

SPORT ECHOES

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SOUND A TRUMPET

What is wrong with Summerside's adult athletes? Are they rapidly degenerating into a television-viewing, car-driving, beach-lolling, moon-gazing group of athletic incompetents? We may have left out a few pertinent adjectives, but those are all we can think of at the moment.

There is no talk of baseball or softball in Summerside so far this spring. Baseball has suffered a slump in the capital city, too, but at least, they haven't called it quits. They are still struggling along in the face of poor attendance to keep the game of baseball alive. In the last five or so years they have developed a very fine softball league which attracts considerable fan interest the winners each year are able to put up a respectable showing in Maritime competition, and their caliber of play is improving every year.

Is there any good reason why Summerside should not be able to do the same? Softball is an ideal sport for times when fans cease to come to the parks in large numbers. The expense of keeping up a softball team is not nearly so high as is the case in baseball, and because of this clubs can operate in the black without a great deal of fan support. Here in Summerside if we could get a league organized it would give us at least one spectator sport for town fans, and the standard of play would improve as it has in Charlottetown.

Bad Weather Plagued Meet

SALEM, N.H. (AP)—A total of \$3,377,468 was pushed through the mutual windows during Rockingham Park's just-concluded 32-night harness racing program, the state racing commission said Monday.

The state received \$208,856, compared with advance estimates of \$300,000.

The track's average nightly handle was \$105,505, and the state's average nightly take totaled \$6,525.

Lou Smith, the track's general manager, noted that the harness meet was plagued by bad weather.

"We had rain or snow on 25 of the 32 nights," said Smith.

Racing Driver Died Monday

VERVIERS, Belgium (AP)—British auto racer Archie Scott-Brown died Monday from burns suffered in Sunday's Spa Grand Prix when his Lister-Jaguar skidded off the road and burned.

Brown, 31, was the wonder of the racing world. He was born with no fingers on his right hand. Driving a car, even for pleasure, appeared unlikely. But the little man—only five feet tall—had the skill with one hand that made him the envy of many of his more fortunate rivals.

British officials originally were doubtful about permitting him to drive in the top events. They refused to let him enter the British Empire trophy race in 1953 because of his disability. Later the officials changed their minds. Scott-Brown competed and won the Empire race for sports cars in 1955.

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from year to year. Let's get organized for softball this year. We could start with two teams from the town, one picked on the No. 1 team which will play with Charlottetown teams shouldn't be too strong for two picketed teams from Summerside, and maybe a rural aggregation or two.

Come on, fellows. Prove to us you're not just a television-viewing, car-driving, beach-lolling, moon-gazing, street-corner-loafing, pop-guzzling parcel of premature old men we can dig up a few more of those complimentary epithets if action is not forthcoming soon.

Spain Wins Over Sweden

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Spain defeated Sweden Monday in the doubles match of second-round Davis Cup tennis play in the European zone. However, Sweden still led by a 2-1 margin on the strength of its two victories in Sunday's opening singles.

The two decisive singles matches will be played today. Andres Gimeno, Spain's No. 1 player, teamed with Alberto Arilla to defeat Ulf Schmidt and J. E. Lunquist of Sweden 9-7, 8-6, 9-7.

The Swedes were without the services of their ace Sven Davidson who was replaced by Lunquist. Davidson did not play because of an aching back. However, his doctor said he will be able to play today.

REMEMBER WHEN . . .
Pete Latzo dethroned Mickey Walker as a world welterweight boxing champion 32 years ago tonight by winning a 10-round decision at Scranton, Pa. Walker moved up among the middleweights, and the same year won that title from Tiger Flowers. He held the middleweight crown until 1931, later campaigning unsuccessfully among the heavyweights.

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Musial Hits .400 And Loses Ground

NEW YORK (AP)—When a ballplayer hits at a .400 pace and loses ground that's news. When that player is Stan Musial it does not come under the heading of the unusual.

For Musial, who now has lifted his lifetime total of base hits to 3,006, has been hovering around the .500 mark for most of the young campaign.

A week ago, the brilliant star

of St. Louis Cardinals was batting .494. In his last seven games, Musial has collected eight hits in 20 times at bat—an even .400 clip. Stan showed a still awesome percentage of .476 through Sunday's games. However, the continued productive slugging of San Francisco's Willie Mays could make for an intriguing seasonal duel between these two.

In last week's action, Mays

garnered 16 hits in 35 tries and boosted his average 19 points to .406. Seven of Willie's blows were homers, putting him in a second place deadlock with teammate Orlando Cepeda and Chicago's Lee Walls. Each has 11. Pittsburgh's Frank Thomas leads in circuit blows with 12.

In the American League, Bob Nieman took over the batting lead with a .390 mark. The right-handed battering Baltimore outfielder, who had been used primarily against southpaw pitching in the first couple of weeks, moved into the regular lineup last week. He has collected eight hits in his last 15 trips.

Mickey Vernon, Cleveland's veteran first baseman, climbed one notch into the runner-up

position. He gained 11 points to .384 with nine hits in 22 at bats.

McDOUGALD FADES
Gil McDougald of New York Yankees, the pace-setter a week ago, dropped into a third-place tie at .373 with teammate Bill Skowron, who has been out with a back injury. McDougald lost 30 points with a 6-for-21 performance.

Bob Cerv of Kansas City, who suffered a fractured jaw in Saturday's game against Detroit, continues to lead the junior circuit in homers with 11 and runs batted in with 30.

However, Cerv's once-commanding lead in these departments is being challenged by Jackie Jensen of Boston. Jensen slammed four home runs and col-

BASEBALL RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Saturday
Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 1
Los Angeles 1, St. Louis 10
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 4
San Francisco 9, Chicago 4

lected 10 RBIs last week. This gave the Red Sox outfielder eight homers and 23 runs batted in for the year.

Daryl Spencer of the Giants took over first place in the National League's runs batted in competition. He has 31, an increase of 12 over last week.

Sunday
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 6
Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia 6
Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 11
San Francisco 7, Chicago 3
San Francisco 4, Chicago 0
Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 6
Los Angeles 4, St. Louis 0

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Saturday
New York 6, Washington 5
Detroit 3, Kansas City 4
Chicago 3, Cleveland 2
Baltimore 4, Boston 7
Baltimore 5, Boston 3

Sunday
New York 5, Washington 2
New York 3, Washington 0
Baltimore 4, Boston 8
Detroit 0, Kansas City 2
Chicago 4, Cleveland 7

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Chicago 6, Cleveland 10

INTERNATIONAL
Saturday
Richmond 7, Havana 9
Columbus 1, Miami 3
Buffalo 2, Toronto 5
Rochester 4, Montreal 4

Sunday
Rochester 4, 1, Montreal 5, 0
Buffalo 2, 3, Toronto 4, 6
Columbus 2, 1, Miami 5, 4
Richmond 0, 8, Havana 2, 2.

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