Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

WE WERE having a heat wave. The town was sweltering. That's the time they chose to open the Halton County intermediate baseball season here Saturday.

And in what must have been one of the closest opening games in history, Acton went down to defeat at the hands of a ball club that is a big improvement over last year's Georgetown entry. It was only by a one run loss, but it made Dude Lindsay's collection of veterans and rookies feel badly. Georgetown was jubilant.

Bernie Dore, who never made much of a mark as a pitcher when he toiled here a couple of years back was the winner. Outside of the two Lawsons, Peter and Paul, none of the Acton players could do much with his fast ball.

Acton, meanwhile, took the wraps off a promising young righthander when Bill Shannon was sent in, in relief of Bob Brattain, who so far has not regained his 1961 form. Reliable Howie Cain also made a brief appearance.

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WHO DOES Dude have in an Acton uniform this season? Most of the club are returnees from last year's team who played about 500 ball. Some new faces are in evidence however including two or three faces down from Guelph Seniors.

It looks like the Merchants are also going to rely on the four juniors who play with Guelph Anthonys. The quartet didn't look out of place in Saturday's opener. At least two of the veterans Bob Bruce and John Cunningham have retired for the time being but it wouldn't surprise anyone if they were back in the lineup before very long.

Next game is here Saturday afternoon when Milton Red Sox invade Acton for their first game of the season. Gametime 2:30.

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CAMPBELLVILLE Merchants 1961 Int. A Major champs, resumed their perennial hold on first place in the Halton County Baseball Association's intercounty series by belting Dundas 13-[illegible] in the league opener Saturday. Dundas, O.B.A. senior champions last season were no match for the villagers who rapped out 12 hits including two home runs from the bats of Ken Moore and Stan Henderson.

Defensive play was hardly of championship calibre — nine errors being committed by the teams five of them by the Merchants. Harry Hamilton curve balling righthander was given credit for the win. He got help from lefty Jack Roberts who hurled the last four innings. Between them they allowed eight hits one a circuit clout by Rowe.

With no games scheduled for Sunday the Campbellville club is taking on Galt Terriers of the Senior Intercounty in an exhibition on the village hardwick.

Despite recent acquisitions of such stars as Murray Oliver, Boston Bruin forward, who is considered one of the top shortstops in the intercounty, Galt will have their work cut out for them Sunday.

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MANICURED and trimmed for the opening game Monday May 28, the softball diamond should be the scene of some mighty good games this season. Dominion Hotel takes on the reigning champions Beardmore Tanners in the opener. Following night the Fire Fighters tangle with Junior Farmers.

The Tanners are favorites to repeat their victory of last season but its unlikely they will hurtle to the league pinnacle in the schedule's early games.

Dominion Hotel has always fielded a strong entry and will provide plenty of argument. Fire Fighters surprises in the playoffs last season have acquired hurler Frank Daly to augment their mound staff.

The Junior Farmers a threat when they can muster all their players in one place promise to rectify that weakness this semester. Of the two new entries Ledger's I.G.A. and the Legion little is known. Our spies have reported that Dave Manes has been recruiting players from every corner of this neck of the woods.

The Legion has plenty of members so it shouldn't be hard for them to recruit enough players to staff a softball squad. And it should be a good one.

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BEAT BITS The C.A.H.A. is currently considering revising hockey rules so that an offside is called the instant the puck crosses the goal line. At present the puck has to be touched by a player before the ref tootles his flute. . . **FOUR ACTON** players with Guelph's Junior A Anthony's, Pete Lawson, Andy Williams, Denis Gibbons and Don Lindsay. Anthony's won the second game and the opener in Guelph Monday 8-4 at the expense of Kitchener. Denis Gibbons had two hits, Pete Lawson and Don Lindsay, one. **DON CURRIE**, lanky Milton juvenile star, has also joined the Guelph club. He hit a homer and a double in the Royal City opener making him the toast of the town. **ACTON'S SOCCER** Maple Leafs played host to Preston in the league opener at the Ukrainian camp on the fourth line Saturday. Game ended in a 4-4 draw. Leafs were ahead 4-2 at one stage but a penalty kick and poor clearing cost them two goals. **LARRY NOLAN**, centre forward with the club says the turf at the Ukrainian field is just like a big green carpet. The club is playing games there because they find the park unsuitable. **A YEAR AGO** Georgetown manager Chuck Jewell collapsed and died at the opening ball game. In a pre-game ceremony the teams lined up in Saturday's opener and paid tribute to his memory.

Shaded 6-5 in Opener

Ints. Show Plenty of Hustle

Georgetown Cottons, with former Acton right-hander Bernie Dore twirling a seven-hitter, spoiled the unveiling of the 1962 Acton Merchants Saturday afternoon by shading them 6-5 in the Halton County Baseball Association's intermediate opener.

