

Recce Juniors Are Game Up In Battle For Island Crown

The Charlottetown Recce Junior baseball team took the first game of the best-of-five series for the Prince Edward Island championship yesterday at Summerside by defeating the local Kinsmen Juniors 7 to 4. The Kinsmen attack never looked feebler than it did in this opening play-off game, and Murphy's hitting finger, topped them over like tenpins, getting no less than eighteen strikeouts in the nine innings of play. The Recce strikers were not much better than their rivals in this department, children men going down by the strikeout route.

The game was devoid of sparky fielding plays, and most of the errors were committed on easy chances.

After five scoreless innings the Recce aggression made the sixth frame a big one, sending five men across the platter. Leonard started off the inning with a nicely laid bait and he beat the throw to first. McCallum sacrificed him to second, and he went all the way home on Hennessey's hit. Schurman dropping a throw that had the runner beaten, but was a trifle high. Corish walked and Ready was on when McInnis juggled his grounder through the box. With the bases loaded and the man batting in the clean-up position at bat—an ideal situation for the attackers in any ball game—MacLean, Recce third baseman lived up to his rep by clouting a three-bagger to right centre field sending all three of his mates across. MacLean himself later came home on a wild pitch.

The home boys got three of these runs back in their half, Paul Schurman walked and McInnis singled to left, Schurman pulling up at second, Stewart fanned but Grady, belting his second hit of the game, sent Schurman home. L. Schurman struck out and then McInnis raced home when Spy Ready, who was taken from right field to do some south-paw pitching against left-handed hitter Oatway, uncorked a wild pitch. Oatway got a life on Leonard's muffed but was out stealing second.

Murphy returned to the mound in the eighth and the Kinsmen drew one run clear. After the first two batters had struck out, Stewart gained first on an error in short field and stole second. He came home when Grady's smash got away from second baseman Hennessey, and the score was 5 to 4. The visitors saluted it away in the ninth. Howatt walked, was sacrificed to second by Murphy and took third on a passed ball. Leonard pounded the ozone for the second out, and McCallum was safe when Stewart misjudged his high pop to the right of the mound, Howatt scoring. Hennessey's second hit of the game sent McCallum home with the final out of the game.

Intermediate Playdowns Start Wed.

The Island intermediate play-offs, with the winners entering the Maritime playdowns, get underway at Summerside Wednesday afternoon with Ch'town All Stars clashing with Summerside All Stars in the first game of a best-of-five series it was learned last night.

Summerside are at present holders of the title having won it in a bitter six game series last fall. In games so far this season the locals have had an edge but Summerside are expected to field a greatly strengthened team for the final tests.

Grand Circuit Racing Results

READING, Pa., Sept. 13 (AP)—Joseph Pese's Kroger Babb today won the 11th renewal of the Reading fair futurity for two-year-old trotters to open a five-day Grand Circuit meeting.

The fleet bay was forced to the limit of three heats by Conia Hanover, a brown filly from the Philadelphia barn of T. A. Dunn, before taking the \$4,412 win over a field of 13.

Summaries:

2:17 Pace, \$1,200
 Jay Herbert, ro. c. (J. Hy-lan) 1 1 1
 Knightland, bm (Hartman) 3 3 2
 Miss Belle Counsel, bm (Goodhart) 4 2 3
 Vicky Direct, bm (Mahoney) 2 5 4
 Times: 2:09, 2:10, 2:10.

Also started: Seattle's Pat, Miss Billy Direct, Helma Strong, Volburn, Jane Majesty, Old Bill, Reading Futurity No. 24, Two Year Old Trot \$4,412.

Kroger Babb, bc (T. Win-gate) 3 1 1
 Corlia Hanover, br f (T. Dunn) 1 2 2
 Sharon Hanover, bc (Con-ord) 2 4 x
 Phonograph's Girl, bf (Dill) 6 3 x
 Times: 2:11, 2:10 1-5, 2:10.

Also started: Abe Hanover, Seattle Girl, Lucia Hanover, Kathy Hanover, Janie Hanover, For Excellence, Hickory Jeff, Countess Gallon, Reynolds Dall.

2:30 Trot \$1,000
 Miss Putman, bm (R. Du-bois) 1 1 1
 Sprague Hanover, bc (Con-ord) 3 2 4
 Mollie Armstrong, bm (Storford) 2 3 6
 Etna D. bm (Floyd) 6 5 2
 Times: 2:10 3-5; 2:13; 2:14.

