Sport Echoes From Prince County

We would like to pay tribute to one of the most promising prospects in Island baseball for many a full moon. We refer to Donald MacLeod, who almost single-handed led the Curran & Briggs Juniors low in the third game of their final series for the Island championship played in Charlottetown last Sunday. "Duck" is just about everything a ball player should be. He is perhaps the best young pitcher developed in Prince Edward since Alan Stewart was throwing them in for Summerside, and he packs a mighty wallop at the bat. So mighty, in fact, that if he continues in baseball, he will probably be shifted to some other position, like Babe Ruth who started as a pitcher, was.

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The Curran & Briggs Juniors are the best lookers in Island baseball — and we don't mean handsome, though they will probably pass the female censors in that respect too. We refer to their fondness for standing at the plate like so many Statues of Liberty and watching called strikes go by. We always felt that these boys didn't get enough exercise in the batter's box, so, after one inning was over, in Sunday's game, we decided to become statistician-in-chief of a brand new statistic. We kept tally and found out that the C. & B. batters (to use the word loosely) looked at 29 strikes going over the platter in eight innings, while the Abbie Juniors were looking at 10 in seven frames. Maybe this doesn't prove a thing but it sure looks a bit Q.E.D.-ish to us.

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Dee Lefurgey, our promising young Summerside hurler, also pitched a pretty good game. His fielders twice did a minuet while the baseball was thundering down out of the skies, and that didn't help his cause any. Dee had bested MacLeod in the first game of the play-offs by completely barring the door to the home plate throughout the full nine innings. He pitched superbly to do this, but had to have a little luck naturally too. On Sunday lady luck wouldn't give young Lefurgey any kind of encouragement, though, we understand. Dee did strum a guitar beneath the fickle lady's balcony window.

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The Trans-Canada Movers didn't take well to the 11-10 defeat that the Daks hung on them in the first game of the final series for the Ladies' Island Softball Championship. We talked to a few of them after the game, and they were ready to chew a pound of 5-inch spikes with shingle nails for dessert. They were still mad as a duck in the Sahara when they started the second game Monday evening. Result — Trans-Canada Movers 21, Air Force Daks 3. It just doesn't pay to rile these gals.

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We think the main reason for the overwhelming defeat was the wonderful control that Marie Peters showed for the first time this year. Marie has no peer in these parts as a pitcher if she could do something about these free tickets she issues to the initial sack. It's no trouble at all for Marie to dish out nine of ten of these walks per game, but she certainly turned over a new leaf Monday night. Just one Dak batter reached first with Marie's compliments. If she can keep that up, we'll bet a pound of coffee against two gold nuggets that the Daks won't beat her again this year.

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If the Holman Intermediates add Gunner Cox, Fred Pittman and Joensy to their roster, they'll have one of the most potent batting teams to be seen in Summerside for some time. Right now they're doing pretty well with the hickory, and with this added strength they should cause the Abbie pitchers a few sleepless nights. Jimmy Grady is waving the stick with the same old authority he had in his heyday. Paul Schurman has come out of a two-year slump and is getting more than his share of base-hits. Joe Bernard was always dangerous at the plate, and he still is. Garth Gay can get the odd damaging blow. Unfortunately we're losing Terry Rogerson, but if the other Air Force boys play, the team will have a kick like a mule—or Roger Bannister.

Boxing Authority Comments On Next Week's Fight Card

The following comments on next Monday night's fight card at the Charlottetown Forum have been received from Jim Pendergast, noted sports authority particularly on the subjects of boxing or track and field.

The program of fights at the Forum on next Monday night seems to be arousing unusual interest in Charlottetown and in all parts of the Province.

Trainor, the local champion who is 20 years old is the pride and hope of the local fight fans. He loves to fight and has had remarkable success. His weight is given as 154 lbs (same as Fitzsimmons when he won the heavyweight championship from Corbett). In the natural order of physical development, he will take on weight and graduate into the light-heavy class (158-175). He has had 23 fights in the United States and Canada.

