TWO OPEN FAVORITES

Two of the favorites survey the course of the Oak Hill Country club at Rochester, N.Y., where the U.S. National Open golf tourney was started today. The players are Ben Hogan, left, and Cary Middlecoff, veteran par-busters.

Sports

IN THIS CORNER

Baseball Begins Sunday; Coaches Treading On Limbs

Yesterday we said that we thought the City Baseball League wouldn't be started for a week or so but last night we heard a little differently. However. The official opening will be delayed for a few days but the league will swing into action on Sunday afternoon at Memorial Field with the 1955 champion Dodgers taking on Tom MacFarlane's revamped Stars.

The official opening, according to local officials, will be the latter part of next week when it is expected that the 17th RECCE Regiment band will be in attendance to give a short band concert and a local dignitary will toss out the first ball. The game itself will be played under the lights.

Official or not, the first ball will be pitched and the first league game take place Sunday and already, even before the pitchers take to the mound, coaches Tom MacFarlane and Forbie Kennedy are busy contradicting each other and predicting league championships for their clubs. Both, however, agree on one thing: the league will be better balanced this year.

In 1955 the Stars got off to a fast start, winning their first three games of the season but after that they went into a tailspin and finished the league in the cellar and were quickly disposed of by the powerful Dodgers in the semi-final playoffs. But looking over his 1956 roster coach MacFarlane is quite pleased with what he sees and he should be. Says Tom: "We will have a better team this year. We may be a little weak defensively but the runs we boot away we will be expecting to get back on the strength of our batting power. We've got lots of batting power and should win the league. Not easily. But we will win."

Coach Kennedy doesn't agree with Tom at all. He concedes that the Stars have lots of power at the plate but when it comes to calling the league titlists he points to his own Dodgers. Why? "We have the pros" says Forbie. "And the old pros will win the big ones for you. Tom may win the schedule but our pros will win the playoffs."

Meanwhile Flyers' head man Jimmy (Fiddler) MacDonald sits back on the sidelines silently chuckling to himself while his rival coaches verbally decided the City League championship between themselves and decides that they are both wrong. Says "Jimmy: 'The team to beat this year—as it was last year—is the Flyers". We've got the league's best defense, good hitting, and our pitching doesn't have to take a back seat to any."

With all of this apparent confidence in the air it might be a good idea to give a little rundown on the lineups of the teams involved in what promises to be a closely contested baseball league. We might stress, however, that the players listed below are not the only ones who will be playing with the teams. A number of others have been turning up at practices and will be placed on one or other of the teams before Sunday.

STARS

Pitching:—Tom MacFarlane is knee deep in pitching. He has five altogether. Four of them have performed in league play before and one is a newcomer. Fireballer Vern Handrahan heads the staff along with Art MacLeod, Charlie Ryan and Johnny Squarebriggs. The new addition is 17-year-old Don Simmonds, who coach MacFarlane says has shown promising possibilities.

Besides taking care of the hurling duties any of the above players will be available for other spots on the infield or outfield as the need arises.

Catching:—Long-ball hitter Joe Doyle and Donnie LeClair will do backstopping duties for the Stars. Both are good hitters and know how to handle themselves behind the plate.

Infield:—At first base will be last year's league-leading slugger Kip Ready. Lorne Hennessey, Glen Matheson and Squarebriggs will likely round out the infield. Matheson and Hennessey are returning to the sport after an absence of a couple of years.

Outfield: — Brian MacCallum, Bill Morrell, and Wayne MacDonald have been working out in the infield which can be strengthened by Handrahan or Charlie Ryan, who can play almost anywhere.

DODGERS

Pitching: — Forbie Kennedy's Dodgers seem to be a little slack in the pitching department with only two moundsmen available for duty at the moment, with righthander Ronnie Stanley, who was the top pitcher in the league last year, and southpaw Don (Pot) MacDonald, a former Star, rounding out the staff. However, coach Kennedy has been watching the powerful throwing of centerfielder Kenny (SDU) MacDonald with a critical eye and Kenny may find himself a part-time hurler.

Catching: — There's no doubt about solidity in that position. Coach Kennedy, who has been just about the Island's best the past couple of years, will handle it nicely.

Infield:—Three veterans (Forbie's "old pros") and a junior will make up the infield. Irv MacKinnon will be at first, Buck Whitlock at short, Joey LeClair at third and junior Bobby Lund at second.

Outfield: — Smelt Gillis, Ken (Donuts) MacDonald, Ken MacDonald and two young fellows named Cudmore and Clark will likely round out the outfielders.

