

# Ring Reminiscences

—Fights and Fighters—  
(By James Pendergast)

At that time the news had gotten abroad pretty well about the P. E. Island — even some of the Indians had heard. I went up river some 40 or 50 miles to see an Indian who was reported to have dug out a den of five "black" foxes. They looked tawny and quite dark, but they turned out to be all "reds". I had never seen fox pups and thought there was a possibility of their being black. I bought them for about 25 or 30 dollars, and took them down to the basement of the hotel, got a boy at the hotel for some time for about two months while I was up the Skeena and Bulkley, and up the coast to Juneau and Wrangell and on the Stikine to Telegraph Creek.

Personal experiences must be something out of the ordinary to hold the interest of readers. I'm afraid the digression and rather long account of the Skeena expedition will cause numerous yawns. The account of the Stikine excursions in 1913 and 1914 will be left for some future date. The Skeena and Bulkley trip is one of grand scenic beauty. The snow capped mountains of the mainland are like sentinels which have stood watch for millions of years. The islands are heavily wooded with large timber — the forest primeval. They appear to be rocky and mountainous. Vancouver Island must be twenty times the size of Prince Edward Island. Queen Charlotte Island is quite large — most of those islands have mineral deposits, both alluvial and in rock formation.

Recent news items report that the B.C. government is seriously considering a gift of one of those islands to Lord Mountbatten and Queen Elizabeth. It would be a fine gesture surely, but its hard to see that the Royal Couple could have time or inclination to give attention to a wood island in the Pacific.

During the Royal visit in the summer of 1930, Queen Elizabeth expressed a wish to own one of those islands. It was perhaps a passing bit of sentiment. She thought she would like success from "The fierce white light which beats upon a throne" for a few days. I don't recall much conversation with other passengers on the voyage. We were introduced to Patterson (Pat) at the wharf in Seattle just as the boat was leaving. We made the acquaintance of another very tall fellow enroute. There was a German woman whose English husband was in Dawson who gave a very vivid description of a train hold-up and robbery which she had experienced in travelling through the Skitvoo mountains enroute to Germany during the previous fall.

There had been scarcely any train robbing during the interval after the daring robberies by Jesse James and his gang, and this one was world news. I had remembered reading about it. The leaders were two young punk desperadoes. They were brothers.

Their method was the old one employed by the James gang — two of them boarded the engine and tender as the train pulled out of a station. Others would get aboard the cars, or get on the brake rods. The forward desperadoes would crawl over the tender into the cab and overcome the driver and fireman and bring the train to a stop. Then promiscuous revolver shooting would begin so as to break as many windows and terrify as many passengers as possible. When the

passengers are thoroughly paralyzed with fear, the systematic personal looting begins. A scowling "front" orders the passengers to deliver their money and jewelry which is dumped into a bag held by his confederate. The people are generally ossified with fear and readily disgorge their money and valuables. There are always some who in extreme emergencies retain their wits and composure and can hide their money some way for the time being, but the hiding must be done instantly before the holdup men get in the car. The slightest movement by a fidgety passenger would be seen by the gunman, and would be a signal for a fusillade of shots.

Those desperadoes are under high tension probably "hopped up" by heroin or marijuana drugs. They can't afford to relax once their hand is in. This quick wit and composure of the German woman stood her in good stead. On hearing the first shots, she crammed her money and much nugget and diamond jewelry into the small purse and threw it into a fishing trip, a past-time which fortunately for her happened to be nearby. She saved out one dollar note which she passed to the "vegg". He looked at her and said "Is that all you got?" She said "yes". He threw it back to her with a scowl of disgust. She must have been quite an actress to be able to play such a part under high pressure. Naturally she wasn't very glamorous and prosperous looking to begin with, and it called for no extraordinary heroic effort to be feeling poor and looking poor too.

The holdup "punks" made a big haul of money and valuables, but

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## Baseball Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Chicago	000 000 000-0 0 1
Brooklyn	310 000 01x-5 7 0
Erskine and Campanella; Hackers, Ramsdell (2) and Atwell.	
Pittsburgh	005 100 011-6 12 1
New York	000 001 000-5 2 2
Dickson and Garagiola; Jansen, Wilhelm (4) Spencer (8) and Westrum, Yvares (3).	
St. Louis	000 015 000-6 12 1
Philadelphia	012 001 000-4 9 0
Boyer, Brazel (8) and D. Rice; Egan, Konstanty (6), Hansen (7), Heintzelman (8) and Burgess.	
Cincinnati	001 100 023-7 11 0
Boston	011 002 000-4 7 2
Church, Smith (8) and Semlinch; Johnson, Jones (8) and Cooper.	

