

Form P. E. I. Branch Of Amateur Athletic Union

A Prince Edward Island branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada was organized last night by a group of provincial sportsmen at a meeting held in the offices of the Workmen's Compensation Board in Charlottetown.

Hon. J. Walter Jones, Premier of the Province, consented to act as Honorary President. Brigadier W.W. Reid, D.S.O., E.D., was elected president of the newly formed branch, the first of its kind to be formed in the Maritimes.

Three vice presidents, one from each county were elected. They were: James Hogan, Jr. Summerside for Prince County; Major John A. MacDonald, Cardigan for Kings and George Walters, Charlottetown for Queens.

Wally Scantlebury, Charlottetown, was elected secretary and treasurer. A seven man development committee to study constitutional, financial and other matters was formed. Appointed to the committee were: Norman MacDonald, Summerside, chairman, Col. W.J. MacDonald, George Francis, George Walter, Art Sullivan, Fl. Lt. Palmer and Brigadier Reid.

Meeting Well Attended

Last night's meeting was well attended with those present showing considerable enthusiasm over the prospects of forming an Island branch of the A.A.U. of C. This is the first time the P.E.I. has had its own branch. Until less than a year ago this Province was part of the now defunct Maritime branch.

The meeting opened with introductory remarks by Brigadier Reid. He recalled the efforts which Island men have made in operating the M.A.A.U. of C. and the disbanding of that body in Antigonish last summer. He then reviewed the difficulties which Maritime athletes were experiencing in entering Olympic trials and pointed out the necessity of becoming affiliated with the A.A.U. of C.

Col. W.J. MacDonald, George Walters, Major John A. MacDonald, Everett Cutcliffe and Norman MacDonald spoke briefly, pointing

out the benefits which could result from forming an Island branch and also any difficulties which might arise as a result.

Norman MacDonald stated he could foresee some difficulties in the matters of baseball and hockey especially in Charlottetown and Summerside where a number of players have been competing with mainland teams for money.

However, the meeting did not decide which sports the Island branch would handle although it appeared a certainty that track and field, boxing and possibly hockey would come under its jurisdiction. That matter will probably be decided at the next meeting when the development committee will make its report.

Meets Planned

One sport certain to benefit from its formation will be track and field. Brigadier Reid announced last night that it was planned to hold meets every two weeks this summer. Most of the meets will be at Charlottetown but will be held in other centres if desired.

Negotiations for the formation of branches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are underway. It is expected that representatives from the three Maritime branches will meet with Morris Bruker, National Vice President in Amherst on May 16 and 17 for the purpose of establishing territory rights and clearing other privileges.

Among those present at last night's meeting were: Brigadier Reid, Col. W.J. MacDonald of the P.E.I. Rifle Association; Fl. Lt. Bill Palmer, R.C.A.F.; James Hogan and Norman MacDonald, Summerside; Joe Scully, Georgetown; Major MacDonald, Cardigan; George Francis, George Walters and Wally Scantlebury, Antigonish; Lt. I. Trainor, from H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte; Lt. Gordon Wellner, Army; Art Peters and Jim Brennan, Sauris; Art Sullivan, Jerry Jardins, Mac Clair and John White, Montague; George Art Perry and Everett Cutcliffe, Charlottetown and representatives from the Charlottetown and Summerside press.

Umpire Switches Leagues In Unprecedented Move

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN
CHICAGO, May 7 (AP)—President Will Harridge of the American League today hired Douglas W. (Scotty) Robb, who quit his National League umpiring job two days ago after being disciplined and fined by the senior circuit's boss, Warren Giles.

The direct switch of leagues by an umpire under such circumstances is unprecedented in the majors.

In taking the action, Harridge praised Robb as "the kind of gentleman we like to have on our staff."

"We needed another umpire and we considered Robb a good one," he added. "His first assignment for us will be in the White Sox-Boston Red Sox game in Chicago next Tuesday night."

Robb, a four-year veteran of the National League, was accused of pushing manager Eddie Stanky of St. Louis Cardinals during a game at Cincinnati April 22. Giles at a subsequent hearing fined Robb "a sizable amount and much greater than the combined fines of the players involved."

Stanky was fined \$50 and Cardinal shortstop Solly Hemus drew \$25. Hemus started the altercation by throwing his bat in the air when he was called out on strikes.

"Harridge telephoned Giles yesterday and asked if Robb were a

free agent and could sign with the American League," said Earl Hilligan, American League director of public relations.

Giles, at his headquarters in Cincinnati, said:

"I am very glad Robb has found employment. He could have continued in our league. He is a good umpire, but under the circumstances he probably will be happier in the American League. I wish him every success."

Baseball Standings

By The Canadian Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Boston	14	5-737
Cleveland	14	7-687
Washington	11	7-611
St. Louis	10	10-500
New York	8	10-444
Philadelphia	7	10-412
Chicago	7	12-368
Detroit	4	14-222

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE		
Montreal	16	5-762
Syracuse	13	8-619
Toronto	11	9-550
Rochester	11	9-550
Buffalo	11	10-524
Springfield	10	10-500
Baltimore	5	15-286
Ottawa	4	16-200