FLYERS

Pitching:—On thet mound Jimmy MacDonald's staff will be led by Donnie (Funnel) MacLean, who for some years has been one of the top pitchers on the Island. Earl MacKinnon and a new addition, Billy Hughes, make up the other two thirds.

Catching:—Merlin Devine, who did most of the receiving for the Flyers last year, and Frank Shepherd will do a capable backstopping job.

Infield:—The infield of which coach MacDonald is proud has Jack (Spy) Ready at first; Keith Dalziel at second; scrappy Jack Kane at short and Cuker Pineau at the hot corner.

Outfield:—Jack Burke, one of the league's top hitters last year, will be back again at centre and he will get a lot of assistance from Lorne MacGuigan, Earl MacKinnon and a redheaded lad by the name of Silvers, who has been hitting 'em a mile in practice sessions.

British Team And Sweden In Lead At Equestrian Olympics

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The daredevil British team and a tough Swede took the leads in the equestrian Olympic Games Wednesday while the fine performances of three young Toronto riders boosted Canada into third place in team standing.

The second - day event was marred by rain and mud, a rash of accidents and a stable fire that threatened a million dollars worth of horses.

One horse had to be destroyed and three others were seriously injured during the cross - country event over a treacherous 22-mile course. Fourteen horses failed to finish and at last three riders suffered severe injuries.

However, none of the horses or stable hands were injured in the fire.

Britain now holds a commanding lead with 331.1 points. Germany is second at 402.91 and Canada third with 532.72.

TAKES INDIVIDUAL LEAD

Petrus Kastenman of Sweden took the individual lead with 45.53 penalties, considered by expert horsemen to be as low a score possible under such poor conditions.

John Rumble, a 22-year-old University of Toronto student riding in his first international competition, paced the Canadian team and now is in 14th place in the individual standing with 142.53 points. Riding the Canadian-bred Cilroy, he had an excellent score of 19.73 points for Wednesday's performance.

James Elder, also 22 and also a University of Toronto student, took 42.9 penalties for a two-day total of 183.69. Brian Herbinson, 27, a Toronto insurance worker, piled up 75.30 penalty marks for a total of 206.50.

The misses left Elder in 20th place and Herbinson in 21st.

The stable fire started in a pile of hay and quickly spread through the big red brick training building. Dozens of horses were evacuated to safety and tied to trees across the street. Horses taken from the building include some Canadian entries.

Countrymen II, owned by the Queen, was adversely affected by the excitement and smoke. He was one of those who dashed across the road to safety and Wednesday night one of his handlers said "this won't do him any good tomorrow when he goes out for the jumping section of the trials."

The Queen, who is visiting here, has been a spectator several times at the games.

Managers Informally Agree To Moore-Patterson Bout

NEW YORK (AP) — Archie Moore, world light-heavyweight boxing champion, and Floyd Patterson, recent victor over Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson, will meet in the New York Yankee stadium ring late in September, their managers agreed informally Tuesday, in what is intended to be a world heavyweight championship bout.

James D. Norris, president of the International Boxing Club, said he will start work immediately asking the official boxing organizations to recognize the bout as for the heavyweight crown which Rocky Marciano recently gave up.

No contracts have been signed and most of the details of the bout still must be worked out.

The main accomplishment at the three-way conference in Norris' office is the agreement that the two will meet.

Sarnia Renamed Golden Bears

SARNIA, Ont. (CP) — Sarnia, senior club of the Ontario Rugby Football Union, has been renamed the Golden Bears.

Selection of the new name was made Wednesday at a meeting of the board of directors.

The club previously was known as the Sarnia Imperials.

ENRICHED BY TIME

A United States $5 gold piece of 1882, in the Smithsonian Institution as a rarity, is valued at $15,000.

The Prince Edward Island Regiment (17th Recce) is interested in recruiting truck drivers for a driver pool. Any person interested in joining this unit as a truck driver please contact Lieut. D. B. MacBeth at the Armouries on Thursday evening, June 14th from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Applicants must possess a Provincial drivers license before they will be accepted.

Successful applicants will be taken to Camp Utopia with the Regiment, where they will be given an opportunity to qualify as army drivers. After camp their duties will consist entirely of driving.

Any regimental personnel interested in joining this driver pool may also contact Lieut. MacBeth at the above place and time.

Signed,
D. B. MacBEATH, Lieut.
Transport Officer,
Prince Edward Island Regiment.

