

## New Intermediate League May Lead To Junior Loop

A determined effort is about to be made by local baseball men to form an intermediate B. baseball league. A practice was held a couple of nights ago at which about 13 or 14 players turned up and the idea men of the league are hoping for about 26 or 27 more before they go ahead with any organizational plans.

At the moment a fly has entered the ointment and it is this: Many of the players who are interested in turning the base-ball league are members of the local softball league and the softballers, as a protective measure a couple years ago, had a line added to their constitution which states that it is absolutely "verboten" to have players in the softball league who are also active in any baseball loop.

The reason softball men gave for this move was and still is that to have players active in two entirely different leagues can't help but at some time be detrimental to either or both leagues. You can see that they have a point too when you consider that it is entirely probable, especially around play-off time, that the leagues will be scheduling games on the same evenings. So, because it is impossible to the average ball player to be in two places at once, one of the leagues is going to suffer. Hence the ruling.

In a day or so it is hoped that the two sporting factions will get their heads together at a meeting either of two results may occur: 1. A mass migration of players could hit the softball league near death blow; 2. The proposed 3-team baseball loop may have to settle for less teams.

If however the two loops can agree on suitable playing conditions to maintain them even in the face of unhappy weather conditions then there is no apparent reason why they couldn't operate side by side.

We think the proposed intermediate B league is a good idea. Besides giving more boys a chance to play the game the teams would be a ready source of playing talent should any of the city league squads suddenly find themselves short a player or two for a league or play-off game. And in effect the league could be more or less a farm system for the senior league where players could be

brought up from time to time to strut their stuff in a little faster competition. Perhaps the formation of this league will eventually lead to the rebirth of the major league which died a painful death some years ago. It was a sad day for the Charlottetown baseball when this league, which used to produce some tremendous ball games and at times outdrew the seniors at the box office (Those were the days when people actually turned out in large numbers to watch our baseball games), was discontinued.

Of course, running baseball teams just a few short years ago was a less expensive problem than it is today as we said before, there used to be crowds in attendance at the games. The money picked up in the tin cup that was passed around would at least pay for the baseball used, bats that were broken and the umpire fees. However, such is not the case today. The sad truth at present is that local fans seem to have lost all interest in watching the players perform. This despite the fact that the brand of baseball being dished up is most certainly on a higher level than at any time since before World War 2. We are not alone in this contention. If you want additional proof authorization just ask Tom MacFarlane, Jimmy MacDonald, Charlie Ryan, George Francis or any of the fifty faithful fans that turn-up to watch any and all ball games at Memorial Field.

It is our fond hope, and we know it is the hope of others too, that someday the Junior baseball circuit will be revived. It provided a lot of thrills when it was in operation and it produced a large number of city leaguers of today. To name a few who grew up in it: Kip MacLean, Charlie Burke, Donnie MacLean, Glen Matheson Jack Ready, Ken (Donuts) MacDonald, Joe Coyle and Bill Leonard. There were others who drifted away from Charlottetown such as Dr. Eddie Lund, Arnold MacCallum, Art Hughes, Frankie Currie, Charlie Kennedy and Donnie MacLeod. Who knows? By not having a junior league we may be missing the privilege of watching the growth of such hitters as Glen Matheson Eddie Lund and Kip Ready or pitchers with the potential of a Donnie MacLeod or Duke MacLean. Let's hope they get the chance to run their cleats against the rubber slab on a pitcher's mound.

## YANKES BLAST TRIBE

# Pirates Whip Chicago Twice

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Pittsburgh Pirates returned to fourth place in the National League Thursday, sweeping a doubleheader 4-1 and 2-1 from the Chicago Cubs.

In the American League, Hank Bauer's sixth inning grand slam was the knockout punch as New York Yankees rolled to a 9-5 victory over Cleveland Indians.

The Pirates' Dale Long delivered a bases-loaded triple and his 18th homer in the second game and batted in four runs.

