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SPORTS FRONT

By NICK FILLMORE

The Cruel Swim

LAST WEEKEND the Canadian National Exhibition Swim across a 32-mile chunk of Lake Ontario battered 18 of the world's greatest swimmers into submission.

The swim was called cruel and senseless and a sporting obscenity. The two closest the finish to be pulled from the water were Abel Latif Abou Heif and Judith deNys.

The comments of Bob Pennington, Toronto Telegram sports writer, were as recorded in the following newspaper column.

The article was called "A Sporting Event That Should Never Have Been."

"IT WOULD be all too easy to sit here and write that the CNE cross-lake swim should be banned because it is too tough. After all nobody finished on a day which officials described as "near perfect for the attempt".

Yet that would miss the point, just as the eye-for-an-eye and a tooth-for-a tooth campaigners studiously avoid the mental health of a murderer.

I say this swim is a sporting obscenity, as harmful to those who watch as those who compete. It is in the North American tradition of the Greek, a kept alcoholic who bit the head off a living chicken as fairground entertainment to frustrated sadists.

No Dignity In It

THE EXECUTION of an aquatic marathon of this order requires a violation of the fundamental dignity of man and woman.

When they pulled Abdel Abou Heif out of the water yesterday with all Toronto in his fading sight, the Egyptian screamed his pitiful protest and fought to continue his hopeless battle.

It was no more use than a lunatic pleading against the strait jacket, yet this was once a proud and highly professional athlete.

The stomach turned also at the dramatic departure of Holland's Judith de Nys from Lake Ontario. You had come her as an attractive, though not a pretty girl . . . blonde, satuesque, but with an antiseptic air that matched her clinically efficient manner.

And there she was, blundering like a demented wingless duck in circles of futility. Trying to defy her watching mother as she lunged out of the grasp of rescuing lifeguards. Hysterical face comforted, limbs twitching, completely oblivious to her earlier pleas to be taken aboard and put out of her misery.

Sport? Sport? Even the matador has the chance to die with dignity in the lusty ring. So does the bull. Neither are reduced to the dark depths of mental aberration which temporarily overcame Abel Abou Heif. Judith de Nys and so many of their fellow travellers.

Not Sporting But Exciting

A COMPANION on my launch saw me wince and said with measured cynicism—"You are in North America now, m'boy, where they don't give a damn for the competitor as long as they are offered exciting competition."

I would not know about that. What I do know for certain is that the CNE cared. Their organization was superb. They wanted a finisher and they spared no expense and effort to get one.

The competitors, too, knew exactly what they were up against. The risks involved. The prizes to be won if they could keep a spark of warmth in their bodies and a grain of reason in their minds.

Yet why should they attempt to conquer a lake that has already been conquered by a 16-year-old girl? Publicity, columns of publicity for this excellent exhibition.

The prize money and conceivably even a sense of achievement.

A Second Look This Morning

THIS MORNING, the failures must wonder if those who wisely pulled out at the last minute were not gifted with second sight. In the bitterness of defeat will come rows and recriminations to hide the anguish of failure, and the worry of what such fruitless efforts will cost them in the years to come.

Every possible amenity was laid on for them. The medical services were excellent, but you have only to speak to Marilyn Bell to realise the long-term dangers involved.

Marilyn, when she made it, wanted to quit in her extremes of hysteria and was only kept going by a coach who lied quite shamelessly. Let me quote her:

"When I think back on it now, it all seems so senseless. I wouldn't do it now—I wouldn't want my daughters to do it."

And I would not dream of adding one word to this epitaph of a contest that should never have been revived."

Off The Cuff

EXHIBITION BASEBALL comes to Charlottetown tonight as the Legion Juveniles host Kings County All-Stars at Memorial Field, 8 p.m. **MIKE KELLY** will be on the mound for Charlottetown. The Juveniles have had some rough going lately but coach **CHARLIE RYAN** is counting on them to "come-alive" tonight for a good battle against the Kingsmen. The game is in aid of the Retarded Children's Fund . . . . . Deaths attributed to football declined in 1963 to 14 after 19 had died from the sport in 1961 and 1962. At least four **FOOTBALL DEATHS** have been recorded already this season . . . . . Here's a news item emitted Monday — **JEAN LACOURSIERE** of Montreal won Throis Riviores' annual 10-mile swim Sunday, his fourth victory in the seven year history of the event. La Coursiere won in four hours 15 minutes, 56 seconds, ending at three the string of victories by **HERMAN WILLEMSE** of The Netherlands. Willemse finished third behind second placed Roberto Reta, Argentina . . . . . **PLAYOFF BASEBALL** has its first start in P.E.I. Thursday as the Charlottetown Abbies host **SUMMERSIDE** in the opening game of a best-of-seven series for the provincial crown It may be **PAT HOLBROOK** or 'Lefty' Dunn on the mound for Charlottetown, while Summerside may go with **DONNIE SCHURMAN** . . . . . The City of Philadelphia is considering the construction of a 60,000 seat stadium to be ready by 1967 and to be used by the baseball Phillies and football Eagles . . . . . The Charlottetown Recreational program, under the direction of **JIM FOX**, will go big time for its final seven days next week with a tennis tournament, miniature golf championship, and skipping contest and pet and doll shows. Sounds like a good way to end a successful summer for City youngsters.

