SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

A Habit With Lefty

ONCE habits are formed, they are hard things to break. George "Lefty" Dunn is no exception and he surely proved it Tuesday evening at Memorial Field as The City Baseball League swung into action.

Of course you remember Dunn's feats of last season. He was the pint-sized lefthander that almost singlehandedly hurled the Dodgers to the City League crown. He was the young man who beat the Flyers three times in five days in the finals. He was the same hurler who was picked up by Summerside juniors and pitched a brilliant 3-2 effort at Liverpool although it was in a losing cause.

Lefty won a host of admirers in last season action. This game little moundsman had blistered fingers but refused to stay away from the pitcher's mound. On windy evenings, the heavy winds almost drove him off the mound. But the batters didn't and that was what interested Lefty the most.

WHAT makes Lefty such a popular little guy is his humility about the whole thing. After any of his brilliant performances, you'd never guess he had accomplished anything. There's no boasting by likeable Mr. Dunn but he thoroughly enjoys humiliating opponents.

Tuesday he started off where he left off in 1961. He was in great form as he pitched the Rovers to the league's first decision. He needed to be good as veteran Donnie 'Funnel' MacLean was anything but a pushover as his mound opponent. MacLean's teammates were more shaky than was the Rovers' defence and that helped in a big way to send the Rovers on the way to their triumph.

However Lefty struck out 17 batters, a truly great show for such a cold evening. He was in complete control of the situation and had the Stars swinging at the air the most of the evening.

UNDOUBTEDLY Lefty will get his ears pinned back on occasions. You can't win them all and young Mr. Dunn has no foolish notions that you can. However, he will try to win them all and nobody can blame him for that. The hitters will get better as the league moves along but, then, Lefty himself may be making some improvements.

At any rate, we couldn't help but devote some space to this young southpaw today. He surely is one of the top fingers around these parts for quite some time.

Nice going, Mr. Dunn.

Come Off The Floor

JUST when you think you have a team battered into submission, they suddenly rise up and start throwing knockout blows.

It happened last weekend in Yankee Stadium where Baltimore Orioles were the visitors. The Bombers won Friday night and Saturday afternoon and surely seemed safe to grab the lion's share of the best-of-five series.

However, the birds' wings were anything but clipped. They started flying in earnest Sunday afternoon when they swept a doubleheader from the powerful New Yorkers. Just to prove it wasn't any fluke they closed out the series with a 5-3 verdict Monday as Yankee supporters sat open-mouthed.

Detroit Tigers went into Washington Friday night for a five-game set. The Tigers were supposed to make up considerable ground at the expense of the ineffective Senators. But what happens?

The Tigers had to fight their hearts out to salvage two out of the five games and thus lost their chance to gain on the Houkmen from Bigtown.

Make Things Interesting

THESE happenings, of course, are the things that make a baseball league interesting. When the underdog comes along and topples the heavy favorite, it always makes great sport copy. This has been happening with real regularity this season and the longer it continues, the better the league will be. Minnesota Twins and Los Angeles Angels are throwing great scares into teams like Yankees, Indians and Tigers and there's no telling when these upstarts intend to stop this winning business.

It's been a long time since the American League race had so much interest. Perhaps the Yankees will soon spoil it all by running away from the pack. However up until now, the defending champions of the baseball world have had the toughest kind of a battle on their hands.

It might just continue.

Bucs Nip Cubs 6-4; Face Saves Victory

ElRoy Face, Pittsburgh's ever ready relief pitcher, made his fourth appearance in five games Wednesday and saved the Pirates' fifth straight victory—a 6-4 conquest of the Cubs at Chicago.

The little righthander retired four straight Cubs to assure Alvin McBean his sixth victory in nine decisions.

The Pirates put the game on ice in the sixth with a three run romp against loser Cal Koonce.

Don Hoak, who got two singles to give him a total of 999 hits in National League play, opened with a walk and went to third on Bill Mazeroski's double.

Bill Virdon followed with his third homer of the season, a drive into the right field bleachers, to break a 2-2 deadlock.

The Pirates added an insurance run in the ninth off Don Cardwell.

Billy Williams, Cubs' outfielder, collected three straight hits after a first inning walk to pad his batting average nine points to .345. The second Williams hit was his No. 13 homer in the sixth. He also scored Chicago's fourth run in the eighth on Don Landrum's single before Face was called in to make his 23rd appearance of the season for the winning third placers.

Detroit's American League game at New York was postponed by rain.

