

# Fleet Freddy Bakes goes 11 for 12 in two-game tear

## Leads Dickens to two victories in league action

Let me start today's column with an apology to the 180 "kids" in the Milton Men's Slo-Pitch League. A combination of a late return from the cottage and a computer lock-out didn't allow Chloe and I to get results of a hectic week of action to the press on time last week.

And boy, did I hear about it from all of you who scan the Wednesday edition. You might think that I was being a gentleman by not noting Marsh Homer's four "K's" in a two-game span, or that I didn't get the payoff to mention a three-homerun effort by Willard "Grampa" Rath in a rare Milton Builders victory.

Simply not the case, and I'll try to make it up to *Player of the Week* Fred Bakes of The Dickens, who went an amazing 11-for-12 in his team's victories over St. Clair Paint and Paper and Re/max Realty.

This said and done, let's move on to the past week's action and see how many of the remaining 177 players we can spotlight for their baseball heroics.

Monday night contests began with Milton Colour and Sound adding to their Division B lead with an easy 15-7 win over Wally's Meats.

Bob Harvey and Glenn Bragg had 3-for-4 nights at the plate, while Greg Elkie added a home run and Mait Spencer delivered two singles, two walks and a "K" in his five trips.

For the Butchers, who are playing as such (my team, I can say it) Bob Thoburn, Dunc Currie and Merv Fletcher each went 3-for-4.

Milton Colour and Sound added another notch in their belts later in the week when they scored five runs in the bottom of the ninth to edge Fat Freddy's 22-21. Randy Way and Paul Jeans each went 4-for-5, while Peter Predko, Steve Power and Glenn Bragg all contributed three hits.

For you "Mait Watchers", there were two singles and a "K". Providing the punch for Fat Freddy's were Bob Roselle, Dennis Gluck and Frank Olds with four hits each, including a three-run dinger by Rosie.

### Twice perfect

Bruce Hood Travel, another team rounding into shape for the pennant drive, hammered Bousfield Auto 25-10, as Phil Dimaso and Rick Jeffrey had perfect 5-for-5 outings.

Dimaso and Brian May both had home runs. Ken Phillips, Dave Decaire and Mike Mollins each added four hits to the Travellers attack. For Bowser's Bob deRyk and Mike "the Head Mechanic" Barbetta went 3-for-4 while Benny Ercolani added to the Pool Party Fund with a "K".

Bruce Hood Travel was also responsible for the first shutout I can remember in my 10-year tenure in this league. Behind the pitching of Bob Davidson and Dave Decaire they blanked the Key Centre 8-0. "Moon" Mollins and Phil Dimaso each swatted three hits for the winners, and I would be totally remiss if

## Slo Pitch



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Stumper's triple wasn't noted. The Key Crew have now dropped four in a row.

Earlier in the week they fell to the resurgent Dickens squad 23-22. Urban Faria, with two homers in his six-hit performance, was assisted by Wayne Leblanc and Ernie McConnell in providing the Dickens offence. For the Key Crew, fine efforts came from Wayne Nikolich, who was 6-for-6, and Randy Howse, 5-for-5.

This week also included the return of inter-league play as Gary's Gang from Re/max went on the road to Brookville and needed a seven-run outburst in the eighth inning to secure a 19-12 victory. While the events up north were in our league's favour, at home, Vic Wilyman's "Pail of Nails" squad got driven soundly. As yet, the results have not been made available to your not-so-humble reporter, but I have it from a reliable source, Joe DiP--ma, that it was not pretty.

In other action, Re/max Realty shrugged off a one game losing streak to beat the Legion 10-4. At press time the losers had forgotten to forward the gamesheet.

At Thompson South diamond, Mike Morgan put on a batting clinic as he launched three home runs,

good for 8 RBI, in leading Halton Pool to a 25-13 victory over Wally's Meats. Barry Batanoff, Don Simpson, Tony Fiorita, Gary Smith and Ted Ollerenshaw all had too many hits to record. For the losers, only Graeme Colvin and my snitch, Joe DiP--ma, who both hit homeruns, are mentionable.

### Builders re-building

Last but not least, especially with younger brother Ian on the team, St. Clair Paint defeated Milton Builders Hardware 18-3 to close out the week. "Fuddy" did have two hits, much to

my chagrin, as the Paperhangers played a sound defensive game. The "guards", Barry McTrach and Jim Boland, had 3-for-4 nights and Brent McArthur's homer counted for three runs. For the Builders, 1-8 in their last nine games, it's time to start rebuilding for the playoffs.

**Players of the Week:** Fred Bakes, as mentioned earlier, and Phil Damaso of Hood's, who went 8-for-8 in two victories.

**Pro Picks:** Milton Colour & Sound over The Dickens (on a roll); Re/max over Bousfield (why?); Halton Pools over The Legion (Morgan).

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