This fellow Taylor appears on paper to have quite a formidable record, but a boxing match is unpredictable. We must not forget the observation of Fitz at Butte, Montana, when he went the four rounder with a leviathon monstrosity. "The bigger they are the 'arder they fall."—in this case in a figurative sense. Actually the weights are even.

Trainor is endowed with great physical strength and nervous energy. All great physical feats require much nervous energy. He has the "fighting heart and will to win," which will in no small degree compensate for comparative lack of experience.

Boxing bouts are full of upsets and surprises. Jim Corbett had it all over Fitz for 13 rounds but just couldn't get the "birdie" punch over. Fitz in desperation tried the simple old one, two, three (left, right, left, with right foot forward, left landing over the "pit" of the stomach. When Corbett revived he protested "foul play"—thought he was hit by some terrible outside force. It was known at the time as the solar plexus blow.

Many of those big fights are won by well formed plans or systems—methods by which to counter the opponents "long suit". For instance Dempsey battering Jess Willard's ribs to make him drop his "guard", and then shifting to the jaw. It was as simple as that. Dempsey was Max Baer's adviser when he beat Primo Carnero.

Mix Schmeling saw Joe Louis' weak defence against a good right and capitalized on it. The writer saw Jack Blackburn faint the Barbadoes wonder, Joe Walcott, No. 1 into a straight left lead and knocked him out with a right cross counter, which didn't move more than six inches, very few saw the punch, but it ended Joe's great career. Ring history is full of upsets. The greatest of all was the defeat of "Terrible" Terry McGovern by Young Corbett in 1901.

Trainor is a good living, hard working young fellow, 5 ft, 11 ins, of whom Charlottetonians expect great things. He is rated No. 2 Canadian middleweight contender. He will have the psychological "pull" of all the home folks.

The Bud Ramsay-McGillivary set-to will attract a big crowd from Summerside and Prince County. McGillivary is from New Glasgow, N. S.

Gaston Roy, colorful St. Dunstan's University student is pitted against Roy Steele, son of the original Tiger Steele of Charlottetown. The opener will be a four rounder between Bobby Quinn and Young (Tiger) Steele, both of Charlottetown.

It wouldn't be advisable to sell those prelims short. The contenders are all experienced fighters and a victory is of nearly as much importance to them as it will be to the principals.

Boston born promoter Ivan Doherty has succeeded in putting exhibitions of the manly art of self defence in Charlottetown on a high plane. He has the unique distinction of being the youngest active boxing promoter in Canada, and seems to have the perspicacious and happy faculty of matching his competitors well. He is a Canadian Navy veteran, who did a considerable amount of boxing in navy tournaments.

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Don Doe Ousted From U. S. Amateur Golf Competitions

DETROIT (CP) — Don Doe of Granby, Que., who sprang a major upset Wednesday by ousting Billy Joe Patton of Morganton, N. C. from the United States amateur golf championships here, was himself eliminated later.

In a rain-delayed game, Doe lost a 3 and 2 decision to lightly-regarded Wilson Barnes of Chappaqua, N. Y.

A crackling thunderstorm halted play late in the afternoon after several top-ranking contenders had been eliminated.

Harvie Ward, who won the 1954 Canadian Amateur at London, Ont. last week, lost a thriller to Frank Stranahan of Toledo, O., one up.

SILVERBERG OUT

Doug Silverberg of Red Deer, Alta., the other half of Canada's two-man entry, got by the third round with a 2-and-1 victory over Alex Wash of Rockford, Ill., but took a 6-and-5 drubbing from Ed Martin of Winchester, Mass., before the storm hit in the afternoon.

The Doe-Patton match was ragged in the early stages. The American, pre-tournament favorite, soared five strokes over par on the outgoing nine to trail by one hole. He was trailing by the same margin at the 17th, where Doe sank a 40-yard wedge shot for a par three, leaving his opponent a 45-foot putt on a tricky rolling green.

