

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Laver Wins Grand Slam; Hard's Reign Ends in Tears

FOREST HILLS, N.Y. (AP)—Rod Laver won his grand slam, a feat which may be worth \$150,000 in immediate profits, and Darlene Hard's reign as women's queen ended in tears and acrimony Monday in the climax of the 82nd national tennis championships.

The quick, left handed Laver, shots coming off his racket like sparks from a sparkler, crushed his fellow Queenslander and Davis Cup teammate, Roy Emerson, 6-2, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, in the men's final at the West Side Tennis Club. This reversed last year's finish when Emerson won.

The 23-year-old Brisbane wizard then completed a sweep of major championships—Australia, French, Wimbledon and U.S.—which only one other player, Don Budge in 1938, had ever achieved. It was an accomplishment which escaped such immortals as Bill Tilden, Jack Kramer and Pancho Gonzalez.

Also it marked the seventh

straight year, since Tony Trabert of Cincinnati won for the United States in 1955, that an Australian had taken off with the top prize of American tennis and it was the sixth time in the same period that two Aussies had battled for the crown.

SENIOR ALBIE WINDS

For the first time in history, an Australian also captured the women's championship when Margaret Smith, a big, pleasant girl from Sydney, beat Miss Hard of Long Beach, California, in a five set match for the last two years, in a weird, incident-packed match, 9-7, 6-4.

Miss Hard blew a set point in the first set. She served a total of 16 double-faults, five of them in one game.

In the sixth game of the second set, two line calls went against her and she walked back to the green canvas at the head of the centre court, put her head in her arms and cried convulsively.

This act—plus the yells of the

crowd—disconcerted Miss Smith and she lost the eighth game at love on her service, knocking the match off the air and ending after I got disturbed."

The crowd cheered for Darlene to come back. But Darlene, tears in her eyes, made no effort to keep the ball in the court. Fortunately, she tossed in the towel.

"How can you play tennis when you're crying?" she said. "I deliberately started missing shots because I was so upset and after I got disturbed."

Asked about the effect of the line calls, she said: "You say them—I won't say anything else."

Champs Crowned

WE had a few new provincial champions crowned over the weekend.

In softball circles, MacKenzie's House of Fashion from Summerside, hung on to retain their intermediate 'B' softball crown with a year ago from these same Pistons.

Last September, the Fashionettes lost their first game, then roared back to take the next two. This year, the Fashionettes won the first, lost the second and then eked out a two-run decision in the clincher.

The Pistons left enough men on base in that final game to win a dozen ball games. But there's no prize given out for leaving men on base. You have to get them coming across that home plate. This the Pistons were unable to do when the chips were really on the line.

Danny McCormack's crew fought back that 5-0 deficit and almost pulled it out of the fire. But the Fashionettes were just as determined to hold their ground and go back to Summerside with the intermediate 'B' crown tucked safely away.

They accomplished what they set out to do and they ended the game on a happy note for manager Jack Fox. Their victory was richly deserved because they were on the ropes several times but refused to go down.

Pistons, on the other hand, made a great series of it and came as close as they could without winning the marbles.

And now, it's MacKenzie's taking on the mainland and hoping again for another Maritime crown. All Island softball fans will be pulling for them to once again go all the way and bring a Maritime championship back to Prince Edward Island. Go to it, Fashionettes.

Great Comeback

WHEN they're discussing comebacks of the year in local sport, they'll need to keep in mind Junior Abbies who finally emerged as provincial junior baseball champions.

After the first two games in the best-of-five series, Abbies were behind 2-0 and the third game was scheduled for Summerside.

The picture was dark and there seemed little chance of the capital city boys coming through as provincial champions. But they won the third game at Summerside, squared matters in the fourth battle at Charlottetown and then roared back to Summerside and captured the crown.

That kind of a comeback story rates an extra pat on the back and nobody would deny Abbies a little additional congratulations.

However, their joy was short-lived. They won the Island crown Saturday and started against Nova Scotia on Sunday. The Bluebonnets were represented by that classy Halifax outfit, Vaughan Furrers.

These visitors were surely a solid club. They could pound the ball and they fielded as though they meant their living out of playing baseball. Never were the Abbies in the ball game as they bounced around and lost.

