

Separate school track stars advance to regional meet

Milton schools showed well in the first annual Halton Catholic School Board's elementary track and field meet last week.

Holy Rosary took first-place pennants in the tyke and bantam A divisions, while St. Peter's grabbed banners in the tyke and atom B divisions and tied St. Francis (Halton Hills) for tops in the midget category. Our Lady of Victory stepped into the winner's circle in the atom category with first place.

The first and second place winners in each

race moved on to tackle competition from Burlington and Oakville at the regional meet yesterday (Tuesday) at Nelson Park in Burlington. Results were not available at press time. Following are individual Milton race winners:

Tyke: 400 girls; Ashley Mindorff (Holy Rosary). 400 boys; Nasas Sipsis (OLV). 60 boys; Joel Castro (Holy Rosary). 100 girls; Laura Astolfo (OLV). 200 girls; Alissa Adams (St. Peter).

Atom: 400 girls; Kelly Sirbovar (OLV). 400 boys; Derek Birnie (St. Peter). 60 girls; Jacob Warmels (Holy Rosary). 100 girls; Alana Ramsay (St. Peter). 100 boys; Adam Andruchiw (OLV). 200 girls; Erin Walsh (OLV). 200 boys; Pat Moscato (Holy Rosary). Girls long jump; Janelle Williams (Holy Cross). Boys long jump; Matt Bagley (OLV). Girls softball; Lauren MacDonald (OLV).

Bantam: 60 boys; Steve Szafer (OLV). 100 girls; Sabrina Linder (OLV). 100 boys; John

Nadalin (OLV). Girls long jump; Stefanie McCann (Holy Rosary). Boys long jump; John Nadalin (OLV).

Midget: 800 girls; Candice Ceelen St. Peter). 800 boys; Chris Healey (St. Peter). 60 boys; Jeff Chapman (OLV). 100 boys; Matt Peers (Holy Rosary). 200 boys Gian Paul Gretter (OLV). Boys long jump; Kyle Garon (OLV). Boys long jump; Gary O'Neill (OLV). Girls shot put; mary Ellen Gleeson (OLV). Boys shot put; Adam Bertoli (OLV).



