



# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

## Several Surprises

SOME teams in the American League are showing up surprisingly well and as a result the turnstiles are clicking at a merry rate in their own particular ball parks.

Cleveland Indians are a strong second one and one-half games behind the receding Yankees. The Tribe has won 12 and lost 5 for a .600 clip. After getting mauled 15-6 by Kansas City Athletics in the first game Saturday afternoon, the Indians saw Perry get his first triumph in a 3-2 verdict and Sunday the Cleveland gang followed up with a 5-1 nod for Modcat Grant.

The fact that both these decisions were "firsts" must have given the Indians loads of encouragement as they head into Minneapolis for a three-game engagement with the troublesome Twins.

And we mean what we say when we describe the Twins as troublesome. They have just finished sweeping a three-game set from Detroit Tigers, the team picked to give Yankees the greatest scare this season.

WHILE the Indians are battling with the Twins, the Yankees are at home Tuesday and Wednesday to the Boston Red Sox. These Fenway Park lads are away to one of their better starts and after 26 ball games they are playing an even .500 ball. Naturally the Indians are hoping for some Boston success. The Sox have been pounding the ball at a great clip and in games Friday, Saturday and Sunday they amassed a total of 27 runs.

However, if a team is hot, it always has a great chance to cool off when it meets the Bombers. It could be the case with the Fenway Parkers on Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Troublesome Twins

GETTING back to the Minnesota Twins, they are performing at a .583 pace. They have won 14 out of 24 ball games and are only .017 behind the runnerup Indians. They'll be looking for loftier heights themselves as the Tribe moves into town.

Another team over the .500 mark is Los Angeles Angels. These sophomores are looking great and Baltimore Orioles know all about them after three weekend games. The Angels downed Orioles in all of them and have a handsome .550 mark to show for their efforts.

These Angels host the Detroit Tigers in the next three days and these are mighty big ones to both clubs. The Tigers are losing with monotonous regularity and they'll be after Bob Schefling's scalp if things do not improve. Runners-up to the New York Yankees in 1961, the Tigers are in ninth place in the standings, four and one-half lengths back of the leaders. They have won only 9 ball games in 29 starts—anything but good for a supposed pennant contender.

If the Angels keep punishing the Tigers in a similar fashion to the Athletics, things will start popping in the Motor City front office.

## A Big Series

A big series that's in the books for this week involves Cleveland Indians and New York Yankees.

The world champions invade the Indians' wigwag on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 11, 12 and 13. It's a four-game stand with the double bill slated for Sunday afternoon. This is the chance the Indians need if they want to improve their position. Any team wishing to bother the Yankees must go out there and win ball games from the Bombers. You must beat the big team or forget about any pennant chances.

In 1960 Baltimore Orioles folded in a September series with the Yankees and Detroit Tigers did likewise in September 1961. Each team finished second in the junior circuit race. Anybody with pennant hopes must get out there and hang defeats on the Houkmen, otherwise they'll be back once again in the October classic.

This is the Indians' first big chance of the season. If they could show a little authority with the Yankees, they might get the necessary boost. If they play dead for the invaders, their pennant chances are just about nil.

Over in the National, the Giants continue to dominate the show. Their margin is a healthy three games and they look hard to head.

We'll talk more about them tomorrow.

## Oil Kings Plan Shakeup In Effort To Stay Alive

KITCHENER (CP) — Edmonton Oil Kings will shake up their forward line combinations in a desperate effort to stay alive in the fifth game of the Canadian Junior Hockey finals tonight.

The Oil Kings, who trail Hamilton Red Wings in the Memorial Cup round three games to one, will dismantle the "special assistance" line of Marc Dufour, Norm Beaudin and Butch Paul which led them to a 5-3 victory last Thursday in

## Prince County Softball Loop Names Prexy

SUMMERSIDE — Rev. Mark Ferguson was elected president of the Prince County Softball League at a meeting at CJRW studios last night. Jim Kennedy is the new secretary-treasurer. Managers of the three teams, RCAF, MacKenzie's, and Save-Easies will also be on the executive.

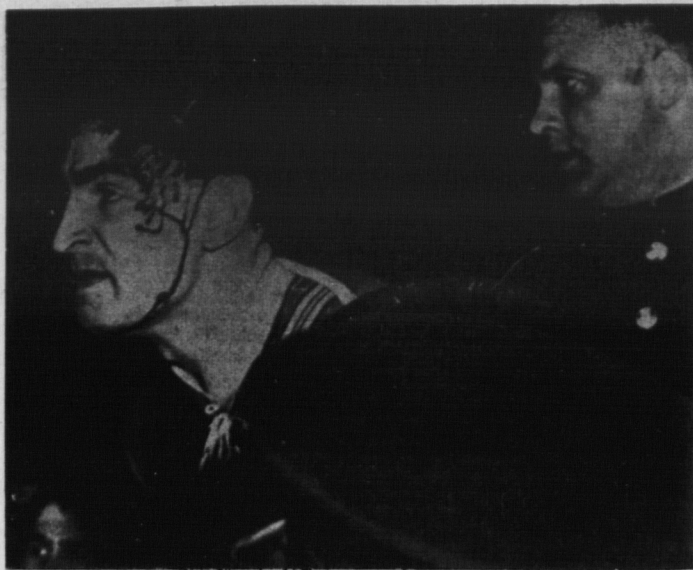
The protest committee will consist of the past-president John McNeill, the president and secretary-treasurer. Ron Rabinow was appointed umpire-in-chief and it will be his duty to see that umpires are available for all games.