Eroy Face came aboard in the third to rescue first-time starter Gonzalo Naranjo and balance Pittsburgh's record at 37-37 and 500 in the league standings.

In the first game, catcher Jack Shepard doubled to score Long with what proved the winning run off bonus-pitcher Don Kaiser in the fourth.

The game's other two runs were homers by Bill Virdon and Chicago shortstop Ernie Banks.

Cleveland suffered another blow in the temporary loss of first baseman Ed Fitz.

Wertz went out of the game with a groin injury after a fifth inning collision with Yankee first baseman Bill Skowron.

## PROBABLE PITCHERS

**National League**  
Philadelphia at Cincinnati (N) Simmons (3-6) vs Lawrence (12-0)  
Brooklyn at Milwaukee (N) Burdette (9-4) vs Newcomb (7-11)  
Pittsburgh at Chicago—Friend (11-7) vs Hacker (2-8)  
New York at St. Louis (N) Antonelli (8-7) vs Dickson (6-7)  
**American League**  
Cleveland at New York (N) vs Sturdivant (7-2)  
Chicago at Boston—Hershman (6-4) vs Parnell (2-2)  
Detroit at Washington (N) Foytack (6-6) vs Pascual (4-9)  
Kansas City at Baltimore (N) Kellner (6-3) vs Fornieles (1-2)

## Results of Sports Yesterday At Annual Orange Lodge Tea

Sports at the Orange Tea held at North River yesterday ran into 22 interesting events which were checked off smartly under Sports Chairman T.J. Inman, with Davis Ward as starter, Brigadier Reid, announcer, Rena MacCaull, Clerk of Course and Mary MacPhail, presenting the prizes.

Winners were:  
Girls 7 and under—1. Paulette Coles; 2. Audrey Hurray; 3. Linda Ford.  
Boys 7 and under—1. Leonard Weeks; 2. Gray Peters; 3. Athol Paul.

John MacNeill; 3. Clarence Mol. Girls 8—1. Lorraine Gillis.  
Boys 8—1. Barry Newsom; 2. Ronald MacKinley; 3. Harold Neill.  
Girls 9—1. Margaret McNay; 2. Sheila Bernard; 3. Jean MacPhee.

Boys 9—1. Brian Furness; 2. John MacNeill; 3. Clarence Mol. Girls 10—1. Christine Young; 2. Gail Bishop; 3. Joyce Lowther.  
Boys 10—1. Norman MacDonald; 2. Derrell Newsom; 3. Norman MacRae.

Girls 11—1. Karen Anne Willis; 2. Judy Vessey; 3. Donna MacLeod.  
Boys 11—1. Francis Moase; 2. Ralph Rogers; 3. Wilfred Smith.  
Girls 12—1. Nancy Thompson; 2. Gloria Ford; 3. Margaret White.  
Boys 12—1. John Coles; 2. Wayne Warren; 3. Blair Ferguson.

Girls 13—Shirley Matheson; 2. Dianne Rodd.  
Boys 13—Barry Wilson; 2. Ralph Sanderson; 3. Carl Scott.  
Girls 14—Daphne Shaw; 2. Marina Rodd; 3. Marion Easter.  
Boys 14—Blair Frizzle; 2. Hermon Cousins; 3. Juddie MacEachern.  
Girls 15—1. Anna Young; 2. Dor-

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## BEDARD IN ACTION

Sherbrooke's Bob Bedard, Canadian Davis Cup contestant, winds up to drive a high ball back to Lawrence Barclay of Vancouver in their semifinal match at the Eastern Canada Tennis Championships. Top-seeded Bedard took three straight sets, 6-0, 6-3, 6-3, to earn the right to meet Toronto's Don Fontana in the final round. (CP Photo)