Also started: Caran Hanover, Fleeting, Alle Ux, Trusty Hanover, Terry Hanover.

Horseshoe Club

Francis eliminated J. McCallum last night as play continued at the Brighton Horseshoe Club in the current singles tournament. Tonight at 8:30 Murley is scheduled to play Phillips and Francis meets Brown. The survivors of these two matches enter semifinals in which Doyle and Vesey have already secured berths.

Stewart, Grady, Stolen Bases
 McCallum, Grady, Stewart, Hits off Murphy—5 in 8 2-3 innings, off Ready, 0 in 1-3 inning, off Gay, 6 in 6 innings, off Stewart, 1 in 3 innings. SO by Murphy—18. By Gay 8, by Stewart 5. BE off Murphy 1, off Gay 3, off Stewart 1. Winning pitcher—Murphy, losing pitcher—Gay. Wild pitch—Murphy, Gay. Passed ball—Schurman. Umpires—Plate, Francis; Bases—Goodwin and Schurman.—S

Ups And Downs

Not as fast as when he was performing regularly Bolger nevertheless has still a world of "stuff" on the ball. Cool as ice he rarely gives the hitter a real good ball and as a result opposing teams are either knocking out easy flies or grounding out to the infield. Never a strikeout pitcher Bolger depends on his mates support to a great extent. With the exception of a couple of instances, that was forthcoming on Sunday and if the Rovers play as well behind him the next time he goes to the hill they will be very much in the thick of the fight.

A terrific surge that carried him from far down in the list to the top gave Buck Whitlock the individual batting title of the City League statistics disclosed recently and the starry Rover shortstop is deserving congratulations on his performance, not only in winning the batting title and leading in several other departments but on the brand of baseball he has been showing all season long in sparring his team to a playoff position.

But the fight was a close one between ex-champion and the next two Charlie Ryan and Elmer Ward. Ryan who has been performing flawlessly at first base and who captured the fielding title

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Anchors And Rovers In 2nd Game This Evening

Anchors and Rovers play the second game of the City baseball league playoffs this evening at the Memorial Field diamond with the Rovers needing a win to get back on even terms with the west end representatives.

Beaten back 4-3 in the opener of the best out of five series on Sunday afternoon the Freddie Whalen managed crew are expected to furnish even tougher opposition in this evening's encounter. Pitching selections weren't announced at the time of writing but it is expected that Rovers will pitch with "Spy" Ready while the nod for the Anchors, Rovers choice was unknown.

The game will get underway at 4:45 and all batters are asked to make a special effort to be on hand by 4:30 in order to get the 15th away sharp on time and by so doing ensure at least seven innings being played.

It was decided before the first game that the encounters would have to go at least seven innings before a winner could be declared.

Pitcher Don Black Is Reported In Serious Condition

CLEVELAND, Sept. 13 (AP)—Don Black, Cleveland Indians pitcher of no-hit fame, is in critical condition after suffering a haemorrhage apparently resulting from a neck twist in today's game with St. Louis.

Physicians said the hemorrhage is near the brain and described it as a sub-arachnoid type. They said it resulted from an aneurysm, an unnatural growth between a vein and an artery, broken. Black apparently twisted his neck when he hit a foul in the second inning and fell at the plate in pain. He was helped from the field and later lost consciousness. He was still unconscious tonight.

Dr. Edward Castle, team physician, said no surgery was contemplated. Earlier, a spinal puncture was performed to aid in the diagnosis.

Black came to the Indians in 1946, but won only one game and was sent to Milwaukee. He returned to Cleveland the following year and disclosed that he had joined Alcoholics Anonymous. On July 10 of that year he pitched his no-hitter here against the Philadelphia Athletics.

He won 10 games and lost 12 in 1947, but has only a 2-2 record for this year. He has been bothered by injuries and played in only 17 games.

For the two innings he pitched in today's game, he had allowed only two hits.

Ezzard Charles Wins 10-round Decision

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (AP)—Ezzard Charles, who hopes to shed into Joe Louis' job as heavy weight champion, took a long stride in that direction tonight by winning a well fought 10-round decision over Jimmy Bivins.