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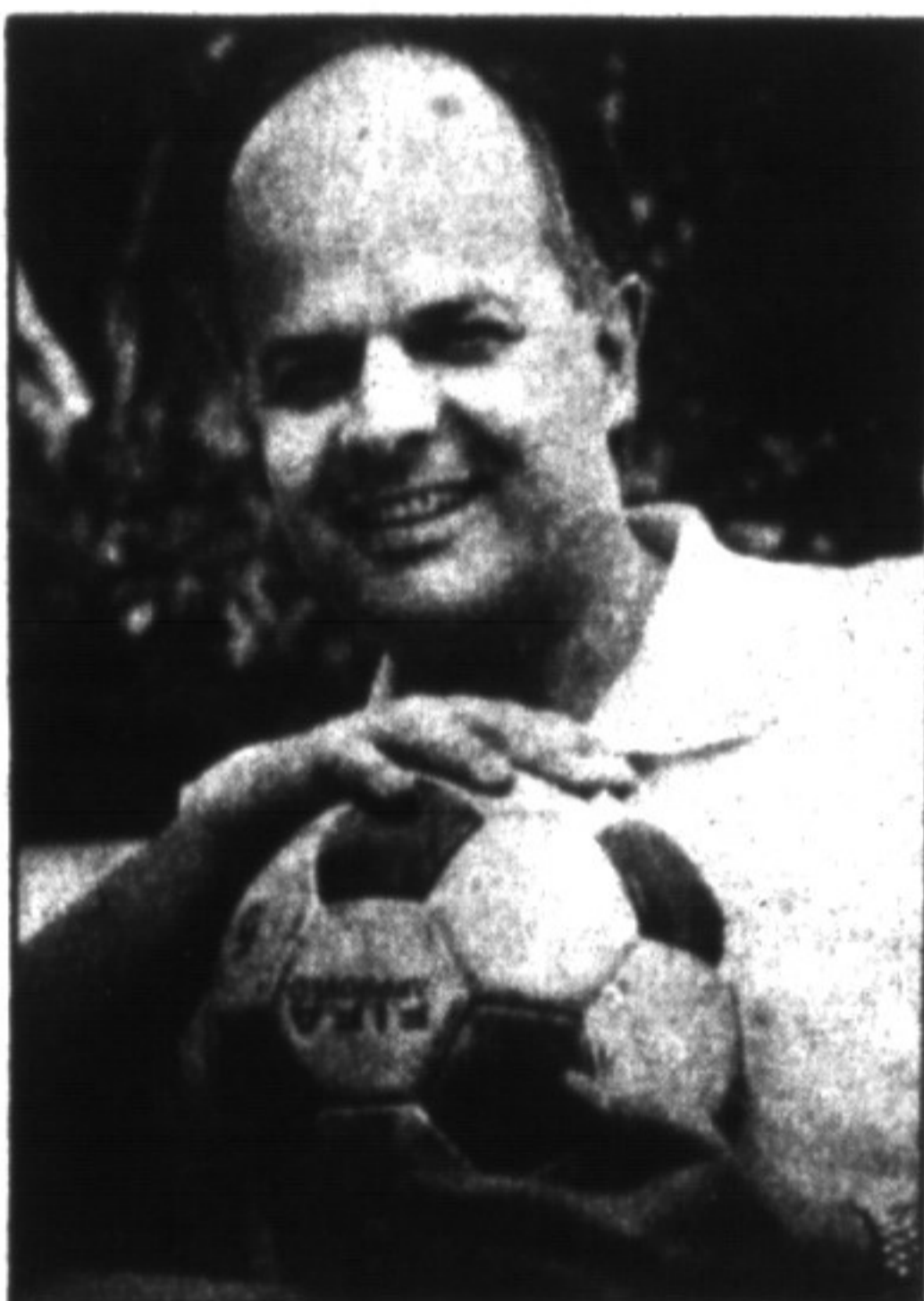
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1993

It's soccer night in Canada

Youth club riding national popularity of sport

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
Special to *The Champion*

While the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Toronto Blue Jays have the attention of most of the sports



Bob Rollwagen is president of Milton Minor Soccer, an organization which produces teams that match those of larger centres.

viewing public in Canada right now, soccer remains the number one sport in the world and across the country. It's also a popular summer past-time of Milton youngsters.

Each year, during the hot spring and summer months, hundreds of young die-hard soccer lovers in this town flock to soccer fields to be part of the intense, exciting and enjoyable world of the Milton Youth Soccer Club. The organization has been going strong for more than 20 years and is a major part of this community's history.

The Milton Youth Soccer Club, which began spring action last week and runs until September, will have a total of 780 members in its ranks this season. It's headed up again this summer by second-year president Bob Rollwagen.

"Our numbers have declined a little over the past few years because Milton hasn't been growing, but soccer is still the most popular sport in Canada and the Youth Soccer Club is the biggest minor sports organization in town," said presi-



Despite a decline in the number of players, soccer in Milton is still ranks among the most popular sports for children and teens. These kids took part in a tournament last summer.

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dent Rollwagen.

Designed for youths between the ages of five and 18, the Youth Soccer Club features both boys and girls rep and house-league teams. House-league play includes co-ed squads up until the age of seven and boys and girls non-competitive teams from the ages of eight to 18.

Milton has three girls rep crews and six boys rep teams, all of which

compete in the Peel-Halton Minor Soccer League.

Along with president Bob Rollwagen, the league is run by a 20-member board which includes executive members Gary Hogg (vice-president), Dave Turnbull (treasurer), Sandy Rettitt (registrar) and Barry Abraham (secretary).

A boys and girls convenor also help run the club.

Rollwagen has been with the local club for six years. He said although membership on the whole has been declining for a few years, the number of rep teams and older players in the league has actually risen this season. He said the Milton rep squads have been competitive with bigger communities like Burlington and Oakville throughout

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Red Sox crush Bloor Jays 11-1 to snap losing string

By **MURRAY TOWNSEND**
Special to *The Champion*

When you're 0-4 you take a win any way you can get it, and it doesn't come much easier than Saturday's 11-1 Milton Red Sox romp over the Bloor Jays.

