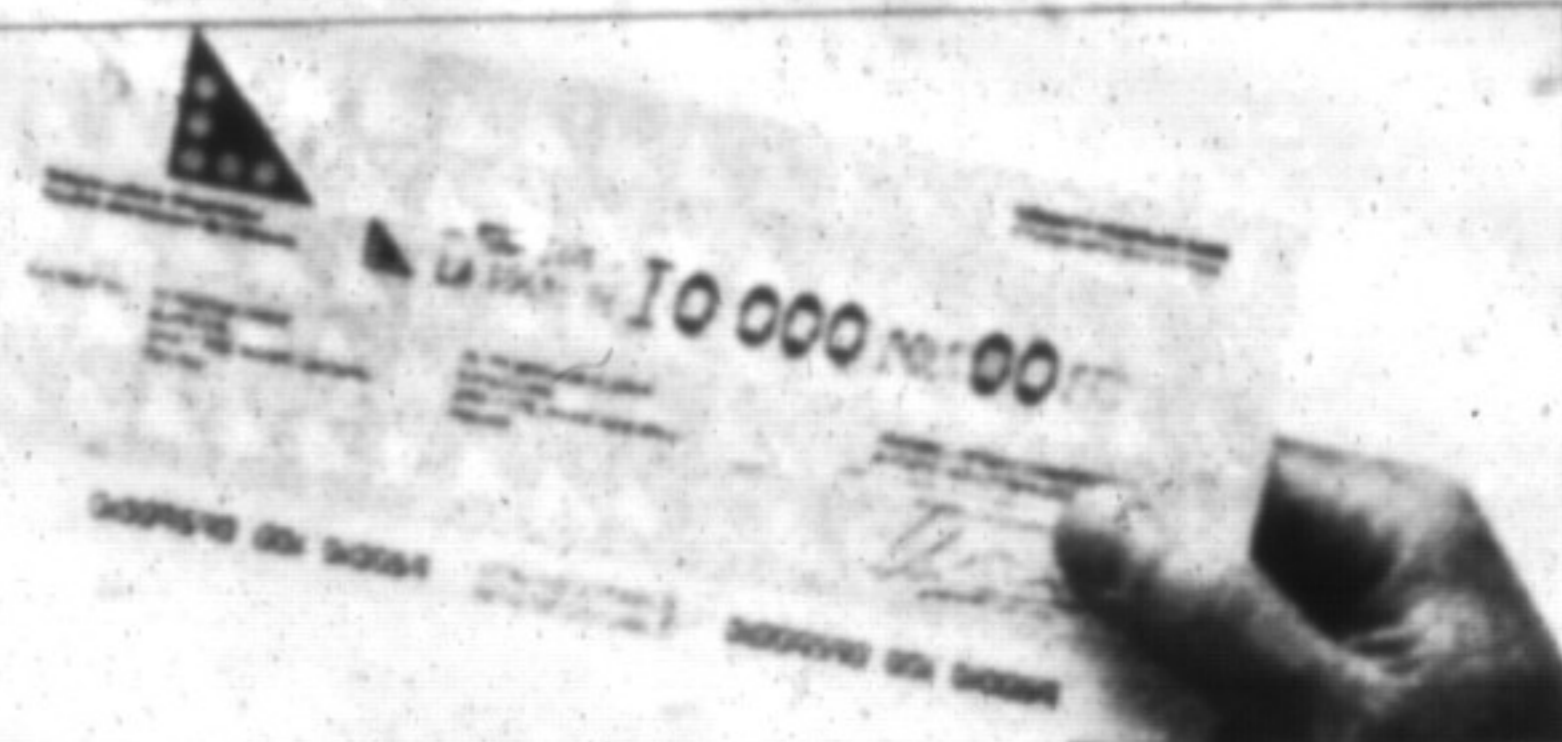


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# SPORTS

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## Tough competition forges softball edge

The bad news is that many of the rep teams from the Milton Girls Softball Association don't have great regular season league records.

The good news is, that's not so bad.

Huh?

It works like this. Milton is a Tier II centre, but because of geography and team availability, they often play their league games against Tier I teams which draw from a considerably larger population base.

However, when the Milton girls play against their own calibre, usually in tournaments, it's their turn to kick butt. So there.

Some have even suggested that the tougher regular season competition prepares them better for the games that really count, like tournament and provincial championship play.

