Pounding the Sports Beat . . .

UNABLE TO attend the Acton Open last Saturday, this ill-fated scribe has only second hand knowledge of what took place. Obviously the golfers enjoyed themselves on the Georgetown Golf and Country Club links but they found that a man of the cloth had more than a swing and a prayer in topping the 52 entries.

His gross of 86, made up of nine hole scores of 42 and 44, was four better than runner-up Julian Zajac.

Entries were up over last year's journey and the increased interest in golf in these parts naturally raises the question—When is someone going to build a course for the Acton duffers?

A course in this area is long overdue.

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A COURSE for golfers once graced the area back of what is known as the "cemetery hill" district over 50 years ago. Gentlemen of that day spent many leisurely afternoons on it.

Another private course exists in the fish pond property on the third line but access to its facilities is limited to only the owner and his friends.

Many Acton golfers belong to the North Halton club in Georgetown, the Cutten, Country Club and Fairview links in Guelph. Some go as far afield as Bolton and Trafalgar, near Milton, to exercise their clubs.

It's a sport that is finding increasing favor with the man on the street and since the advent of pay as you go courses is no longer out of reach of his pocketbook.

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BEARDMORE Tanners made it plain to last year's champions, Dominion Hotel, that they would be no pushovers in the race for the Acton softball league marbles.

Tinny Masales' Tanners shaded the Dominions 11 - 10 Tuesday night in a fashion that still has the Hotelers wondering what happened. It was their first-loss and left the two teams astride the top of the league with three wins and one loss apiece.

Acton tonight pits the Junior Farmers against the Fire Fighters while next Tuesday's game will see the Junior Farmers and the Tanners clash.

They're still working on the softball diamond hoping it will be in shape for next week's games.

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FIRST NO-HITTER of the Halton County baseball intermediate series this season was pitched by Carl Shields of the Dundas club who hurled his team mates to a 10 - 0 shut out over Bronte Braves last Thursday.

Shields struck out 10 and assisted on four put outs in fashioning the no-hitter.

In other league activity this week, Earl Cairns, who makes a hobby of unloading home runs at crucial moments, poled another against Dundas Sunday to bring his total to six, as the Campbellville club won their 10th. It was the club's 19th of the season.

Georgetown also suffered in the deluged when they absorbed a 12 - 0 defeat at the hands of the villagers who clouted another four round trippers at the expense of all-star pitcher Lynn McLaren.

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TWO WINS this week strengthened Acton's hold on the first division of the league and the Merchants are looking better every time out.

They are starting to hit the ball with authority now and last night's win over Milton, who had a string of four wins going proves they can come from behind. "Dude" Lindsay has moved his players around with wisdom and despite some weak fielding last night the club looks like they might shape into a real contender.

Howie Cain has been improving steadily and along with southpaw Bob Brattain, could give the Merchants a right-left starting combination.

Another test for the Merchants this Saturday. Campbellville comes to town for what could be the upset of the season. They have 11 wins against no losses to date.

Merchants Shatter Sox String

Cain Hurls Acton to Thrilling 9-8 Win

Trailing 8-1 in the top of the fourth inning, Acton Merchants rallied strongly in the last three innings last night (Wednesday) and succeeded in edging Milton Red Sox 9-8 in a scheduled Halton County intermediate contest, here.

Shaky in the first few innings, the Acton infield tightened up behind the right handed pitching of Howie Cain for their second win this week. It shattered a four game winning streak the Red Sox had chalked up at the expense of Oakville, Dundas, Bronte and Georgetown. It was Cain's second win of the week.

Both clubs used two pitchers.

Manager "Dude" Lindsay nominated lefthander Bob Brattain to start on the mound for the Merchants but the Red Sox picked up four straight hits in the first inning largely from shaky infield play. Before the inning was over Milton led 4-0.

Acton came back with one in their half when they put together three singles and a walk but erratic base running that resulted in two runners being caught "cold" ended the rally.

With Cully of the Sox on base, and one out, "Dude" yanked starter Brattain and inserted Howie Cain to face the Milton bats which repeatedly had punched out weak infield taps. A long fly to centre scored Cully and that made it 5-0. The Merchants failed to score in their half.

In the third Milton made it 6-0 when Shannon's drive to deep right produced a double and he scampered home when the relay was booted by second baseman Harold Townsley. Acton went down 1-2-3 in their half.

The fourth saw the Sox add two more when McCutcheon singled and Hannant arrived safely on a fielder's choice which was muddled at second. Hyatt got on via a choice and Rigo's hit to right was fumbled, scoring both runners and leaving Rigo at third —where he stayed.

The Merchants seemed to come alive in the bottom half when Townsley led off with a sharp single, Bob Bruce drilled another one in the hole around second and then big Joe Etchier lifted a tremendous drive to the race track in deep centre that the fleet Milton centre gardener nabbed but then dropped. Both runners scored making it 8-3.

