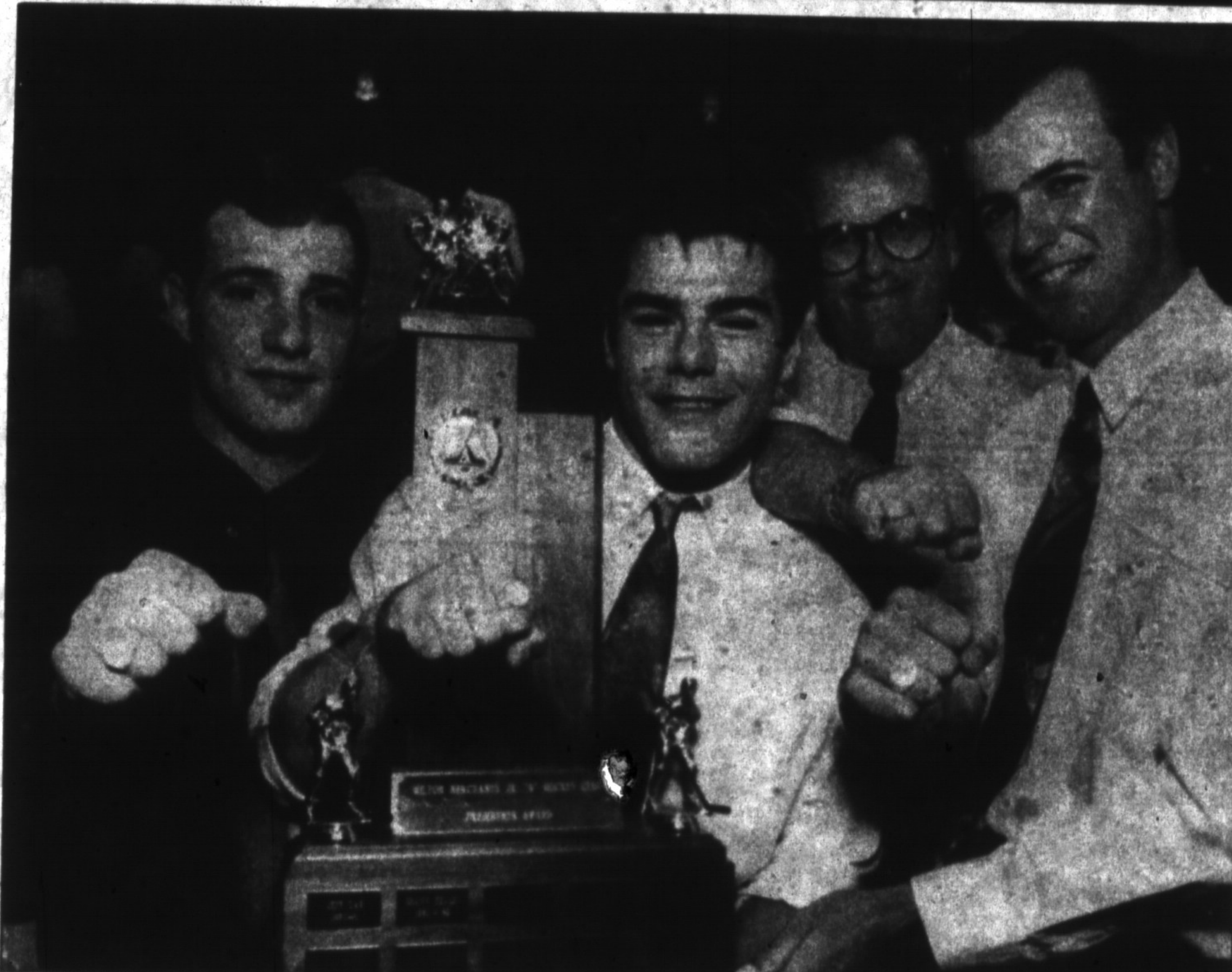
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WONDER POWERS ACTIVATE... SHAZAM! Milton Merchant's players Mike Dunphy, Shawn Healey with the President's Trophy, and Jeff Daw display their four year rings presented by owner Brad Grant at Saturday's Merchant banquet at Lion's Club Hall. The player awards were presented at that time and recognition given to players who received league awards.

Merchants honoured

The Milton Merchants received their team awards at last Saturday's banquet at Lions Club Hall.

The Most Valuable Player award was a tie, going to both goaltender Jason Chipman and 'Mr. Everything' on the front line, Jeff Daw.

