

Seniors Grab Share Of First Place In S.C.B.A.

Back to back wins over Nanticoke and Walsingham gave the Hagersville Blues a share of first place in the S.C.B.A. The big Hagersville bats gave the Blues a 13 - 2 win over Nanticoke as they pounded three pitchers for 13 hits.

Danny Forbes cracked a homerun and

single to pace the attack. Tony Yacolino had a double and single with Frank Vecero getting two singles. Jim Herkimer continued his heavy hitting and raised his batting average to a cool .570 with two singles while getting on base five times.

Paul Kett had a single and two walks as his average remained at .500. Butch DeMille returned to action and picked up a single in two trips to the plate with Jim Cote, Rob Stewart and Harold Taylor chipping in with base hits. Steve Petracca started on the Hill for the Blues and worked five innings. He gave up one run, two hits, six walks and struck out six. Taylor came on in the sixth and allowed one run, one hit, two walks and struck out five for an impressive showing for the two young members of the pitching staff.

Jim Lamb, who looks like the only player Nanticoke has got picked up two hits and caught a good game. Gary Gee and Bill Lamb picked up the other hits.

On Sunday, Hagersville did not get that

many hits but made them all count as they upset the favoured Walsingham Senators by a score of 8 - 4.

For the first four innings Paul Kett and Larry Quick were locked in a scoreless tie as neither team got a base hit. Hagersville scored first in the top of the fourth. With two out Jim Cote singled and promptly stole second. Stewart then rapped a double for the first run. The lead was short lived as the Senators came back with two in the bottom of the fourth when Holmes, Defreyne and Adams all got base hits. Adams' blow was a double.

Walsingham added two more in the last of the fifth when Herkimer was on the hill. A walk to Quick started the rally as Abbott followed with a single. Boughner and Holmes grounded out but Ade Underhill came through with a double. This was all the scoring for the Senators as it took both Ross McKeen and Tony Yacolino to finish the pitching.

Hagersville tied the score in the top of the sixth. Yacolino and Kett both walked. Jim Cote was safe on a fielders choice. Stewart hit a fly ball to centre with Yacolino scoring after the catch. Vecero and

Forbes then delivered key singles to plate runners.

In the top of the seventh a two run homer by Yacolino provided the winning runs for the Blues. Kett and Cote added single runs on Walsingham errors for the final two runs.

The game was marred by a small discussion at home plate that ended up with Jim Herkimer and Vince Petracca getting tossed from the game for voicing their opinions to plate umpire Hall. It seems these young coaches and players will never learn that the umpire is always right and has the last say regardless of the set of circumstances.

Brown Wins Cayuga Feature

Harry Brown of Brantford, driving a 1973 Camaro, fought off a steady challenge from Art Clark of West Seneca, New York, and three other hot shoes to capture the Carling 30 lap feature victory at Cayuga International Speedway, Friday night.

Jerry, "The Bear" Makara of Ancaster, in a similar Camaro, had held the lead from the 7th through the 21st lap until a slight engine "miss" allowed Brown and Clark, at the wheels of '73 Camaros, to pass the leader coming off turn four.

Bill Watson of Toronto at the wheel of a 1973 Firebird also took advantage of Makara's problems to capture third spot. Makara held on for fourth, edging out current Carling Point Fund leader, Dale Watson of Markham, at the wheel of a 1972 Chevelle.

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Friday's feature win came as he immediately backed his car down on to the apron, as soon as the nearest driver had scattered to the high side of the track, or to the infield, to avoid what could have been a costly mix-up. Howie Scannell of Milton looped his Mustang on the restart, causing a third realignment of the field. The only caution of the 30 lap feature after this restart came out on lap 7, when Jim Smith of Corunna, lost it going wide in turn two and scraped his '73 Camaro along the retaining wall. No other cars were involved, and Smith returned to the pits with front end damage.

From lap 7 on, when he powered his car around the outside of Scannell's "Kleen Flo" 1973 Mustang, Makara seemed to be on his way to a repeat of last week's string of victories.

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The trophy dash was won by Makara with Dale Watson close behind and Harold Brown in third spot.

Juveniles Win 11 Inning Contest Midgets Win 10-4

Randy Curran pitched ten and two thirds innings for the Hagersville Juveniles on Sunday but failed to pick up the win. He was relieved by Roger Montour with two out on the top of the 11th after Tillsonburg had taken a 7 - 2 lead.

Roger got the last out when the Tillsonburg shortstop grounded out second to first. Curran worked the first 10 innings like a professional giving up single runs in

the 3rd and 4th innings on two hits per inning. Randy allowed a harmless single in the first inning for the only five hits till the eleventh. He struck out eight and walked six as his mates made four errors.

Hagersville scored a run in the second inning when Glen Hewson led off with a single. Curran grounded out moving Hewson to second where he came home on Carrie Sinabaldi's base hit.

Jim Vanni and Dean Webb had singled in the first inning but were left stranded. Danny Donato singled in the third but was left at third. Bill Schwyer, the Tillsonburg pitcher, shut the home team out for the next three innings till Hagersville tied it at 2 - 2 in the last of the seventh.

