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We lost our shirts

Everyone seems worried about the prospects of the Toronto Blue Jays, who, as of yesterday, found themselves five games below .500 and seven and a half games behind front running Boston Red Sox.

Cleveland Indians, who were the surprising leaders for a while, dropped three weekend contests to Chicago White Sox, and now find themselves in third place, just two games back with a .607 winning percentage.

The fortunes of both Cleveland and Toronto in this early season entices me to do a Walter Mitty impression. At a winter meeting convened by Baseball Commissioner, Peter Ueberroth, and attended by Cleveland President, Peter Bavasi, and Pat Gillick representing the Blue Jays, conversation centered around the lack of attendance at Indian home games. It was decided that Toronto and Cleveland would trade uniforms for the first part of the schedule. It certainly worked because 43,181 fans were on hand to watch Chicago White Sox defeat the Indians in Cleveland Sunday to sweep a three game series.

I wish Toronto's problems were that simple, but they appear to be deeper than that. Lamp, Caudill, Stieb, and Key still have not shown any consistency. There doesn't appear to be a reason for the inconsistency. We keep hearing rumblings that Alexander is not happy, Caudill's not happy, and, of course, Gracia always has a gripe of one type or another. Perhaps it's time for a strong hand by management to take control of an apparent festering problem. If that means to trade Garcia, then that is what should happen. Mike Sharperson is playing well at Syracuse.

This team is too rich in talent to be fumbling around in the basement. All they need to do is put a few back to back wins together and perhaps that will relieve some of the pressure from the struggling players.

Just a couple of years ago we were hopeful of a high finish, happy to accept almost any result. Now, we will not be satisfied with anything other than first place. We really have become spoiled in a short time. But with good reason, because this is the club of the present and the future. It is very disappointing to watch them struggle so when it is apparent that the talent is there.

Okay Cleveland, enough is enough, give us our shirts back. It's our turn now.

Lawn Bowlers prepare for season

The Midland Lawn Bowling Club's semi-annual meeting will be held tomorrow night at Parkview Public School at Yonge and Seventh, beginning at 7 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend. Plans for the coming season will be discussed.

Some anxious bowlers are expected to be on the greens this weekend. However, the official start of the 1986 Lawn Bowling season is slated for

Saturday, May 24 with the opening Jitney Tournament. A pair of 10 end games will be played by Club members at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Also, the new Midland Lawn Bowling flag is expected to be raised on the same day.

The Ellis Trophy will be competed for

on Thursday, June 5, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The first District Tournament of the new season will be held on Sunday, June 8, beginning at 10 a.m. More detailed information will be forthcoming next week.

Powderpuff season

Last Thursday, the Ladies Powderpuff League got underway with a pair of contests. Burgundy Brats downed the Junior Blue Jays by a 22-15 score. Sandra Merkley and Stella Rowland each slammed a home run, while Shelly Billson drove home a pair of runs with some clutch hitting.

In the second game, the Black team defeated the green team 37-10. Wanda Toostego and Cathy Bednarz each belted a round tripper for the Black team. Green's Laurie Walker also recorded a four bagger.

Winner of the 50-50 draw was Tom Lancaster.

Area cyclists on six-day trek

Three adventurous cyclists left on a six day bike trip through Southern Ontario Saturday morning. David Locke and Kirk Hastings of Wyevale and Mike McBrier of Midland, all members of the First Wyevale Venture Company, will cover 600 kilometres on their journey.

Leaving from Wyevale they went through Wasaga Beach on their to Kitchener. The threesome plan to make a few stops, including the Mennonite farms on their way to Goderich, to catch some of the many sights. Locke, Hastings and McBrier will continue on to Southhampton and Owen Sound before making their way back home.



Schooner cheque

Ontario Sales and Promotions Manager for Labatt's Breweries Bob Kemble presented Establishment Heritage Association President Bonnie Barrett-Hamilton with a cheque from the brewers of Schooner Beer last Friday

during a special reception held at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments in Penetang. The \$15,000 cheque will be put into expanding the Association's Sailor's Sunset Adventure Program on the HMS BEE.

Ideal walk weather

Weather conditions could not have been more ideal for the Third Annual Penetanguishene Richelieu Club's Health Walk from the Town Dock to the Penetang General Hospital and the Elmvalle Lions Club's Walk/Bike-a-thon from Wyevale Baseball diamond to the hospital on Saturday.

Although the sun was shining, a nice breeze helped make the walking and riding a little more comfortable for the 300 participants in the Canada Health Day celebrations.

Hospital Shirriff Executive Director Doris Shirriff said the results on how much money was raised by the two organizations to help with the purchasing of heart monitoring equipment is not expected until at least the end of the week when all the pleges are col-

lected. Shirriff said this year's crowd of walkers and riders, that easily surpassed last year's participation in numbers, was a great display of community participation.

Everything from the Penetanguishene Royal Canadian Legion's Pipes and Drums leading the walkers away from the Town Dock to the costumed walkers added to the Canada Health Day celebrations said Shirriff.

Between the two walk, activities at the hospital wound down around 4 p.m. said Shirriff.

Everything went without a hitch, according to Shirriff, who added even the most minor problems didn't plague the event.



Music to visitors ears

Members of the Penetanguishene Royal Canadian Legion Branch 68 Pipes and Drums helped participants in the third annual Health Walk get off to a good start on Saturday morning. Members of

the band led the 200 participants at the start of the walk from the Town Dock to PGH. The boys found they got a little short of breath before the rest of the walkers and didn't make it all the way.