

# Grid Star Says No Pact Signed

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Jerry Wilson, Auburn University football player involved in a court suit over where he will play professionally, says he has not signed any agreement with the team that brought the suit.

The Chicago Cardinals, in what is apparently the first court test of a three-year-old agreement, have asked an injunction to prevent Wilson from playing with Edmonton Eskimos in the Western Interprovincial Football Union next season.

Wilson, a 235-pound end who finished college this spring, gave this account of his deal with Cardinals:

"When I got drafted by the Cardinals it was a surprise to me. I'd wanted to go to Los Angeles."

GIVEN \$1,000

He said the Cards sent a representative to his home here and gave him \$1,000.

"Then when I signed with Edmonton," continued Wilson, "I sent a cheque back to the Cardinals, their entire thousand."

"I didn't sign any kind of an agreement, and my understanding is that if you don't have a written contract, it isn't binding between the National League and the Canadian league."

"So that's where we stand now. I'd have preferred to play in the U.S. but it looks to me like you've got to go where they'll pay you."

"That's Edmonton for me. They're paying me a lot more."

## Probable Pitchers

NEW YORK (AP) — Probable pitchers in today's major league baseball games (won - lost records in parentheses):

National League  
 Milwaukee at Cincinnati (N) — Jay (0-0) vs. Newcombe (0-2).  
 Los Angeles at St. Louis (N) — Podres (1-1) vs. Jackson (0-2).  
 Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (N) — Law (1-1) vs. Owens (0-1).  
 San Francisco at Chicago - Antonelli (3-0) vs. Hillman (1-1).

American League  
 Chicago at Cleveland (N) — Donovan (1-0) vs. Score (1-1).  
 Boston at Washington (N) — DeLack (1-0) vs. Valentini (0-0).  
 Detroit at Kansas City (N) — Hoef (1-0) vs. Terry (0-2).  
 Only games scheduled.

ANCIENT SITE  
 Augsburg in West Germany dates its history back to 15 BC when the Romans built a fort at the strategic location.

## Films Shown Here Sunday

Baseball players and fans are invited to attend the showing of the films "Play Ball, Son" and "Swing King" this coming Sunday afternoon at 4.30 at the Clover Club.

These films have been obtained by Brian Lewis, coach of Legion Juniors and are reported to be of an exceptionally high order. Both come highly recommended and should prove most valuable, particularly to young players.

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## LITTLE LEAGUE HELMET

Blair McRae, 12, of Vancouver, member of the downtown Little League, models a 13-ounce plastic helmet that will be standard equipment for all little leaguers this year. Dr. Creighton Hale, (right) vice-president of the World Little League, says the helmet was developed at a cost of some \$45,000 and protects the brain area against injury.

# Panel Of Sports Figures Posed Many Questions

MONTREAL (CP) — A panel of sports figures, under fire of teenagers and adults Wednesday night in such question-tossed at them "did you have teen-agers in your day?"

The program, held in St. Thomas Anglican Church hall, was called "Top-notch teen-agers night." There were more than 60 questioners.

The guest panelists were hockey stars Doug Harvey of Montreal Canadiens and playing coach Lloyd Curry of Montreal Royals; baseball stars Sam Etcheberry and Red O'Quinn of Montreal Alouettes, and Danny Gullivan, sports announcer.

The teen-agers-in-your-day question was tossed first at O'Quinn.

"Well, yes. We were just about the same in my day as you are today. We got into the same scrapes and trouble."

WEREN'T ORGANIZED

Said Curry: "Yes, but we weren't organized like they are today. Everything is organized for teen-agers now, but as kids we had to do a lot of it for ourselves."

Harvey: "We weren't any different, but today teen-agers have been placed in a different category. We did the same things."

Etcheberry: "Sure there were teen-agers in my day. We liked to dance, and the Friday night dance was the big thing in my home town. We used to get around 500 kids out at a time."

The next question was: "Are we becoming a nation of spectators and not participants?"

