



SPORTING NEWS

Officers Increase Lead In Softball League With 9-4 Victory Over Corporals

A clearer picture of the playoff situation in the softball league may be had after tonight's game between the Navy and Officers. For on the outcome depends the chances of several other teams, particularly the All-Stars. The league standing is so close that Officers by beating Navy will give the other teams, particularly the All-Stars, another fighting chance.

But should the Navy team win they will consolidate their third place position with the Sergs. And All-Stars with but one game to go against the Navy, will occupy a very precarious perch indeed.

But that is the way a league should be fought out judging from the fans' point of view at any rate. A runaway race is never one to draw much support but when all teams concerned have to fight tooth and nail right down to the wire then interest is bound to be kept at the highest pitch.

Boxing, although practically extinct on the island these days with all the former local mitt-slingers in a far bigger fight on the beaches of France and in Italy, nevertheless occupies the mind of local boxing followers strongly.

So we think this write-up about Freddie Mills of the R. A. F. and Al Delaney of Canada, who came from the Windsor Daily Star and written by our Father John Rooney after viewing a fight in England, will make interesting reading.

"You have, I am sure, heard of Freddie Mills. He is not only a sergeant in the R. A. F. he is also a cruiser-weight champion of the British Isles - light heavyweight champion of the world. The English think he is a fighter, and enthusiastic fans speak of him as 'The King of the Ring'. Some of the local citizens prophesiedly predict that he will be the next heavyweight king of the world. He must say, however, that those who succumb to this form of crystal ball gazing are numerically few, and that they announce their predictions only on occasions when their capacity for conceiving heroes becomes mightily strained, and encroaches upon those faculties that govern straight thinking.

"A few days ago in Albert Hall, London, Sgt. Mills opposed one Al Delaney of the Canadian Armed Forces. Being anxious to watch the cruiser champ in action, and curious to see if his advertised opponent was the same Mr. Delaney who performed in the states some years back, I went down to view the contest.

"I arrived in time to witness an unheard of scene. Joe O'Sullivan from Cork, Ireland, boxing in one of the preliminaries, was being coached. It was only a few minutes of combat. It was a stop fighting so quickly and the gloves still laced on his hands. Inquired from the fellow next to me if Paddy O'Sullivan was genuine and from my own observation that O'Sullivan - like those Con-Island musicians who play in All-Hawaiian orchestras - was strictly a phoney.

"Freddie Mills is a strong, tough muscular looking young man, who appears very determined even when he's laughing. The fellow in the opposite corner was Al Delaney from Canada, or even his grandfather sans beard. Taller than Mr. Mills and at least 20 pounds heavier, he struck me that Delaney's weight advantage was bunched not too gracefully around his very corpulent middle.

"When I remarked this singular fact to a serious faced customer on my right, he philosophically explained that Mr. Delaney's bay window could be attributed either to the absence of rubbing alcohol in training or just to the presence of alcohol in training. To him, alcohol, either in absence or presence, paradoxically enough, was responsible for Al's bulging anatomy.

"I don't know Delaney's real age. But as fighters go, he is an old man, having fought Joe Louis in 1934 under the name of Alex Borzhuk - and when he climbed through the ropes he did so with all the senility his decrepit frame could muster. Any draft board would have admired his courage, but still be forced to strike him as a double 4-F. Even without his walking stick, he was a grand old man.

"With the opening bell it was quite obvious that Mr. Delaney's plan of battle was to fall back on his foot work - and when that ceased to function he would fall back on his head. If not forward on his very wrinkled bay window. It was difficult to discern what scheme of attack Sgt. Mills was pursuing.

"He kept winding up, throwing punches in six directions - and all ways the aging Canadian soldier was somewhere on the other side of the ring - a little tired, and puffing, but comfortably removed from the wild swinging sergeant. Compared with Mills, Tony Galento is a sharpshooter.

"Al, in spite of his years, was doing all right, and by the end of the fourth round he looked very much as if the British Isles would have a new cruiser champion - provided of course, hardening of the arteries didn't catch up to Mr. Delaney before the evening was over. The gladiators had just entered the fifth round of their hand and foot struggle, when Sgt. Mills apparently slugged soldier Delaney with a most mysterious kind of secret weapon.

"Although I failed to see the blow, it must have been a mighty one, for the ancient Canadian

Playing near errorless ball with only one miscue being chalked up against them, Officers of the R. C. lead at the top of the City Softball League standing when they defeated the Corporals 9-4 in a hotly contested game all the way through the nine innings.

Corporals, although gave the bottom of the standings gave the league leaders a merry battle of the timely hitting of the winners in the second, fourth and seventh innings that meant the difference between victory and defeat.

Officers accounted for the first run in the first half of the first when two men hit successive doubles drive across the run. Corporals, single to be outdone replied with a single in the first half of the second. Four hits and an error gave the Officers to take a lead which they never relinquished.