Night action in the American had Baltimore at Boston, Cleveland at Washington, Minnesota at Los Angeles and Chicago at Kansas City.

The night encounters in the National saw Los Angeles at Milwaukee, San Francisco at Cincinnati, New York at Houston and Philadelphia at St. Louis.

Probable Pitchers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Probable pitchers for today's major league games (won-lost records in parentheses):

American League

Baltimore (Barber 4-4) at Boston (Monbouquette 4-6).

Minnesota (Katt 5-4) at Los Angeles (Belinsky 6-2).

Cleveland (Latman 3-4) at Washington (Burnside 4-3) (N).

Chicago (Herlen 5-3) at Kansas City (Wyatt 4-4) (N).

Only games scheduled.

National League

Pittsburgh (Friend 6-7) at Chicago (Ellsworth 4-8).

Los Angeles (Williams 6-2) at Milwaukee (Shaw 7-2).

San Francisco (Pierce 8-1) at Cincinnati (Jay 3-6) (N).

New York (Craig 3-8) at Houston (Golden 3-4) (N).

Only games scheduled.

Frank Mahovlich Married Wed.

TORONTO (CP) — The date, time and place of Frank Mahovlich's wedding were closely guarded, but when the Toronto Maple Leaf's Big M was married Wednesday it didn't take school children in the neighborhood long to find out.

When Mahovlich and his bride, Marie Sweaney, left Holy Rosary Church, a nearby school boy hurt released its pupils for lunch.

Several dozen boys invaded the wedding party ranks, seek her autographs. Two police constables kept the gathering crowd off the church steps, but when Mahovlich and his bride, an interior decorator, headed for their car they were quickly surrounded.

Tigers Sign Bonus Hurler

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit Tigers Wednesday signed lefthander Tom Fletcher, a 19-year-old University of Illinois sophomore pitcher, to a bonus contract which one Tiger source said was "$50,000 or more."

Fletcher had a perfect 8 - 0 record with the Illini this year, and on winning five Big Ten games he established an amazing 0.39 earned run average, lowest in conference history for a full season.

John A. Campbell, Detroit vice - president, announced the signing of Fletcher "for a substantial bonus" to a contract with the Tigers' American Association farm club at Denver.

Current plans call for Fletcher to spend a few ye next week with the Tigers, then be optioned to Knoxville of the Class A South Atlantic League.

Fletcher said nine other major league clubs tried to sign him.

ABOUT HOUK, MANTLE

Bosox Infielder Denies Story Attributed To Him

WATERFORD, Conn., (AP) — Billy Gardner, reserve infielder sold by New York to Boston earlier this week, vehemently denied Wednesday statements attributed to him that Yankee Manager Ralph Houk was going blind in his right eye and that Mickey Mantle would soon undergo a new operation.

"It's utterly ridiculous," Gardner said at his home here. "I never said those things. How could I? They're not true."

The story appeared in Wednesday morning's edition of the Boston Globe, under Hy Hurwitz' byline.

Hurwitz, a veteran sports writer who has been traveling with the Red Sox for many years, insisted he quoted Gardner correctly.

"Certainly he made those statements," Hurwitz said. "I couldn't possibly have made them up. He probably was teeing off at losing out on a possible world series cut.

Houk, wounded during the Second World War, has a bad eye and further damage would cause blindness, Horwitz quoted Gardner as saying.

HURT IN FRACAS

"During a fracas with Baltimore in New York somebody cut Houk on the face and he was bleeding at the mouth," Gardner's quote continued.

On Mantle, Hurwitz quoted Gardner as saying:

"Mantle is really worried about the knee. He won't be able to play for a couple of weeks and he may even have to submit to an operation."

Mantle has been sidelined for nearly three weeks with a pulled muscle in his right leg. Recently it was announced the Yankee slugger probably would be back in the lineup in less than a week.

Houk, reached by telephone at Yankee Stadium, also termed the statements "utterly ridiculous."

"I fully expect Mantle to be back in the lineup in a few days," Houk said, "perhaps as soon as Friday when we play in Cleveland.

League Releases Season's Draw

President George Francis has released the following schedule for the City Baseball League.

This evening Dodgers are at Flyers in the loop's second tussle.