Harvey: "There used to be plenty of teams for older fellows. There aren't any now. I guess golf and TV have taken the place of those baseball and hockey teams."

NON-TEAM SPORTS

Etcheberry: "People are more interested in fishing, hunting and golf than in playing team sports."

O'Quinn: "It's the older people who are becoming the spectators. They want to relax in front of their TV sets on the golf course. I guess it's our modern pace of living."

Curry: "Over the years teen-agers have become disinterested in sport. There's a lack of coaches, not as many young hockey players and too much TV. We are spoiling the teen-ager; he hasn't any desire left."

Should the government subsidize athletes?  
 The panel unanimously agreed it should.

# Odds Are Even In Tonight's Bout

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The odds are even both on the title fight and the fact it will be held here.

The world welterweight champion Don Jordan of Los Angeles and ex-champ Virgil Akins of St. Louis in Kiel Auditorium tonight.

This 15-round encore to Jordan's upset victory over Akins in Los Angeles Dec. 5 has staggered into reality after two postponements by causes far removed from the realm of fist-fighting.

A tornado which ripped through the arena erased the first scheduled date March 6. Then the bout was shifted from April 3 to April 24 at Kiel Auditorium because of the illness of Jordan's wife.

Akins, 31, reputedly has quite a punch for a welterweight. As a matter of fact that's what won him the welter title with a knockout against Vince Martinez last June in the free-for-all rush for Carmen Basilio's vacated crown.

But the heaviness has gone from Akins' fists and seemingly settled in his legs. The tiff came when Akins dropped a non-title decision to a dancing master from way back, Del Flanagan. Honeybear Virgil has no more impressive against the 24-year-old Jordan, who is part Apache.

**STANDINGS**  
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 American League

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Cleveland	9	1	.900	0
New York	6	4	.600	3
Chicago	6	4	.600	3
Baltimore	6	5	.545	3½
Boston	5	5	.500	4
Kansas City	4	6	.400	5
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Detroit	1	9	.100	8

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# SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

There seems to be some real interest in organizing a softball league in Prince County as soon as possible. We talked to some of last year's players and they say, by all means, let's get started early this year. Last year there were two teams from Summerside, the Pontiacs and the Traverse and Tyne Valley. The Legion team which won the E. I.-N.S. Intermediate "B" title last year, will no doubt be back again this season. The Pontiacs are more of a question mark. The personnel of the team last year was comprised largely of baseball players, and most of them deserted the softball circuit before to play junior baseball late in the season.

If these boys want to play baseball this year they should organize for baseball early in the season and forget about softball. Switching to the hardball game just before plays-offs is certainly not likely to produce a very efficient ball club. Baseball is a game that takes a lot of practice. Playing softball all season with shorter throwing distances and different batting conditions involved would tend to throw a team out of wack, and it would take a lot of time to get re-adjusted. The boys should decide right now to play either softball or baseball, and stick to this decision.

So it may well be that Summerside will have only one soft-

ball team this year with the overflow of talent joining the rural teams to give them a bit more depth. Now don't get us wrong. There are a number of those Tyne Valley and Cape Traverse players who are about on a par with the town lads, but they find it difficult to field enough of them. This is quite natural in the smaller centres. The RCAF softball tossers may decide to cast their lot with our league this year, and, if they do, perhaps they could field two teams of similar caliber to the other clubs. This would make a five-team league which might kick up a lot of interest.

If Rev. Findley, our Prince County softball league president, would see fit to call a meeting of the league fairly soon, and if RCAF representatives were invited, and perhaps new rural teams that might wish to enter, we might cook up a pretty fine circuit this spring.

We'd like to see a baseball team in Summerside this summer, either Junior or Intermediate, depending on which would be considered to make use of the most available players, and present the opposition with less chance for victory. But, for Pete's sake, let's get the thing started before the pumpkins start to ripen. How would the Aces have fared last winter if they decided in the last week of February to organize a team to play the Charlottetown boys?

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