Heavyweight Champ Is Starting To Train

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Cassius Clay started light workouts Tuesday for his return match with Sonny Liston, and said he was only kidding about going to Egypt to train.

"It's too hot over there," the heavyweight champion said.

Clay tipped the scales at 225, about 15 pounds over his fighting weight, before the first workout since his marriage almost two weeks ago.

"I'll lost it with no trouble," he said. "I'm eating one-fourth what I usually eat. But I could go in at 230 and beat Liston or any other heavyweight around because they are so slow."

Clay said he was "going to bring 10 or 15 people here from foreign countries at my own expense and get them ringside seats so they can see that the fight is fair," Clay said.

COMING TO PAY

"I'm going to fly them here from Africa and the Middle East and pay all their expenses. Then if I lose because of some sneaky deal, they can rush to the United Nations and tell the world I was robbed.

They might try to rob me of my title with some trick like that hot stuff they got in my eyes the first fight.

"Or maybe the judges would take it away from me even if I won. This is what I don't want to happen, and I'm bringing in my own people to see for themselves so they can tell the world."

In the first Clay-Liston fight here last Feb. 25, Clay wanted to quit before the fifth round because his eyes were burning and blurred. But his trainer, Angelo Dundee, shoved him into the ring and he won a technical knockout in the seventh.

Clay said he was disappointed over his treatment as champion.

STOPPED ON STREET

"People stop me on the street and ask me why I'm not on the Ed Sullivan show or the Jack Paar show," he said, "and why I'm not in most of the things printed about me are not true.

"They even tried to make my wedding look bad, said something about photographers getting punched."

Clay said he probably would retire after two more fights.

"I've just bought two apartment buildings in Chicago," he said. "And I want to get a farm in Illinois where I can take it easy and look at my scrapbooks."

FRONT ROW SEAT

A member of the crew of a Flying Dutchman class yacht enjoys a front-row view of the opening race in the international Snipe class sailing championships of the Western Hemisphere on Lake Ontario Monday. Snipes from Argentina, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Brazil, Japan, the United States and Canada are competing in the seven-race series. Reinaldo Conrad of Sao Paulo, Brazil, won the opening race after two false starts.

Edmonton Native Is Working Hard

By BOB TRIMBEE

EDMONTON (CP) — Each night, after a day's work, Ken Pedlar throws a homemade hurdle over his shoulder and heads for a nearby university field.

Alone he swings through a brisk set of exercises, wind sprints and practice leaps over the hurdle.

Hardly off the ground floor as a track competitor, Pedlar, 18, has his sights on a berth on Canada's 1968 Olympic squad.

If he is to achieve the goal, Ken must surmount a leg injury that kept him out of sports almost a year, a physical disability that restricts his breathing, and boredom, the constant danger of athletes who train alone.

He must also try to squeeze practice sessions into the time left after his job with an equipment rental firm, playing trombone twice a week with a Salvation Army band this father, Col. Willison Pedlar, is director of the Alberta division of the Salvation Army), and, during the university term, studies in the pre-law faculty.

FEW INTERESTED

He admits the solitude of practices has bothered and frustrated him.

"It was a quite a disappointment to find so few people interested in track at the University of Alberta.

"Maybe it will improve next year now that the university has built its new track. But right now most of the emphasis is on cross-country competitions."

His twice-weekly band dates conflict with workouts held by the Edmonton Olympic Club, leaving him no alternative but to work out alone.

"I know I haven't the time to get into condition to become a threat to make the 1964 Olympic team. I had to lay off for almost a year when I tore the bone ligaments in my right leg. I didn't get back into training until late last winter when I began to work out at night in the hockey arena.