## SPORT ECHOES

### This Is One "Groom" That Was Also The "Best Man"

Afred Groom of Summerside has given the island its first Maritime track and field record since, we believe, the days when Wallie Scantlebury of Charlottetown excelled in the art of pole-vaulting. That must be more than twenty years ago. Young Groom's mark of 11 feet, 11 inches, is really an achievement to be proud of. He cracked the junior and senior Highland Games records (11 feet, 6 inches and 11 feet, 9 inches) on the way up. Gerald McDonald of Antigonish, his nearest rival at the games this week, dominated the Highland field events, especially the pole-vault, for some years, and for a stranger from the land of Abegweit to beat him at his speciality must have been quite a surprise. This was one occasion when the groom was also the best man. (don't shoot, please, we'll come along quietly.)

Island sports fans will be looking forward to seeing the new pole-vault champion pit his skill against mainlanders in the Lobster Carnival track and field meet in Summerside July 20.

### Lions End B.Y.C. Superiority With Convincing 9-1 Triumph

Barry's Lions brought the Basileia Youth Club winning streak to a sudden halt last night with a convincing 9-1 win over the Youth Clubbers on the Parkdale Diamond.

It was an old nemesis of the Youth Clubbers, Henry Hartinger who subdued Ralph Pineau's charges. Hartinger pitched strong, sent hit ball and had the game under control at all times.

Joe Thistle pitched for the Youth Clubbers and hurled good ball. He gave up 12 hits but many of them were of the scratch variety. His mates committed only two errors behind him but they were mostly miscues.

The Lions defenses were air tight and played their best game of the season as they came up with play after play in mastery fashion.

Duke MacCallum found the range for three hits to lead the winners. He had a single, double and triple with the triple being of the easy variety.

Reggie Hughes had two hits in

three trips while Angie Carroll had a single and double in four trips and Tiger Bradley had two hits in three trips.

Gene Ward and Junior Dowling each had two hits in three trips for the B. Y. C. Joe Revelle hit a double.

The win keeps Barry's chances of overtaking the Youth Clubbers and ending in first place alive. The Youth Clubbers have a 10-2 record. Barry's are 7-4.

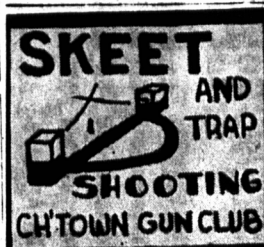
Remember When  
By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Bobby Jones, after winning the British Open and amateur titles, clinched the United States open

with a 40-foot putt 26 years ago today, two months later the great American golfer won the U.S. amateur, giving him golf's first "grand slam."

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## LEADS OPEN GOLF TOURNEY

# Stranahan Cracks Course Record



Following are the past two weeks scores from the Charlottetown Gun Club. Shooting was held under ideal conditions except for Monday of this week. Top for the two weeks was Walter Carver with a perfect 25 straight. Runners up were Ron Atkinson, Art Hogan, Glydon Willis, Hugh Simpson all with dazzling 24.

Following are the summary of the scores: Possible 25  
Walter Carver 25  
Ron Atkinson 24  
Hugh Simpson 24  
Art Hogan 24  
Glydon Willis 24  
Bill Morrell 23

A separate field will be open for beginners each night from now on.

## Ch'town Dodgers To Play Return Game In S'ide

The Charlottetown Dodgers will play a return game with the Summerside Pontiacs at Queen Elizabeth Park, Summerside, at 3 o'clock on Saturday. Last Sunday's game between these teams was a thriller to the last pitch, and it is expected they will stage another hard fought battle in Summerside Saturday.

Lennox Island Ladies will play an exhibition softball game with the Summerside Desotas at Queen Elizabeth Park on Saturday, game starting at 1 p.m.

## SOFTBALL

GAMES TONIGHT  
Jr. B.Y.C. vs. Barry's (Parkdale).  
B.I.S. vs. Abbies (Old Diamond)  
Game times 6.15.