June 12 Rovers at Stars.
June 14 Dodgers at Flyers.
June 16 Stars at Flyers.
June 19 Dodgers at Rovers.
June 21 Stars at Dodgers.
June 23 Flyers at Rovers.
June 26 Stars at Rovers.
June 28 Flyers at Dodgers.
June 30 Flyers at Stars.
July 3 Rovers at Dodgers.
July 5 Dodgers at Stars.
July 7 Rovers at Flyers.
July 10 Rovers at Stars
July 12 Dodgers at Flyers.
July 14 Stars at Flyers.
July 17 Dodgers at Rovers.
July 19 Stars at Dodgers.
July 21 Flyers at Rovers.
July 24 Stars at Rovers.
July 26 Flyers at Dodgers.
July 28 Flyers at Stars.
July 31 Rovers at Dodgers.
Aug. 2 Dodgers at Stars.
Aug. 4 Rovers at Flyers.
Aug. 7 Rovers at Stars.
Aug. 9 Dodgers at Flyers.
Aug. 11 Stars at Flyers.
Aug. 18 Dodgers at Rovers.
Aug. 21 Stars at Dodgers.
Aug. 23 Rovers at Flyers.

Note to Players and Fans—Evening games all start at 6.15 sharp while Saturday afternoon games get under way at 2 o'clock sharp.

SPORT OF KINGS

Season's Greatest Upset Provided By Iona Outfit

By ED CLINTON
Souris Bureau of The Guardian

The biggest upset of the young baseball season occurred on Sunday afternoon in Souris when the Iona St. Mike's walloped the St. Mary's 11-3. One player was personally responsible for the Iona victory. That person was Erwin Connolly. He toed the slab for the entire game giving up three runs, four hits, walked three and struck out twenty batters.

The twenty strikeouts he racked up were only one short of the known league record held by a former pitcher of the St. Mary's by the name of Stanley Paquet. Erwin showed good control throughout the game, and any time he did get in trouble, he always was able to bear down and get the opposition out with little or no damage.

Erwin shared hitting honors with a team-mate, Merlin MacKenna. Erwin went four for six and scored three runs, while Merlin had three hits in four trips and scored twice. All in all it was a very good afternoon for the young right-hander. Due to Erwin's top pitching, it was impossible to judge how the rest of the team could play defensively.

Rollie Jenkins, formerly with Souris, St. Peters, Peakes, and now back with Souris was the top man on the Souris squad. He picked up three of the four hits the St. Mary's picked up, and played solid ball defensively, especially after he took over at first base. Best defensive player of the game was young second sacker of the St. Mary's, Wayne Paquet. He pulled off some great stops, and managed to get Souris's only other hit.

MAKES DEBUT

Joe Pierce, a left-hander, made his debut in the League in this game. He pitched three innings, and although he was the victim of poor support by his team-mates, he showed considerable promise. He could be a good addition to the Souris pitching staff.

The league may have its first protest of the season as the result of a game played in Morell on Sunday. The game was between St. Peters and Morell. Reports we had indicated that St. Peters had a rally going, and Jimmy MacAulay, at the plate hit a grounder that struck him on the way to the base. Naturally, he was called out. Then, according to reports, the ball was then used to pick off a runner at one of the bases. As we wrote this, the St. Peters executive was undecided as to whether or not to formally protest the game.

By the way, the score of that game was 20-6 in favo of Morell. That gives Morell an undefeated record in four games. Our last column on Saturday was sent in before we received the results of Morell's third game and thus our published standings listed them in only two games.

A gentle reminder to all teams in the King's County League. Don't forget the executive meeting in Morell on Friday night. Friday, by the way is also the deadline for registering your list of players. Just had a chat with Jerry MacCormack, the League Prexy, and he said that the meeting would start on time, so you've been warned.

Durelle Returns To Pro Boxing

CALGARY (CP)—Yvon Durelle of Baie Ste. Anne, N.B., Tuesday announced his return to professional boxing. He said he would not accept fights at a major level but would take up offers of bouts in Lethbridge and Regina next month.

Durelle was knocked out two years ago by Archie Moore in his second try for Moore's light-heavyweight championship title.

Durelle said the dates have not been set for the bouts in Lethbridge and Regina but he has been contacted about meeting Gus Calf Robe at Lethbridge, who is Western Canada heavyweight champion.

"I'll need a couple of weeks to get my legs back in shape before I come back and beat these kids," he said.

Durelle said he didn't want anything to do with boxing's big money—"what you get, you can't keep"—but said he would not mind touring Canada picking off purses.