The Jays, who were also 0-4, came to town ill-prepared to win, and worse, ill-prepared to play. They were forced to send out their crack scouting staff in search of a left-fielder, eventually plucking Milton resident Andrew Todd off an adjacent diamond and signing him to a one-game contract. An overweight, out-of-shape reporter for *The Champion* was also considered but negotiations were cut off when the price tag reached three hot dogs.

Apparently, a number of the Jays had Victoria Day weekend partying commitments. Those who remained were treated to an early display of fireworks from the Red Sox bats.

Catcher Doug Dunn crushed two line drives over the left field fence, giving him three homers in five games to go along with 12 runs batted in. Paul McCutcheon added three hits and Matt McCandless increased his team leading batting average to .429.

It was all over but the Burning Schoolhouse by the third inning when Milton jumped to a commanding 7-0 lead. Of course, it didn't

hurt that the Jay pitcher looked about as comfortable on the mound as a provincial NDP member at a pie-throwing contest.

Manager Glenn Turner wasn't pleased with the plight of the Jays, commenting that it gave the top-notch league a black eye, but was still happy with the win. "Hopefully, this will set us on the right track."

Most of the Red Sox hit the ball hard but there were other positives. They paraded around the basepaths at will, swiping six bags, two each by John Blasko and McCandless, and their defence was rock solid, even spectacular at times. McCandless made a sensational diving stop at shortstop throwing to first for the out and Blasko did the same on the second base side of the infield, saving two runs.

Veteran left-hander George Moore looked masterful on the mound but was only "satisfied" with his performance. "It wasn't my best game. I made a lot of mistakes that didn't hurt me."

"We needed the win," said the 50-year-old Moore, who was also happy that Turner left him in for the full game so he could build up his arm strength and work on his control, noting that it could pay off later.

"It's a slow process. I need to have everything going for me to be effective."

If he didn't on Saturday, you wouldn't have known it by the Bloor hitters. They were either swatting at flies or were completely stupified by Moore. He struck out seven Jays over eight innings, and allowed just one hit in the first five frames. That startled baserunner was promptly picked off.

When Moore wasn't striking them out, he was using his sinking fastball to induce ground balls. Thirteen outs were recorded via that route.

The only mistake that did hurt him was a pitch up around the eyes of former Milton player Mario Galvao in the sixth inning, who towered one over the right field fence for the Jays' only run.

Incidentally, Todd, the late Bloor recruit from Milton, faced Moore once and struck out. A wayward Jay sauntered into the Bloor dugout and replaced him in the third inning, but didn't do any better, striking out in both trips to the plate.

Sunday afternoon, the Red Sox travelled to Glanbrook to play the Grizzlies and came away on the short end of a 6-4 score. So it was back to the drawing board for the Red Sox, who manager Turner believes are a much better team than their 1-5 record.

"Right now, we don't have the killer instinct. The pitching has been fine, and the

defence really good, but the offence hasn't been able to score when we really needed them."

They'll try to rectify that Saturday at 1:30 when they take on the Sheridan Royals at Brian Best Park.

Wildcats set relay record

The W. I. Dick Wildcats junior boys relay team set a Halton record at Nelson Stadium on Thursday during the Halton regional track and field meet that featured 28 schools.

The team of Bryan Gent, Alex Douglas, Justin Edwards and Ross Smith ran the 4 X 400 meter relay in a time of 4:38.9. This broke the existing record of 4:40.95 set last year by another W. I. Dick relay team.

The intermediate boys 4 X 400 meter team placed third in a time of 4:29.34. Team members were Brandon Mallette, Johnny Munroe, Ted Lascombe and Steve Turner.

The junior boys team of Gent, Joe Lake, Dave Lillicrap and Smith placed fifth in the 4 X 100 meter relay in a time of 58.7.