SPORT ECHOES

By Norman Macdonald
Summerside Bureau of The Guardian

The Last Laugh

Jack Grabowski, after a steady diet of softball defeats this summer, has helped himself to three consecutive victories in the Prince County play-offs — two against Enman Drug in the semi-finals, and one against Coastal Movers in the finals. "He who laughs last laughs best" is a well-known saw, and though Grabowski hasn't finished the job yet, he must be snickering a little by this time. In Monday's game, Jack used a pitch that cut in on right-handed batters, and had them breaking their backs trying to hit it. The ball caught a lot of plate corners, and when it missed the plate it hit the batter, or sent him into a hula-hoop routine to keep out of the way.

The real pressure play of the game was the one that ended it. The score was 8-7, with a Coastal Mover on third, and two out. Gord Lyon hit a scorcher to the right of second base, and second sacker Frank Wigglesworth had to go deep, which meant he was forced to hurry his throw and still keep it accurate, and he did. It was no spot for a fellow with jitters, but Wigglesworth was apparently a cool "Johnny on the spot."

Allen Playing Well

The biggest gun in the Coastal Mover attack was Doug Allen, who hit three singles and a home run in four trips. Allen is a threat every time he goes to the plate, and his fielding leaves little to be desired. That's why we couldn't understand why, while playing for MacKenzies that last year, he rode the bench so often. There was supposed to be a lot of master-minding on that team, but keeping a clean-up clouter like Doug in reserve wasn't exactly a brilliant idea. Allen sat so long on the bench he must have begun to think he was "Sitting Bull".

A Surprise Win

The Summerside Juniors win over the Charlottetown Juveniles surprised us and the Henry Gallant — coached crew went up a couple of notches in our estimation. This may sound strange considering they as Juniors were playing juveniles, but it's common knowledge that those kids from the capital City are exceptionally good in their bracket, and would give any Island team a battle. Besides quite a number of our Summerside juniors are still of juvenile age. Now that Don Schurman has graduated from junior ranks (and Don is not having as good a year as he had last year), Paul MacWilliams seems to be fitting into his shoes very well, and if Gerry Smith is still under the required age, he should make a capable alternate. Gerry is improving all the time, and if coached carefully should develop into quite a flinger. He's got the build, and everything else being equal, that's pretty important. Jerry has control trouble and should be working on that—perhaps he is.

Major League Baseball Action

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Frank Robinson, involved in a near brawl in the first inning, slammed two home runs and Chico Ruiz lashed four hits, leading Cincinnati Reds to a 7-1 victory over San Francisco Giants Wednesday in a wild game dotted by four hit batters.

The loss dropped the second-place Giants 5½ games behind Philadelphia Phillies, who played Chicago Wednesday night. The third - place Reds, meanwhile, moved to within one game of the Giants.

In the only other afternoon game, New York Mets beat Pittsburgh 4 - 2, sweeping a three-game series from the Pirates. A grandslam home run by Jim Hickman in the sixth inning gave the Mets the victory and extended their winning streak to four games.

Bob Purkey stymied the Giants on six hits, evening his record at 7 - 7. The Giants played without Willie Mays in the starting lineup. Manager Al Dark said the league's home run leader was removed from the lineup for a rest.

At New York, Hickman's blast went into the parking area just beyond left field and scored Ron Hunt. Joe Christopher and Eddie Kranepool.

Tracy Stallard shut out the Pirates foreight innings but in the ninth Bill Virdon slammed a two-run homer over the right field fence.

Hickman's homer, his ninth of the year and the third grand slam of his career, came off Vernon Law, who suffered his first defeat by the Mets in five decisions.

PIGEON PIE NEXT?

LONG EATON, England (CP) — A new elastic man-made fibre has made it possible to manufacture "stretch lace." The designers of the British Weavers' Lace Association here in Derbyshire are at work on lingerie which they claim has the delicacy of Nottingham lace.

Swimming Star Is Extremely Shy

By ALAN WALKER

LONDON (CP) — A Canadian-born marathon swimmer who holds several records may just be the world's shyest athlete.

"I guess I've got about 10 records now," Royal Navy Commander Charles Forsberg told a reporter. "I don't know what they are off-hand, because I just swim for fun, but there's a list around here somewhere." There was, but he had to hunt hard to find it.

The latest feat of the 32-year-old native of Vancouver was to stroke across Bristol Channel in five hours and 50 minutes. He made that 12-mile swim July 18 and beat the former record by 17 minutes.

Among his other records are Lake Windermere in England, Scotland's Loch Lomond and Ireland's Lough Neagh.

He held the record for the English Channel — England to France, a tougher swim than the opposite direction—for two years until 1959.