Cain blanked the Sox in the top half of the fifth while Acton came back with three more runs. "Scotty" McCristall got a walk to start it off, the next two batters flied out but Bob Bruce walked out lefthander Butch Riddell for another base on balls. Etchier then drilled a hot one through second to score McCristall.

John Cunningham pinch hit for Fennell and he poked one into centre to score both runners. That made it 8-6.

Getting progressively stronger, Howie Cain allowed one single in the sixth but Milton couldn't produce a run. Acton plated three more to win by a 9-8 count.

Cain, eager for his second win of the week, drilled a single to start the sixth off. McCristall walked and then Paul Lawson delivered a timely blow to score Cain. That made it 8-7 and left two on the bags. With two out Bob Bruce came through with another safety to left that the fielder threw wide on and both Anderson and Lawson scored the tying and winning runs. Bruce hit his game winning single off Tom Marks, a righthander who the Sox thrust in the game to stem the Acton bats.

The Merchants got 11 hits off the two Milton pitchers, 10 from Riddell and one from Marks as well as four walks.

Cain allowed seven hits over six innings and walked one, while Brattain was picked for five in his short stint, for a total of 12 hits collected by the Milton bats.

Errors, a contributing factor for both teams, were made by Milton, three. Acton committed five hobbles.

		R	H	E
MILTON	411 200 0 —	8	12	3
ACTON	100 233 x —	9	11	5

Acton—Anderson rf, P. McCristal lf, Paul Lawson ss, H. Townsley 2b; Bob Bruce cf, Joe Etchier 3b, c in 6, Joe Fennell 1b, John Cunningham 1b in 5, Don Lindsay c, Harry Lawson ll in 5, Bob Brattain p, Howie Cain p in 2.

—Staff Photo

TROPHY WINNERS during the Acton Open golf tournament Saturday, proudly display their awards at the conclusion of the presentations. Pictured, left to right, are Mick Holmes presenting the J. B. Mackenzie trophy to Julian Zajac, Ted Tyler Jr. holds the "Coon" Varey trophy, Rev. A. H. McKenzie receives the J. Bert Wood trophy from the donor standing next to him and Roy Butler, displays the trophy presented and won by himself.

League Leading Acton Bowlers Drop Rockwood

Acton bowlers scored an impressive win in Rockwood, in Inter County League action, June 21st.

Winning in seven games and tieing in one, and outscoring Rockwood 99 to 76 gave Acton 17 points for the night, compared to 5 for Rockwood.

This win enabled Acton to take over first place in the League Standings.

Friday June 23rd, Guelph played at Georgetown. The home team came out on top with 12 points to Guelph's 10.

LEAGUE STANDING

League Standings June 24th—Acton 40; Rockwood 35; Georgetown 35; Guelph 22.

Games scheduled for Wednesday, June 28 are Georgetown at Acton and Guelph at Rockwood.

Recalls Fond Memories of Acton Writer Boosts Community Fund

June 20, 1961.

Mr. W. J. McKay,
Acton.

Dear Friend,

I expected to be in the old town before this but so far have not made the grade. Some time ago, I received a letter from the community group asking for a donation for the arena. I think the idea is quite in order and I am enclosing a cheque to help it along.

My memory takes me back to the first rink I remember in Acton. It was on Main Street South, across the road from what was called McCann's blacksmith shop. The next was the old drill shed where Bill Speight was our champion skater.

The first open air rink was on Fairy Lake and the first game of hockey in Acton was played there. In later years, we had rinks located between the Dominion and Acton hotels and also beside the present Free Press building before the arena was built.

However, in the good old times we enjoyed grand skating on both Henderson's Pond and Fairy Lake. Hope the enclosed helps along a good cause.

Yours very truly,
C. Roy McIntosh.

No Princess

There may be no Dairy Princess from Halton County in the provincial Dairy Queen competition at this year's C.N.E.

Halton, which has won the crown twice and had a runner-up for the title the third year, hasn't turned up a competitor yet. Prospective princesses must enter by this Friday or there will be no entry from Halton.

Agricultural representative J. A. Francis and junior farmer president Bill Wilson are taking applications.

● Three deer ran across the road and he swerved to miss them, Donald Brethet of R.R. 3, Campbellville told police after his car struck a large stone and a tree on the Guelph Line just south of Campbellville Sunday. The 1959 car received $700 damage.

Knox Minister Top Golfer Saturday As 52 Players Compete at Georgetown

Fifty-two golfers in all participated, 45 Actonites and seven invited visitors, at Acton Open Golf Tournament, Saturday. The out-of-towners were Doug Butler of Toronto, Don Black of Thorndale, Dave Drysdale of Guelph, Bill Howe of Windsor, Pete Simpson of Norval and John Cecil and Jack Robertson, Guelph. This compares with 46 last year and 65 in 1959.

