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Three Playgrounds For City Kiddies To Be Operating

Three new playgrounds catering to children of school age in the city will be in operation on Kings Square, Millers Square and Tommaso Square during the summer months, it was announced by Don Grant, chairman of the Charlotte-Town Playground Commission, last night.

The playgrounds have been made possible through the generosity of the Charlotte-Town Kinmen Club who are providing the equipment while supervision of the grounds will be looked after by the Charlotte-Town Playground Commission acting as the representatives of the City Council.

The playgrounds fill a long felt want in the city. They will be equipped with modern safety devices including swings, slides, flume slides, sand boxes and swings made suitable for the smaller boys.

Baseball and volleyball courts will be provided for the older boys and girls along with outdoor diamonds, horseshoe and quiet pitches being added as extra attractions for these games.

In regard to supervision, a manager for the summer months on a short course in Nova Scotia and on return will take up their duties for the summer months on the various playgrounds, their job being to supervise and organize schedules of various group games and general play for the kiddies.

With physical fitness and the making of better citizens being the aim of the playground commission, this step by the Kinmen Club and the playground commission is expected to bring the summer months in the city. The outdoor courts which were in operation throughout the winter months have been successful in giving the youngsters many hours of enjoyment and officials who have been working on the playgrounds will pay dividends in inculcating in the kiddies' minds the value of good habits, good character and resulting physical development.

Baseball Results

National League
 St. Louis—4
 Cincinnati—1
 Brooklyn—5
 Boston—4
 New York—1
 Philadelphia—4

Players Contented In Mexico

MEXICO CITY, April 21.—May be the boys were talking with tongue in their cheeks but if they were certain by their smiling faces today when they laughed and joked about how much money they were making in the Mexican League by passing up the major league's big show-opening day.

They were the happy throng who attended yesterday's major league inaugural, the American colony of ex-big leaguers here said they weren't even a little bit homesick.

Not even a report from Baseball Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler in Cincinnati, O., that they had automatically barred themselves from the big leagues for five years by missing opening day seemed to disturb their gaiety.

Catcher Mickey Owen, who thought twice before he finally gave up on the Dodgers and Brooklyn said that everything in Mexico was "hunky dory" and that he had even solved the housing shortage, a well nigh impossible task in the United States these days.

Outfielder Danny Goddard, who left the New York Giants when Manager Mel Ott consigned him to Milwaukee, was seen strolling peacefully down the street.

"I assure you I'm just as happy as a pig in a sty," he said, "and I'm not a pig and I'm not a sty."

Alexandro Carrasquel, the Venezuelan knuckleball pitcher who jumped the Chicago White Sox was taking a shower at his apartment.

"I am not sorry," he said, "who would be, leaving the White Sox?"

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Two-Ton Again Seeking Louis

ATLANTA, Ga., April 22.—Twas Two-Ton Tony Galento speaking—Alla want outa dis is 'nother chance at Choe Louis. He's a bum dem.

Thus, the human bear barrel explained why it is that he's down in Georgia today refereeing Big Barnstorming Junket is all a publicity build-up for a comeback against the champ, if you believe what Two-Ton say.

He continued: "I will fight Louis for nothin', and when I say nothin', I really mean nothin'."

"I will not only pay for my own training expenses, but will turn the entire purse from de gate over to de Infanti Paralysis Fund or de Disabled Veterans' fund."

Then he predicted his day-dreaming, as he lay there in a hotel bed like a hulk of unbalanced cotton, Galento said.

"Why is dat he has given every body except me—Two-Ton Tony Galento, de best guy he ever went into de ring wid him?"

The cigar-smoking, brew-guzzling, egg-whisking, heavy-weight challenger said he was predicted to compete in the 200 pounds of beef that Louis pole-axed to the deck back on a June night at Yankee Stadium.

"Tony says he can get in shape, though, by what he called 'a long procedure' in the States, but at the same time he claimed: 'I'm in de pink condition.'"

He asserted that he kept in trim by playing hand ball each day.

Admitting that Louis is "a good fighter—if he takes de weight too old to fight Billy Conn or anyone else 'dat can give him a goods scrap or a ring now," Galento said he will trim Conn in New York this June.

Galento said: "De way I see it, Louis will run de gamut. He does not get gonns get a surprise. Louis ain't as smart as he thinks he is. He's got de championship in de brain."

"Why I coulda knock Louis out in four rounds if I and he went de ring together," Galento said he has a heavy contender under cover. He is Eddie "Red" Cameron, who will fight in the college edition this semester at the University of Miami, Fla. When asked if he was going to fight Cameron, Galento said: "I'm in de pink condition."

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Stampeders Chalk Up Second Win

CALGARY, April 22.—(CP)—Calgary Stampeders rode to a 6-1 victory over Hamilton Tigers here Saturday night to take their second straight game in the best-of-seven Canadian senior hockey championship series for the Allan Cup. Ken Hunter was the Allan Cup hero, firing home three goals, while Brownridge, Sunny Dams and Doug Cairns combined for the remaining three.