"If he sinks this, I'll faint," Doe whispered to his caddy.

Patton measured his assignment for minutes, stroked the ball cleanly and it dropped.

As an anti-climax, Patton muffed an easy chip shot in the 18th and missed an 11-foot putt while Doe got down in par four for a two-stroke edge.

Baseball Practice

There will be a baseball practice for the Junior Abbies at Memorial Field this evening at six o'clock.

Morell Defeat St. Peter's 13-9

Morell defeated St. Peter's 13-9 yesterday in the first game of the best of three semi-final series of the Queens and Kings County Intermdiate B baseball play-offs.

The second game will be played in St. Pet :'s on Sunday afternoon.

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Holmans Win

thrown out of game in ninth.

Holman's	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
P. Schurman, ss, p	5	0	0	3	2	0
Dalton, cf	2	3	1	2	1	0
Cox, 3b	4	3	3	1	0	2
J. Grady, rf	5	2	1	0	0	0
B. Grady, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bernard, p, ss	4	1	2	2	3	0
Hunter, c	3	0	0	5	1	0
Harris, lf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Gay, 1b	3	0	0	8	2	0
xM. Schurman, 2b	1	0	0	1	2	0
xxDesRoches, c	0	0	0	4	0	0
Totals	32	9	8	27	11	2

x-replaced B. Grady in third.
xx-replaced Hunter in seventh.

Summary—Earned runs—Abbies 5, Holmans 5. RBI's—Ryan, Murphy, McNeill 3, Cox 2, J. Grady, Bernard 3, Harris. Doubles—Hood Bernard. Triple—Cox. Home runs—McNeill. left on bases—Abbies 9, Holmans 12. Hits of Bernard 9 in 6 innings, off Schurman 0 in 3 innings. Off Murphy 3 in 3 innings, off MacKinnon 1 in 2 1-3 innings, off Whitlock 4 in 2 2-3 innings. Walks—Bernard 1, Schurman 3, Murphy 5, McKinnon 4, Whitlock 1. Strikeouts—Bernard 3, Schurman 5, Murphy 1, McKinnon 1, Whitlock 2. Stolen bases—Harris 2, Dalton 2. Sacrifice hit — M. Schurman. Sacrifice fly—Whitlock.

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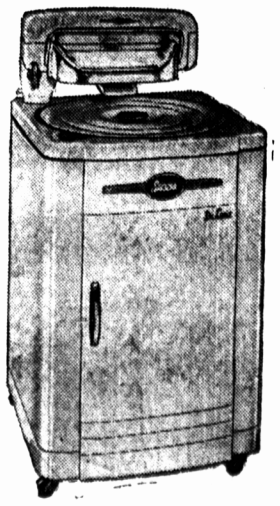
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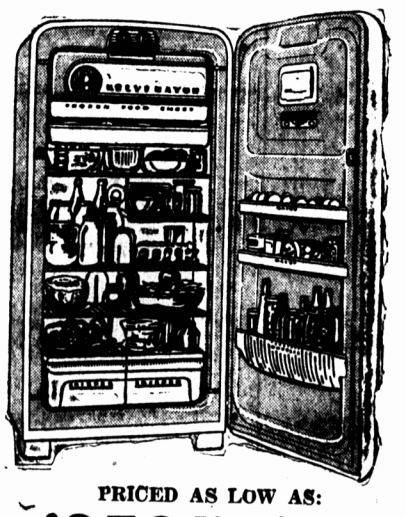
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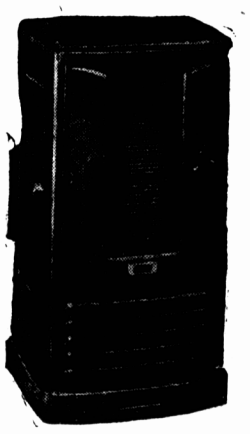
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