Held at the new Georgetown Golf and Country Club, the course is set among the rolling hills and wood-clad ravines at the eastern limits of Glen Williams. Nine holes of this course went into play last year and the remaining nine holes have just been in use for about two weeks. All who played agreed (some rather grudgingly!) that the course is "challenging" and that it bids fair to become, in a few years' time, one of the better courses in this area.

Arrive Early

The boys began arriving at the course shortly after 8 a.m. and began going out from the first and 10th tees in foursomes soon thereafter. By 11 a.m., almost the entire group of participants were digging divots on various parts of the grassy terrain.

Completing nine holes, the foursomes usually found their way to the snack bar for sandwiches and refreshments before tackling the second half of the course, and then all enjoyed a fine smorgasbord dinner in the club dining room following the completion of their rounds.

The weather, which was a bit on the chilly side and decidedly windy in the morning, improved as the day advanced. This improvement in the climate helped to soothe the sorrows of some of the would-be par busters who had watched with dismay some peculiar antics that the wind played with their booming tee shots. Several of the newer holes on the course are tree-lined and these holes are beautiful to behold if one is an admirer of nature, but they extracted cries of deep anguish when an errant ball strayed to right or left. Occasionally a shout of sheer joy was heard when a mishit ball happened to ricochet off one or several of these lovely trees and land back on the fairway in a playable position.

Low Score 86

The low scorer for the day was Rev. Andrew McKenzie, who had a gross score of 86, made up of nine-hole scores of 42 and 44. He claimed that he was not too well satisfied with his round but few of the boys would believe him. This score gained him possession of the J. Bert Wood trophy until the 1962 tournament rolls around, and the trophy was presented to him by the donor at the conclusion of the tournament.

The low gross score was 90 and this was turned in by Julian Zajac. Julian thus qualified to receive the J. B. Mackenzie runner-up trophy and this was presented by Mick Holmes.

Other low gross scorers were Murray Scovne, who placed third with a fine 92, Hughie Smith with a 94 and Andy Nolan with a 95.

In the net score division—using the Miami Handicap system—the winner for the second time (previously in 1958) was Ted Tyler Jr. By virtue of a whopping handicap of 76, Ted reduced his 142 gross score to a tidy net of 66 to nose out Dave Dills by one solitary stroke. In this area, George Ware placed third with a net score of 69 (130 less 41) and fourth place was grabbed by Herb Dodds with 69½ (144 less 74½). The Acton Woodcrafts trophy, which had been donated by the late Coon Varey, will grace the mantle of the Ted Tyler home for the next 12 months.

In the O.G.A. Handicap section, an interesting situation developed. Bill MacKay and Roy Butler, playing in the same foursome, possession identical Cutten Club handicaps of 19, shot identical scores of 100. Hence the names of both the banker and the electrician will go on the Roy Butler trophy and they will share the honor of their mutual triumph.

At the end of the tournament, prizes were awarded to every golfer present. This was made possible largely through the generosity of merchants and individuals who made donations for this purpose. The prizes were distributed to all present by Mayor John Gov. A few of the special prizes went to the following: to George Barbeau for the highest score (15) on a single hole; to Bill Graham for being the oldest golfer present; to Jimmie Bullough for being the youngest golfer in the competition; to Don Black and Doug Butler for turning in the same low score (96) for visitors; to Don Ryder for "most honest golfer" (145).

Andy Nolan, we understand, was feeling pretty happy over an eagle "3" which he scored on the tough, par-five 14th hole which many of the golfers found quite exasperating. Checking the story, it was discovered that Andy's ball had come to rest a short distance from the hole and Julian Zajac, in a Good Samaritan gesture, nudged Andy's ball sufficiently with his own to ensconce it in the hole. This was the only eagle registered and there were precious few birdies.

Donate Prizes

The donors of prizes and merchandise vouchers include the following firms and individuals: Gordon Hardware Ltd., Canadian Tire Store Acton; Paul's Men's and Boys' Wear; Canadian Pittsburgh Ind. Ltd. of Guelph; J. B. Mackenzie and Son Ltd., Ledger's I.G.A.; Newton's 5c to $1 Store, Benson's Shoe Store, F. Prouse Motors Ltd.; Bill Toth's Shell Service, H. Mainprize's Barber Shop, Manning Electric, Acton Motors, Claude Pipher of Guelph, Custom Cleaners, Thos. Adams Distillers Ltd. of Guelph, Station Hotel, Julian Zajac and Reliable Snack Bar.

The committee in charge of the tournament was Roy Butler, Mick Holmes, Bill McKay, Andrew McKenzie, Andy Nolan and Julian Zajac. The seven-man committee chosen to operate the 1962 tournament includes Jack Drysdale, Alan Hughes, John Krapek, Andrew McKenzie, Andy Nolan, Chester Pevcha and George Williams.