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her for the third time was her stablemate, Pensive, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness. Although her 1944 earnings of \$128,790 don't match Pensive's \$187,375, Calumet filly is the only older horse that has done everything asked of her this season.

Among the two-year-olds, Lieut. Edward Lasker's Flood Tumbler swept all before him in the east and west, where he finished third in his debut, and wound up fifth in the Arlington Futurity, won by John Marsch's Free For All, who is unbeaten in four races and has won \$62,025.

Also to be considered are Walter M. Jefferson's Fawot, an easy winner of his three starts, including last Saturday's \$25,000 Mayflower Stakes at Suffolk Downs, Lieut. C. V. White's Jeep and Burg-Ed Arab, temporarily on the sidelines, and Gertrude Donovan's Fighting Don, who was out of the money in the Mayflower after winning three straight before being injured a month or so ago.

The handicapper division is even more jumbled. Early in the season the title appeared to be between Mrs. Payne Whitney's Devil Diver and Wright's Sun Again, but the former has been out of competition for several weeks and Sun Again has been retired for the season. In the interim, Four Freedoms, owned by Mrs. Ed Mullen's stablemate, and Mrs. Ed Mullen's First, have taken over, with the latter holding a slight edge.

Meeting Of Horsemen Tonight
A meeting of horsemen will be held in Hugh Walker's barn tonight, July 25 at 8 p.m. Horses will be declared in and positions drawn for Covehead Races Wednesday, July 26. Officials were asked to be on time.

Come to COVEHEAD WEDNESDAY, JULY 26th.
Big opening meet of new and fast race track with Matinee classes featuring best trotters and pacers in the Province. A big, friendly crowd with lots of fun, great finishes in every class. Further announcement regarding classes and entries will be made next week.

E-N-T-R-I-E-S COVEHEAD RACES
The following is the entry list 3-YEAR-OLD TROT AND PACE for the Covehead Matinee Races on Wednesday, July 26. Racing starts at 1 o'clock sharp.

- CLASS A PACE: JANE HARVESTER, BROWNWOOD TIGER, WAIT N'SEE, WINNIE SCOTT, RAYMOND BUDLONG
- CLASS B PACE: DR. BUDLONG, LADY ROSE, BOYAL, MISS AMERICA, ALLIE HAL
- CLASS C TROT: CHRISTIE BUDLONG, JOHNNY EAGER, McNEILL'S PICK, McKEEY YOKO, PETER MCKINNEY, KELLY'S NIGHTMARE
- CLASS D PACE: MARJORIE BUDLONG, BILLIE BISHOP, DON WORTHY, MARGARET FRISCO, JUST BETTY, NELL COCHATODALE
- TWILIGHT RACE: MISS AMERICA, PETER GRATTON, PADDY AUBREY, KELLY'S DREAM, BONNIE BERNICE, HAPPY K, VIRGINIA KALMUCK, LUCKY YOKO, JUANITA AXWORTHY, KELLY'S DREAM, EVA WORTHY, LUSTY FIRST, JMA KALMUCK

Percival Skeeter Leads N.B.-P.E.I. Golf Tourney



Grand Circuit Racing Results

OLD ORCHARD BEACH, Me. July 24 (AP) - Youngsters predominated today's Grand Circuit racing, Gibson White taking the afternoon's feature with Leta Long by Yolomite from the stable of W. N. Reynolds, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Fight And Spirit May Mean Title

ST. LOUIS, July 24 (AP) - The sensational first-place monopoly of the usually-lowly St. Louis Browns advanced the championship in the National League today.

They have only one shot hitter who has not been on the favorable side of that mark more than half the year.

Although presenting the only entirely veteran infield in the majors, the club's fielding has left much to be desired. The averages rank them sixth, two percentage points out of last place.

It must be piling up the Browns' fans. But the club's best pitching record - nine victories and five losses - is owned by Bob Muncie. And yesterday Muncie was the victim of a 12-to-1 bet on the hands of the Boston Red Sox.

Fight and spirit don't show in the averages, but they may bring the Browns their first pennant in American League history.

Baseball Results

NATIONAL
Chicago 3, New York 4
Pittsburgh 7, Brooklyn 12
St. Louis 7, Boston 1

AMERICAN
New York 11, Chicago 5
Washington 1, Cleveland 10
Boston 5, St. Louis 6
Philadelphia 0, Detroit 1

INTERNATIONAL
Buffalo 1, Jersey City 4
Buffalo 9, Jersey City 4
Syracuse 2, Montreal 7

Remember When

By The Canadian Press
Big Bill Tilden was reinstated at Paris as a member of the United States Davis Cup team 16 years ago by the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association after French tennis officials pleaded with the American ambassador to demand his return.