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The Hagersville Midgets finally got around to playing a Midget club and came up with a 10 - 4 win.

This is the first game of the season for the Midgets against other than Juvenile teams and they showed they are as good as the rest of the Midget teams.

Darrell Nixon put on a real display of power collecting a triple, double and single in three trips to the plate.

Terry Crawford also had three hits and should help the team if he continues to come out. Darrell Watson had a double and single with his ground rule double just failing to clear the fence by about five feet.

Phil Nie and Terry Kimball had two hits apiece as Paul Horvatis chipped in with a single. Watson was behind the plate for this game as

Nie was nursing a sore leg.

This was the first game Watson caught and he turned in a fine game. He did not have a passed ball although his throws were a little high at times. This comes from throwing from centre-field most of the time.

Billy Winger hurled a neat three hitter and the four runs he gave up were all unearned. His five strikeouts were below par for him as were the six walks he issued.

Hagersville made three errors that all cost runs but Ayler also made six errors that figured in the scoring.

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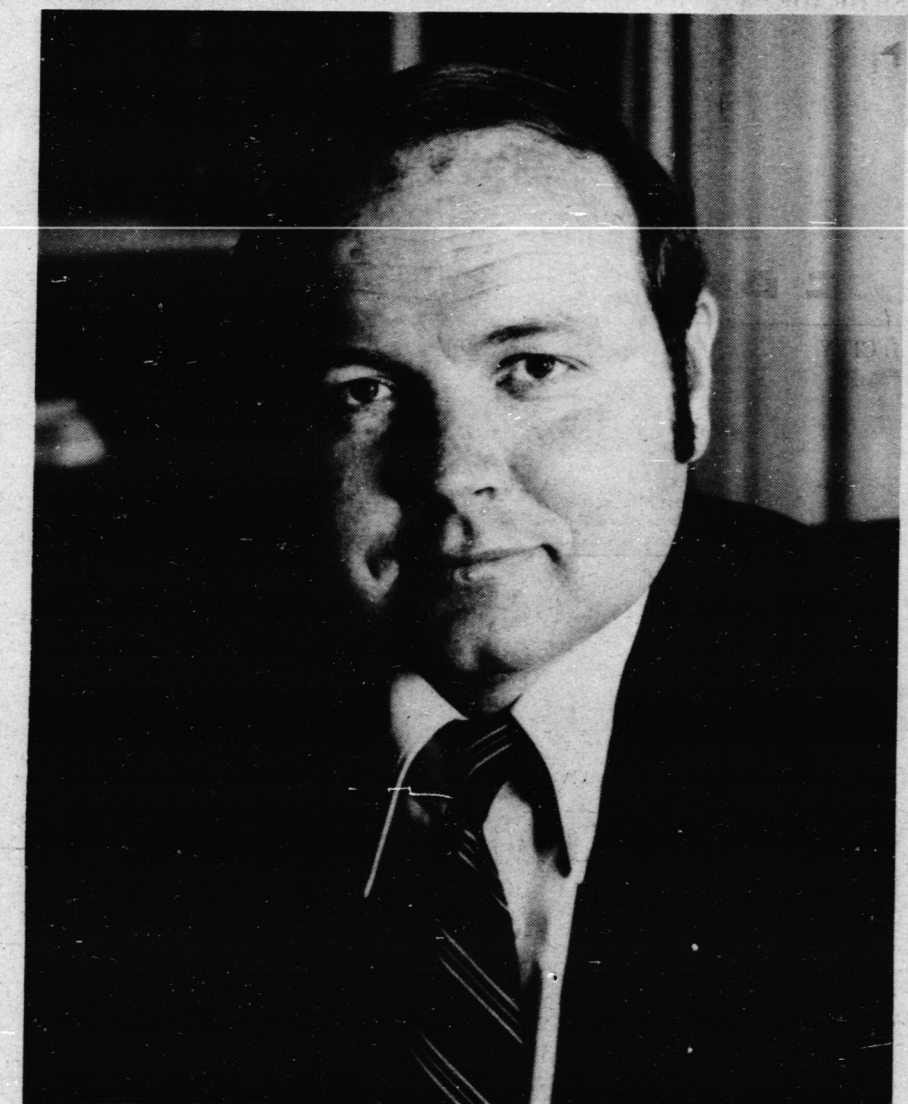


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Juveniles Suffer First Defeat

The Hagersville Juveniles, travelled to Tillsonburg on Monday night and suffered their first defeat.

Hagersville scored three times in the first inning. Dean Webb reached on an error. Vanni popped up before Fryett reached on a fielder's choice. Pat Martin and Donato ripped singles for three runs.

Roger Montour started but only got one man out. Randy Curran worked the next three innings and was reached for three more runs to go along with the three in the first inning.

Pat Martin went the last two innings giving up two runs on two hits. Hagersville narrowed the gap with two runs in the third inning. Vanni and Fryett singled and after an error and a fly ball let in two runs which Curran grounded out to end the inning.

Walks to Martin and Montour set the stage for Donato to come through with a hit for the final run. The next home game is Sunday at 2 p.m.