Interest in All-Stars Building Release Names of Alternates

Interest in the annual all-star game in the Halton County Intermediate series is building at a tremendous clip, it was found this week when a number of questions arose about the official lineup.

Along with the top 11 players in the league, voted on by the team managers as the tops in each position, are another eight players who join in as alternates to make up the strongest lineup possible to face the powerful Galt club, which boasts a strong American roster.

Paul Lawson of Acton Merchants, Bruce Thomas of Bronte Braves; Jack Laking of Campbellville, Merchants; Ross Dryden of Oakville, Oaks; Mario Sebben of Dundas, Athletics; Doug Hyatt of Milton, Red Sox; Roger Jacobs of Oakville, Oaks; Bob Burrows of Dundas A's, make up the squad of alternates who will be available to fill out the all-star roster from the league.

They join such stars as catcher Al Wingrove, first baseman Earl Cairns, third baseman Stan Henderson, pitchers Jack Roberts and Gary Field of Campbellville Merchants, outfielder Pete Kencoolich of Oakville Oaks; shortstop Stu Hannant of Milton Red Sox; outfielder Jim Wilson of Dundas A's; outfielder Bob Bruce of Acton Merchants and pitcher Lyn McLaren of Georgetown Cotton Bros., chosen the top unit to represent the league in the big game.

Game time is set for 2.30 P.M. July 9 and what is expected to be the largest crowd ever to see a baseball game in the county is expected to turn out to the tilt at Campbellville Park.

Sunday Spectacle

Braves Scalped by Merchants

One big inning—the third—was all Acton Merchants needed on Sunday to scalp Bronte Braves on their own stamping grounds.

And they needed only two hits in that outburst to chalk up six runs in their 9-4 victory. Two Bronte pitchers obligingly threw in four walks and hit one batter to give the Acton club an assist.

Howie Cain, on the mound for the Merchants, meanwhile scattered 10 hits over the nine inning distance and issued three bases on balls. He was in the driver's seat most of the way in spite of the fact the Acton club was outhit 10-7.

Cain tired in the ninth when the Braves first three batters hit safely but a double play feeled off by Brian McCristall on a force at third and the throw to first got him out of hot water. As a result Bronte scored only one run in the inning.

Two In First

Acton started off with two runs in the first inning when Harold Townsley emptied the bases with a triple to the wrong field. Brian McCristall, with a ticket, and Paul Lawson on base through an error scored. Bronte came back with one in their half, Bud McKay, safe on an error, scoring on Hughes' single.

Neither team scored in the second but the Merchants' six run third inning gave them a commanding lead. Paul Lawson started it off with a hit, Townsley walked, Morton lashed a single, Fennell was hit by the pitcher and then Cunningham, Cain and "Scotty" McCristall took bases on balls before Brian McCristall struck out. Bob Bruce walked forcing in another run and another scored when they elected to play Lawson's grounder at second rather than at the plate.

Acton got one more in the top of the sixth when Paul Lawson doubled and Harold Townsley drove him in with a timely single.

Bronte managed to get singletons in the sixth off three hits, in the eighth off one, and another in the ninth from three safeties. Cain bore down in the clutch preventing many runs being batted in.

		R	H	E
Acton	206 001 000—	9	7	2
Bronte	100 001 011—	4	10	1

Acton—P. McCristall ll, B. McCristall 3b, B. Bruce cf, Paul Lawson ss, H. Townsley 2b, Ross Morton c, J. Fennell 1b, J. Lindsay rf, J. Cunningham rf in 3, Howie Cain p.

Bronte—Osborn 2b, Bud McKay c, Scarrow 1b, Hughes ss, Quigley 3b, Bob McKay cf, Carter rf, J. McKay ll, Alcumbreck ll in 6, Gord McDonald p, Pete McDonald p in 3.

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane
Women's Travel Authority

Every year, more families find time for fishing on vacation trips. You may be a woman who has never baited a hook but you can help your family make better plans if you remember this: Weather plays a big role in fishing.

Experts say fish bite best just after a "cold front" has moved through. A cold front is a mass of cold air, usually accompanied by thunderstorms. It makes for ideal fishing conditions. Rain has washed down insects and cooled the surface water; there's a dark sky for protection and a rising barometer that seems to pop up the fish.

Snap at Anything

When this happens, the fish forget their usual caution. They will come into the shallows and snap up anything that looks good — and this includes your bait or artificial lures.

The important thing is timing —being in the right place at the right time. Before going fishing, check the local weather forecast. If a cold front is due, get out your gear and head for your favorite fishing spot.

One precaution: take along a raincoat. You may find things a bit damp. But as far as the fishing goes, it will be worth it.

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