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Sports SHORTS

Springers' registration

The Milton Springers Gymnastic Club will be holding demonstrations and registrations this Saturday (Aug. 28) at the downtown Farmer's Market and Milton Mall.

The market demonstrations begin at 9 a.m. and move on to the mall for 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. events. Registrations for fall programs will also be accepted at the mall on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 7-9 p.m. Registrations may be left at the Springers' gym, 180 Nipissing Road (unit 5) anytime.

Fall gymnastic programs start Friday, Sept. 10. New, improved programs are planned, especially for boys.

Pre-competitive tryouts are being held this Thursday, (Aug. 26) at the club for girls aged 6 and 7 who may be interested in a more extensive program.

For information call 878-5030.

High-profile hockey school

The Milton Alliance Church has some high-profile hockey players taking part in a one-day hockey school at Memorial Arena Saturday (Aug. 28).

Ron Ellis, a former Toronto Maple Leaf and Team Canada member, Tom Fergus (Boston Bruins, Maple Leafs, Vancouver Canucks) and John Anderson (Maple Leafs) are just a few of the instructors slated to show up. The guest speaker for the evening dinner will be Chuck Ealey, quarterbacked a Hamilton Tiger Cats Grey Cup champion team.

Halton Men's hockey starting

The Halton Men's Hockey League is accepting registrations from players 24 years old and up. New this year to the non-contact loop is an oldtimers division for those 35 and older.

Players have a choice of morning or afternoon-evening conferences. Games are played on Sundays and Monday nights.

The league accepts individual entries or ones from small groups of potential players.

For more information, phone 849-9712. Registration forms are also available at Mainway Arena in Burlington.

Bowling over the competition

The men's team from the Milton Lawn Bowling Club won a gold medal at the Men's Triples and Noyce Ladies championship in Woodstock on the weekend.

Milton's Jim Curley, Robert Woods and Ken Armstrong scooped the gold in a competition that featured a field of 16 teams. The honour leaves them generally recognized as tops in Ontario for the event.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

So close, yet so far

MBH Mechanical first baseman Cec Freedman stretches but can't hold on to make the tag against KFC runner Joel Brunner, who was safe, during the Milton Minor Baseball Association houseleague playoffs at Rotary Park Saturday.

A walk through the parks on a sporting summer's night

On any given summer night the baseball diamonds and playing fields of Milton are a beehive of activity. Last Thursday, I set out to find as many games as possible and cover a little bit of each of them. Why? I don't know. Anyway, here's my diary of a night on the town.

5:55 — Arrive at W.I. Dick school. Both my daughters play most of their games there, so I figure it's a good place to start. I figure wrong. No cars in the parking lot.

5:57 — Martin Steet School. They're just putting in the bases on the far diamond. I'll be back.

6:01 — Rotary Park. Three diamonds and teams on all of them. Good. A drop of rain falls on my windshield. Bad. It's hot and muggy but the sky doesn't look too threatening.

Bob's Auto Service is warming up to play against Harry Sytsma Trucking. The winner of this game, I learn, goes to the semifinals in the major mosquito baseball division.

Before it starts, the umpire is reading a rule book. I wonder if it's the appropriate time for that.

Matt Jones takes the mound for Bob's Auto Service. The first batter he faces pulls a hot grounder down the third base line. Andrew McConkey fields it cleanly and makes the long throw to first base for the out. Nice play. Jones then strikes out the next batter. No-hitter so far. Danny Merrit is up next, however, and he looks dangerous. He smashes one into the gap between right and centerfield and takes off around the bases. Home run.

This one's a replay

On the southwest diamond, Dufferin Aggregates, in the same division, is waiting for their opponent to show up. I can smell controversy here, especially since someone at the last stop told me about it.

The Dufferin people don't want to say too much, but I already know this is supposed to be a replay of a game protested for "delay of time." It appears the other team is staging their own form of protest by not showing up. The winner of this game is also supposed to go to the semifinals, but it may have to be decided in the board room.

On the east diamond there's a minor mosquito boys baseball contest between SKD Company and Milton Pro Sport. Travis Van Loosen is pitching for Milton Pro Sport. He gets the final out of the first inning on a come-

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backer to the mound. The game is scoreless.