Only a sprinkling of fans turned out in the intense heat to witness what turned out to be a real thriller. Both teams played well, booting only three chances between them, and showing surprisingly good condition.

Three Runs In First

The game started out like it was going to be a typical opener —high scoring with the players all fingers and thumbs. However, after both teams plated three runs in the first inning, they settled down, sticking strictly to baseba l.

Manager Dude Lindsay nominated lefty Bob Brattain to start on the hill for Acton. He pitched three innings, allowing six hits and five runs before he was lifted in favor of Bill Shannon, in his first year of intermediate ball.

Shannon shackled the Georgetown bats, allowing only two scratch singles and a double in his six inning stint on the mound. Unfortunately, a wild throw to first from short set up the winning run for the Cottons and pitcher Bernie Dore came through with a timely single down the third base line to score the runner from second in the top of the eighth.

Rebounded

This was after the Merchants rebounded from a 5-3 deficit, knotting the count at 5-5 in the bottom of the seventh. Howie Cain also made a brief appearance on the slab for Acton, pitching to the last three batters in the ninth.

Paul Lawson's big bat, silent most of last season, broke out with a vengeance in the first inning for the Acton club. Behind 3-0 on the strength of four scratch singles and a base on balls by the Cottons, Paul smashed a pitch to the softball screen in deep left centre, scoring Red Anderson and Brian McCristall ahead of him. Both Red and Brian had been issued free passes by a jittery Dore. When Pete Lawson's hard hit ball went into the hole between short and third, brother Paul scored to tie the count.

Georgetown went ahead again in the third when a walk to Ritchie and a double clouted by McLaughlin was thrown around, allowing both runners to score.

Tremendous Triple

Behind 5-3, Paul Lawson poled his second tremendous triple of the afternoon in almost the identical spot of his first in deep centre, scoring Brian McCristall ahead of him and making it 5-4. McCristall had made it to the bases with a neat bunt.

While Bill Shannon's assortment was puzzling Georgetown, the Acton club whittled down the lead in the seventh. Pete Lawson's single over short scoring brother Paul. But twice, quick Cotton infield action killed off promising Acton rallies with double plays.

The turning point of the game was probably in the bottom of the seventh when McLaughlin, Georgetown's lanky shortstop, leaped high for a big hop and set up the double play.

Won in Eighth

Georgetown won it in the eighth when Mossop's grounder was momentarily mishandled by Pete Lawson at short. Pete recovered, however, but hurried his throw to Paul Lawson at first and it went high for an overthrow. With Mossop on second Bern Dore's blast down the third base side was just inside the line and impossible to field. Mossop scored the winning run.

The visitors outhit Acton 9-7 with McLaughlin's three safe blows leading their hit parade. Paul Lawson, with a two for three, both big blasts, and brother Pete Lawson with two hits in three trips, led the Acton batsmen.

Two fielding gems, both in the top of the ninth, were pulled off by Acton left fielder Andy Williams and shortstop Pete Lawson, retiring the side.

Scoring Summary

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Georget'n	302 000 010	6	9	1
Acton	300 100 100	5	7	2

Georgetown: Doucette cf, Lefge 3b, Ritchie c, McLaughlin ss, T. James lf, D. Richardson 1b, Mossop 2b, J. James rf, Frank rf in 6th, B. Dore p.

Acton: D. Anderson rf, B. McCristall 3b, Paul Lawson 1b, H. Townsley 2b, Denis Gibbons 2b in 8th, Pete Lawson ss, Taylor lf, A. Williams lf in 6th, J. Lindsay cf, D. Lindsay c, McPhee c in 6th, B. Brattain p, Bill Shannon p in 4th, H. Cain p in 9th.

Quarter-Million Tender Given Brampton Company For Campbellville Track

The first stage in the ultimate construction of this district's first large harness racing track—the $3,000,000 Ontario Jockey Club on north of Campbellville—is slated to start within a few days.

Proctor and Redfern, engineers on the job, have awarded a tender to Armstrong Bros. Construction of Brampton for the grading and site preparation of the 400 acre, four farm property. Of 10 invitation bids, the ABC quote of $228,000 was lowest and accepted.

Start This Week on Project

Project engineer John Reader told this newspaper on Tuesday, that he expected ABC would begin their work on the site "very shortly, possibly this week." On Wednesday, the company had not begun the task of clearing trees, fences and grass off the site.

The property lies between Nassagaweya Township's first and second lines, just north of Highway 401 which crosses the township at the northern entrance to the village of Campbellville.

Eventual plans call for a five-furlong racing strip, stabling for 600 horses, living quarters for 200 employees, a grandstand seating 3,000 with a glass-enclosed terrace dining room overlooking the racing strip, and a parking area for an estimated 10,000 cars.

Two Meets a Year In Plan

Jockey Club officials have already expressed the hope that by 1963 the track will be holding spring and fall meets, each with a 21 to 28 day duration. Liquor facilities would probably be available, as township residents last October gave overwhelming approval to all five questions on a liquor vote.