We aren't looking for the Abbies to stage another comeback against these Furrers. We sincerely hope they prove us wrong and come back to the city with a pair of victories under their belts. However, we're not figuring on this happening and we think the Abbies Juniors will wind up their season this week when they complete their series with the classy Halifax club.

At any rate, congratulations on a fine comeback in the provincial finals and an honorable mention to Summerside lads who forced the issue right to the wire.

George Brookins Passes

SPORTS FORT extends sympathy to the family of the late George Brookins whose funeral took place yesterday.

George was an outstanding career racing motorist for years and owned several fine ones, including that great Ford, Christie Bulling. Although his health was failing for quite some time, it doesn't seem too long ago that we saw George at a race program.

The race game has lost one of its greatest supporters.

Giants Defeat Pittsburgh 4-1

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

While Mays and Chuck Hiller homered and Felipe Alou whacked his ninth consecutive hit Monday as San Francisco Giants beat Pittsburgh 4-1 for their sixth straight victory in the only day action in the majors.

Billy O'Dell beat Harvey Haddix in a pitching duel of left-handers to notch his 17th victory against 12 defeats.

Alou singled twice and walked once, thus running his consecutive hitting streak to nine, just one under the league record.

Pelipe singled in the first, walked in the third, singled in the fifth and walked in the seventh. Mays led off reliever Elroy Face, who took over for Haddix, now his 43rd homer in the first inning, scoring Alou ahead of him. The Giants added another run in the fourth as Orlando Cepeda doubled to lead off and score on Jose Pagan's single.

Hiller hit his third homer, a solo near the right field pole, in the seventh.

The Pirates were sent in the seventh to lead off, advanced to first on a wild pitch and came in on a wild pitch.

The triumph again lifted San Francisco into a temporary tie with Los Angeles for the National League lead. The Dodgers ended a night game victory over Chicago Cubs to again pull one-half game ahead.

Probable Pitchers

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS

Probable pitchers for today's major league games, with best records in parentheses:

American League

Los Angeles (Les 11-10) at Minnesota (Kast 12-12)

New York (Stafford 13-8) at Detroit (Foylack 9-6 or Lary 2-6) (N.)

Washington (Osten 8-11) at Cleveland (Perry 10-11) (N.)

Only games scheduled.

National League

Pittsburgh (Sturdivant 8-3) or Francisco (Sanford 8-3) at San Francisco (Sanford 21-8)

Purdue 20-5 or Maloney 8-6) at St. Louis (Gibson 15-11) (N.)

Chicago (Eversworth 9-17) at Los Angeles (Williams 12-11) (N.)

Only games scheduled.

Punch To Start Trimming Early

PETERBOROUGH, Ont. (CP)

Coach Punch Imlach, amid rumors that he already has signed Boston Bruins hockey goalie Gerry Gaudin, said Monday he will start cutting the squad Friday following an exhibition game here between Rochester Americans of the National League Leafs' franchise and the American Hockey League.

They Migay, coach of an Americans, and manager Jack Riley moved in the ice here Monday and put 54 players through their paces while Imlach watched from the stands.

Bruins Hold First Practice

BOSTON (AP) — Boston Bruins held their first practice session of the year Monday at Boston Garden with 150 hockey fans looking on.

Goalie Bruce Gamble was the only absentee. He was an inmate from his home in Vancouver,

Black Hawks Open 1962 Training Camp

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. (CP)

Chicago Black Hawks, Stanley Cup finalists last spring against the champion Toronto Maple Leafs, opened their 1962 National Hockey League training camp Monday with 26 players reporting to general manager Tommy Ivan and coach Rudy Pilous.

The only two absentees from the 26 invited are Dollard St. Laurent, veteran defenceman who was sold to Quebec Aces of the American League last week, and centre Bill (Red) Hay, recuperating in a Calgary hospital following the removal of a cyst from his back. Hay is expected here within 10 days.

Also missing from the first day's practice, although in camp, was right winger Ernie Newberry. He is recuperating from a hernia operation and will skate for the first time Thursday or Friday.

