

Bantam girls lose in final of Teddy Bear tourney

The Milton Royal Canadian Legion bantam girls softball team won the silver medal in the prestigious Niagara Falls Teddy Bear Tournament recently.

The tournament attracts teams from Sarnia to Belleville. This year there were 28 entries in the bantam division. Milton lost the gold to Newmarket.

In their first contest Milton defeated Barrie 4-2 behind the strong pitching of Karen Smith. Stingy defence and timely hitting are an unbeatable combination. Leading the Milton hitters were Wendy Nielson with a triple, Krista Todd with two doubles and Darcy McTrach with two singles.

In their second contest Milton edged Stouffville 6-5 with Cathy Raynor getting the win as the Milton pitcher in the rain delayed game.

Leading hitters were Charity Crombie with a triple among three hits, Corinn Jeffrey with a double and single, Lisa Dondgan with a double and Shailene Jeffrey with two singles.

In their third game of the tournament Milton beat Niagara Falls 5-3. Jayne Currie got the complete game victory and every Milton player got a hit. Shailene Jeffrey had a double and single, Donegan knocked three singles and Smith and McTrach each had two singles.

This victory left Milton at 3-0 in the divisional round robin and gave them a berth

in the playoffs.

In the quarterfinal game Milton downed Ferris 3-1. Both teams played strong defence in the game that featured two extra innings of play before the score could be settled.

Smith started the game but gave way to Currie who hung on for the win in relief. Shailene Jeffrey, Naylor and Crombie each had singles.

In the semifinal Milton won an even closer game 1-0 over Sarnia. Milton scored the winning run in the final frame on an RBI double by Nielson. Cathy Raynor went the distance for the win, striking out the side in the final inning.

Strong defence, inspired by Naylor, led the

team to victory. Tournament officials said it was one of the best played games in the history of the Teddy Bear Tournament.

The championship final was a bit of a let-down for Milton after the previous two squeakers. Newmarket crushed the emotionally drained Milton squad 9-0. It was Milton's fourth game of the day.

Donegan doubled and McTrach, Naylor and Crombie each had singles.

The team secured a spot in the provincial championship tournament in Niagara Falls thanks to their gold medal showing at the provincial playdowns in Kingston. The Ontario final tournament is scheduled for Aug. 14-16.



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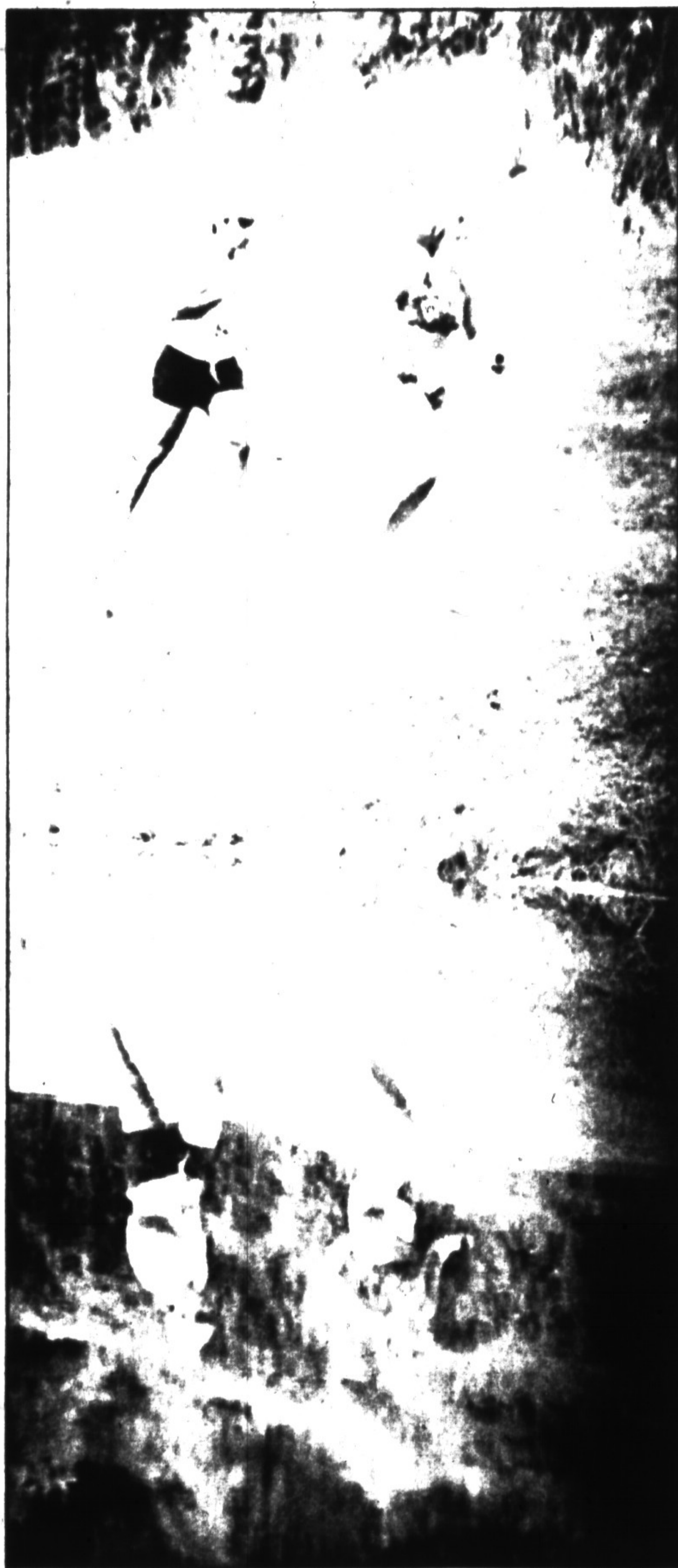