Mariners Wallop All-Stars

The Bill Mulligan coached Main Brace Mariners went two games up on the National Park All Stars in their best of five series for the Charlottetown city league softball championship. last night at the new diamond. They walloped the Park team to the tune of 12-3.

Lloyd 'Teet' Gregory was toeing the slab for the winners. 'Teet' was tagged for four base knocks, gave one free pass and struck out three.

Frank Bradley started on the mound for the Park squad but gave way to John Hughes after facing six batters. They gave up seven hits, walked six and sent four down via the strike out route.

The winners committed six errors but oddly enough the National Park team only committed three miscues.

Wilf and Paddy Shepherd were the big men in the batter's box for the Mulligan coached crew. The Shepherd boys each connected for circuit clouts. Paddy was the top batter of the game with a one for three performance at the plate.

Frank Bell was behind the plate for last night's contest while Bud Lund, Ralph Pineau and George Murphy were on the bases.

The All-Stars will face elimination tonight when they go against the Mariners in the third game of the best of five final. Game time is set for 6.15 and a bumper crowd is expected to be on hand for this battle.

PROBABLE PITCHERS

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Probable pitchers for today's major league baseball games, with won-lost records in brackets:

American League

Minnesota, Arrigo (6-4) at Chicago, Talbot (4-4) or Horlen (9-8) (N)

Los Angeles, Chance (14-6) at Kansas City, O'Donoghue (9-8) (N)

Cleveland, Stange (5-12) at Baltimore, Roberts (11-5) (N)

Washington, Narum (6-10) at New York, Stottlemyre (3-0)

Detroit, Wickersham (15-9) at Boston, Heffner (6-4) (N)

National League

New York, Stallard (7-16) at Cincinnati, Nuxhall (8-7) (N)

Philadelphia, Short (15-6) at Milwaukee, Lemaster (13-8)

Pittsburgh, Bork (2-0) or Schwall (4-3) at St. Louis, Cuellar (4-3) (N)

San Francisco, O'Dell (6-6) or Hendley (10-8) at Los Angeles, Dryasdale (13-13) (N)

Chicago, Jackson (15-10) at Houston, Nottebart (8-8) (N)

Plumbers Topple Movers

SUMMERSIDE — Underdog, Inman Plumbing refuse to fold. in the best of five Prince County softball finals, even after allowing 28 Coastal Movers runs in the past two games. Inman Plumbing beat the Movers here last night 6-4 in a complete reversal of Monday night's 18-1 humiliation, to even the series at two games apiece and force the deciding game, tonight.

Bob Sleigh started this crucial game for Inman Plumbing, and given three first inning runs to work on with the aid of errors, he didn't allow the usually hard hitting Movers a hit or run until the fourth inning.

Then Coastal Movers cut the score to 3-2 on two walks, a single and an error. Inman Plumbing salted the game away with another three runs in the fifth inning, but again Coastal Movers made errors to help them. Three of the miscues, along with a double, a sacrifice, walk and a stolen base accounted for the runs.

The score was 6-2 as Coastal Movers made a vain effort in the sixth and seventh inning to end it all and take the CJRW trophy, emblematic of league supremacy. They managed two runs off Sleigh but that was all. Sleigh, for the evening, allowed five hits, all singles, three in the sixth inning while striking ou five and walking three.

'Marty' Martin going the full seven innings, was the losing pitcher. Martin allowed only four hits but his teammates bobbled the ball five times. Martin fanned three and issued five free passes.

Frank Wigglesworth, Jim Jenkins, Bob Sleigh and John MacLaren got the hits for Inman Plumbing. Coastal Movers hits, were made by: Jerry Bernard, Martin, Doug Tucker, Gord Lyons and George Kinch.

Line score	R	H	E
Coastal Movers	000 202 0 4 5	3	
Inman Plumbing	300 030 x 6 4 2		

Ball Series Goes Today

MORELL — The first game of the Island junior baseball finals is scheduled to be played here this afternoon. Starting time is 4.30.

The Eastern Centennials here will host the Souris Legion. The series will be a best of three affair.

Town League Ball Action

SOURIS — The Downtowners defeated the Centretowners 5-3 here last night in their final meeting in the regular schedule of the town baseball league.

Gus Clinton went the route for the winners, allowing three hits, walking two and striking out 12.

Wayne MacDonald pitched for the losers. He had one hit, walked one and struck out eight.

Freddie Robertson was top batter for the winners, one for three. Keith Jennings and Wayne MacDonald each had one for two for the losers.

The final game of the schedule will be Thursday night between the Centretowners and the Uptowners.

As the league stands now, the Uptowners had 20 points, Centretowners 18 and Downtowners eight.

