Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

THE OLD formula advanced by baseball players riding the crest of a hit wave is apt to be: "We's hitting where they ain't, instead of where they is!"

Whether that's applicable in the case of Acton Merchants, currently socking the ball at a pace unseen in this neck of the woods since the real good ball teams of the late '40's, is another question. Some observers trace the growth in the number and size of the hits to a decline in the quality of pitching.

"Man," said one seasoned fan, "they're comin' in like balloons, anybody could hit 'em."

Of course this type of spectator isn't apt to step into the batter's box to test the offerings himself. It must be the pitching, he reasons, these bums couldn't hit that good.

For years they've been struggling along on six, seven or eight hits in a game. Sometimes they got ten, maybe 12. Now they're suddenly hitting 15 or 20 safeties a game. Not scratch singles, either. They're fence bustin'. If it isn't the pitchin, says he, what in heck is it?

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WELL, DUDE, what in heck is the reason? They're not only hitting the patsies of the league, they're shelling the old pros like Jack Roberts, Lynn McLaren, Harry Hamilton and Stan Henderson from the mound.

Is it because the club is now liberally sprinkled with youth that it's caught fire? Do you figure the kids who last season could hardly get their bat around are becoming accustomed to intermediate ball?

Or is it because some of the players not only play intermediate ball but junior baseball and softball to boot? With that many games on tap in a week, they're bound to develop a batting eye.

Despite all the runs scored — 43 in the last three games — the Merchants won only one of the three. They lost the other two by one solitary run in each instance.

They're beginning to look like one of the best ball clubs to come out of Acton in some time. A little weak defensively, perhaps, but improving in that department as well.

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BEAT BITS . . . In an exhibition between the softball All-Stars and Ledger's I.G.A. Sunday afternoon the grocers came off second best. All-Stars won 15-3. Both clubs have entries in the O.A.S.A. playoffs . . . **Grass in** the park is again becoming verdant. Consequently both the softball and baseball diamonds look much neater . . . **Rain** cancelled Monday's softball game and also another try at playing the contest last night (Wednesday) . . . **Vacations** are cutting a swath in the rosters of baseball teams. Acton Merchants missed three players Saturday . . . **Acton High** School will be in a six-team football league this season. As well as old rivals Milton and Georgetown the league will include Preston High, Waterloo-Oxford District High School and Guelph's Notre Dame Catholic High. It will be a trial venture . . . **Baseball** Merchants lost a 5-4 decision to Milton last Wednesday in the county town . . .

Merchants Wallop Cottons 19-11

Another powerful attack with lumber on two pitchers earned Acton Merchants a convincing 19-11 victory over Georgetown Cottons on the local ballwick Saturday afternoon.

The win consolidated Acton's fourth place position in the Halton County baseball intermediate series and dropped Georgetown to fifth.

Both clubs nominated new pitchers to start the game. McLaren toed the slab for Georgetown while southpaw Bob Brattain got the starting assignment for the Merchants.

Brattain Winner

At game's end McLaren was still around as was Brattain. But Lynn instead of going to the showers in a big six run third inning moved over to second base, returning in the eighth when his successor Jim McGill was being knocked hard. From the two visiting hurlers the Acton club combed 18 hits including a home run from the big bat of Pete Lawson.

Georgetown, meanwhile, collected 13 hits from Brattain's offerings, most of them scattered over the distance. Their most effective inning was the top of the fourth when they parlayed four hits, two walks and a pair of costly errors into seven runs. That brought the score to the closest conjunciton in the game after the first frame — 13-11. From that point the Merchants held them scoreless.

Acton went into a 4-2 first inning lead, made it 7-2 in the second and 13-4 in the third. When Cottons got seven in the fourth to make it 13-11 Acton went out for four more runs in the fifth and added another pair in the seventh.

Three Hits Apiece

Howie Cain, Denis Gibbons and Harold Townsley led the Merchant hit parade with three hits apiece while Red Anderson and Pete Lawson collected a brace each. Jim Lindsay, Brian McCristall and Bob Brattain finished the 18-hit attack with singles.

PETE LAWSON
Homers

Outside of shortstop Pete Lawson's four bagger the best shot of the afternoon was Howie Cain's long drive to centre in the eighth which bounced over the fence. Ground rules restricted him to a double.