Wolfgang von Richtofen of Haltonville, a thoroughbred trainer and standardbred breeder, is a director of the Jockey Club.

SPORTS

Paul's Pee Wees Win, Lose Exhibitions With Eden Mills

By Ed Owen

Paul's Pee Wees, Acton's representatives in the Halton County Baseball Association's pee wee series sparkled through seven innings Saturday, defeating Eden Mills for the first time in three years, by a score of 5-3.

Bob Turkosz started on the mound and after four innings Acton led 2-1. Shultis in relief carried on and matched his pitching with curves and drops.

Taillefer, McNabb and Turkosz wielded the big bats for Acton in this exhibition. Defensively Paul's were flawless.

Reversal

A complete turnabout by Paul's Pee Wees on Tuesday night at Eden Mills saw the Acton club blow their second exhibition Turkosz threw an assortment of pitches good enough to win but his fielders were way out on "cloud nine" and Eden Mills clobbered them 9-2.

The deluge came in the fourth inning when Eden Mills plated five runs without a ball being hit out of the infield.

Turkosz and Taillefer were again the hitting stars while Malby helped his own cause by hitting four for four for Eden Mills.

Manager Pete Vale claims he lost more of his hair after this game. He hopes to recover it Saturday morning when Oakville plays an exhibition here at 10 a.m.

Acton—Taillefer c, Turkosz p, Lee 1b, Elliott 2b, Shultis 3b, McNabb ss, Coles lf, Churchill cf, Andrews rf, Owen, Mason, Calder, Dw.

EVERTON

Weekend Visitors W.M.S. of Interest

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hindley and family of Hillsburgh were Sunday visitors with Mr. Roy Hindley.

Visitors on Saturday with Mrs. John Alton and Miss Jennie Tovell were Mr. Bruce Tovell of Montreal, Mrs. Bill Mountford of Weston and Miss Lois Tovell of Toronto.

Weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jestin

Sunday visitors with Mr. Charlie Hamilton were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander, Guelph and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Conling.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne of Rockwood were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jestin, Patsy and Nancy.

Friends are sorry to hear Mrs. George Jestin is in the Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Bye and family of Burlington were Saturday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Benham.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patton, Diane and Kenny, Miss Ella Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alton and Ian of Guelph were Sunday visitors with Mrs. John Alton and Miss Jennie Tovell.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Parker, Atwood, were Sunday visitors with Mrs. Ethel Parker and Colin.

Once upon a time, men did not smoke in trains where there were women. Now the women light up first.

EDEN MILLS

Family Reunion, Church Luncheon Highlight District News Events

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Tolton when 60 relatives sat down to a picnic. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. B. Benninger and family, Mildmay, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick and family, Elora, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dennis and family, North Bay, Elaine and Donald Ellenbrum, Salem, Agnes Ellenbrum, Toronto and others from Guelph.

The W.A. of Eden Mills United Church put on a cold plate luncheon Wednesday noon. Their efforts were rewarded as housewives engaged in house cleaning left their brooms and mops. This is an annual affair and has proved a huge success.

Special Services

Mother's Day services were observed in both churches on Sunday, May 13, with special music by the choirs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mino spent Mother's Day weekend in Brooklyn with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Field spent the weekend at Maple Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bright.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse and family were at Featherstone Point, guests of Mrs. A. Shipperbottom.

Visiting

Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomlinson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Vos and family spent the weekend at Belwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Marshall Sr. spent the weekend at Doe Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet McDougall and family were at Lake Simcoe for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gilbertson, Mr. J. Gilbertson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dawson and family were at Wasaga Beach for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Thompson [illegible] Peterborough for the week-end.

New Projector

The board of managers of Knox Presbyterian Church has procured a new sound film projector, made possible through the interest of the late Mrs. Annie Leishman McLellan who bequeathed $500 to the church. This represents an tangible form this bequest and the projector will be a valuable asset in worship services, the church school, women's, youth and children's organizations.

Iron Monster Hisses, Puffs On Fan Trip

Memories were recalled Sunday afternoon as train number 6167 belched smoke and hissed steam as it made a fan trip from Fort Erie to Toronto, passed through Acton enroute to Guelph on the return trip to Fort Erie again.

Replaced by the diesel engine the steam locomotive is almost extinct and the fan trip was sponsored by the Buffalo and Rochester Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

Many railroad fans speeded ahead of the train in order to locate a good spot for pictures while others crowded on the train for a last ride.

Lad Drowns In Mill Pond

On Friday Jack Glazier, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Glazier, R.R. 2, Guelph, drowned in the Eden Mills mill pond. He had been swimming with friends. Coroner Dr. Kenneth Waller of Rockwood was called by police.

He is survived by two sisters and two brothers. Funeral service was held in Guelph Tuesday and interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

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