The SKD pitcher is Joel Jensen, who strikes out the first Milton Pro Sport batter. Then he strikes out the second hitter. I can't leave until I see if he strikes out the side. He does. I'd like to see Joel pitch some more, but I figure I'll wait and watch him on TV when he's in the majors.

Can't be beat

6:39 — Back to Martin St. School. I arrive just in time. Openaire Inc. have the bases loaded in this boy's minor mosquito baseball contest against Creative Memorials.

Luke Hendrie is on the mound. He's throwing heat and has nice form. A bouncer through the infield, however, brings in two runs. Openaire add a couple after that and they've scored the maximum five runs per inning. The Creative coach consoles Luke. "Don't worry about it. You pitched well." I think so too.

The score is 6-1 for Openaire but Creative have yet to hit in the inning. There's an endless number of chants from their bench. One is rather interesting, considering their sponsor:

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven;

All the teams go up to heaven;

When they get there they repeat;

Creative Memorials can't be beat

Creative Memorials gets one run back but Brandon Marsh, pitching for Openaire, bears down and handles things on his own. He makes a great falling catch on a popper to the infield, strikes out the next batter and then fields a grounder toward first, stepping on the bag himself for the final out.

7:07 — Arrive at Brian Best Park. Adults are playing softball on one of the diamonds, but there's a soccer game in the way. I don't like soccer, even though I played it myself as a kid. But since I'm there anyway ...

Apple Auto Glass is playing the Royal Canadian Legion in an under 12 boys game. Coach Bill Van Koot

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Tech to trek to the Soo for the show

By MURRAY TOWNSEND
 Special to The Champion

The Milton Tech Trek Ltd. bantams are primed and ready to go to the provincial A rep baseball championships in Sault Ste. Marie.

Their last stumbling block was a best-of-three playoff last weekend against the Inch Park Tigers of Hamilton. Milton took the first game 6-1 on the strength of a one-hitter by Pat Lynch.

The second game, at Maplehurst, was a little closer.

The Tigers drew first blood in the top of the opening frame. Their leadoff hitter banged a single off Tech Trek starter Jamie Walker, stole second and third, then came home on a sacrifice fly after a fine running catch by Milton rightfielder Ryan Burne.

Milton wasted no time getting the run back, pounding the Hamilton pitcher for seven straight hits in the bottom of the first.

With one out, Adam Grigor bloomed an opposite field single, followed by an infield single by Jeff Langille. That brought Pat Lynch up to the plate. The cleanup hitter drove one that went all the way to the fence in left-center, scoring both runners. He landed on third with a triple.

Catcher Paul Page then hammered one to center to score Lynch, and went to second when the center fielder bobbled it. Chris Mutcherson joined the party by doubling down the right field line, scoring Page.

Pitcher Jamie Walker then drove one between third and short to score yet another run. First baseman Grant Williamson put a coin in the slot to keep the merry-go-round turning by hitting another double to right field. It was 6-1 at the end of the first.

Jamie Walker experienced some trouble in the second. After getting two quick outs, a couple of wild pitches and walks counted one. Then a solid single with runners on second and third scored a pair. That made it 6-4. Page gunned out a runner attempting to steal, assisted by a nice pickup at second base from Pat Lynch, to get the final out.

Manager Scott Anders says Walker often gets off slowly when he starts, which is why he's usually a reliever. That was borne out by the fact that after the second inning, he was all but untouchable. Over the next three frames he got the side in order, striking out four and inducing four ground balls to the infield.

In the sixth, the Tigers threatened after a one-out triple to right just out of the reach of Burne. Walker, whom Anders said was nervous before the game, looked as cool as a cucumber. He threw a timely change-up and got the next Hamilton batter to pop out politely to the catcher. Then he struck out the final hitter.

The Milton bats went on holidays after getting a big lead in the first. That's kind of their style, according to Anders. "They like to put a lot of runs together and then sit on the lead." He added that, "they tend to play to the other team's level."

A double by Walker and a single by Page were the only additional hits

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