Rookie of the Year was won by local talent right winger Mike Cox while Most Improved Player went to right winger Jason Riethie. Most Popular Player went to Ryan Delaronde while Daw copped the leading scorer hardware.

Most Valuable Defenceman went to Mike Murray who also won the same category in the league awards. Shawn Healey won the President's Trophy while he and Chipman shared the award for Most Valuable Player — Playoffs.

In addition Rick Bince was honoured for his league award of Coach of the Year, Chipman for his central League Most Valuable Player and Chipman and Destefano for their combined best goals against average in the league.

Blizzard on the way

The Milton Youth Soccer Club announced today that their boys under 18 rep team will play the Toronto Blizzard of the Canadian Soccer League (CSL) on Thurs., June 25 at Thompson Fields at 7 p.m.

The game was postponed several weeks ago due to poor weather conditions.

Triathlon at Kelso on Sunday

Kelso Conservation Area is the site for Sunday's mmmarvellous mmmuffins Milton Sprint Triathlon. The annual event is expected to draw more than 800 competitors from all over Ontario.

The sprint triathlon, the most popular form of the famed Ironman competition, consists of a one kilometre swim, a 32 kilometre cycling leg and an eight kilometre run.

The race begins at 9 a.m. with the course being closed at noon. Awards will be handed out at 1 p.m. According to organizers the Kelso location is Canada's most popular triathlon course.

Last year's winners were Matt Price-Gallagher who finished in 1:27:13 and Lori Bowden who crossed in 1:38:47.

Organizers are still looking for volunteers to help out on race day. If you're interested you can call Mitch Fraser at (416) 945-6216.

HJM Red Sox split pair for 6-7 record

Edge St. Catharines 4-2 behind Al Dairou's five-hitter

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The Milton HJM Red Sox senior baseball team split a pair of recent games, losing 14-4 to Dundas after playing a solid game to beat St. Catharines 4-2. The split leaves the Red Sox with a 6-7 win-loss record.

The Red Sox got a pair of runs in the second and another pair in the seventh to take a 4-0 lead in St. Catharines last Wednesday. One out singles by Doug Dunn and Matt McCandless combined with a passed ball by St. Catharines catcher Steve Earle and an error by Dawson Trickett to produce the first two runs for Milton.

In the seventh, John Blasko reached on Trickett's second error of the game. He moved to second on a ground out by Tony Casarin, stole third, and scored when St. Catharines second baseman Frank Kelso booted a Rick McTrach ground ball. After stealing second McTrach came around with Milton's fourth run on Brent Currie's single with two out.

The real story of the game was Al Dairou's pitching. He went nine complete scattering

five hits and striking out nine St. Catharines batters. Both runs against him were earned.

"Al (Dairou) pitched a near perfect game," said Red Sox manager Glen Turner. "He got strikeouts at the key times. We played the kind of defence that we need to win."

St. Catharines mounted a charge when they scored a pair in the eighth frame. A pair of one out walks came around to score on Earle's double but he was picked off to end the threat of more runs in the eighth.

Ninth inning lead off hitter Tim Krawczyk tried to stretch a double into a triple and was tossed out on a relay from Casarin to Blasko to Turner, who applied the tag. Despite allowing two more baserunners in the frame Dairou pitched out of the jam.

The next game was a nightmare for Milton. According to Turner, it was the first time he could recall the Red Sox being mercied since the mercy rule was instituted three years ago.

A run in the first on consecutive singles by McTrach, Currie and Charlie Hyatt gave the Red Sox a shortlived lead. They managed two more in the fifth and one in the seventh for their offensive production.

St. Catharines had a much more productive day scoring 14 times to gain the mercy ruled win. After six runs crossed in the home half of the seventh the mercy rule, which declares the game over after a 10 run lead has been established once at least five innings have been played, was invoked and the game called.

St. Catharines scored one in the second and third innings, a pair in the fourth, four in the fifth and six in the seventh. Milton starter Brian Kempster struggled, giving up six runs, five of which were earned, through his four-plus innings. He was replaced by George Moore who yielded to Scott Gadd who gave way to Sean Davidson. None had much success.

"Hopefully it's the last time that happens, we can't afford it," said Turner. "Every move we made just didn't work."

The Red Sox have had to face some bad news as starting pitcher Tim Chapman has elected to jump to the Guelph Royals of the Intercounty League.

"He wanted to play a better calibre of

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