Mathesons Whip YCW

SUMMERSIDE — Mathesons beat YCW in a regular game of the new commercial League last night at the St. Eleanors diamond by the score of 19-2. Darryl Newson led the winners at the plate with four hits. Bob McIntosh had three David Matheson, Wayne Matheson, Eric Matheson and Malcolm Matheson each had two safeties. Mathesons had 12 hits in all, YCW 8.

TOBACCO AID GOOD CUSHION

TORONTO (AP) — Don Lock, outfielder with Richmond of the International Baseball League, was hit in the face by a pitched ball Tuesday night but escaped injury because of a mammoth cud of chewing tobacco.

When Lock came to the plate to bat against pitcher Steve Ridzik in the sixth inning, he parked his big chaw in his left cheek. The tobacco served as a cushion when the Ridzik pitch hit him.

Lock will be out of action only a day or so.

SOLDIER CHARGED

COOKSVILLE, Ont. (CP)—Pte. Thomas Ely, 46, a soldier with 28 years service, appeared in court Wednesday charged with splitting a teen-ager's skull with a baseball bat in a fight. Ely has served with both the British and Canadian armies. Police said Mrs. Ely complained she and her son had been molested. William Dambrook, 16, is in hospital.

Drenching Rain Rockets Palmer's Stock In Classic

By WILL GRIMSLEY

OAKMONT, Pa. (AP) — A drenching rain Wednesday skyrocketed Arnold Palmer's stock on the eve of the 62nd U.S. national open golf championship.

"It's a break for the big hitter and the gambler — and that means Palmer," host pro Lew Worsham said after a downpour forced cancellation of final practice rounds over the Oakmont Country Club. "The course will play longer but a man will be able to gun for the pin."

Bold, gambling golf is the trademark of the bronzed 32-year - old professional from nearby Latrobe, Pa., who is a 5-1 favorite to make the Open the second triumph in his bid for a professional "grand slam," which includes the Masters, British Open and U.S. PGA titles.

HAS SIX WINS

Palmer already has the Masters, one of his six tournament conquests in a potential record-breaking financial year, and he will go after the British and PGA next month in the space of three weeks.

Although 150 of the world's finest golfers tee off today in the sport's toughest tournament, the event has evolved into personal knock - down battle between Palmer, the game's fiercest competitor, and Oakmont, irreverently tabbed the "Hades of Hulton" after a road that runs nearby.

This is the fourth Open that has been held on these rolling hills in the Pennsylvania steel country and so far only one man — Ben Hogan, the 1953 winner—has beaten its par for the 72-hole route, and only two, Hogan and Sam Snead, have broke 290. Hogan won the fourth of his Open crowns at the peak of his career with a 283 nine years ago and Snead finished six strokes behind at 289.

STILL RUGGED

Since then par for the 6,894-yard layout has been reduced from 72 to 71 with a change in the 455-yard first hole. But 208 strategically placed traps, wiry rough and greens so fast they putt like table tops make Oakmont as rugged and gruesome an antagonist as she ever was.

"I don't believe the rain has given me an advantage," Palmer said. "I liked the greens as they were—hard and fast. I think they're the finest greens I've ever seen. The rain will make the rough tougher and it will mean that the greens will be chopped up for the late starters."

Palmer pulled the last stitch of the ring finger of his right hand, which he split open in a freak accident earlier this week, and said: "It doesn't bother me. Personally, I feel great. Never better."

The defending champion is Gene Littler of San Diego, Calif., still keyed up from his $25,000 first-prize victory in the $100,000 golf classic in Clifton, N.J., last week.

Three Canadians are entered in the tournament—Al Balding of Toronto, Stan Leonard of Vancouver and Adrien Bigras, a Montrealer now serving in the U.S. Army.

Moyer, Robinson Meet In July

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Phil Moyer, older brother of middle weight contender Denny, will meet former champion Ray Robinson in Los Angeles some time in July, the Moyer brothers' manager said Wednesday in a telephone call from San Francisco.

Sid Flaherty gave no other details.

Denny Moyer won a 10-round decision from Robinson earlier in the year.

Hoopster Inks Football Pact

CLEVELAND (AP) — John (Hondo) Havlicek, who captained Ohio State's basketball team last season, signed a contract Wednesday to play for Cleveland Browns of the National Football League.

Boston Celtics of the National Basketball Association drafted Havlicek and had tried to sign him.

The Browns said four major league baseball teams also were interested in the 22-year-old, six-foot, five inch, 205-pound athlete.

Mount Allison University at Sackville, N.B., was the first university in Canada to confer degrees on women, in 1875.

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