

SPORT ECHOES

Junior Loop Causes Talk

By NORMAN MacDONALD

Off-season sports meetings are likely to be poorly attended, and that was true of the meeting at Civic Stadium Wednesday evening to discuss the possibility of Summerside's joining a proposed junior N.B. — P.E.I. hockey league. Three of the leading spirits in this movement, however, were present in the persons of Charles Hogan, Grant Grady, and Lash Schurman, and though nothing could be decided, the project was pretty thoroughly discussed. The latest word is that Fredericton has dropped out of the picture, leaving Saint John, Moncton, Charlottetown and Summerside.

Well, the days are getting warmer so perhaps we'd better stop talking hockey and say something about softball. The diamond at Queen Elizabeth park looks in good shape, yet not a softball league in Summerside this year. Get a wiggle on, fellows, and start organizing. There must be lots of softball players for such a league, and if the teams are evenly matched, a lot of interest can be brought back to the softball game in Summerside.

The boys here in Summerside seem to look with favor on an Island junior team with games played in Charlottetown and Summerside alternately. They feel that with the best juniors in the two centres, plus three or four from the Gorden team, and some other good Island juniors that might be picked up, the Island could put together a team that would give even the Halifax juniors a run for honors. This team, if formed, might join an N.B. — P.E.I. league (though only three teams in such a loop would not be too satisfactory) or do as Halifax does, play exhibition games and wait for the play-offs. Of course, there are a lot of "ifs" and "buts" between the anticipation and realization of this dream, chief of these be-

ing the consent and co-operation of Charlottetown hockey promoters. One thing that we, at least, think would heighten interest in the game would be to have all games scored properly, and about once a week a list of the top ten batters published. Also other items, such as most home runs, stolen bases, etc. To do this it would be necessary to have three or four, or even five official scorers available to take care of double-headers, and evenings when some scorers were not around. We have schools for referees, so why not a school for scorers? It would take only three or four sessions and some supervision during games. Such statistics stir up a lot of interest in the "big leagues" so why shouldn't it do the same in our local leagues.



REFLECTING ON RACE

The reflections are winning as runners come out of the corner in the 880-yard relay at the Toronto Secondary Schools Athletic Association track and field finals in Toronto Wednesday. Jim Inman (RIGHT) leads the field. (CP Wirephoto)

HUNTER'S CORNER

Dam Construction Sites More Costly Than Needed

Last summer and early fall when I drove out through Vernon River and Alberry Plains I was intrigued by the array of bulldozers and other heavy machinery snugly parked by the roadside in front of the old Eby-Stewart dam. I never saw, or heard, any bulldozer activity. Just the array of mechanical monsters dozing in the summer sun. A couple of weeks ago I looked this dam over. So far as trout are concerned it's a "mechanical monstrosity" ... a trout has as much chance of entering this dam as a burglar would have trying to break into Fort Knox. It's a spillway type dam after the model of the saw mill type of dam so prevalent in the old days.

I talked to Mr. Reid Sangster, the dam building supervisor, and he informed me that the dam was not designed as a conservation project and a countryside beautifier for the benefit of visiting tourists. Tourists are more interested in trout fishing and trout dams and streams ... they can view scenery along any highway they care to drive over. The old saw mill dams had a "plank system" in the middle of the embankment for removal when heavy freshets threatened. In this dam the cement steps extend to within less than three feet of the embankment top. There has been no heavy freshets or flood waters for two years running as there was no frost in the ground and the water from melting snows seeped into the soil. Our creek beds were not filled bank to bank, and over, with a roaring torrent of water rushing seaward. There is quite a narrow valley for a long distance above the Stewart dam site and some of the spring freshets were something to talk about and the spillway was practically cleared of planks before the flood broke. I nearly swooned when I was told the cost of this "pint sized" body of water ... a cool \$11,000,000 ... yes that's correct, eleven thousand dollars. Thirty ordinary bypass dams could have been constructed for that kind of money. In 1905 ... a mere 61 years ago ... I assisted my father, along with my other brothers in constructing a dam by the horse and cart, pick and shovel method. We ran into trouble with the "spillway" type dam in vogue in this area and filled this mid-section part of the embankment and diverted the water around one of the first bypass dams ever built in my knowledge ... in this province at any rate. In 1952 ... 14 years ago in fact ... I secured a bulldozer from the Department of Agriculture and completely remodelled this dam ... the bulk of the fill was taken from the dry dam bed and the selfsame spillway is still functioning and will continue so as long as water runs.

Just in case some "smart boy" questions my statement that thirty bypass dams could be constructed for \$11,000,000, I quote what occurred in 1958. Dr. Wren MacDonald and I got into an argument regarding dam construction costs. I told him I knew from experience that I had constructed six dams in 1952 and 53. He called my bluff in a hurry ... that's the word he used when he placed one thousand dollars in my fist and told me to "put up or shut up". Mr. Donig, Mr. MacKinnon, from Belfast, from Ireland, were Resources Ministers at the time. I was employed with the City of Charlottetown at the time but got a weeks leave of absence. I saw to it that I was given a top

Twins Nip Pale Hose, Chicago Downs Astros

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Tony Oliva's run-producing double in the 10th inning Thursday gave Minnesota Twins a 4-3 victory over Chicago, White Sox. The triumph was the Twins' fifth in a row. Zoilo Versalles opened the 10th with a single. After Cesar Tovar struck out, Oliva walloped a drive off the top of the right-centre field fence, scoring Versalles. Jimmie Hall tied the game for the Twins with a home run off reliever Bob Locker leading off the ninth. Don Buford had given the Sox a 3-2 lead when he slammed a bases-empty homer in the sixth.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Mike McCormick stopped Cleveland on four hits and hit one of Washington's three homers as the Senators defeated the Indians 7-2 in the American League Thursday night. McCormick gave up only three singles until Chico Salmon homered with none on in the seventh. McCormick and Ed Brinkman hit consecutive opposite field homers in a three-run fifth-inning rally. Dick Nen connected for his first of the season with none on in the second.

