

**McLaren Whiffs Seven**

**Ints. Stay In, Edge Sox 3-1**

Acton Intermediates "stayed alive" in their quest of an Intermediate "A" playoff berth by virtue of a 3-1 win over Milton Red Sox Sunday afternoon right in the Milton ball yard.

A crucial game for both teams—a Red Sox win eliminating Acton, an Acton victory possibly forcing an Intermediate "A" saw-off—Milton threw their winning pitcher, righthander, Nip Gervais, at the Acton club. Gervais had lost only one game this season—lost to Campbellville—and has won six.

**Ace Pitches for Acton**  
Manager Duce Lindsay, countered with Lynn McLaren, ace of the local mound staff, although Lynn started the previous day against Campbellville and was only around for four innings.

The slim righthander was just what the old maestro ordered. He scattered five hits as he restricted the Sox to a solitary run—an unearned one—in the bottom half of the sixth. His curve ball claimed seven strike-out victims, and he left eight runners on the bases.

McLaren also was a big factor at the plate for the Merchants. His triple in the third knocked in two runs in a three run second inning—the only counters the Acton club could squeeze from the slow curve balls Gervais threw at them.

**In Trouble at Finish**  
At times there seemed to be a conspiracy to keep McLaren from winning this game. First his own team mates, by committing errors, and then the umpires by calling plays adversely, kept him in trouble in the last few innings but he survived by coming through with well timed strike-outs.

Gervais, meanwhile, gave up eight hits, issued two walks and

fanned four Acton batters. He was touched for three hits in the second frame when Acton got all their runs. Seven Acton runners were left on the bases.

The Acton club reeled off two double plays, one in both the second and third innings, but committed five errors over the nine innings, two of them coming in the sixth when Milton scored their solitary run.

**Score in Second**  
Bruce, on base with a pass, and Pete Lawson with a single, both scored when McLaren hit, his triple in the second frame. McLaren came home on Red Anderson's single for all the Acton runs.

Rigo scored Milton's run in the sixth when he singled and went to second as a result of Pete Lawson's glove throw at the ball. He stole third and went home as Lawson's throw from short to first on South's ground ball went wild.

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Acton ..... 030 000 000 3 8 5  
Milton ..... 000 001 000 1 5 1  
Acton: Anderson rf, Jim Lindsay cf, Paul Lawson lb, Harold Townsley 2b, Chuck Jewell 3b, Bob Bruce lf, Pete Lawson ss, Don Lindsay c, Lynn McLaren p.  
Milton: Culley cf, Hannant ss, Phillips 1b, Rigo 3b, Serafini c, South rf, Barrett lf, Shannon 2b, Gervais p.

**POUNDRING THE SPORTS BEAT**



It was a real pleasure for this scribe to take in Sunday's intermediate ball game in Milton seated on the grandstand in the Agriculture Park. A spanking new building, it commands an overall view of the diamond. Every play could be followed with ease without obstructions of any kind. The seats were comfortable, gave you room to move around. Mentally, we pictured the structure transported ephemerally to Acton and deposited in a location near the diamond in the park here. However, we must face realities...

The grass we are sure, is fine for sheep; But for watching baseball—Give me a seat!

Umpires! We've observed them sympathetically from varying angles this week but twice with a little variation. They do have their share of troubles. Ask Lynn McLaren, the Acton righthander, who hurled Sunday's game in Milton. He has a legitimate beef on the plate arbiter of that game. Coasting along on an assortment of curves, McLaren only needed one more strike to retire the side in a late inning of the game. He was in some trouble but a strike-out would rescue him. He threw. It went right down the middle of the plate—no curve—a straight strike. Need we tell. The ump yelled BALL...

Then in the bantam play-off here Monday night we were inclined to be sympathetic. For attempting to eject one of the visiting team for swearing, base umpire Jack Bullough was subjected to a lot of abuse from both visiting coaches and team. As they say in the newspapers, this is not an isolated incident. This kind of thing takes place many times and at various places every baseball season. Most of these fellows take home no pay for their minor baseball duties excepting the odd ball they may pick up in the play-offs. About the best we can do for them, however, is tip the chapeau and wish them many more seasons of umpiring.

Throw away that cane, man! The amazing vitality Station Hotel Peasants are showing in the local softball circuit is due in large part to the presence of two grizzled veterans in the line-up. We mean, of course, Duce Lindsay and Coon Varey. The combined ages of the two?—95 years! Duce, the pitcher, and Coon, his battery mate, figured largely in the win the Peasants exacted from their fellow hostellers, Normie Morton's Dominion Hotel squad, last Friday night, although the Duce was tendered an early exit. He was ejected for arguing too vigorously with base umpire Ivan Kilby over a decision at first base.