Chico Maki, an outstanding right winger with Buffalo Bisons in the AHL, the last two years, who has seen brief service in the NHL with the Hawks, practised under difficulties. The 23-year-old former St. Catharines junior star broke a finger while building a barn on his recently-acquired farm near Simonsville and will not have the cast removed for another week.

The Hawks will work twice daily until Friday and will play their first pre-season exhibition against Toronto Maple Leafs here Saturday night.

Flyers Grab League Lead

SUMMERSIDE — The RCAF Flyers' softball team made it three-two in games in their best of seven series with MacKenzie's by the championship of the Prince County Softball League at Queen Elizabeth Park in Summerside last night, beating the green shirts by a top-sided 15-2 score.

Bill Stull started for MacKenzie's and lasted 1 1/3 innings. Gerry Kempster relieved but was also shelled out after 1 1/3 frames. Harold Martin then came in to finish the game, but the damage was already done. John Sandilands went all the way for RCAF giving up only five hits. Jim Freeman RCAF catcher, hit a grand-slam home run in the first inning to start the Flyers on their way to victory. Coke Grady led the MacKenzie attack with a single and double.

Iona Takes Close Game

In an exhibition baseball game played at Iona Sunday, the Iona St. Mike's edged Vernon River 2-0 in a thrilling struggle.

The teams were deadlocked after nine innings of play but Iona managed to send a runner home in their half of the extra frame.

F. Handrahan started for St. Mike's and was relieved by D. Connolly after six and two-third innings. He walked one, gave up six hits and fanned a half dozen. Connolly was the winner allowing, striking out six, walking one and yielding only one base knock.

V. Trainor went the distance for Vernon River and suffered a heartbreaking loss. He gave up eight hits, got eight by strikeouts and didn't issue a single base on balls.

V. Trainor was a triple by losing pitcher V. Trainor.

Umpires were: at the plate-V. Connolly, on the bases-E. Kelly and M. Kelly.

Jofre Defends Title Tonight

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP)—Veteran boxing promoter George Parnassus said Tuesday he "couldn't be surprised" if Mexican Jose Meled, whippier Eder Jofre tonight for the world bantamweight title.

Jofre, undefeated in 45 professional fights, goes after his 12th straight knockout in Sao Paulo's Birapuera Stadium when he defends his title against the challenger, the No. 1 contender to the crown.

Parnassus told the Associated Press Meled is much stronger and faster than he was when Jofre knocked him out in their last encounter in 1960 at Los Angeles.

The fight originally was scheduled for last Thursday but was postponed due to slow advance ticket sales.

This will be the 36-year-old Jofre's second fight as undisputed world champion of the bantam crown. Jofre won undisputed possession of the title with a 10th-round technical knockout over Johnny Caldwell of Ireland here last January.

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STARTERS WITH POSITIONS

SUMMERSIDE RACEWAY

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12, 1962

- RACE NO. 1
- 1—Brown Badgion; 2—Win Barnes; 3—Miss McGee; 4—Ken's Pride; 5—Scott Donmore; 6—Lady Simcoe; 7—Honest Bruce; 8—Sir Bruce Clegg. Also eligible: Vernon River Gal, Jolity Senorita.
- RACES 2 & 3
- 1—Samely York; 2—Jolly Luck; 3—Miss Ellis; 4—Jolly Bad; 5—Millie Lee; 6—White Lady; 7—Adrian Boy; 8—Prince Adam.
- RACES 3 & 7
- 1—Rowdy Dow; 2—Star Abbott; 3—Mister Key; 4—James L. S.; 5—Mr. Galton; 6—Way Mon; 7—Chuck H.; 8—Donald Roy.
- RACES 4 & 8
- 1—Winnie Jay Clegg; 2—Princess Joy Springer; 3—Billy G Command; 4—Senator Don C.; 5—Rio Grande; 6—Jolly Frisco; 7—Garry Lee Clegg.
- RACES NO. 5 & 9
- 1—Winston's Wish; 2—Jolly Dick; 3—Elmer C.; 4—Wing Victory; 5—Boombow; 6—Gay Laffit.



PUNCHES ONE FOR A PAR

Arnold Palmer, who finished in a second place tie with Gary Player in the world series of golf is shown blasting one from a sand trap during practice round. Jack Nicklaus won the lion's share of the big purse.



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