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Boston Scores Eight Runs In 3rd To Swamp Cleveland Indians 15-7

(Canadian Press)
Boston Red Sox swamped Cleveland Indians 15-7 yesterday (Thursday) with their highest scoring inning of the American League season—eight runs in the third at the expense of Bob Feller.

It was only the second time this year the Sox have beaten Cleveland. The Indians have won six times.

Philadelphia Athletics broke out of a five-game losing streak with a 10-4 victory over Detroit.

St. Louis played the Senators at Washington in a night game and the Chicago-New York game was rained out.

Joe Dobson of Boston, who coasted after the eight-run third, won his seventh game of the season and his second over the Indians.

Each of the Sox except Vern Stephens contributed at least one hit to the victory. Thirteen Bostonians batted in the third inning when four hits and five walks accounted for the eight runs.

Hottest wallop was Bobby Doerr's fifth homer of the year with two mates aboard.

Dom DiMaggio also poked a four bagger. DiMaggio drove in five runs in all and Doerr and Birdie Tebbets each sent in three.

The Indians got four of their runs in the fourth on a pair of walks and three singles.

The loss was the fifth for Feller, who has won five.

Seven runs on two hits in the fourth carried Philadelphia to victory over the Tigers.

Sam Chapman made both hits in the big inning, leading off with a single and subsequently bashing a double. Virgil (Fire) Trucks, Hal White, Bill Pierce and Ted Gray collaborated in walking seven Philadelphiaans and forcing in four of the runs.

The Tigers had pulled within a run of the Macks in the first half of the fourth when Pat Mullin slammed his seventh homer with one on.

Detroit scored two more runs in the sixth, but Joe Coleman, gaining his seventh mound triumph in nine decisions, had few worries in the last five frames.

Relief pitcher Frank Biscan walked across the winning run in the ninth inning as Washington edged St. Louis Browns 5-4 in the one night game played.

The Senators thus swept a three-game series with the Browns.

Biscan walked Gil Coan to start Washington's ninth and wild-pitched him to second. Ed Stewart sacrificed and was safe when Biscan's throw to third was too late to catch Coan. Stewart took second as Mickey Vernon grounded out and pinch-hitter Tom McBride was passed purposely to fill the bases. Biscan then walked Mark Christian on four straight balls.

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Washington compiled 11 hits in winning its fourth straight game to take a firmer hold on fourth place.

Baseball Results

AMERICAN	
Cleveland	000 402 100 7 9 2
Boston	108 303 00x 15 12 2
Feller, Kennedy (3) Muncie (4)	
Gromak (5) Killeman (7) and	
Tipton; Dobson and Tebbets;	
Detroit	009 205 000 4 10 1
Philadelphia	003 700 00x 10 8 0
Trucks, H. White (4) Pierce (4)	
Gray (4) Hutchinson (6) and	
Swift, Riebe (5); Coleman and	
Guerra	
St. Louis	110 000 002 4 8 0
Washington	011 110 001 5 11 2
Sanford, Shore (7) Biscan (6)	
and Moss; Parise (9); Haefner,	
Harrist (9) and Evans;	
Chicago at New York rained out.	

NATIONAL	
Brooklyn	000 000 100 1 2 0
Pittsburgh	010 100 02x 4 9 0
Taylor and Hodges; Bonham and	
Fitzgerald	
Boston	313 011 100 10 17 1
St. Louis	010 010 000 2 6 1
Sain and Salkeld; Dickson, Wilks	
(1) Burkhardt (3) Pollet (3) Staley	
(8) and Garagiola;	
New York	010 120 000 4 7 0
Chicago	022 000 20x— 12 3
Lee, Newsom (3) Jones (8) and	
Westrum; Meyer and Scheffing.	

INTERNATIONAL	
Jersey City	100 102 000 4 9 4
Montreal	410 000 05x 10 10 4
Kraus, Cain (6) and Yvars;	
Behrman, Banta (9) and Dapper;	
Baltimore	200 1001 4 10 0
Rochester	200 0102 5 7 2
Groth and Robinson; Green,	
Copeland (4) Blake (6) and Pus-	
cellinan;	
Baltimore	000 000 000 0 3 0
Rochester	001 002 01x 4 9 1
Linde, Mellis (7) and Stocktaun-	
er; Johnson and Marshall.	
Buffalo	000 0300 3 7 2
Syracuse	010 1000 2 6 1
Hausmann and Mordarski; Er-	
staut, Seward (5) and Bosack;	
Buffalo	000 000 100 1 2 0
Syracuse	130 000 00x 4 11 0
Rush and Tabacheck; Hetki and	
Bosack.	

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IN THE CORNER

Rece and K. of C. square off against each other tonight in a Junior League baseball game and if the Knights can come through with another performance like they did against the Kinsmen, the hard-hitting Rece squad are going to be in for a tough session.