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Reflecting

Two runners in the weekend's Kato 10 kilometre race pass a still pond at the Halton Regional Museum on their way to the finish line. Mitch Sokolowski, of Hamilton, won the event in 31 minutes, 25 seconds. The women's winner was Naomi Laing of Waterloo, who crossed in 37:15. Milton finishers were Cindy Anne Johnston who was second in the female 30-39 age group in 42:53, Scott Ovenden 35:38, Allan Graham 42:23, Larry Young 43:56, Jennifer Ryall 47:47, Anna Morris 48:10, Martin Stanley 48:56 and Ed Braam 49:26.

Red Sox lose heartbreaker 1-0

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

As the Milton HJM Red Sox season winds down they find themselves in a familiar position, fighting for a post season berth.

The team has run up an 11-8 record on the season in their Central Ontario senior league, but still have a fight on their hands for an Ontario Baseball Association 'C' championship berth.

Their eight remaining games will tell the tale.

"We've gotta do the proverbial small things or we won't make it through the post season," said Red Sox manager Glenn Turner.

Milton split their most recent games beating St. Catharines 7-2 before losing to a weak Streetsville team 1-0.

In the game against St. Catharines, Milton rode the pitching of Al Dariou who went eight innings, giving up only one earned run, and chalking up nine strikeouts. Sean Davidson came in to pitch the ninth and he struck out the side.

Offensively the one-two combination of leadoff man John Blasko and

Tony Casarin scored five runs while going a collective four for eight with two walks.

The only St. Catharines runs came in the second and the fifth while Milton countered with two in the third, one in the fifth and two in both the sixth and ninth frames.

The heartbreaker came three days later when Milton lost 1-0 to weak sister Streetsville. The only run came on a windblown homer down the left field line in the fourth that just landed beyond the reach of left fielder Doug Dunn.

"If the fence is 314 feet from home down the line then the homer went 314 and a half feet," said Turner. "I thought Doug (Dunn) touched it but he said he didn't feel anything."

George Moore took the loss but went the distance pitching a five hit gem. He walked no one and struck out five. Moore threw 92 pitches, 61 of which were strikes.

"He'd had a little bit of extra rest

with the rain outs, but so did everybody," Turner said.

Milton had several chances to push across the tying run but they were unable to do it. Their best chance came in the final frame when they had a man on second base with no outs. Rick McTrach walked and stole second before being replaced by Paul McCutcheon who was stranded at second.

"We had the sacrifice on a couple of times through the game but we just couldn't do it," Turner said. "We've got

a lot of close games coming and the close things are going to count."

Milton's next game is Tuesday, August 4 when they travel to Glanbrook. Their next home game is August 8 at Brian Best Park at 1:30 p.m.



