Pounding the Sports Beat . . .

AH, THOSE rainy Sundays. Just the time to draw up an easy chair, place your feet comfortably on a hassock, order the kids to turn on the TV and then sit back and watch a major league ball game.

Maybe you'll be lucky and catch the Yankees and Baltimore like we did last Sunday. The Yanks, front runners all these years, having another great season alternating with the Tigers for top spot in the American league. The Birds who gave the Yanks a real run for the marbles last year, are having difficulty attaining any more than third place this season.

The Yanks are in front 1 - 0 on a homer by Mantle, the Orioles tie it up but Tony Kubek doubles in the sixth and again Mantle comes through with a timely two-bagger that wins for the New York club.

Experts say the Yanks are weak on pitching but you could hardly credit it after watching Bud Daley allow only four hits over the distance. However, Detroit is in first place at this writing and piling up home runs. The next series between the Tigers and the Yanks could show who's going to represent the American league in the world series.

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MAYBE YOU read this column last week. Perhaps you noticed the statement that Acton Merchants were having a rest until Saturday.

Actually the Merchants were playing that night (Thursday) in Dundas but some of the players must have read it — and believed it. The Merchants were blanked 8 - 0 by Dundas and some of the boys obviously took a rest.

It was a week of defeats for the Acton club. They lost another, to Milton, Saturday. It was the Red Sox first victory over Acton this season.

Vacations have cut a big swath in the Merchant line-up. They are taking effect in the win column. Thursday, the Acton club had only nine players, just enough to field a team.

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BEAT BITS . . . Campbellville won its seventeenth straight game this week, a 15-12 victory over second place Oakville Oaks . . . Softball games are back on the park diamond again. Spectators hope that now the league will settle down to a better brand of the game . . . Bruce Kidd is rated as the world's No. 1 contender for the 5,000 metre race by a recognized track expert from Italy . . . Legion minor sports baseball is being played on the M. Z. Bennett school grounds . . . Guelph Merchants with whom Acton intermediates have a working agreement, are also slipping down the inter county senior league ladder. They're in fifth now . . .

Yielding Only One Hit McLaren Shackles Acton

Acton Merchants went down to a 12-0 defeat in 4½ innings last night (Wednesday) to the improved Georgetown intermediates in a scheduled Halton County Contest in Georgetown park.

Lynn McLaren, mainstay of the Acton mound last year, shackled his former mates by hurling a one-hitter at them. Joe Fennell got the only Acton hit, a single in the fourth.

McLaren struck out eight and walked five in his second win over Acton this season. Howie Cain, on the mound for Acton, was wallopped for 11 hits in the four innings he pitched, one a homer in the first frame. He struck out five and walked three.

Georgetown started off with five runs in the first inning on as many hits, got two in the second and plated five more in the fourth. Tracy Barrager and George Barber, also former Acton players paced the Georgetown club at the plate. Barrager got a double and two singles in four trips while Barber was two for three.

A win for Acton would have put them in third place position but the loss leaves them tied with Milton for fourth.

		R	H	E
Acton	000 00 —	0	1	4
Georgetown	520 5x —	12	11	1

Acton—Anderson rf, Cargill 2b, Cunningham 2b in 4, Lawson cf, Robinson cf in 4, Townsley c, Fennel 1b, P. McCristall ss, Bratlan p, B. McCristall 3b, Cain p.

Georgetown—Breen lf, James lf in 4, Barrager 2b, McLachlin ss, Inglis 1b, Ritchie c, McLaren p, Barber rf, Doucette cf, Legge 3b.

LAWN BOWLING

The first place tie between Rockwood and Acton was very decisively broken when the two clubs met in Inter-County League action last week.

Rockwood played at Acton and took an 18 to 4 win, being full value all the way.

In other league play, Georgetown was at Guelph on Friday, July 14. Georgetown also scored an upset 18 to 4 win over Guelph.

As a result of these games considerable change took place in the league standings:

Rockwood	79
Georgetown	68
Acton	65
Guelph	52

—District parks were jammed on the weekend. The conservation authority parks are becoming well-known and picnickers and campers come from miles around. Favorite pastime, this year is barbecuing, and the smell of burnt meat hangs over plenty of campsites.

Wife to sick husband: What do you mean, you have nothing to live for? The house isn't paid for, the car isn't paid for, the TV isn't paid for . . .

Shorthanded Merchants

Lose to Red Sox, Dundas

Their ranks riddled by vacationing players, Acton Intermediates were blanked 8-0 by Dundas last Thursday. Saturday they absorbed another loss at the hands of Milton Red Sox who won 9-6 despite a 10 strike-out performance from southpaw Bob Brattain.