The same Kinsmen - Knights game produced a far better brand of baseball than did the opener and notwithstanding the fact that Rece are a powerful batting outfit they will have to sharpen up defensively if they hope to make it two in a row in the yet young league.

Knights play the game close to the chest. Their defences with the exception of one disastrous lapse stood up better under fire than did the Kinsmen team; their pitching staff is capable of holding power hitters in check and taking all things into consideration, tonight's game should be a nip and tuck affair all the way through.

Abegweit track and field team under coach George Walters is bidding for tryouts in the pre-Olympic meet at the Wanderers Grounds, Halifax. The team should come through with a good performance.

Despite lack of training the Island boys are considered to be in good shape and Coach Walters feels that given good weather, some of the performers will be able to come up to the standard required to compete in the Montreal meeting.

The Trials haven't filled as well as had been hoped for with the result that Abies will face no competition in some events but this will not keep them from attempting to equal the times and distances set for the winners of the various events. In addition to Coach Walters, Sammy Doyle, vice president of the Maritime Amateur Athletic Union, will also accompany the team. Both these men will probably be members of the Olympic selection committee for the Maritime Trials.

With main events already on the scene and likewise promoter Lem Moore of Boston, Mass., everything is in readiness for the big boxing card at the Forum Saturday night that pits Ace McCloskey against hard-hitting Eddie Letourneau of Maine in the feature event of an attraction that has 32 rounds of boxing scheduled.

Saturday night's program will mark the first step in a program that will have ring stars from the Maritimes and United States performing here every two weeks until just before ice making starts in the late Fall and promoter Moore stated last night that it was his intention to have well known performers show their wares here in a program of fights he hopes will put boxing on a solid foundation in the Maritimes.

Letourneau, looking fit as a fiddle and in superb condition will be the hardest hitter McCloskey has faced in his ring career. His ring record which was summarized briefly yesterday is studied with early knockouts over well known performers and Moore, who has seen the Maine battler in action, states that if he gets an open shot at the Maritime middleweight titleholder's jaw, it may well be curtains.

McCloskey who is also in the proverbial pink of condition has no intention of leaving that opening if he can help it. He (McCloskey) realizes full well that a setback at this stage of his comeback campaign may prove disastrous and he will be out to end matters as quickly as possible.

Promoter Moore also intends to match prominently-known boxers later in the season. Red Priest, outstanding New England fighter, Spider Armstrong, veteran Canadian leather pusher and many others will likely be lined up and

Knights And Rece Squads Play Tonight

Rece and Knights of Columbus Junior ball squads are scheduled to meet in a Junior League baseball clash tonight and if weather permits, the game will be played on the old diamond in Victoria Park. A victory for the Knights would create a three way tie in the league standing and many of the fans who saw the Knights perform against the Kinsmen are of the opinion they can take the measure of the hard hitting Rece squad.

Game time is set for 8:30 sharp.



Shown above is Eddie Letourneau of Maine, hard-hitting middleweight who meets Ace McCloskey in the feature event of tomorrow night's boxing card at the Forum. Letourneau, with a lengthy list of knockouts to his credit over prominent U. S. fighters, arrived in the City last night. In splendid condition the U. S. boy feels confident he will be able to stop McCloskey but at the same time expects a tough encounter from the hard-punching Island middleweight.

Tickets go on sale this morning at 10 o'clock at the Forum.

Maritime Pre-Olympic Track, Field Trials At Halifax Today

(By Reuben Clyn) HALIFAX, June 10 (CP)—It is not likely that many of the 31 competitors from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will equal or better the Maritime standards for the 13 track and field events to be run off here tomorrow at historic Wanderers' Grounds in the Maritime pre-Olympic trials.

Lack of suitable weather for training and an absence of stiff competition have been severe handicaps. The weatherman promises to be no help with a light drizzle and a cool wind forecast. The track is already water-logged by heavy rains and although much work has been done the field will not be conducive to record-breaking.

With that dark outlook the Maritimes probably will be invited to send but a few representatives if any, to the eastern zone finals in Montreal on the week-end of June 19.

If some manage to qualify for the national trials in Montreal on July 9 and 10 it will come as a surprise to veteran Maritime track and field observers. Should they get that far, the millennium will have arrived if they gain berths on the 18-man Canadian squad which leaves this port July 15 for London.

In the past only five Maritimers have made the team and they fared rather poorly in the Olympic games. And those were good years when track and field was at its peak in the seaside Provinces with some of its outstanding men in competition.

Comeback Slow
During the war years track and field hit a new low. A slump which had appeared just before the war was carried to its inevitable conclusion. New efforts have been made to revive it since the end of hostilities, but as yet the comeback has been slow.

these together with a good representation of Island boys on each card should provide the setting for a great season of mitt-slinging.