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
New York	201 202 100-3 12 0
Detroit	000 000 000-0 7 1
Reynolds and Berra; Gray, Stuart (3) Johnson (7) and Ginsberg.	
Washington	111 000 003-6 14 1
Cleveland	000 000 200-3 11 2
Marrero and Grasso; Wynn and Hegan.	
Boston	100 000 001-2 8 1
St. Louis	000 000 000-0 5 0
Delock and Wilber; Holcombe, Madison (3), Paige (9) and Johnson.	
First:	
Philadelphia	001 000 003-4 7 0
Chicago	000 000 100-1 5 2
Shantz and Astroth; Brown and Masi.	
Second:	
Philadelphia	020 000 002-4 9 1
Chicago	100 200 025-5 6 3
Hooper and Tipton; Dobson, Kennedy (8), Dorish (9) and Lollar.	

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE	
Montreal	100 110 100-4 7 2
Ottawa	100 000 000-5 6 1
Lassard, Hughes (8) and Thompson; Bishop, Murray (8) and Watlington.	
Toronto	200 300 001-0 6 7 0
Springfield	105 000 000-1 7 7 1
(10 innings)	
Hetki, Shore (9), Silverman (9) and Anderson; Ihde, Padgett (9) and Burbrink.	
Rochester	002 000 203-7 11 1
Baltimore	003 000 201-6 9 0
Martin, Hahn (7) Bokelman (8) Collum (9) Habenicht (9) and Bucha; Stuffel, Donnelly and Tabacheck.	
Syracuse	022 000 000-4 7 1
Buffalo	200 001 000-3 9 0
Keegan and Drescher, Mordarski (7); Borowy, Poole (8) and Ciesielski.	

## Probable Pitchers In Today's Games

NEW YORK, June 19 — (AP)—Probable pitchers for tomorrow's major league games (won and lost records in brackets):

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
St. Louis at Boston (night)—Staley (9-4) vs. Wilson (5-5).	
Cincinnati at Philadelphia (night)—Blackwell (2-7) vs. Drews (2-7).	
Chicago at New York (night)—Minner (6-2) vs. Maglie (9-2).	
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn — Pollet (2-7) vs. Wade (5-3).	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
New York at Chicago (night)—Raschi (6-2) vs. Rogovin (5-6).	
Washington at St. Louis (night)—Sleater (3-1) or Moreno (2-5) vs. Byrne (5-7).	
Philadelphia at Detroit (night)—Byrd (2-4) vs. Trucks (2-7).	
Boston at Cleveland (night)—Farnell (4-4) vs. Lemon (5-7).	

## Racing To Resume At Sports Centre

SYDNEY, N. S., June 19 — (CP)—The lights go on again at the Cape Breton Sports Centre Friday night when eight one-mile dashes will be staged. After the opening night, races will be held each Tuesday and Friday during the summer. The Sports Centre went into bankruptcy this year but later came to an agreement with the Cape Breton Turf Club to operate the spacious plant this season.

## LITTLE SPORT



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And still they pass on. The sporting fraternity lost another member yesterday in the death of Les Hooper, well known barber and sports writer. Les lost his life as the result of a car accident on a fishing trip, a past-time which he enjoyed tremendously during the spring and summer months. There were few, if any, more ardent trout fishermen than Les, who spent a great deal of his spare time at the fly-casting game.

In the winter Les was an ardent follower of hockey as he was of fishing in the summer. For several years he was manager of the East Royals Royals and was one of the members who helped organize that club. He also had other hockey connections with younger players. There were few subjects which Les liked discussing more than hockey and many's the entertaining talk we have had with him about it. His friendly way from the barbershop chair will indeed be missed. To his wife, four-year-old son David, mother and sister we extend our sincere sympathy.

The Island League baseball officials will attempt this evening to pitch another game on Memorial Field. This time it's the Maritime Central Airways and the Junior Abbies in a game that was originally scheduled for last Sunday but which was rained out. "Lefty" MacAleer, who last week had the Junior Abbies eating out of his hand will be hurling for M.C.A. Freddy Keilior, the M.C.A.'s other pitcher was struck on the knee yesterday in practise and may be sidelined for the game this evening. His injury is not believed to be too serious.

There have been quite a few stories coming out of Quebec to the effect that pay rolls of several Major Hockey League teams were no higher than \$2300 with many of the players drawing no higher than \$100. They all may be quite true but the other day an interesting article appeared in the Branford Express regarding player salaries in Allan Cup play. According to the article the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds are eyeing two stary members of the Stratford Indians who were one of the big clubs in Allan Cup hockey last spring. Reportedly one player was offered \$100 a week plus an office job and the other \$80 a week in addition to a paying job of \$156 an hour with pay to start the day they commenced work.