Inglis and Lerpe topped the Cottons at the plate with three hits apiece. Doucette, Ritchie and Lames collected two apiece.

Never Said A Word

Bird-watching Mike Lunardi, at Acton backstop, M. L. McPhee from the game in the fourth. Game on a close play at home McPhee was supposed to have tipped the ump after the decision went against the Merchants.

Said Mel: "I never opened my mouth!"

		R	H	E
Georgetown	202 200 000	11	13	7
Acton	436 040 20x	19	18	5

Georgetown—Doucette cf, Lerge 3b, James lf, Stafford ss, Ritchie c, Inglis 1b, Breen 2b, McGill p, J. James rf, McLaren p, 2b.

Acton—Denis Gibbons 3b, J. Lindsay cf, B. McCristall cf, H. Townsley 2b, H. Cain 3b, D. Anderson rf, Pete Lawson ss, Mel McPhee c, Don Lindsay c, P. McCristall lf, Bob Brattain p.

Umpires—M. Timmins, plate; G. Coursin, bases.

Daley Throws Three Hitter

Firemen Whip Legion 7-1 Tuesday

The one-two combination of flinger Frank Daley and first sacker Frank (soft shoe) Spielvogel proved to be too much of a puzzle for Rae West's youthful Legion softballers Tuesday night.

Daley, leading hurler for league-leading Firefighters, threw a three hitter at the Legionnaires, striking out 13 batters and issuing no free passes as the firemen carved out a 7-1 win in the crisp nine-inning game.

Franks "Hot"

While Daley frustrated the Legion crew at the plate, the big man with the stick for the firemen was just as Frank — Spielvogel. Wielding his bat like a blunderbuss Frank wallopped a two-run homer, a double and a single as well as wangling two walks in five appearances at the plate.

His bat sparked the eight-hit Firefighter attack at the expense of Bill Salmon who hurled a lusty effort for the Legionnaires. Salmon whiffed four batters and gave up seven bases on balls over the distance.

Three wasn't much of a margin between the teams until the sixth inning. Firemen plated one first inning run and another in the third that stood up until that juncture. Then they made it 4-0 stretched it to 6-0 and got another in the ninth for number seven.

One In Ninth

It looked like the Legion was going to be blanked until the bottom of the ninth when an error behind the plate and a hit by Bucky Price broke the goose egg.

For the hook 'n' ladder crew besides Frank Spielvogel and Mick Holmes, Harold Townsley, Will Duval, Fred Archibald and Herb Dodds managed a hit and they were allotted only one apiece.

Bucky Price, Ron Mellon and Bill Salmon got the losers' safeties.

The game was finished in record time largely due to the iron clad officiating behind the plate. Chester Anderson moved to spectators and players alike that he would brook no interference with his role as arbiter and he enforced his decisions effectively.

Commented losing helmsman Rae West after the game: "That was good umpiring."

		R	H	E
Firemen	101 002 201	7	8	3
Legion	000 000 001	1	4	3

Firemen—P. McCristall cf, M. Holmes 2b, H. Townsley ss, W. Duval 3b, B. Spielvogel rf, F. Archibald rf (9), H. Dodds c, D. Archibald lf, J. Turkosz lf (9), F. Spielvogel 1b, F. Daley p.

Legion—F. Dawkins rf, B. Price 1b, R. Mellon lf, R. Holmes c, B. Salmon p, G. Masales ss, L. Masales 2b, R. Malcolm 3b, A. Lillie cf.

Umpires—C. Anderson plate, J. Bullough, bases.

SPORTS

"I've got a lovely fire going now . . . how do I get it into the furnace?"

Howie Raising Cain at Plate Pursued by Lawson and Townsley

The record books prove that Acton Merchants are one of the strongest hitting teams in the Halton County Baseball Association's intermediate series.

Currently holding down fourth place in the six team league, the Merchants have a team batting average of .311, which includes 154 hits in 482 times at bat. Leading hitter at the plate is pitcher and utility man Howie Cain. He has a phenomenal .514 average.

Howie is closely pursued by Paul Lawson and Harold Townsley, both having record years with a .481 and .403 respectively.

Following are the complete figures as released by the club this week.