Bobby Duquette, a lightweight from Boston will be in action tomorrow night. This youngster, a 132 pounder, is a crowd pleaser all the way and in addition carries punching power in both hands. He will be pitted against Lloyd Carr, present reigning lightweight titleholder and it is already felt that Carr will have to be on his best behavior if he is to get past the challenge of the Boston youngster.

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Horseman Aids Cancer Fund

The Cancer Campaign Fund received a decided impetus recently when Mr. Fred Lahey, well known Maritime horseman and resident of Dartmouth, N. S., donated \$50.

Mr. Lahey was visiting in the city at the time and during his stay here, he, in conjunction with Mr. Alfred MacNeill, Southport, purchased the well known pacing stallion Silver Streak.

His generous contribution to the Cancer Fund was announced at the meeting of workers last night by Major T. B. Rogers, campaign chairman.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN		
Cleveland	28	13 683
New York	27	18 800
Philadelphia	28	10 596
Washington	24	24 500
Detroit	22	25 468
Boston	21	25 457
St. Louis	18	26 409
Chicago	12	30 286

NATIONAL		
New York	25	19 568
Boston	24	19 538
St. Louis	25	20 556
Pittsburgh	25	20 556
Philadelphia	25	23 521
Brooklyn	20	24 445
Cincinnati	20	26 435
Chicago	17	30 362

Baseball's Big Six

(By The Associated Press) (Three leaders in each league):
Player and Club G A B H H Pct.
Williams, R. Sox 46 168 45 65 378
Musial, Cardinals 46 177 40 67 379
Homes, Braves 34 137 25 51 372
Boudreau, Inds. 41 154 30 57 370
Westlake, Pirates 37 114 30 41 360
Brown, Yankees 38 150 23 52 347

Runs Batted In—American League: Williams, Red Sox, 48; National League, Musial, Cardinals, 40.
Home Runs American League: Keltner, Indians, 14; National League, Sauer, Reds, 16.

Gerry McNeill To Be Durnan's Successor

(By The Canadian Press) MONTREAL, June 10 (CP)—Gerry McNeill, Montreal Royals' hustling goalkeeper, will ultimately become Bill Durnan's successor in the hockey nets of Montreal Canadiens, general manager Frank Selke said today.

Douglas McNeill, a defenceman from Halifax, is the McNeill who will go to Buffalo, said Selke. If Doug doesn't make the grade with the American Hockey League Club, he will be brought back to Montreal and turned over to the Royals for further seasoning.

All City Cancer Campaign Workers Meet To-night at 7 o'clock Sharp in Whalen Memorial Hall

As to prospects in tomorrow's meet Thomas could see but one. Eddie Milburn, a Saskatchewan native, Milburn, now living in Halifax, has a good chance of beating the four minute five second standard for the 1500 metres. Two other likely prospects are also distance men—the Grace Bay, N. S., Fire Department's Roy Appleton and Acadia Athletic Association's Ritchie Love of New Glasgow, N. S.

Appleton is heralded as a qualifier in the 5,000 metres, he has done better than the 16-minute standard in road races of an equal distance. Love set a new half-mile intercollegiate mark at Wolfville, N.S., in May with a time of 2:01 1-5. He may beat the 800-metres standard.

Acadia University teams coached by Fred Kelly, a Charlottetown native, have dominated the intercollegiate track and field for the last fourteen years. Five of his boys will be running tomorrow. Three—Live, sprinters Bob Naylor, Ambers, N. S., and Gordon Focle, Grace Bay, N. S., turned in fair times in inter-collegiate competition.

Reg Crosby, Dartmouth, will be doing the sprints for the Dartmouth Boys' Club and Gordon Kerr, Alberton, P.E.I., will be doing likewise for the Abegweit A.C. of Charlottetown. They may be winners as they renew their battles begun on the campus of the Wolfville University.

Tony Zale Regains Middleweight Title In Third Round Kayo

By JACK HAND
NEWARK, N.J., June 10 (AP)—Middleweight champion Rocky Graziano suffered a concussion after being knocked out by Tony Zale tonight in the third round of a 15-round bout at Ruppert Stadium for the 145-pound crown.

Dr. Vincent Nardello, New York Boxing Commission physician, said in Graziano's dressing room after the fight:
"He is in a dazed condition and was unable to recognize even me. His reflexes are all gone. It could be serious. I will examine him again later."

Zale, 12 to 4 under-dog, regained the title when he kayoed Graziano at 1:08 of the third. The one-time Gary, Ind., steel mill hand dropped the befuddled Rocky on his back for a 10 count with a left hook to the head.

Tony weighed 158½, Graziano 158½.
Zale thus lived up to his pre-fight prediction that he would chill Rocky in the third. The two fighters had met twice before. In their first battle in New York's Yankee Stadium, Zale flattened Graziano in six rounds. In Chicago last year, Graziano knocked out Zale, also in the sixth round.