REMAINS CITIZEN

Forsberg, though born in Vancouver, didn't start swimming until he got to England—"which is hardly surprising because I was about one year old when I arrived," he said with a quiet chuckle.

He's determined to retain his Canadian citizenship, however, saying he's proud of it.

When he was quite young he found he liked swimming better than any other activity.

"After all, it's the only sport you can participate in lying down," he said. But later he admitted swimming long distance is "90 per cent drudgery and one per cent excitement—rather like war."

Forsberg doesn't like to talk about the swims he attempts until he has completed them. "I hate failing and it looks bad if everybody knows you're trying and you don't make it. They all think you're some kind of publicity hound."

He reckons he has made about 70 marathon swims. The Channel has memories all of its own because of its treacherous currents and tides. "Also, there's a special fascination about swimming from an island that is one country to a mainland that is another country."

BASEBALL SCORES

American League

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Kansas City	020 110 00—	4	6 2
Cleveland	023 010 00x—	6	8 2

Segui (7-11) Drabowsky (4) Stock (5), Wyatt (7) and Edwards; McDowell (3-6) McMahon (7) and Azcue. HR: KC—Gentile (22).

Favorites Take Opening Rounds

By JOHN SHORT

SASKATOON (CP)—Only one upset, a 4 and 3 loss by Ernie Greenley of Regina to Jack Tait of Saskatoon, decorated the opening day of match play in the 1964 Canadian amateur golf championship Wednesday.

Greenley was a member of the Saskatchewan interprovincial team that captured Willingdon Cup honors Tuesday.

All other Saskatchewan team representatives — Keith Rever of Regina, and Ed Ross and Jim Scissons of Saskatoon — joined the favorites in the first of two 18-hole rounds today.

Ross matched par for 13 holes as he strapped Jules Swick of Saskatoon 6 and 5. Scissons tripped Ron Marshall of Vancouver 3 and 1 and Keith Rever stopped Noel Pumfrey of Victoria, B.C., 4 and 3.

Most exciting match of the day was the last one in which Doug Silverberg of Calgary nipped Rich Polumbus of Englewood, Colo., 2 and 1. Silverberg was three under par over the 6,535-yard, par-70 Saskatoon Riverside layout when the match ended.

Only two holes were decided, the second and 13th, and Silverberg won both with impressive threes.

ANOTHER TIGHT MATCH

The man who replaced Silverberg on the Alberta Willingdon Cup team, Len Brayton of Calgary, also became involved in a tight match before he tripped Bill Parkes of Woodstock, Ont., one-up.

Parkes trailed by three holes with only four to play. Brayton made a delicate chip on the 18th hole to salvage a par four and a half. He was drawn against Bunky Henry, Georgia State champion, in one of the featured matches today.

Gary Polumbus, Englewood, Colo., defeated Art MacKenzie, Charlottetown, 3 and 1.

2nd Round Golf Draw

SASKATOON (CP)—Draw for second round of 1964 Canadian amateur golf championship today:

Ed Ross, Saskatoon vs Lane Bickel, Calgary.

Nick Weslock, Toronto vs Frank Bostock, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Bob Wylie, Calgary vs Bill Pidlaski, Winnipeg.

Johnny Johnston, Vancouver vs Terry Campbell, Vancouver.

Jim Scissons, Saskatoon vs Murray Osborn, Saskatoon.

Paul Williams, Hamilton vs John Sirman, Fresno, Calif.

Keith Alexander, Calgary vs Tom Draper, Royal Oak, Mich.

Bert Tiechurst, Vancouver vs Gary Polumbus, Englewood, Colo.

Keith Rever, Regina vs Peter Hope, Dartmouth, N.S.

Gary Cowan, Kitchener vs Henry Setlakwe, Thetford Mines, Que.

John Kliburn, Edmonton vs Ted Homeaulk, Winnipeg.

Bob Kidd, Vancouver vs Dave Morland, North Bay.

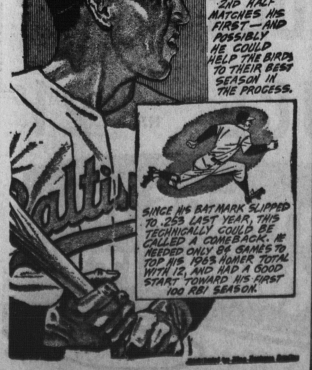
Jack Tait, Saskatoon vs Ron Folk, Saskatoon.

Bruce Brewer, Whitevale, Ont. vs Claude Clement, Valleyfield, Que.

Len Brayton, Calgary vs Bunky Henry, Valdosta, Ga.

John Russell, Vancouver vs Doug Silverberg, Calgary.

BEST SEASON? - - - - - - By Alan Mayer



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