Junior Team Wins Contest

Prince Street Junior Baseball team walloped the West Kent Junior team Monday by a score of 14-11.

Pitcher of the winning team was Bobby MacMillan. Paul Turner and Teddy Lawlor.

Home runs for the winners were gotten by Bobby MacMillan. Paul Turner and Teddy Lawlor.

Next practice for the Prince Street team is at the KC diamond on Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

Bankers Down Guardian 6-5

The Bankers defeated the Guardian Angels 6-5 in Commercial league softball action at the Queen Charlotte diamond, last night. The win gives the Bankers the right to meet the City police in the finals for the league championship.

The finals will be a best of seven affair and will get underway at 6.30 p.m. on the Queen Charlotte tonight. These boys take their ball serious and have been serving up a pretty fair brand of softball this year. Softball fans who wind their way to the Queen Charlotte diamond will probably witness a top notch softball contest.

Abou Heif To Try Again

TORONTO (CP)—Abdel Latif Abou Heif of Egypt, who went the farthest of 18 entrants in this year's 32-mile Canadian National Exhibition across - Lake Ontario swim, said Tuesday he will be back for another attempt.

Heif, who won first place prize money of $4,400 although he failed to finish the swim, said:

"You remember I said this was my last year of swimming. Well, your Lake Ontario has chanced my mind. I am known as the swimmer who doesn't quit This was the first time I ever gave up.

"I must come back and show it can be done—my own way. They should have set aside four days and waited for a better day. That's what I will do."

However, he might have some arguments from his wife.

Pontiacs Even Final Series

SUMMERSIDE — A.E. MacLennan Pontiacs evened up the best of five baseball finals here last night with a come from behind 6-4 win over Curran and Briggs. Curran and Briggs won the opener 3-2.

Curran and Briggs quickly got three runs in the top of the first inning off hurler Gerry Smith. But the Pontiacs came from behind in the second frame with five scores off Jack Pate and scored a single run in the third for a 6-3 lead. Shutout for four innings, Curran and Briggs scored their fourth and final run in the sixth inning.

Smith in gaining the mound for the Pontiacs got five batters of strikes while walking four. Smith was rapped for eight safeties. Richard Perry had two doubles while teammates Paul MacWilliams and Gene Nowasky had two singles apiece.

Curran and Briggs hurler Jack Pate, surviving the second inning rally, went the distance and recorded six whiffs while walking three batters. Pate allowed the Pontiacs only four hits. Irv Arsenault, who was injured in the game, got two of them.

Next game is Tuesday, September 1.

Line Score	R	H	E
Curran and Briggs	300 001 0 4 8 4		
Pontiacs	051 000 x 6 4 0		

Two Double Dash Winners In Ch'town Racing Action

Santiago owned by Stanley Mayhew, Kinkora and Edgewood Hedrick owned by the Mystery Stables, Hunter River were double dash winners on last night's nine dash program at the Charlottetown Driving Park.

Santiago with Graham Chappell up on the bike made the trip in 2.09:1 in the second event and was clocked in 2.10:1 in the sixth dash.

Edgewood Hedrick with Ralph MacFadyen holding the ribbons went in 2.09:1 in the fourth and circled the oval in 2.10 in the eighth. The fourth and eighth dashes were the main attraction on the nine dash program.

The weather was warm and the track was in excellent shape for last night's races. The largest single pay on the card was a win ticket on Popular Eden in the fifth race.

Claude O'Brien reined the Poplar Byrd dam Lynn Adios stallion to the wire in 2.12:4. A win ticket on the O'Brien teamed entry paid $35.00 for a $2.00 ticket. Combination pays were small.

Fans at the local raceway witnessed an upset in the fifth dash. Callie Hal with Joe Arsenault doing the driving broke as she was coming down the stretch. Joe was thrown off with quite a bump but escaped uninjured and was back in the ninth event to rein the little mare to place position in a photo finish.

Racing action resumes at the Charlottetown Driving Park on Thursday night when the Colt Stakes will be presented. The best young horses on the Island will be taking part in Thursday's card and will give local race fans a chance to view the best of the young horse flesh.

DASH 1

Audrey's Pride (W. Downe)	1
Future Chief (E. Bernard)	2
Diplomate Royal (E. Clow)	3

BASEBALL SCORES

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American League

Washington	001 000 000—	1 5 0
New York	000 000 04x—	4 9 0

Osteen (12-10), Hannan (8), Kline (8) and Leppert; Ford (15-5), Downing (9) and Howard.