	AB	H	Av.
Howie Cain	35	18	.514
Paul Lawson	54	26	.481
Harold Townsley	52	21	.403
Bob Brattain	26	9	.346
Pete Lawson	24	8	.333
Mel McPhee	26	8	.307
Red Anderson	49	14	.277
Bob Bruce	46	10	.263
Jim Lindsay	38	10	.263
Brian McCristall	52	13	.250
Phil McCristall	34	8	.233
Denis Gibbons	27	6	.222
Bob Henderson	5	1	.200
Don Lindsay	10	1	.100
Andy Williams	14	1	.071
	482	154	.331

Parks Board . . .

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Braida and Mr. Gov, with Mr. Hurst as secretary. Absent was George Barbeau.

Other things they talked over: Grading at the arena, the public address system they'd be needing; advertising for the big time clock. Forms will be made up for agreements for these big ads mounted on board. Cost is $75 for the first year and $125 for two years.

No Seconder Yet

After adjournment was first mentioned, members began again to talk about their new role. To provide programming, as they had tried to do at the arena last fall and winter, was neither economical or feasible, they agreed.

They'd like to see a parks board not involved at all with finances but just with provision of parks (plural) maintenance and improvements. Commented Mr. Bradley, "That's a big enough job for anybody."

They'd like to see a recreation commission take over programming, the money raising such as booth, gate, picnics and special events, and the operation of the arena.

"Right now," Mr. Gov thought, "we're the recreation committee ourselves in a small way in the park."

Responsibility to council, money matters and budget were all reconsidered, in the parks board case and supposed, in the recreation committee's case.

They all agreed a second time about 10.30 p.m. to recommend council establish a recreation commission and to report they would assist in every way.

"We'll cross the first bridge tomorrow night," Mr. McKenzie concluded prophetically.

Guides at Camp

Four Acton girls are attending the Hamilton area Guide camp at Dunnville this week. Last Sunday Ruth Ann Leatherland, Janet and Nancy Rognvaldson arrived at Camp Kiawa and Vivian Smith, who had been ill, arrived Wednesday. They'll be home August 4. Janet, a Ranger, is a leader-in-training at camp.

See Scottish Reels When McLeods Gather

The third annual reunion of the McLeods was held at Brookville Hall. A very bountiful supper was enjoyed by all.

The guests were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Will McLeod who showed slides of their trip to Scotland. Several reels were danced by eight Scottish dancers from Toronto and the group finished the evening off by dancing to McLeod's orchestra.

The oldest member was Stephen Cove of Milton, the largest family Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Leod and one that came the farthest: Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson Gasport, Michigan.

Umps Target of Verbal Assault by Legionnaires

Despite the protests of Legion manager Rae West to plate umpire Chester Peycha that he permitted the game to go past the visibility point Thursday night ball contest was entered into the record as a 7-1 win for I.G.A. over the Legion.

A rally by Legion crew that enabled them to overcome a large Firemen lead gave them the win in the last inning. It was then that the youthful Legion club fell to pieces and converted at the plate umpire. They accused him of deliberately continuing the game when visibility was poor costing them a loss.

This was denied by the ump and his colleague on the bases, Norman Morton. A few words of sass were thrown on the issue of disagreement, the umpire stood to his decision to go on.

It was a good game, a tough one to lose. Spectators could join in with the Legion manager over his darkness protests but a look at the score sheet shows Legion names played a large part in their own loss.

Three costly errors and only one hit were needed to get those three big runs. The errors were as short, in left field and right field. The double was knocked by Jeff Tyver who along with Brian McCristall fired the grocers at bat.

Tyver had four hits in six appearances at the plate including a home run, two doubles and a single while McCristall banged out four singles. Dave Manes and Pete Lawson each collected three hits, one of Lawson's a double. Bill Dawkins poked out two including a two run homer and Lyle Leatherland, Stu McDonald and Terry Waterhouse accounted for one each of the 19 hit total.

Pitcher Bill Salmon took the loss while Mel Jordan, relief of Pete Lawson for I.G.A., was credited with the win. Between them they were tagged for 10 safeties.

Roddy Holmes with a triple and a single, Terry Masales and Ron Mellon with two singles apiece were the Legionnaires' top batmen. Fred Dawkins, Wayne Marshall, Gary Masales and Ron Malcolm had one apiece. Marshall's a double and Malcolm's a three bagger.