George Moore

RED SOX BOXSCORES

Red Sox 7		St. Catharines 2	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Blasko 2b	3 2 1 0	Earle rf	4 1 1 0
Casarin cf	5 3 3 1	Sprachett rf	1 0 0 0
McTrach 1b	5 0 1 0	Neal c	3 0 1 0
Currie c	5 0 1 2	Agar c	1 0 0 0
Davidson p	4 1 2 1	Diddat ss	3 0 0 0
McClellan ss	4 0 0 0	Kellos 2b	3 0 0 0
Kempster dh	5 0 1 0	Coull lf	4 1 1 0
Dairou 3b	5 0 1 0	Walters 3b	4 0 1 0
McCutcheon rf	4 1 1 1	Smith 1b	4 0 2 1
Blackader lf	4 0 1 2	Belson dh	4 0 1 1
		Spice cf	4 0 1 0

Red Sox	002 012 002 - 7
St. Catharines	010 010 000 - 2
E - Neal, Kellos 2, Agar, Blasko, McClellan 2, LOB - Red Sox 9, St. Catharines 8, 2B - Casarin, Davidson, Blackader, 5B - Blasko, Casarin, McCutcheon, Diddat, Smith.	
Red Sox	IP H R ER BB SO
Dairou (W)	8 8 2 1 2 9
Davidson	1 0 0 0 0 3
St. Catharines	IP H R ER BB SO
Greberc (L)	6 8 5 2 2 5
Wright	3 3 2 1 2 3
PB - Neal, WP - Dairou.	

Streetsville 1		Red Sox 0	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Gidge	4 1 1 1	Corradetti cf	4 0 1 0
Whyte c	4 0 3 0	Blasko 2b	4 0 1 0
Crowds 3b	4 0 1 0	McTrach dh	3 0 1 0
Vincent ss	4 0 0 0	McCutcheon ph	0 0 0 0
McClallen p	3 0 0 0	Currie c	4 0 0 0
McClallen rf	3 0 0 0	Davidson 3b	3 0 1 0
Debartolo 1b	3 0 0 0	Dairou 1b	4 0 0 0
Blesonette 2b	3 0 0 0	McClellan ss	3 0 1 0
Hard lf	3 0 0 0	Dunn lf	3 0 1 0
		Schouten rf	3 0 0 0

Streetsville	000 100 000 - 1
Red Sox	000 000 000 - 0
E - Davidson, LOB - Streetsville 3, Red Sox 6, DP - Red Sox, HR - Gidge, 5B - McTrach 2, Dunn.	
Streetsville	IP H R ER BB SO
McClallen (W)	9 6 0 0 2 6
Red Sox	IP H R ER BB SO
Moore (L)	9 5 1 1 0 5
WP - McClallen.	

Rain reduces race sked

Milton's John Fletcher copped top local spot with a fifth place finish in the weekend's feature hobby car race at Kalamazoo Speedway in Michigan.

Murray Ducharme of Brussels, Michigan won the race. Two other Milton participants, Al Haringa in his 1932 Frontenac and Paul Jorgensen in his 1933 Dodge finished 19th and 22nd respectively, neither one crossing the finish line. Gary Colling in his 1933 Rockne finished a close second to David Elliott of Dundas in the little feature race.

The scheduled Saturday race at the Berlin Speedway in Michigan was cancelled due to rain and the Sunday race at the Ideal Speedway at Springport, Michigan met the same fate.

Pewees run out of gas in lacrosse tournament

The Milton Realty World pee-wee lacrosse team competed in the recent Hamilton tournament but were unable to break through with a win.

In the first contest Milton lost to the host team 10-4. A short Milton bench cost them in each game as their opponents were able to pull away from the tired Milton side. Against Hamilton Cory Leigh and Blair Beaulieu each scored twice with assists going to Leigh, Jamie Sweetland and Derek Bernie.

In their second game Milton lost to The Beaches 10-7 despite having the game in hand until the last eight minutes. Milton scorers were Leigh

with three, Birnie with two, Joseph Lake and Sweetland each had one. Assists went to Jason Ford, Birnie, Leigh, Beaulieu and Sweetland. Stuart Gilbert had an excellent game in net.

In their third and final game of the tournament Milton lost to Brampton 8-2. Leigh scored the only Milton goals, both times unassisted.

Prior to the tournament Milton played Whitby's 'B' team and lost 13-4. The Whitby squad is one of the best teams in Ontario so it was an excellent test for Milton. Leigh had three goals and Birnie had the other.