The report from the Sydney meeting last night that the Millionaires were only \$7,000 in the red comes as something of a surprise especially after hearing the reports that came out of Sydney during and since the meeting. The statement that Sydney would string along with Maritime Major Hockey next year is not so much of a surprise. It would be pretty hard to imagine the Millionaires dropping down to a lower calibre of hockey than their neighbors from Glace Bay. The meeting last night passed a motion to immediately secure a top flight coach for next year.

Jean Bellevue will be at the Montreal Canadiens training camp next fall, reports Bax O'Meara in the Montreal Star. O'Meara writes: "He will decide then what he intends to do. He has to make a monumental decision and he isn't being pressed. It isn't true that he has signed up with the Aces. O'Meara also reports that Maurice Richard feels in much improved health and that he expects to have a much better season next year.

## Baseball Standing

(By The Canadian Press)	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
New York	33 20 .623
Boston	33 25 .569-2½
Chicago	32 27 .542-4
Cleveland	32 28 .533-4½
Washington	28 26 .519-7½
St. Louis	27 32 .458-9½
Philadelphia	23 29 .442-9½
Detroit	18 39 .316-17
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Brooklyn	40 15 .727
New York	35 20 .636-5½
Chicago	34 24 .588-7½
St. Louis	31 30 .508-12
Cincinnati	28 30 .483-13½
Philadelphia	23 53 .411-17½
Boston	23 34 .404-18
Pittsburgh	17 45 .274-26½

## Little League Games Tonight

Three Little League games are scheduled for this evening at six o'clock. The Royals play the Lions on the Hospital Field; The Indians meet the Dodgers on the K. G. diamond; and the Falcons play the Anchors on the Hospital Field.

## Carl Erskine Pitches No-Hit, No-Run Game For Brooklyn Dodgers

(Associated Press)

Carl Erskine, 25-year-old Brooklyn right-hander, pitched the National League's first no-run, no-hit game of 1952 Thursday as the Dodgers defeated Chicago Cubs for the third straight time, 5-0. Erskine allowed only one batter to reach base, just missing becoming the first pitcher to turn in a perfect game since Charley Robertson retired 27 straight Detroit Tigers April 30, 1922.

The walk was to Willard Ramsdell, opposing pitcher. The third inning Erskine threw four fast balls to the weak-hitting Chicago moundsman.

The only other pitcher to hurl a no-hitter this year was Virgil Trucks of the Tigers who blanked Washington Senators 1-0 May 15. The last Brooklyn pitcher to do the trick was Rex Barney when he shut out New York Giants Sept. 9, 1948.

Erskine had fine fielding support behind him although only five balls were hit to the outfield. Third baseman Bobby Morgan, shortstop Peaches Reese and second baseman Jackie Robinson came up with fielding gems while rightfielder Carl Furillo caught two flies. Erskine took a hand in retiring six Cubs at first. He fanned only one.

The Dodgers tallied thrice in the first inning when Reese singled, ace manager Andy Patto cinched Homer, Compy and Facko caught Hacker in the fourth with his 10th homer.

Brooklyn increased its first-place margin over the Giants to five games as Pittsburgh Pirates whipped the defending champions 8-1 behind the five-hit pitching of Murray Dickson. A five-run rally at the expense of Larry Jansen in the third got the Pirates off winging.

The Pirates got 12 hits, in-

## Abbies And M.C.A. Teams Clash Tonight

The two arch-rivals Maritime Central Airways and the Junior Abbies will meet this evening at Memorial Field in an Island League baseball game. The game, which was to have been played last Sunday afternoon, will get underway at 5:30.

"Lefty" MacAleer, who set the Junior Abbies down on five hits in his last outing, will be pitching for M.C.A. tonight. It has been announced by coach Tom MacFarlane.

For the Junior Abbies it will very likely be Lorne MacDougall although coach Ev. MacNeill may make a last minute change and send lefthander Junior MacLeod to the hill.

The Abbies have yet to taste defeat in league play this year. In their first game they edged out the Abbie Intermediates by one run. Since then they earned draws with the Curran and Briggs Juniors and M.C.A.

Maritime Central Airways have a tie and loss in two starts. Their first game was that memorable 1-1 draw with the Junior Abbies in which Donnie MacLean hurled a no-hitter.

First baseman Des Trainor may be back in uniform for M.C.A. this evening. Trainor has been ill with the flu for the past week but here is a possibility that he may be well enough to play today.

In 3 trips, Stone, Major and Finnegan got a single apiece. The Cubs booted the ball seven times, and the PMQ's made five miscues.

Line-ups:  
PMQ Ramblers: Stone, ss; Thompson cf; Major p; Finnegan c; Smith lf; Jackson if; Mason 2b; Hunter rf; Clarke 3b.