But there would have been no such matter which way it went, for although there was a lot of fancy boxing and some hard hitting, neither of the Ohio Negroes managed to score a knockdown.

The Associated Press score card gave six rounds to Charles, two to Bivins and two even, but in none of these rounds was there any great margin of victory.

Appropriately, the best was saved for the last, the 10th, round, when a dilly, Charles, named by Louis as a possible successor to the title he is vacating, came out aiming for a knockout.

He out boxed everything he had in the last, the 10th, round, hammered by potential haymakers from both the left and the right, managed to sneak in close for some damaging blows of his own.

Charles weighed 176, Bivins 178 1-2.

Woodcock Returns To Ring Against Oma

LONDON, Sept. 13 (AP)—His broken jaw mended, Bruce Woodcock returns to the ring against Lee Oma Sept. 21, the subject of the greatest guessing game in British boxing history.

Can the British heavyweight boxing champion come back? Is his jaw sound or glass? Is he keen to fight after the jaw-breaking beating he took from Joe Baki 17 months ago? Was Woodcock ever any good in the first place?

Bruce, at 27 still has his British and European heavyweight titles. But he will have to start from scratch rebuilding himself into a position as a challenger for the logical United States contender for the world title.

His first task on that long trail is the handsome Detroit playboy, Oma, whom he meets over eight rounds at London's Harrington arena.

44-year-old North Country manager of Woodcock, is "quietly confident" that Bruce can make a successful comeback.

"I think that Bruce is more than probably fit to start with a snap and punch," said Hurst.

"He is looking pretty good in training and when he is looking like that nothing has the beating of him."

Despite his outward confidence, there is an impression abroad that Hurst would not risk much more than the price of a beer on the man. This is not to belittle Hurst's loyalty, or Woodcock's ability.

Woodcock no longer is a hungry fighter. It is conservatively estimated that he has made \$30,000 (\$40,000) since he turned professional in 1942. Unlike most boxers, Bruce still has practically all his earnings.

Probably his best victory since winning the British title from Jack London in 1946 was his eight-round knockout of Gus Lesnevich, then world light-heavy champ. His only defeat, besides by Baki, was by Tami Mauriello in 1946.

Williams Boosts Batting Margin In American League

CHICAGO, Sept. 13 (AP)—Boston's Ted Williams last week widened his margin over Cleveland's Lou Boudreau to six points, 368 to 362, in their battle for the American League batting championship.

In games played through Sunday, official statistics credited pace-setting Williams with 161 hits in 438 AB's, while runner-up Boudreau had 179 blows in 455 trips.

Johnnie Joe DiMaggio of New York continued to set a fast pace as the league's top power hitter. Aided by his grand-slam homer against Boston last week-end, Joe jumped his R.B.I. production eight to 136 and his homer collection two to 11.

Another Yankee, Tommy Herrlich, also was a double leader in specialized play with 117 runs and 38 doubles. Boudreau led in hits with 161, while Ed Stewart of Washington snooded the most triples, 13, and Dillingham continued the best base-stealer with 24.

Boston's Jack Kramer remained the best percentage pitcher with an unchanged 16-4 for 300. Bob Feller of Cleveland wrestled one Tribe snafu leadership from Tribe snafu Bob Lemon with a weeks' lag of 13 and a season total of 153.

was batted out on the last day of the season when he failed to hit in two trips to the plate while Ward the veteran of the team led most of the season until slipping back in the closing stages.

It was the closest race of the batting crown in a good many years. In fact the race overshadowed the battle for the final playoff spot and added much to the final days of what had been a successful baseball campaign.

Til LeBlanc Wins Decision

MONCTON, N. B., Sept. 13 (CP)—Til LeBlanc, Moncton punched his way to a significant 10-round decision over Harold (Red) Graham of Dartmouth, N. S., in the main bout of a boxing card here tonight.

The bout was almost a duplication of a six-rounder the pair fought her several weeks ago, even to the first round knockdown scored by LeBlanc. Graham took a nine count after the knockdown and fought a cautious fight from then until the end. LeBlanc weighed 128, Graham 128 1-2.

Other bouts were: Norm Gauthier, 135, Moncton, four-round draw.

Bob Gammon, 136, Dartmouth, scored a T.K.O. over Tiger Gallant, 135, Moncton, in the third round.

