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Student punched in face for wearing Yankees hat in Allston

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Yankees fans are never warmly received in Boston.

But the spirited competition among fans has also turned ugly at times, and one student wearing a Yankees hat recently became the latest assault victim of one of the greatest rivalries in sports when he was punched in th face and knocked to the sidewalk while walking along a busy Allston intersection.

The victim, a student who was not identified by police, was walking near the corner of Harvard and Brighton avenues early on the morning of Oct. 16, hours after the Yankees rallied in the eighth inning to defeat the Texas Rangers by one run in the first game of the ALCS.

A man wearing a gray sweatshirt approached him and asked, "Why are you wearing that hat around here?" according to a police report.

Before having a chance to reply, the victim was punched in the face and knocked down, which caused him to bleed from his hands and chin, police said.

The suspect then ran down Brighton Avenue toward Chester Street, the student told police. The student, who police said "seemed intoxicated," was unable to further describe the man who punched him.

The student, with a bloody chin and hands, reported the assault to an officer, who had made a traffic stop on Harvard Avenue. He declined to receive medical attention before walking off, officials said.

Police said they searched but were unable to find the unidentified suspect.

The Red Sox-Yankees rivalry has led to [assault-related lawsuits](#) and [serious violence](#) in recent years, including a [deadly attack](#) in two years ago.

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