Aeneas' Cubs: Delaney 2b; Arsenault and L. Gaudet p; C. Gallant cf; G. C. Gallant ss; R. Gaudet 1b; R. Richards rf; D. Gallant 3b; V. Gallant lf.

Umpires: Plate, G. DesRoches; bases, G. Sullivan.

OTTAWA, June 19 — (CP)—Don Thompson, Montreal Royals left fielder who was hit on the head by a pitched ball in an International League baseball game here Tuesday night, will be in hospital two or three weeks.

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., June 19 — (AP)—Chairman Bob Christenberry of the New York State Athletic Commission said today a definite decision will be made tomorrow on the fate of Ray Robinson's middleweight title if he lifts Joey Maxim's light heavyweight crown Monday night at Yankee Stadium.

Marilyn Major, speedball pitcher of the PMQ Ramblers, struck out 16 batters in five innings, and allowed only one hit, as she led her team to an 8-4 victory over Aeneas' Cubs at the Recreation Centre diamond last night.

Major walked seven, and on three occasions her catcher failed to hold a third strike, permitting three batters to reach first base safely. Lorinda Gaudet, the only Cub batter to get a bingle, drove a let-up pitch of Mrs. Major's past the keystone sack in the fourth frame. This was the inning in which Aeneas' Cubs, under a new skipper, Mark Delaney, got all their runs.

The Ramblers got five hits, all of Lorinda Gaudet, who relieved Shirley Arsenault in the second inning. Gaudet whiffed one and walked four. Arsenault also fanned one batter, and issued two free tickets in the inning she worked. Jackson swung the big stick for the Better Halves, with 2 hits.

H. Poulton 2b, F. Moreside ss, B. Acorn cf, M. Kays 3b, N. Young p, J. Szotak rf, E. Ward ph.

Lineup:  
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Maritime Electric — 502 035 0-15  
Guardian — 141 214 2-13  
Schleyer and R. Hughes; Young and G. Ward.

## Cardinals Meet Royals In Bantam League Finals

The Cardinals won the right to meet the Royals in the City Bantam League finals when they trounced the Bearcats by a 15-0 score in the second game of the semi-final series. The Cardinal won the first game 9-0.

Rollie Lee hurled a magnificent one hitter for a winner. The only hit he surrendered was a single to the lead-off batter in the first inning. Lee also helped his own cause by banging out two doubles and a single. Jim MacDougall of the Cardinal smashed out two long doubles.

The Bantam League finals will begin this evening on the Oil Diamond with the Cardinals playing the Royals in the best of five series.

Lineups:—  
Cardinals: Hennessey 3b, Lee p, MacQuarrie 2b, Vail ss, Le Clair c, MacDougall 1b, MacLeod cf, Coyle lf, Hughes rf.

Bearcats: Mahar p, ss, Hagen ss, p, Lund 2b, R. MacCormick 1b, D. MacCormick c, Trainer of Weatherble II, Costello rf, Johnson 3b.

Umpire: Joe Longaphie; base judges, Bobby Dillon, Rollie Doiron.

Line scores:—  
Cards ————— 211 154 1-15 9 1  
Bearcats ————— 300 000 0-3 1 1  
Lee and LeClair; Mahar, Hagen (5) and D. MacCormick.

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Mrs. W. E. Cotton ————— 10  
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## City League Softball Tonight

Horne's Motors will play the Maritime Electric in a City League Softball game on the Parkdale Diamond this evening. George Schleyer will pitch for Maritime Electric while either Leo Lamoureux or Ray Frederick will hurl for Horne's. The game will commence at six o'clock.

## No Night Harness Racing In Ontario

TORONTO, June 19 — (CP) — Premier Frost today refused to change government policy so that night harness racing meets could be staged in Ontario.

A delegation from the Standard Bred Racing Association asked for the change in policy that would permit night trotting and pacing races at Thorncliffe Park here and at other tracks throughout the province.

"There is no intention on the part of the government to change its present policy in this regard," the Premier told the press after he had received the delegation. "It would only open the way to a new type of gambling."

## Women's British Golf Title Goes To Scotland

TROON, Scotland, June 19 — (AP)—Moira Paterson brought the women's British golf title to Scotland for the first time in 14 years today by defeating Frances Stephens of England, 1 up on the 38th hole with an amazing comeback.

Twice Miss Paterson was five down. Miss Stephens, frail, 27-year-old daughter of a Liverpool professional, won this championship in 1949 and was runner-up last year. Miss Paterson reached the final of the Scottish championship last year. Both were members of the British Curtis Cup team which defeated the Americans at Mullfield two weeks ago.

## ANNUAL MEETING

P. E. ISLAND HOCKEY CLUB originally scheduled for FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 13 will be postponed until FRIDAY, JUNE 20 Canadian Legion Hall at 8 o'clock.

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