Bob Brown, Joggins, N. S., scored a T.K.O. over Al Brewer, 145, Dartmouth, in the first round.

Austin Brown, Joggins, scored a T. K. O. over Bob Ledley, Dartmouth, in the third round.

U. S. Army Draft Hits Glace Bay Team

GLACE BAY, N. S., Sept. 13 (CP)—The United States draft hit into Glace Bay Miners baseball roster today.

Pitcher Cy Kelly of Flint, Mich., got word the army wants him at the same time that pitcher Jimmy Morrison prepared to leave for Acadia University at Wolfville, N. S.

That cut the pitching staff to two and the team roster to 12 as Miners prepared to continue their Cape Breton Colliery League franchise against Whitney Pier Pirates. Miners already trail 2-0 in the best-of-nine series.

Don McDonald Leads Golf Field After Opening Day's Play

Don McDonald, Charlottetown Belvedere Club member yesterday led a field of 51 golfers as the Maritime high handicap tournament got underway over the rolling fairways and fast greens of the Belvedere Club. The leader came in with a card of 90 to take a five stroke lead over runner-up Bill McNeill, also of the home club. In third place was a Sydney club member, F. Rudderham with 97 while the next three players, A. McDonald, H. McInnis and A. Howatt, all local players were grouped together with 99.

Despite the leader's five stroke advantage the race for the title still is a wide-open one with the first half dozen retaining chances of coming out at the top of the heap.

Marking the first time the event has been held in the Maritimes the tournament is attracting a lot of interest and competition is proving to be very keen. Good weather conditions favored competitors yesterday and some long distance driving, smart approach shot and excellent putting were in evidence throughout the morning and afternoon rounds.

Final eighteen holes of the 36-hole tournament will be played today. Last night an enjoyable dance was held at the Club House with a large crowd being in attendance.

G. Merchant, a Sydney golfer, led the second division with a 96, three strokes better than Amherst's J. Dixon and Cavendish's C. Traylor and I. McKinnon of Belvedere are co-leaders in the third division with McKinnon leading a great chance to be up with the leaders when he ran into difficulty on the seventh hole causing his score to soar skywards.

In addition to prizes going to the leaders of each division, prizes will also be given to the players with the best net scores. Lowest net of the first day's play was G. Merchant's 88 with tournament leader Don McDonald being next with 70 and I. Horne, I. Ackinon and C. Traylor of Charlottetown in a three-way tie for third with 72.

The results:

Baseball Results

NATIONAL
 Pittsburgh 2; New York 4
 Chicago 4; Brooklyn 1
 (Only games scheduled.)

AMERICAN
 St. Louis 3; Cleveland 1
 (Only game scheduled.)

Baseball Standings

NATIONAL			
	W	L	Pct.
Boston	79	58	.577
Pittsburgh	73	59	.557
Brooklyn	72	62	.537
St. Louis	73	63	.536
New York	73	63	.536
Philadelphia	58	79	.426
Chicago	57	79	.418
Cincinnati	56	78	.418

AMERICAN			
	W	L	Pct.
Boston	86	50	.633
New York	84	52	.615
Cleveland	84	54	.608
Philadelphia	79	61	.564
Detroit	64	68	.485
St. Louis	54	80	.403
Washington	49	89	.353
Chicago	45	91	.334

Musial Snaps Out Of Slump

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (AP)—Batting marks as a whole dipped in the National League during the last week but St. Louis' Stan Musial snapped out of his slump and advanced four points.

The Cardinal outfielder collected 10 hits in 23 chances through the Tuesday-to-Sunday period to boost his league-leading average from .359 to .373. At the same time he maintained his hold on virtually every batting department and moved into the runner-up position in home runs with Pittsburgh's Ralph Kiner topped the loop in four-baggers with 14, four more than Musial.

Musial's other front-running marks include: Runs, 120; hits, 208; doubles, 40; triples, 16.

Pittsburgh's Rip Sewell and Bob Chesnes led the pitchers with 11-4 and 12-4 marks, respectively.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 12 (AP)—The Sporting News Saturday named Richie Ashburn, 21-year-old outfielder of Philadelphia Phillies, as the major league rookie of the year. Ashburn was cited for his 32 stolen bases, his .333 hitting, some "thrilling catches," fast fielding and strong throwing.

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