Hamilton's single tally went to Bobby Laurent.

Box?
 Myron Hayworth, former St. Louis Browns catcher, who just moved in to his new apartment after signing up over last weekend said he was "perfectly happy."

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New York Giants Are Falling Apart

NEW YORK, April 22.—Other cities in the National League will be interested to know that New Yorkers expect very little of the one-time beloved Giants this season.

If the entire club doesn't disband and wind up in the Mexican League it will be considered a moral victory.

These Giants are the talk of the town, but what people say about them is scarcely fit to print in newspapers devoted to a family fireside clientele. They seem to be going to pieces in a slow-gaited, unhurried way. They can't move fast enough to hit the bottom quickly.

That fall to hit or pitch cause no undue alarm to our latter day Giant fans because they have grown used to such things that might be irritating elsewhere. The trouble with these Giants is that they also do not move or think. They just put on their uniforms, go out there and figure they have got the pennant won because they beat the Phillies twice.

The Dodgers made them look like something strictly from Bushville in their third start.

The slowness of the Giants has been apparent ever since they first went into spring training, and there has been no improvement in this respect. Their pitching has been questionable from the outset and that remains the same. Their fielding hasn't set any parks afire. Their hitting has been about as good as expected.

"They look their worst when suddenly called upon to think. Against the Dodgers they looked particularly bad, because they picked this particular spot to pull some pullers that would make the Dodgers of the Babe Herman era start out for plagarism."

These modern Dodgers play alert, fast baseball for Leo Durocher and delighted in the antics of the Giants, such antics as running the bases on a pop fly with one out, starting from the field toward the bench after a fly catch making it two out and letting the Dodgers run wild.

The latter stole five bases during the game, three of them in one inning, with the Giant filinger of the moment, Jack Brewer, so slow in his delivery that you wondered if he had the heat of a pitching motion to keep runners near the bag.

Ernie Lombardi had a tough afternoon trying to throw out these runners without the remotest chance of nailing one. It was like hunting quail with a cap pistol.

How much of the Giants' troubles may be traced to manager Mel Ott—who works under a five-year contract by the way—is debatable. Probably he is to blame for all of it, or none. In any case his club doesn't present any striking marks of cohesion or real pennant-hunting desire. His refusal to admit his weaknesses.

One thing is certain: the club has potential power and that is about all.

Perhaps there will be improvement as the season wears along and the players begin to think in terms of winning in the majors.

L. P. U. Ball Meeting Tonight

Attention is once again called to the baseball meeting to be held at the Labor Union Hall tonight at 8 o'clock when plans will be laid for the formation of a Union team to take part in the baseball league this summer.

Officials of the Union wish the fact stressed that any ball players in any part of the City desirous of trying for a berth on the squad will be welcome to tonight's meeting as it is not the intention to confine the meeting to the squad to players residing in the western section of the City.

Edmonton Skater Enters Big Time

(By The Canadian Press)
 EDMONTON, April 22.—First Edmonton skater to enter ice show business as a professional is blond, blue-eyed Mary Kirsine, 18, skating and ballet star of the city's Glencoe club and western Ontario skating champion in 1941.

Miss Kirsine has signed a four-year contract with a United States show (Icecapades) and will join it in Atlantic City July 1.

Many top-notch performers, she did not go skating from the high chair to skating rinks and ponds but comes the blades for the first time in 1937, and did her first serious skating at the Stratford, Ont., club in 1938-39.

"Norton" Waite and Bunty Noble, who turned professional from the Calgary Glencoe skating club, were the two pros who really took me in hand first," she said. The two were professionals at the London, Ont., club in 1938-39.

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REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press
 George Sutton who played in the world's first 182 balling birds tournament at Paris died at Chicago 16 years ago today. Resident of Toronto years before, Sutton won the 182 balling championship from Jake Schaefer in 1907 and the 182 from George Slossom in 1908.

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 135 vs. 137
 COBY McCLUSKEY vs. JIM STEELE
 150 vs. 146
 MIKE DELORY vs. ART BALLUM
 163 vs. 170
 JACK HODGSON vs. BILL THOMPSON
 140 vs. 137
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GOLF

By BYRON NELSON
 To me one of the most interesting golfers in the professional ranks today is Ellsworth Vines, the former Davis Cup player and professional champion who has abandoned tennis for golf.

Here is a fellow who reached the top in one sport and now, at the age when the average man might be thinking of retiring on his laurels had he done as well as Vines, he is trying desperately to reach the top as a golfer.

Not long ago I was paired with Vines and asked him what prompted him to take up professional golf much later in life than the average golfer.

"I'll tell you why," said Vines. "I like competition. It probably doesn't mean so much to you, but I get a kick out of such a simple thing as getting a lower score in these tournaments than men who have played this game all their lives."

"I like competition so much that when I began to slow down in tennis I began to anticipate with regret the day I couldn't win any more. I knew I couldn't last as long in tennis as I could in golf and I began to take a great interest in the game."