Those who saw Graziano in his dressing room after the fight said he looked like a hurt, bewildered boy as his handlers looked after him.
"I couldn't get off," he said. "I couldn't get off. I never got over that first punch."

Dr. Nardello will examine Graziano again tomorrow morning to determine the extent of his injury. His eyes still glazed some 10 minutes after the knockout, Graziano couldn't remember Nardello's name.
"Gimmie time; gimmie time; I know; I'll get it," Rocky mumbled.

Graziano wrung his hands and looked more confused as he stared at the doctor.
"Something's wrong with me doc," he burst out. "I can't think. Something must be wrong with me."

As his senses began to return, Graziano again explained that he never recovered from a first terrific left hook with which Zale floored him in the first round.
Zale, on the other hand, bounced into the dressing room with a broad grin.

"I knew I had him from the start from the way he reacted to the first punch," he said. "I was ready to go 15 rounds. Retiring? No, I'm not retiring; not when I feel so good."

It was just the opposite of the first fight when, though Zale won, he suffered such a beating that he sat woodenly in his own dressing room while Graziano talked cheerfully of the next fight.
Zale, a tough boy from the middle west who can take a punch as well as give it, said he never was hurt by Graziano.

"He's a younger man at 35 than I am at 36," Ray Arcel, Zale's second, boasted.
Zale said he would fight Rocky again. In fact, he said, he would fight any one, anytime.

25,000 See Fight
About 25,000 fans were on hand to see the once-postponed fight between the two middleweights. Zale, as challenger, had a guarantee of \$30,000 or 20 per cent of the gate. Graziano, as defending champion, was guaranteed \$120,000 or 40 per cent.

Zale may meet next Marcel Cerdan, former French and European champion, who met several good United States middleweights and beat them all.
Tony never gave Rocky a chance.

He drove in on him in the first round and although Graziano rallied to take the second on points, Zale knocked him down three times in the third.
Referee Paul Cavalleri tolled the fatal 10 over the prostrate ruler who made no attempt to regain his feet. His seconds dragged Graziano to his corner and administered smelling salts. The Rock was down for three in the first round and was almost out earlier in the third when he sank to the canvas for a count of seven.

Zale, a cool, polished battler, thrilled the near-capacity crowd with his demonstration of savage punching power.
This battle, first promotional venture of the newly-organized Tournament of Champions, Inc., lived up to all advance billings. It didn't last as long as the first two slugfests in which this pair exchanged six-round knockouts. But while it lasted it was murder.

Catching the Rock with a brain-scrambling left hook to the head early in the first, Zale floored Graziano for a three-count and reduced the champion's attack to wild haymaker swings that too often found him running flush into counter-wallops by the cagy veteran.
Graziano loses head
Eight years' difference in age didn't help Graziano when Zale started to connect. Blinking his eyes as though this couldn't happen to him, the Rock lost his head and started to punch wildly with both hands. This was all the stolid challenger needed.
Zale drove Rocky to the ropes with a right and climbed all over him with his fierce body attack. Tony landed two or three blows after the bell which apparently was not heard by Zale. The referee didn't intervene until Zale got in his pokes.
Zale shook the Dead End Kid from New York's Lower East Side with a one-two to the body as Graziano swung wildly and missed at the start of the second. Although staggered by a right to the head, Rocky fought back wildly in the closing seconds of the round when he hurt Zale with a right that started in Jersey City and wound up on Tony's jaw.
The third was only seconds old when a left hook sagged Rocky's knees and left him swinging on the ropes. Zale cut loose with all the power of both fists, hitting Graziano at least seven times in a row before Rocky finally went down from a left hook to the head and a right to the body.
Obviously badly hurt and dazed, Graziano dragged himself out of the resin dust to run into a searing left hook that put out the lights. Cavalleri could have counted a hundred over the punch-frozen lad who lost his title in his first defence.
Thus the unshaven Rocky who smiled and bowed to the terrific ovation that greeted him as he entered the ring, failed to make good in his first and last start as a champion only 12 miles from home.
Because he failed to report an alleged bribe offer for a fight that never came off, his New York license was lifted a year and a half ago. At home he never had been recognized as champion. The title was ruled "in abeyance."
Some months after he ended Zale's first reign as 160-pound champion, he was banned in other states because of a spotty war record.
What action the New York State Athletic Commission now will take is problematical but it is considered likely that Zale will be recognized as champion.

Cellar - Dwelling Cubs Defeat League Leading New York Giants 6-4

(By The Canadian Press) Chicago Cubs, down in the National League cellar, yesterday (Thursday) made it two-out-of-three over the pennant-contending New York Giants, beating them 6-4.