## BASEBALL RESULTS

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
**American League**  
Cleveland 000 300 020—5 9 2  
New York 010 034 10x—9 12 0  
Kansas City 000 000 000—0 6 1  
Baltimore 310 000 0x—4 7 1  
Chicago 000 000 010—1 8 0  
Boston 000 000 012—3 6 0  
Detroit 200 200 000—4 9 3  
Washington 000 100 010—2 4 1

**National League**  
First Pbg 001 100 000—2 10 1  
Chicago 000 001 000—1 6 1  
Second Pbg 003 100 010—5 7 0  
Chicago 310 000 000—14 9 0  
New York 020 100 000—3 8 0  
St. Louis 201 000 200—5 9 0  
Toronto 222 412 100—14 18 0  
Buffalo 000 002 002—4 14 2

**International League**  
First Rochester 003 050 000—8 8 0  
Montreal 000 000 000—0 6 2  
Second Rochester 321 000 001—7 13 0  
Montreal 000 011 000—2 11 2

**BOX SCORE**  
**FLYERS** AB R H P O A E  
Daniel, 2b ..... 3 0 1 0 1 0  
Hughes, lf ..... 4 0 0 0 0 0  
Kane, ss ..... 4 0 1 7 2 0  
MacGuegan, cf ..... 4 0 0 1 1 0  
Morell, of ..... 4 0 0 2 1 0  
Shepherd, e ..... 4 0 1 6 2 0  
J. McDoug, lb ..... 4 0 0 1 0 0

# Sports

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## Flyers Nip Stars 1-0 In Thriller

Jimmy Fiddler MacDonald's hustling Flyers strengthened their position at the top of the City Baseball League last night at Memorial Field by shading the Stars 1-0 in a bout as thrilling a ball game as has been seen at Memorial Field for some time.

Donnie MacLean of the Flyers and speedball Vern Handrahan of the Stars hooked up in a memorable pitching duel as MacLean set down the Stars on only 4 hits and Handrahan spun 3-hit ball at the Flyers.

It was a heartbreaking defeat for the Stars' young righthander who had the Flyers eating out of his hand for eight innings. But in the fatal eighth Handrahan issued the only two bases of balls that he gave up all night and these coupled with shortstop Jack Kane's line drive single into deep left center field sent him down to defeat.

MacLean didn't possess the superb control of Handrahan and the 7 free tickets he issued to first base got him in hot water in almost every inning. But with runners on the sacks MacLean was practically untouchable and his mates gave him terrific support cutting down rallies before they actually got underway.

MacLean's closest call came in the third inning when rookie Bob Simmons made it all the way to third base after he was walked and pushed around with the aid of a sacrifice and Brian MacCallum's short line single. But right fielder Lorne MacGuegan made a nice running grab of Joe Coyle's sky-high clout and doubled MacCallum off first.

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By W. R. WHEATLEY  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
BOISCHATEL, Que. (CP)—Frank Stranahan of Toledo, who won the Canadian amateur golf championship over Royal Quebec's layout nine years ago, broke the course record Thursday with a 67 and led the field in the "first round of the \$26,800 open.

Playing as a professional in the last two years, Stranahan shot a five-under-par round that stood up all day as the high-class field tried to catch up with him.

Stan Leonard of Lacchu, Que., formerly of Vancouver, was the last player with a hope of overtaking the Toledo muscle man, but Leonard fell short by one stroke and joined the record-equaling 68 brigade along with Bill Casper of San Diego, Calif., and Ted Kroil of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

BEATS MARTELL MARK  
Stranahan's record 67 beat by one stroke the mark made three years ago by Henry Martell of Edmonton, who won the Canadian Professional Golfers Association championship in 1953.

Two strokes behind Stranahan at 69 were Tommy Bolt of Houston, Texas; Jimmy Demaret of Klamath Lake, N.Y., and Bud Holscher of Apple Valley, Calif., winner of the \$26,800 Open in 1954.