Station Hotel's emergence as the dark horse of the circuit and the Band's thumping of the Junior Farmers, Monday, clarified the softball picture considerably. Looks like—three teams are assured a play-off spot—Dominion Hotel, Station Hotel and the Band. Fighting it out for the final spot are the Fire Fighters, who might just make it, the Junior Farmers, shipping, and a Legion team which has been showing signs of life in the last few games.

**OFF THE CUFF** Sympathy is extended to relatives of the late Adam Brown, killed suddenly in an accident Tuesday morning. A star with Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Black Hawks of the N.H.L. during the '40's, Adam was related to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kenner, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. V. Bristow in town. Sorry, we goofed again last week. Said Ray West and Lloyd Masales were manager and coach of the local juveniles. It should have been the other way around. Ray is coach and Lloyd manager.

Two games in the park this Saturday p.m. and the Bantams at 1:00 p.m.

**R H E**  
Fire Fighters 851 003 17 14 2  
Junior Farmers 101 061 9 11 3  
Fire Fighters: McCrystal ss, H. Dadds c, H. Townsley 3b, Bill Spielvogel cf, B. Williams 2b, J. Pink lf, F. Archibald p, D. Price 1b, D. Frizzell rf.  
Junior Farmers: M. Hunter rf,

**Peasants Play Dominion Hotel**

Station Hotel may have been a softball league doormat at the start of the season, but when every game a has playoff significance, the Peasants are upsetting all the predictions. Thursday night Fuzzy Melton's crew demonstrated their sights were set on the league's pinnacle when they downed rival and league-leading Dominion Hotelers 6-2 in a seven inning fixture.

In one of the closest contests of the softball season—a score was tied 2-2 going into the last inning—the Peasants put together three hits, a walk, and a Dominion error for four runs in the seventh. The Dominion House failed to reply.

It was a juicy win for the Peasants. Duce Lindsay and B. Cargill shared pitching duties for the winners, and they scattered seven hits and walked one batter. Bill Johnston hurried for the Dominions, giving up five hits and issuing two walks. His team mates, however, committed four costly errors behind him.

**Score Runs**  
Ed Phillips started the Dominions off in the second frame, hitting a double and scoring on Bill Johnstone's safety. Forbes Cole got the Peasants back in the running in the third when he got on base through an error. Coon Varey's single scored him.

Ross Morton scored the losers' second and what proved to be the final run in the third when he doubled, coming in on Harry Lawson's safety. Cargill tied it up again in the fourth when his ground ball was muffed and he scored on succeeding put-outs.

In the seventh, McKellar wangled a walk, Andy Nolan and brother Larry put together back-to-back singles, and Ken Pashon poked out a hit to push across three runs for the winning margin.

**Firemen Defeat Jr. Farmers 17-9**

Fire Fighters got off to an eight run lead in the first inning of an Acton Softball League contest against the Junior Farmers Friday night and they were never headed as they won 17-9. They scored five more runs in the second frame, a singleton in the third and added three in the sixth to easily claim the win.

The Junior Farmers' big inning was the fifth when they put together six hits and ran walks for six runs but they could do little with the pitching of Fred Archibald the rest of the way. They managed to plate single runs in the first, third and sixth frames off five hits of the 11 they tagged off Archibald's offerings.

The hose and ladder crew meanwhile, smashed out 14 singles off the combined pitching of H. Watson and Delaney, who issued five walks over the six inning distance. Scotty McCristall was the top hitter with three hits followed by Harold Townsley, Bill Spielvogel and Jack Pink with a pair apiece.

For the Junior Farmers, Ross Shortill and Doug Black with three safeties each and R. Hall and Ken Dadds with two apiece were the top batters.

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**GO-KART RACER** Chuck Tyler, former Acton man who is now a Georgetown garage operator, was one of 20 members of the North-Halton Kart Club who thrilled the large crowd at Acton park during the Saturday afternoon races. The former Actonian has caught the bug and claims it is one of the best hobbies going. He drives a 2 1/2 horsepower West Bend. Most of the racers can reach a speed limit of over 60 miles per hour. The race track in Acton proved too rough for the small cars and many of them broke down.