Cleveland starter Luis Tiant, 3-2, was chased in the fifth. BALTIMORE (AP) — Jim Lonborg squelched two bases-loaded Baltimore threats during 6-2-3 innings of brilliant relief work Thursday night and pitched Boston Red Sox to a 3-1 victory over the Orioles. After Boston starter Dick Stigman walked Woodie Held, forcing home a first-inning run with one out, Lonborg came in and got Dave Johnson to ground into a double play. Lonborg then pitched hitless ball until the sixth when Baltimore again loaded the bases on two infield singles and a walk. This time, Johnson flied out, ending the threat.

STANDINGS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American League	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Cleveland	19	8	.704	—
Baltimore	18	11	.621	2
Detroit	17	11	.607	2½
Minnesota	16	11	.593	3
California	17	14	.548	4
Chicago	14	14	.500	5½
Washington	12	16	.430	8½
Kansas City	11	18	.379	9
New York	11	19	.367	9½
Boston	10	21	.323	11

Bruce Devlin Grabs Lead
FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Australian Bruce Devlin fired a three-under-par 67 Thursday and took a one-stroke lead in the first round of the \$110,000 Colonial national invitation golf tournament.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

National League
Houston 000 000 100 — 1 5 0
Chicago 015 010 00x — 7 11 0
Farrell (3-2) Kroll (3), Lee (7) and Bateman; Hands (2-3) Abernathy (9) and Hundley. HRs: Hsn—Staub (4), Chi—Phillips (4), Santo (6).
Cincinnati at New York, p.p.d.
Rain
St. Louis 000 001 100 — 2 9 1
Phila. 000 000 000 — 6 4 6
A. Jackson (3-1) Dennis (9), Hoerner (9) and McCarver; L. Jackson (1-5) Knowles (7), Fox (6) and Uecker. HRs: St. L.—Smith (4).

Wash. 011 030 200 — 7 9 1
Cleveland 000 100 100 — 2 4 0
McCormick (3-3) and Casanova; Tiant (3-2) McMahon (5), Kralick (5), Stange (9) and Azcue. HRs: Wash — Nen (1), Brinkman (2), McCormick (1), Cle—Salmon (1).
Boston 020 000 100 — 3 4 1
Baltimore 100 000 000 — 1 4 0
Stigman; Lonborg (1-2) Radatz (8) and Tillman; Barber (2-1) D. Hall (8) and Etcheberry. HR: Bos — Conigliaro (4).

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Bank Thrmps City; Pistons Peerless

Huge scores were the order of the evening yesterday as the Royal Bankers thrumped the City Hall club 25-15 and the Canadian Tire Pistons romped to a 13-8 win over the Power Kings. Preacher Rowe hurled a 21-hitter to take his win and although Denis Gosgoe allowed two less hits he ended up on the losing end of the 25-15 match.

Batters from both bankers and the City Hall club thrashed a hayday at the plate. Wayne Birch (3-3) Pat Batherson (4-4) and Sterling Roberts (4-5) paced the bankers while rapping out hits in a losing cause were Flanagan (4-5) and Hennessey (3-4). An eight and a six run outburst in the fourth and seventh innings respectively sewed the game up for the Bankers.

LOOK WEAK
The defending league champs, Power Kings displayed little of their namesake for the second straight game as they went down 12-8 for their second loss in as many games. The combination of Myron Weeks and Dick Murrely who relieved in the third and was credited with the win set the Kings down on nine hits, although losing hurler Jim Dowling allowed the same number while going the route. The Pistons sent ten runs across the plate in the first three innings and the pitching duo shut the Kings out in all but two of the seven innings.

Pacing the winners was Joe Arsenault who had a 2-4 mark while Lorne Doirch slapped out two hits in five attempts. For the losers Norm MacLeod had three of the nine hits and Len Thompson went 2-4. In a game played Wednesday evening the Fifth Signal Juniors romped to a 22 hit 15-3 win over the RCMP.

First Ace Is Recorded

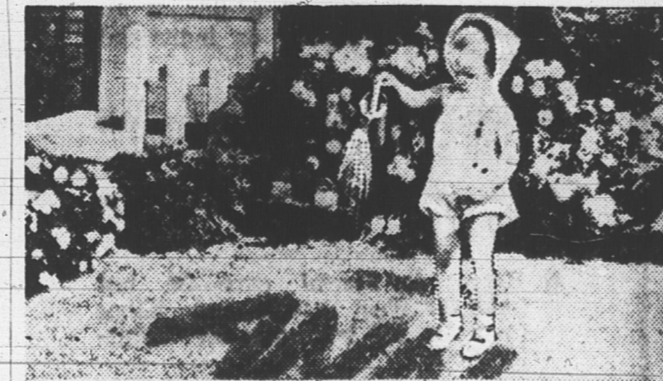
The first hole-in-one of the young golf season was recorded at the Green Gables Golf Club yesterday as Roland Clement, RCAF Base Summerside, scored the 185 yard number two hole at the Cavendish course.

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