

Poolmen dive to bottom of standings with three losses

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It was a nice week to take a dip and nobody would recognize that any better than Halton Pool and Spa. They went a little further, however, and took a dive, right to the bottom of the standings. With three losses their record dipped to 1-8.

In their first contest they went up against Milton Colour and Sound. The Sounders delivered the knock-out punch in the sixth inning when they scored seven times on their way to a 13-5 victory. Big Phil McGowan with five singles and Chuck Ryan with four had perfect nights at the plate for the winners. Chris Heath belting a home run for the losers.

The Poolmen were right back at it the next night against Re/max Realty. They went ahead 3-2 in the first inning thanks to an inside the park home run by Craig Sharp but Re/max took possession of the lead in the second thanks to six straight hits, the capper a home run by head honcho Gary Thomas.

After seven innings Re/max led 13-6, but Halton Pool and Spa figured since they were there anyway they might as well make a game of it. They scored five runs in the eighth to close the margin to two and added two in the ninth. But Re/max also scored one more to make the final 14-13. Realtor Mike

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with CARL TAYLOR



Morgan went 4-for-5 on the night with Bob Harvey and Gary Thomas chipping in with three hits apiece. Halton Pool's Brian Mills was the hitting star for their team pounding out five hits in five trips to the plate.

Next, the Poolmen went up against Bousfield Auto in a battle of the two division doormats.

The Autoworkers finally managed to put together good pitching, good defence, and offensive power for their finest hour of the season. They built up a 6-0 score in the top of the sixth but almost let it slip away when Halton Pool rallied for five runs.

Bousfield Auto tightened the screws and held the Poolmen to just one more run while scoring six more of their own. Mark Gelinas of the Autoworkers was 4-for-4 while Carl (Where Have I Seen that Name Before) Taylor was 3-for-4.

For the losers, Pierre DeBie was a perfect 3-for-3 and Chris Heath had three singles in four trips. Heath was also robbed of a home run when Barny Henderson made a spec-

tacular catch over the fence.

Bousfield's only other contest was rained out, the first time this year Mother Nature has caused us to cancel a ball game. The rain had subsided by dinner time but the fog was too thick to play at either Omagh or Bronte Meadows. Bousfield, Bruce Hood Travel, Fat Freddy's and Milton Colour and Sound were all awarded ties.

The Sultans of Swat (formerly Key Centres) sit alone atop the Division two standings. That's largely thanks to their power. They had hit at least one home run in every game prior to their meeting with Canadian Pacific Forest Products.

They didn't get any round-trippers in that game but they still brought out the heavy lumber scoring six runs in the first inning.

The Foresters chopped away at the

lead and managed to go ahead in the fifth inning. But the Keycutters came back with four in the sixth and four in the seventh to come away with a 16-7 victory. Larry Clark (Mr. Sweat Band), and Ian Grant enjoyed perfect nights at the plate going 3-for-3 and 4-for-4 respectively. Randy Howse, Dave Decaire and Ted Ollerenshaw also added three hits.

Ian Grant was also the driving force when Key Centres rolled over St. Clair Paint and Paper 18-12. He had five hits in five at bats, including two doubles. Randy Howse had four hits and Barry Fletcher had a home run among his four safeties.

When Canadian Pacific Forest Products met Milton Legion at the "Bog in Omagh" the two teams enjoyed a wild eighth inning. The Foresters scored six runs in their half

of the frame but the Legionnaires counter-attacked with seven of their own and held on to win 19-16. Steve Power of the Legion was 5-for-5 on the night and was helped out by Mike Griffin who hit the team's first home run of the year.

The final contest of the week was played at Drumquin with Milton Colour and Sound going up against Bruce Hood Travel.

The Sounders took a 9-0 lead into the fifth against the Voyageurs and cruised to an 11-2 victory. Jon Vanderwater led Milton Colour and Sound with three hits.

Hollywood's Spotlight: Anyone interested in purchasing a league jacket should contact Randy Howse at the Key Centres by June 19. Randy would like to place the order for those who have already been in to see him.

Church-run hockey school features Maple Leafs

It won't be long now before classrooms empty for the summer, providing the opportunity for students to go right back to school. Hockey school, that is.

Some will go away to camp, others will attend during the day, and some will take advantage of another alternative.

The Milton Alliance Church is sponsoring a one-day hockey school on Saturday, Aug. 28 for boys and girls between the ages of 9-13.

One day doesn't seem like much, but the itinerary, the cost, and the list of instructors might make you think otherwise.

A number of present and ex-Maple Leafs will be on hand, including Mark Osborne, Ron Ellis, Tom Ferguson and John Anderson. They will be joined by minor league players, coaches and goaltenders.

The organizers of the hockey school suggest that, "...our goal is to provide a one day hockey experience that will develop and encourage each participant mentally, physically and spiritually".

The day includes four hours of on-ice instruction, lunch, off-ice instruction, prizes, autographs, and two tickets to a banquet (roast beef dinner) in the evening.

Whether or not the "spiritual" part of the school's ambition means less hooking, tripping and slashing next year remains to be seen, but they do have a guest speaker at the banquet who's an expert on the subject. Chuck Ealey, former quarterback for the Toronto Argonauts and Grey Cup champion Hamilton Tiger Cats will talk about his professional experience and the role God played in it. Those who have heard him in the past say that he is a great storyteller and gifted speaker.

Mark Kotchapaw, associate minister at Milton Alliance Church, points out that the school is non-denominational and that the religious affiliations of the instructors and participants aren't the motivating factor.

"We're not out there to promote our church. It's to promote hockey and skill training with the spiritual dimension added in."

The cost for the one day event is \$45. Proceeds will be directed to Deborah's Home and the Big Sisters Association of North Halton.

The school will accept 75 players, but already has 21, so Kotchapaw suggests those interested should contact the Milton Alliance Church as soon as possible at 878-5664 to obtain a registration form.



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