It was the first win for the Red Sox over the Merchants this season. They have met four times.

Shorthanded

At Dundas on Thursday the Merchants had just enough players to field a team. They even used pitcher Howie Cain in left field. Bob Brattain pitched and he allowed eight hits, one more than Burrows the Dundas hurler.

The Merchants, however, could not produce hits with men on base and that was the difference between the two teams. The winners smashed out seven timely singles and Rowe poled a bases-empty home run that accounted for their eight run total.

Acton left eight men stranded on the bases. Burrows bore down in the clutch to cap his performance and struck out the entire side in the last inning. He had six strike-outs chalked up and showed perfect control by allowing no bases on balls.

Brattain, meanwhile, whiffed four, and issued three walks. Rowe was top man on the hit parade for the Dundas club with two hits, a single and his fifth inning home run.

For the locals, John Cunningham with two singles, was the leading batter.

Sox Break Jinx

Playing here Saturday in front of a small crowd, Milton ran up an early lead which saw them ahead 6-1 by the bottom of the third. The Merchants, however, kept plugging away and by the end of the sixth the score was tied 6-6.

Two errors and a brace of singles thrown together put the Red Sox into a winning frame in the seventh. They plated two runs that proved to be the winners. Another error and a pair of singles in the ninth scored another and that salted it away.

The Merchants outhit the Sox 15 to 11 but the Sox bunched their hits to get the most effect from them. Acton stranded seven on the sacks and committed seven errors to the Sox' one.

Riddell started on the mound for the visitors but he had to have help in the sixth from Tom Marks. Marks kept Acton off the sheet for the remainder of the game. Between them the Milton battery struck out six, walked one and allowed 15 hits.

Brattain, on the hill for the Merchants, was nicked for 11 hits, struck out 10 and issued two bases on balls.

Playing coach, Art Melanson paced the winners at bat with a triple and two singles. Barratt also shone for the Sox with two singles.

Bob Bruce with four hits in five trips to the plate, was the big gun for the Merchants, while Paul Lawson, Scotty McCristall and John Cunningham each got two hits, the first one of Lawson's a double.

Box Scores

		R	H	E
Milton	123 000 201	9	11	1
Acton	100 023 000	6	15	7
Acton	000 000	0	7	3
Dundas	112 31x	8	8	0

NO ROOM

Due to lack of space, some of today's news had to be held over for next week. Sorry.

There were over 3,000 at the Hornby ball club's garden party Saturday night at Hornby Community Park. Many from this district were there to see a ball game and enjoy a wide variety of entertainment hosted by Vince Mountford.

Tanners Tie For Top Place Thursday

Another traffic jam developed at both ends of the Acton softball circuit Thursday night when second place Tanners trounced last place Firefighters by a 19 - 6 score.

The win moved the Tanners into a first place tie with Dominion Hotel while the Firefighters' loss kept them tied with the Junior Farmers for last place. Each of the leaders has five wins and a loss while the two bottom clubs are the exact reverse—five losses and one win.

Firefighters, fighting for the chance to leap out of last place, were no problem for "Tinny" Masales Tanners Thursday. Tanners scored three runs in the first frame, five in the second, one in the third, another in the fifth, seven in the seventh and two in the eighth.

The game was called in the bottom of the eighth on account of rain.

Firefighters scored all of their runs in the sixth inning when Bruce Cargill, pitching for the Tanners, faltered. Butch Richmond finished the game for the Tanners crushing any further hook 'n ladder rallies.

Bill Williams did the flinging for the firemen but he had help from Ed Owens in late innings.

Harry Lawson, brother Pete Lawson and "Butch" Richmond were the big guns for the winners with four hits apiece while Will Duval with a two for four was top batter for the losers.

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Firefighters	000 006 00 —	6
Tanners	351 010 72 —	19

Umpires — bases, E. Phillips, plate, B. Williamson.

Firefighters — W. Duval, H. Dodds, B. Spielvogel, D. Frizzell, B. Williams, F. Spielvogel, J. Turkosz, J. Pink, M. Holmes, E. Owen.

Tanners—K. Papillon, H. Lawson, P. Lawson, B. Richmond, J. Zajac, B. Cargill, L. Porte, A. Commando, H. Lambert.

Lineup Headed By Ministers

The ministers of two participating churches were in the lineup when Acton United and Knox Church Young People played another in their series of ball games last Thursday at the Robert Little school grounds. Shortage of team members turned the scheduled match into an "exhibition" one, with the Rev. A. H. McKenzie playing for Knox and the Rev. Dwight Engel for the United Church. The Engels won.

Monday night's game failed to materialize.

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