Leonard made a great bid to overtake Stranahan. He matched the former amateur star's 33 on the front nine and came through with a sensational 25-yard chip shot at the 14th on the back nine.

## SPRAGUE CLEGHORN

### All-Time Hockey Great Passes In 66th Year

MONTREAL (CP) — Sprague Cleghorn, who rose to hockey greatness in the rough-tough roaring 20s and before, died in hospital Thursday from injuries suffered when he was hit by a car June 27. He was 66.

An all-time battling defence star who also was a menace on offence, Cleghorn helped the Ottawa Senators win the Stanley Cup in the years 1919-20 and 1920-21.

Legends grew about Sprague and his hockey-playing brother Odie, who survives him. Odie, interviewed Thursday night, said quietly:

"He was my brother, and I don't like to boast, but I never saw a tougher or better defence-man than Sprague."

Sprague died at St. Luke's Hospital, where he was taken after being struck down two weeks ago when on his way to his job with a steamship firm.

TEAMED TOGETHER  
Sprague and Odie, who teamed together for years, both broke into professional hockey with Renfrew Millionaires in 1910, and Sprague played nearly 20 years—with the National Hockey League Wanderers, Ottawa, Montreal Canadiens and Boston Bruins. He also did a hitch with Toronto St. Pats.

It was the game of hockey that Sprague, a 60-minute man, loved—never more happy than when the game showed spirit, aplenty.

In Ottawa Thursday night, T. P. (Tommy) Gorman recalled that the old Ottawa Senators picked up Sprague for the price of a Montreal-Ottawa railway ticket.

"Sprague broke his ankle in Montreal and was in hospital,"

Tempers flared and Newsway hit Odie, knocking him cold. Sprague hurried across the pink and engaged Newsway in a gory battle, ending with Sprague unconscious.

"The crowd thought he was dead," Odie recalled Thursday night, but he was fine in a little while, "they were both arrested and got them off."

"Sprague thought Newsway was hurting me," Odie chuckled. In those days Sprague weighed 170 pounds to Odie's 160.

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Lut from there on he couldn't regain his birdie touch and finished the day with a string of pars.

Stranahan shot nines of 33-34 against Royal Quebec's 35-37 par and attributed much of his leadership position to his putting. When he finished he didn't know he had broken the course record.

"That's nice," he commented with a smile when told the previous record was 68.

Stranahan wobbled twice on the front nine, taking fives at the par fourth and sixth, but with good approach shots and deadly putting he more than made up for this with four birdies.

Coming home he was never worse than par and ran down birdies at the 13th, 14th and 18th. One of his best shots brought him a par five at the 11th where he put his third into a trap and came out beautifully less than three feet from the pin and sank his putt.

All three who ended the first round as runners-up to Stranahan shot identical nines of 33-33. Leonard was the man the gallery of 1,500 was pulling for to equal or better Stranahan's record show, back from the British Open, took only 26 putts in his round.

"I missed only one holeable putt, and that was at the 16th where a four-and-a-half footer didn't go down," said Leonard. "I found the greens a bit slow but they will improve with the sunshine, and I hope this weather keeps up. The fairways were marvellous."

## Pantages Signs

REGINA (CP) — Fullback Rod Pantages has signed a contract to play his second season with Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Western Interprovincial Union, team manager Dean Griffing announced Thursday.

"He was one of the best—he could shoot like the dickens and skate like the dickens," said Lalonde.

"That was in 1918. He called me up and said he would be in good shape by the fall. We took a chance on him. . . do you know what he cost us? The price of a railway ticket from Montreal.

"They don't make them any better. . . I will miss him very much."

TANGLED WITH LALONDE  
Sprague and Odie, a forward, played with Montreal Wanderers the night that professional hockey was introduced in Toronto at the old Mutual Street Arena in an exhibition game. The famed Newsway Lalonde was playing with the opposing Canadians.

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