Detroit	222 003 200—	11 15 0
Boston	200 400 000—	6 11 2

McLain, Rakow (7-9) (4) and Freehan; Morehead, Ritchie (0-1) (2) Connolly (6), Charton (7) and Tillman. HRs: Bat—McAuliffe (22) Demeter (18). Bos—Stuart (29) Bressoud (13) Tillman (14).

Minnesota	000 000 000—	0 5 0
Chicago	000 000 001—	1 6 0

Stigman (6-13) Worthington (9) and Zimmerman; Pizarro (17-6) and McNertney.

Los Angeles	000 050 000—	5 8 0
Kansas City	000 001 200—	3 8 0

Chance (15-6) R. Lee (7) and Rodgers; Mayer (1-5) Sanders (5) Drabowsky (6) Stock (8) and Edwards.

National League

Phila.	010 000 130—	5 6 2
Milwaukee	011 032 00x—	7 12 0

Wise (5-2), Roebuck (5), Shantz (6), Baldschun (8) and Dalrymple; Cloninger (13-12), Hoeft (8) and Torre. HRs: Phil.—Thomas (7), Covington (12), Callison (22). Mil. — Mathews (2), Maye (8).

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Cleveland	000 000 050—	5 8 1
Baltimore	002 100 00x—	3 7 0

McDowell, Ramos (7-10) (7), McMahon (8), and Romano; Pappas, Haddix (5-4) (8), Miller (9) and R. Brown. HRs: Cleve. — Chance (13), Wagner (29). Balt.—Aparicio (8).

Golf Tourney At Belvedere

The Belvedere golf club will be the scene of the annual Canadian Junior golf championships starting next Tuesday, September 1st. and continuing through till the fourth.

Opening day will serve as qualifying round for all entries. Eight four man teams representing nine provinces will be taking part in the action. Under Royal Canadian golf association rules, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island form one team.

An application from Newfoundland is now pending. Tue top 32 eniries on opening day will take part in a three day match play round for the Canadian junior golf title.

This is the first time the national meet has been scheduled for P.E.I. The first junior championship was held in 1939 at Montreal's Kanawaki golf club.

The meet is part of Pepsi Cola's Canadian junior sports development program under which the soft drink firm gives financial support to a series of national sports championship in the junior category, with the objective of helping young Canada compete.

DASHES 2 AND 6

Santiago (G. Chappell)	1 1
Mr. McElewyn Key (C. Woolridge)	2 2
Captain Chief (S. Stead)	3 7
Miss JoJo (C. Murphy)	4 4
Goss Hanover (J. Fox)	5 6
Janet M (W. Downe)	6 5
The Sheik (H. Poulton)	7 3

Time 2:09:1 and 2.10:1.

2nd 10.50, 6.90, 2.60; 5.30, 2.40; 2.80 3.40, 2.50, 2.40; 2.10; 3.30.

DASHES 3 AND 7

Nimble Knight (S. Stead)	1 2
Susan Pointer (H. Willis)	2 -
Windy June (E. Bernard)	3 5
Cyclone Kelly (L. Kelly)	4 3
Countess Alice (W. Downe)	5 1
Mrytle E (C. Willis)	6 4
Evelyn's Ardent (E. Clow)	7 6

Times 2.13 and 2.12:3

3rd 8.40, 3.40, 2.50; 5.50, 3.00; 6.20, 3.00, 2.20; 2.40, 2.10; 2.10.

DASHES 4 AND 8

Edgewood Hedrick (R.D. MacFadyen	1 1
Armond's Buddy (L. Taylor)	2 3
Home Stretch Linda (G. Chappell)	3 5
Helen's Dream (O. Poulton)	4 4
Roger Parley(E. Clow)	5 2

Times 2.09:1 and 2.10.

4th 5.60, 2.50, 2.10; 2.30, 2.10; 2.10 2.60., 2.40; 9.20.

DASHES 5 AND 9

Popular Eden (C. O'Brien)	1 4
Doctor Alex (D. MacNeil)	2 1
Chet Lynn Roya (G. Chappell)	3 3
W.M.X. (E. Bernard)	4 5
Blue Mountain Girl (O. Willis)	5 7
Chesterway Thomas (B. Whalen)	6 6
Miss Flamingo (A. Carr)	7 5
Callie Hall (J. Arsenault)	- 2

Times 2.12:4 and 2.11:2

5th 35.90, 7.00, 8.80; 3.00, 2.60; 6.50; 3.20, 2.70, 2.50; 3.60, 2.80; 3.00.

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