I.G.A.	301 210 413	15	19	3
Legion	110 506 100	14	10	5

I.G.A.—L. Leatherland, B. McCristall, S. McDonald, J. Tyver, M. Haggett, D. Jordan, D. Manes, P. Lawson, T. Waterhouse, B. Dawkins.

Legion—F. Dawkins lf, Price, W. Marshall, R. Holmes, B. Salmon, L. Masales, G. Masales, R. Mellon, R. Mason, A. Lillie, R. West, R. Malcolm.

Umpires—C. Peycha, plate; N. Morton, bases.

Nass. Mill Rate

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area 44.72 mills, Campbellville 39.42 mills and Eden Mills 44.87 mills.

Commercial and industrial ratepayers pay an additional 4.52 mills in excess of the general rate as a per pupil grant for education.

Township clerk Don McMillan points out a new deadline has been arranged for payment of taxes this year. Formerly it was December 15, but this year they're due November 15. Penalty on arrears has been pumped from 1½ per cent to 2 per cent, plus one half of one per cent per month after the end of the year.

Rebates of one per cent are given if taxes are paid prior to September 1. Taxes are payable at the township clerk's office at Brookville.

MINOR SPORTS

By Art Cooper

Paul's Pulverizing Pee Wees, under the watchful eyes of manager Pete Vale and "Doc" Harkley tripped to the Queen City Saturday for the "big day" of a busy season, then annual visit to the Front St. coliseum to watch International League B ball at its finest. This year it was Toronto Maple Leafs vs. Buffalo Bisons.

"Doc", a little haggard looking and ears still ringing with lyrics from such old favorities as

"When I was in the Army
The drinks were mighty fine
They called it Seven Up
But it tastes like turpentine"

These being yodelled by grateful young ball players — told of how he had arrived at the park his station wagon bulging with 14 excited youngsters, slightly ahead of the appointed hour of departure.

"I had all the diocats," he moaned Doc. "So when Pete didn't show up after I had waited about 15 minutes, I figured I had better go find him."

Thus the oft repeated merry go round began in which the two men neatly managed to avoid each other in a vain attempt to find one another. They both finally gave up and went their separate ways.

The mystery was solved when "Doc" the last to leave Acton, found Pete patiently waiting for him at the Garden gate.

The boys lapped up an afternoon of almost errorless ball, that had everything from doubleplays to home runs and returned home full of baseball, hot dogs and pop.

"And," continued "Doc", "both Pete and I are recovering nicely."

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Squirts Win First Game

Acton's new novice Tri County entry won their first game last night (Wednesday), in Eden Mills. The locals dropped the Millers 14-11.

Mike Cooper started on the hill for Acton and was credited with the win. Jackie Emmerson and John Irwin shared relief duties. This new breed is also piloted by Pete Vale.

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Bowla Action Friday

Postponed last week because of rain, Acton's newly formed 3-team bowla house league kicks off Friday night at the high school.

The Iroquois and the Apaches are featured in the opener. The third tribe has been dubbed the Comanches.

Three goal sticks donated by the Brampton Minor Lacrosse Association are scheduled to arrive this week and a half dozen more regular clubs have been ordered from the OLA. There is still plenty of room for more interested youngsters of Pee Wee age.

ROCKWOOD

Church Renovations Bring Improvement

(Intended for last week)

Renovations at the Presbyterian church are pretty well completed, and interior of Sunday school room shows a great improvement.

In the absence of Rev. Allen F. Cook, Rector of St. John's Church Mr. Bert Rusaw of Alton conducted service Sunday morning. Next Sunday, Dr. A. Kingscote is slated to conduct the service.

With continued dry weather lawns about the village are showing results of lack of rain.

In view of weddings this summer, coming events cast their shadows before.

Rev. C. Gordon Harris of Dixie United Church is enjoying his July holidays out West and on to points on Pacific Coast and the World's Fair at Seattle, Wash.

Doctor and Mrs. Eric Reedman of Toronto were Sunday visitors with Rev. and Mrs. Charles Joliffe.

Rev. Wilbur J. Rogers of Erindale conducted services at the United Church Sunday morning.

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