"In fact, for the last few years I was playing professional tennis. I really did it only to get enough money to pay for my golf. I played tennis three or four months each year and then devoted the rest of the year to working on my golf game. I may never become a great golfer, but by playing in these tournaments I satisfy my appetite for competition."

Vines, who has played in just about every important tennis competition in the world during his career, doesn't think that tennis is as nerve wracking as golf.

"You don't have time to think about those shots coming up in tennis," said Vines when comparing the two games. "It's too fast. Of course, you would be nervous before the big championships, but you didn't have time to think about it once you started."

"Golf is nerve wracking because you have a lot of time to think about it. You have to think about that shot you're going to have to make as soon as your opponent has finished making his shot. Being an intelligent athlete, Vines has the power of concentration. What's more, he plans each shot. And I've seen him play in a manner which made it apparent that he was planning his strategy about it once you started."

In fact, I sometimes have thought that Vines' brain was too active. There's a chance that he might do better in this game if he didn't give so much thought to the mechanics of his swing, concentrating on hitting the ball and letting his swing take care of itself.

Vines is not particularly long off the tee. This is interesting in view of the fact that as a tennis player speed when he hit that ball.

However, he has very good speed. And he is a wonderful putter. I also like his stance. He stands over the ball with little or no body sway.

In fact, I think that Ellsworth Vines' record in golf is proof enough that if a man is athletic,

Will Be Greatest Hitter Of All Time Claims Griffith

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—But a ball player named Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox outfielder:

"I think he's going to be the greatest hitter of all time," said Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, after watching Williams pace his team to a clean-sweep of the opening American League series.

What Williams did in that series: Batted 500, including a 430-foot homer into the left centre bleachers, a screaming triple and two lousy doubles—all this while drawing four intentional passes.

"Williams is one of the few hitters, if not the only one, I've ever seen who can hit any kind of pitch," Griffith said.

And how would Griffith, once quite a crafty hurler in his own right, pitch to the six-foot three, 27-year-old bombardier:

Feed Him 'Bloopers'.

"I'd throw him nothing but bloopers balls—and I mean real high, lazy bloopers," Griffith said. "Then he'd have to supply his own power, take a little run at the ball and be off balance."

The impression that Williams made on the fans probably is the deepest in the history of baseball here—and that includes crowd reaction to such old-time greats as Walter Johnson, Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

Griffith thinks Williams is sure to hit 400 again (he batted 406 in 1942) but Ted isn't so certain about that.

"That's a lot of percentage points," he told a reporter. "It were like some of the other fellows who are fast getting away from the plate, and they'd pitch to me with men on bases, I'd say 'sure.'"

Ted is more interested in the solid sensation he now gets out of meeting the ball than in a 400 average.

"It runs through my body, and I didn't have that good feeling even in the year I hit 406," he said.

ARNOLD, Nottinghamshire, Eng.—A mowing cut gave the alarm while fire broke out recently at a house here. Four people escaped but Winifred Simpson, 15, could not be got out and died.

ally inclined and a good competitor he can be good in any form of athletics; provided, of course, that he selects some sport suitable to his physique.

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Shamrocks:
 L. Butler 198 240 178
 L. Campbell 115 187 181
 G. Campbell 182 180 224
 F. Shanahan 165 142 191
 Low Score 114 120 126
 Total—2505
 774 878 763

Invincibles:
 E. Doucette 210 166 203
 S. Trainor 114 190 121
 S. Curley 177 154 127
 C. Corleio 184 120 153
 Total—2562
 860 804 918

Total—2562
 High single: C. McKenna, 256.
 High three: C. McKenna, 651.
 Points: Shamrocks 1, Invincibles 4.

Harpis:
 F. Gallant 154 194 200
 A. Curley 109 149 135
 J. Berrigan 161 134 190
 G. Nanties 236 200 158
 R. St. John 140 163 139
 A. Ward 152 79 186
 Total—2638
 952 819 1068

Seabees:
 E. Corish 180 196 223
 H. Power 103 117 122
 G. Gallant 155 146 143
 L. Power 140 134 135
 Low Score 140 149 138
 Total—2589
 840 823 927

Total—2589
 High single: F. Gallant, 260.
 High three: E. Corish, 611.
 Points: Harpis 4½, Seabees ¼.

Do-Nuts:
 B. McDonald 210 138 204
 S. Deiron 171 187 132
 A. Farmer 142 145 108
 Low Score 128 100 157
 Total—1618
 632 570 597

Jam Taris:
 J. McAleer 179 100 213
 E. Kelly 156 118 157
 W. Campbell 129 135 166
 F. Smith 178 195 240
 Total—1618
 642 550 776

Total—1968
 High single: F. Smith, 240.
 High three: F. Smith, 614.
 Points: Do-Nuts 2, Jam Taris 1

Acas:
 B. Bradley 210 279 274
 W. Molinis 160 167 164
 W. Mullins 155 122 151
 A. LeClair 110 141 132
 Pather Roche 173 146 217
 Total—8901
 808 886 986

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 High single: B. Bradley, 276.
 High three: B. Bradley, 793.
 Points: Acas 4, Mifista 1.

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