ATTENTION

ALL NAVAL VETERANS

There will be a meeting of all Naval Veterans at the L. P. U. Hall, 48 Water Street on Saturday, June 16th, 1956 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of forming a Main Brace Naval Veterans Association Branch for Charlottetown.

There will be in attendance several members of the National Council Main Brace Naval Veterans Association of Canada.

All who are interested are urged to attend.

(Sgd.) R. A. M. MacKENZIE,
Secretary,
National Council.

97TH RUNNING SATURDAY

Odds Against Long Shot Winning Queen's Plate

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP)—Don't figure on a long shot to win Saturday's 97th renewal of the Queen's Plate. The odds are stacked against it.

A check of plate records shows that only six winners in the last 42 years have returned more than $8.70 on a two-buck ticket. That should make it obvious the three-year-olds have been running to form on the big day in this $25,000-added stakes.

Included in the six is Ace Marine, the 1955 winner who paid $13.20 but he can't be considered a long shot. The chalk-eaters went along with the chestnut colt but the betting public concentrated on glamor - boy Senator Jim and backed him down 6-to-5 odds when the mutuels closed.

RETURNED $193.25

Old-timers like to recall the 1924 plate running when H. S. Wilson's Maternal Pride upset all pre-race dope and returned a whopping $193.25 to a few plungers, the longest price in the history of the race.

It was Maternal Pride's first—and last—race.

The form players had their days until 1943 when Paolita, with veteran jockey Pat Remillard aboard, paid $76.50. Four years later Moldy, owned by R. S. McLaughlin, gave the Oshawa, Ont. sportsman his third plate victory and his backers $36.50.

This year the form players can't see anything except Canadian Champ to take the Queen's 50 guineas and some $26,000 over the spanking new multi-million-dollar New Woodbine track.

CONSISTENT WINNER

The Champ has everything going for him. He set a Canadian record by winning $51,480 as a two-year-old last season and has won its three starts this year, including the seven-furlong Plate trial Tuesday.

The bay colt, owned by Bill Beasley of Toronto, went six furlongs last May 25 and won easily. Two weeks ago it raced a mile and 70 yards over a heavy track and scampered home an easy winner.

Come sun or mud on Plate day, it appears the Champ is ready to enter the winners' circle, but there's one fellow who refuses to consider the Beasley speedster a cinch winner. He is Conn Smythe, co-owner with Larkin Maloney of Bunty's Flight.

"Maybe some guys are conceding this thing to Beasley's horse," Smythe has said repeatedly the last two weeks. "But not me. Wait until he wins it—if he wins it—before you start patting him on the head."

Racing At Hazelbrook

Results of horse races held at Hazelbrook Saturday, June 9th are as follows:

CLASS A:

Little J. K., (Stewart)	1 2 1
Buddy Watson, (Clow)	4 1 3
Dan McElwyn (Smallwood)	2 3 2
Money's Own (Paynter)	3 4 d

Time: 2.24; 2.24; 2.28.

CLASS B:

Thorndale (Young)	1 1 1
Michael Peter (Ryan)	2 2 3
Guy Baron (Wood)	4 3 2
Buddy Budlong (Carver)	3 dr.

Time: 2.26; 2.27; 2.26.

CLASS C.:

Calumet the Great (Thorne)	1 1 2
Bob Yo e (Jones)	3 3 1
Miss Federal (Jones)	2 2 3
Southport's Pride (Smallwood)	4 4 4

Time: 2.50; 2.40; 2.43.

Officials were: Starter J. Thomas McKenna; Timer. Hollis Jenkins; Judges James Rankin and Terrence Magennis.

LOU DEMONSTRATES SHIFT

Manager Lou Boudreau of Kansas City (second from right) demonstrates with tape and baseballs to three of his ball players how his new "Mickey Mantle shift" works. Boudreau's shift has held the Yankee star to 4-for-0 in two games against A's. Mantle struck out three times and went out on a 420-foot fly. Left to right, listening to Boudreau, are Enos Slaughter, pitcher Bobby Shantz, Boudreau and pitcher Lou Kretlow.

TO INVESTIGATE WAGES

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Premier Smallwood said Wednesday Magistrate H. Noseworthy of Goose Bay, Labrador, has been appointed to investigate wage rates paid by contractors on defence sites in Labrador. He said the government has been informed some of the contractors are paying Labrador residents 85 cents an hour, 10 cents less than workers recruited from other parts of Newfoundland and the mainland

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