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Percival Skeeter Leads N.B.-P.E.I. Golf Tourney

SAINT JOHN, N.B., July 24 (CP) - Percival Skeeter, veteran golfing champion and defending annual champion, led a field of 105 with a crisp, three-above-par 73 today in the first 18 holes of the 11th annual New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island golf tournament. After another round tomorrow the six leaders will play off for the title Wednesday afternoon.

More Interest Is Shown In Crow Contest

The Crow Contest initiated by the Birds Committee of the Fish & Game Association of the Province has met with considerable success. In the early stages the contest, started very slowly and almost looked like a failure, it has gained momentum, however, with each month. In the month of June 25, 1944, 1000 different entries, extending from east to west within the province, a total of 1250 feet were received.

The competition is very close and only a narrow margin separates the winner in each month from those who immediately follow in point of numbers. It is not too late for new entries. This interesting competition is of great interest to the public and is also interesting to note that no one party has been the winner in any month.

The grand prize to come later in the season should be an incentive to those who are already entered and also to new entrants.

Boys are, therefore, urged to trap and destroy crows and submit the detached feet to the Committee referred to above.

Let everybody get going in the month of August and take part in the most interesting and useful competition.

Much Interest In Appearance Of Calloway

Interest in the appearance here of Cab Calloway and his Cotton Club orchestra, outstanding dance band of the United States is at fever pitch among dance goers of not only the City but the entire Province and indications point to the largest crowd ever to take in a dance being at the Sporting Club on the night of August 2nd.

Calloway and his troupe have built up an enviable reputation in the States and it may be stated here that the entire orchestra of 15 pieces will be in attendance for the above mentioned date.

Arrangements between the band and the club have been completed and their appearance here is now a certainty. Advance sale of tickets has been real good. Joe's yesterday, and all indications point to an outstanding night.

Jap Troops On Guam Cut Off

PEARL HARBOR, July 24 (AP) - American invaders of Guam, Southern Mariana Island, have completely cut off enemy troops on Orde Peninsula, Pacific Fleet Headquarters announced today.

Invasion of Tinian Island, where American assault forces struck Sunday, was not mentioned in the disclosure, however, that the Tinian landings were made on the northwest coast, adjacent to the U.S. Fifth Air Force base about 125 miles north of Guam.

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PLAYER'S Always PLEASE

Famine Threatens Paris

Hungry Capital Eagerly Awaits Allied Victory

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"Spirits are high - awfully high, despite the fact that there is less to eat than at any time previously in this war." This is a report from a resident "somewhere" in France, dated June 24, starts. "The bread ration in this town is less than two ounces a day and we are in no way the unfortunate exception. In spite of everything people laugh and seem pleased with this wicked world."

Confidence in the approaching victory is expressed in many ways. Thus on the black market there is a rush to get rid of all inferior quality goods. A cut in prices is being demanded. Inferior shoes costing 500 francs (\$15.00) a month ago are now sold for half that price. Goods expected to arrive after the Allied Armies, like razor blades, also show an amazing drop - a blade costing 75 francs (\$1.50) a month ago can now be bought for less than a dollar.

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The Navy League Cares for the Sailors

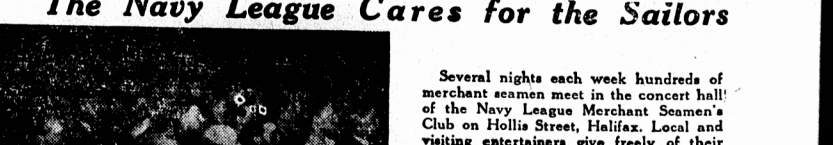
Several nights each week hundreds of merchant seamen meet in the concert hall of the Navy League Merchant Seamen's Club on Hollis Street, Halifax. Local and visiting entertainers give freely of their talents and the evening usually ends up with a sing-song.

Given half a chance, merchant seamen are good at entertaining themselves. Here a group of DEMS are singing the old familiar songs to the accompaniment of volunteer musicians from Halifax.

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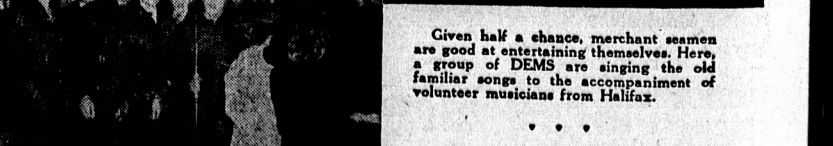
A platoon of Canadian infantrymen, in command of Lt. Terry Reardon, famous hockey player of Winnipeg (shown here) cleans up a road in Carpiquet, after Canadians drove out the Nazi in a bitter struggle for the airport. (Canadian Army Overseas Photo).



On the right, a typical group of merchant seamen. First four standing, left to right, are survivors Roy Pilling, Manchester; Eric Spofford, Liverpool; Mack Kerrigan, London and Robt. Lindsey, Cleethorpes, Eng.



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