The fees for umpiring were set at \$20 for plate umpire and \$15.00 for base judges. The registration deadline was set at June 30, and as players are signed their names will be passed in to the league executive. Team fees for entering league were set at \$10.

The Charlottetown Softball League will be approached regarding an interlocking schedule. The plan suggests that once a week a Charlottetown team would play in Summerside, and (or) a Summerside team would play in Charlottetown. The points would count, but the leagues' standings would be kept separate.

Next Monday a special meeting will be held to discuss the schedule and other matters concerning the league which were not dealt with last night.

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## BLOODIED BUT UNBOWED

A bloodied Barclay Plager of Hull-Ottawa Canadiens struck on the head by the stick of Frontenacs Tom McCarthy. He later returned to the game. Hull-Ottawa won Frontenacs after he was

## NEEDS 5 HITS TO TIE RECORD

# Stan Musial Will Break NL Mark Any Day Now

By JACK HAND  
NEW YORK (AP)—Any day now, Stan Musial will break one of the great National League records—the 3,430 career hits by the late Honus Wagner. The Man needs only five more to tie.

"Somehow it doesn't seem to be making me as nervous as when I was getting close to 3,000 hits," Musial said Monday. "The 2,000 seemed more like the magic number. Maybe it will be different the closer I get."

Musial got his 3,000th hit on the road in Chicago, May 13, 1958. Fred Hutchinson, then St. Louis Cardinal manager, tried to arrange it so that Stan could get the hit at home. But Huich needed Musial as a pinch hitter and Stan came through with the big base hit.

TAG DRABOWSKY  
Musial, 41, played both games of the Sunday doubleheader in Cincinnati. In fact, he went hitless in the first game and came through with three hits in the second game, winning it with a three-run homer off Moe Drabowsky.

## Boxers Are Fit For Bout

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Harold Johnson, the light heavyweight champion, and challenger Doug Jones were pronounced in perfect physical condition Monday by a Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission. They meet in a title bout here May 12.

The fighters appeared for the pre-game fight physical and then returned to their respective camps to put the finishing touches on training for their scheduled 15-round nationally televised bout (ABC).

Johnson, who won the NBA version of the 175-pound title in February, 1961, and since has defended successfully twice, weighed 178 pounds. Jones scaled 177. Both said they expected no trouble making the 175-pound limit by the noon Saturday weigh-in.

## Racer Has Close Call; Fined \$25

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Jack Fairman, veteran British road racer, spun his Kimberly Special Monday on the southwest corner of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway but missed the concrete walls and came in under his own power.

It was the first time on the 2½-mile oval track for the 48-year-old Fairman, who was driving a little too fast for a beginner to please U.S. Auto Club officials in charge of practice for the 500-mile race May 30.

Chief Steward Harlan Fengler fined Fairman \$25 for driving at speeds higher than his instructions called for.

Fairman was running about 118 miles an hour in the rear-engine car built by Mickey Thompson for James H. Kimberly of Chicago. It was merely a shakedown run and Fairman had not started the driver's tests required of all speedway owners.

The English driver said an arm rest came loose. His car was out of control for 500 feet. "That's what it's for—to find out what's loose," Fairman said calmly.

ANTS V. CATERPILLARS  
PEIPING (Reuters)—Chinese farmers are raising colonies of small red ants which they have found effective killers of the caterpillars damaging sugar cane. Tests at Fochow on the southeast coast proved successful and the method is being used elsewhere this year.

# Better Deal For Basketball Sought In New Brunswick

By JOHN MOSHER  
SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Basketball has been suffering setbacks in New Brunswick and losing popularity. Does it need a better deal?

Yes, says Saint John sports editor Bill Donovan. In his Telegraph-Journal column, he suggests it's time New Brunswick teams "shelved the idea of competing for a Canadian title and established inter-Maritime competition."

If senior teams withdrew from national playoffs in favor of Maritime action, their season would be longer and competition keener. Nova Scotia, Donovan notes, enters Canadian playoffs only when the series moves east every two years.

Only the senior A and junior divisions play east-west series for national titles. Senior B and

juvenile classes compete for Eastern Canadian championships although these are called Dominion finals.

The case of Saint John YMCA Flyers, 1961 Dominion senior B winners, points up the general situation. This spring, for the second consecutive year, they backed into the national finals.

Flyers ousted Moncton but their next scheduled opponents, Halifax Schooners, withdrew. Then Montreal YMHA forfeited the semi-final series when it realized two of the games would be during the Jewish Feast of the Passover. So the Flyers went to Sarnia, Ont., for the finals. They lost.

Donovan feels there's nothing the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association can do to remedy the withdrawal fiasco. But Bill Nodwell, local CABA convenor, thinks otherwise. A brief he's preparing for the association's annual meeting at Toronto in August would make bond-posting compulsory for all teams entering Dominion playoffs.

NATO CENTRE  
OSLO, Norway (AP)—The new Baltic command headquarters of NATO will be opened July 1 at Karup in the Jutland peninsula of Denmark. Lt.-Gen. Tage Andersen of Denmark will head the command.

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