**SPORTS**

The Acton Free Press, Thursday, August 11th, 1960

**Bandsmen Beat Out 24-4 Tattoo Score 13 In First Frame Marathon**

Scoring 13 runs in the top half of the first inning, Acton Citizens' Band went merrily on to a 24-4 rout of the Junior Farmers in a marathon softball fixture Monday night. It was the bandsmen's fifth victory against four defeats and assures them a playoff spot.

The Farmers never got a run off the sizzling fast balls the band's Butch Richman offered them until the sixth inning when they plated all four of their counters. They struck out nine times and hit safely in seven appearances.

For the bandsmen, the first inning was simply a matter of waiting out pitchers Harold Watson and Bob Skidmore, who were having difficulty finding the plate. They walked six and allowed four hits while three errors were being committed in that disastrous first inning.

**Errors Costly**  
Ray Hall settled the Farmers down, allowing only one run in the second inning but the bandsmen greeted Watson, hurling again, with three more runs in the third. Again his team mates committed two costly bobbles.

The only inning the band failed to score in was the sixth. They counted one in the fourth, three in the fifth and added two more in the seventh.

Paul Lawson was the most consistent hitter for the band with three while Ray Braida, Jim McGregor, Ray Wallis and Frank Spielvogel clouted out two hits each. Julian Zajac and Jeff Fry-

**Oaks Champs**  
Oakville Oaks defeated Dundas last night (Wednesday) in a Halton County Intermediate game and the win made the Oaks county int. "A" major champs, dropping Dundas to third place.

As a result of the decision of the league brass at Tuesday's special meeting, Dundas will now meet Acton to decide who goes on into the O.B.A. Senior "B" playoffs replacing defunct Brampton.

**Ints. Enter Sr. B Playoffs**

At a special meeting of the Halton County Baseball Association called by Pete McMullen Tuesday night it was decided that remaining games in the intermediate series that were to be played with Brampton would not be awarded to opposing teams as a win but standings would be calculated on a games played and games won basis. Brampton has dropped out of the league.

In this way, Milton advances into Intermediate "A" play-offs. It left Acton in the cold by a few percentage points. It was noted by McMullen that Brampton was a Senior "B" entry and by dropping them out it left an opening in that division.

**Near Ruckus in Bant Tilt Teams Tied, Ump Calls It**

A ruckus that developed between halves of the last inning caused the plate umpire to call the first game of the Halton county bantam play-offs with the score tied 3-3 here Monday night.

Base umpire Jack Bullough ejected one of the visiting Milton players for using a cuss word in a mound conflag and his action precipitated a lot of shoving and arguing, resulting in the game being called before the Acton team had their turn at bat.

Up to that point, the game was a real pitchers' battle between Mike Boughton of the Acton club and McDuffe of the visitors. McDuffe set 13 Acton batters down by the strike-out route and walked six. He allowed five hits. Boughton meanwhile whiffed 12 Milton batters, walked five and permitted only four safeties.

Milton took the lead in the contest, first of a best of three, with a run in the top half of the fourth. Naylor, on base with a free ticket, scored on Sullivan's triple to centre.

The Acton team came back in their half with the tying run, Gary Masales smashing a double and scoring when Ruddy Holmes came through with another two bagger to centre.

Again in the fifth, the visitors pulled in front with two runs on a single, a walk and an error at short. Acton failed to score in their end.

With Milton threatening but failing to count in the sixth, the local kids came through in their half when Gary Masales punched his second hit of the game to start a rally going. Ian Johnston was hit by a pitched ball and Ruddy Holmes smashed his second clutch two bagger to deep centre, clearing the bases and tying the count at 3-3.

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**Player Shortage Plagues Teams**

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London started off strongly in the first inning when Ramsay Hey opened with a home run and Ken Owens, Glen Taillefer and Gord Lasby scored for a 4-0 lead. Guelph got two back in the bottom half when Terry Cole and Terry Churchill plated runs.

Both teams traded runs in the second and third frames. Len Varcy and Glen Taillefer scoring for London and Rick Jeffries and Terry Cole for Guelph.

London slayed 6-4 going into the final frame, Guelph staged a three run rally. Bill Dziak, Bill Field and John Churchill scoring. London failed to reply. In the shorthanded game it was no contest after the first inning with Jeffries scoring twice, DeForest once, Lee twice, F. Butler and L. Butler twice each for Kitchener. Craig Perkins, Stevens and Michael Marchment replied for Hamilton. Jeffries got the only second-inning run to give Kitchener a 9-3 lead.

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