All the teams from the Milton Girls Softball Association have good results in tournaments. The Expedite Plus novice team just missed going to the provincial championships in a heartbreaking final game this past weekend at a qualifier in Markham. The others will get their opportunity in the coming weeks.

Here's how things have shaped up so far this season for Milton girls rep teams:

### Squirt

**Sponsor:** Lions Club  
**Manager:** Roy Harrold  
**League Record:** 2-12

**Tournaments:** Made it to the consolation championship game in the Markham tournament, losing by just two runs; lost only one game in London tournament, that to the eventual champions.

**The Good:** "The team spirit and the way the girls are getting along. They're all fitting well together as a team," says manager Harrold.

He explained that only three of the 12 girls had any experience at the rep level prior to this season but that all of them have come a long way with their skills since the beginning of the year.

**Need to Improve:** "Hitting, particularly in our division. We're up against very strong and fast pitching." Harrold also mentions that their pitchers need a little more experience and power, but have come along nicely, as he notes below.

**Pleasant Surprise:** The progress of their two pitchers — Lindsey Harrold and Anne Jamieson. As well, Tara Elkie is considered the best catcher in the league and their team defense is as good as anyone's.

**What's Next:** Tier II regional qualifiers in Cawthra, August 5-6.

### Novice

**Sponsor:** Expedite Plus  
**Manager:** Dave Wrigglesworth  
**League Record:** 7-5-1 (3rd of eight teams - four are Tier I and four are Tier II)

## Murray Townsend

ON THE LOOSE

**Tournaments:** Ontario qualifier this past weekend, missed in final game by three runs of going to the provincial championships; in Niagara Falls they won the cheer-leading competition for the second year in a row and in tournament play (25 teams) went undefeated until facing Markham Tier I to determine which one would go to gold medal game — lost by just two runs; also tournaments in Stratford and Barrie.

**The Good:** "The greatest bunch of kids I've ever coached," said manager Wrigglesworth. "Overall it's just the attitude of the kids. That's what's really made the difference with this team."

**Need to Improve:** They sometimes have the one-inning blues, according to Wrigglesworth, the one bad inning that hurts them. Otherwise, they're "doing well in pitching, batting, and defensively. The heart is there, the desire is there."

**Pleasant Surprise:** Not much in the way of surprises. The whole team has steadily improved as the season's gone on and two girls who have never played rep ball before are doing very well.

**What's Next:** Peel-Halton play-offs in August.

### Bantam

**Sponsor:** Royal Canadian Legion  
**Manager:** Ray Lacourse  
**League Record:** 3-7-1

**Tournaments:** Palmerston tournament — went to finals, losing to a Tier I team 5-3; Burlington tournament — made it to semifinals, losing to Chatham, PWSA champs from last year; Niagara Falls — went 1-1-1.

**The Good:** Lacourse notes the dedication to the game that the parents, kids and even employers have shown has been excellent. The parents, of course, for all the travel time they've had to put in and employers (his daughter works at McDonald's) for being more understanding than perhaps they might be in a larger town. "A good thing about Milton is that employers recognize the fact that the kids are dedicated to the sport and will work around their schedules."

Lacourse also notes a catcher they

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

A Milton rugby player struggles to hang onto the ball against the visiting John Cleveland College team from Hinckley, England. Milton won the junior game 17-9.

## Against Britishers

# Milton holds own in rugby

A team of rugby players visited Milton recently from John Cleveland College in Leicestershire, England. Thirty-seven players and coaches are on a jolly old tour of Ontario.

They stayed in the homes of Milton District High School students, and ex-students, as well as with some from E.C. Drury High School.

The Brits were more than impressed with the reception from their hosts, but once they reached the rugby field, the hospitality ended.

Milton District beat them in the junior game 17-9, although they used players a year or two overage. It was

an impressive victory just the same, because the English Under 15 side had only two losses in two years and was considered to be one of the top teams in England.

The English side took the senior game 11-10 in another hard-fought battle. But, again, Milton District used players a year or two older than their counterparts.

## Runners' results at Kelso

The Milton Runners took part in the Kelso 8k run recently. The course started in the park, took them through Hilton Falls conservation area and then back to Kelso.

The first of the Milton Runners to finish was John Fisher in a time of 35:49. Scott Malcolm was next at 36:18. Tina Braam finished in 40:25, second in her age group. Other runners and times: Martin Stanley, 40:46; Jeff Villeneuve, 41:50; Georgie Gillis, 45:58; Jennifer Ryell, 45:46; Ed Braame 46:23; and Petra Halk 50:46.