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Brooklyn	13	4-765
New York	13	5-722
Chicago	12	7-632
Cincinnati	12	8-600
St. Louis	10	10-500
Pittsburgh	7	13-350
Philadelphia	6	12-333
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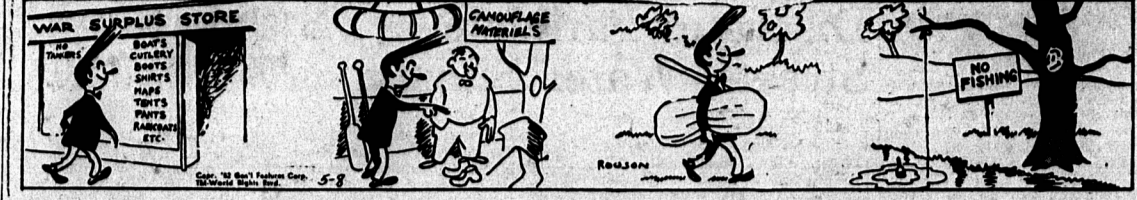
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Brigadier Bill Reid's evidence that there were more people present and more enthusiasm shown last night at the formation meeting of the Island branch of the A.A.U. of C. than at any meeting of the Maritime A. A. U. of C. which he had attended, speaks well for the success of the Island branch. With last night's big turnout, the local branch got away to a fine start, elected a smart set of officers and we venture to predict will do amateur sport in this province a lot of good.

In the first place the Provincial branch will insure local athletes of receiving an opportunity to participate in the Olympic trials, an opportunity which was lacking from the time the Maritime branch of the Union disbanded in Antigonish a year ago. This year as we can learn track and field athletes are going to get a good break this summer with plans already being laid for the holding of meets every two weeks. It was pointed out at the meeting last night that there was little incentive for an athlete to train for one or two meets in the run of a season as has been the case here each year. With more meets and more encouragement track and field stars can again become a thing of the present.

The complete functions and operations of the Island branch have not been decided. A committee has been appointed to look into these matters including the different branches of sport which it wishes to take under its wing. This sport will be rifle shooting. One sport it is believed, will be a part of the Olympic Games and in order for a crack shot to participate he must be a member of the A. A. U. of C. Another sport will be boxing.

A newcomer to the baseball ranks this season may be a team from the Central Airways. If they do enter the Island League they will have a pitcher by the name of Lefty MacAleer to work for them on the mound and a centrefielder named Irving MacKinnon, a pretty fair ball hawk. As far as is known the rest of the team will be composed from players outside the province who are working at the local air port.

In the latest issue of Sport Magazine is an interesting story on the life of the St. Louis Browns centrefielder, Jim Rivera. The Browns centrefielder, who is now 30 years of age has had a hard struggle to reach the top. Five of the years he could have spent in developing himself, were spent behind prison bars for a crime which Jim states he was never guilty. However, it was while he was in prison that he first started to play ball.

Rivera was unfortunate enough to be born in the slum section of New York City. His parents were Porto Ricans, who could not speak English and Jim was sent to an orphanage at an early age. Shortly after he left the orphanage he went into the Army and from there to prison. Now Rivera states he is trying to make up for lost time. For the first time he states that he has money and a chance to live like other people. Most everybody will be pulling for him to make good.

V-E DAY CELEBRATION DANCE

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THURSDAY, MAY 8 — 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Bill Henry Turns In 4th Victory Without Loss For Red Sox

(By The Associated Press)
Bill Henry, unheralded rookie lefthander of Boston Red Sox, turned in his fourth victory without a loss Wednesday to defeat Chicago White Sox 7-2 and maintain the Sox' one-game edge over Cleveland Indians in the American League pennant race.

The runner-up Indians defeated the once-prod New York Yankees 7-2 in the only other day game in the majors.

Henry allowed only five hits and helped his own cause by driving in two runs on a triple and single. The Red Sox wrapped it up with a four-run attack in the second inning against Ken Holcombe. Johnny Pesky featured the rally with a bases-loaded ground rule double.

Elly Mike Garcia scattered 12 Yankee hits in besting ace Yankee righthander, Vic Raschi. The victory was Cleveland's second straight over the world champions in Yankee Stadium.

The Indians collected 11 hits off Raschi, Jim McDonald and Art Schallack. The big ones were Al Rosen's eighth homer and doubles by Luke Easter and Dale Mitchell.

The only scheduled National League day game between Boston and the Cubs at Chicago was postponed because of cold weather.

The red hot Washington Senators turned back Detroit Tigers 6-3 for their sixth straight victory in a night game at Washington.

Sid Hudson limited the Tigers to five hits while the third-place Senators whacked Ted Gray and Fred Hutchinson for eight. The Senators clinched the decision with a four-run outburst against Gray in the third inning.

Lefty Alex Kellner pitched the Athletics to a 1-0 five-hit victory over St. Louis Browns in a night game at Philadelphia. The A's collected only four hits off Earl Harist.

Eddie Joost doubled and scored the lone run in the first inning. Joost moved around on a sacrifice and fly ball.

Indians Plan 'Kennedy Night'

CLEVELAND, May 7 (AP)—Cleveland Indians are giving Bob Kennedy the down payment on a new home May 20 at a sendoff before the outfielder joins the Marlins.

The cheque presentation will be part of a "Kennedy Night" at Municipal Stadium when the Tribe plays Boston Red Sox.

Kennedy, a major-leaguer for 13 years, is being recalled to the Marine Air Corps May 22 for at least 17 months.

Probable Pitchers

NEW YORK, May 7 (AP)—Probable pitchers for tomorrow's major league games (won and lost records in brackets):

American League
Detroit at Washington — Stuart (1-0) vs. Johnson (0-1).
Cleveland at New York — Peller (2-1) vs. Lopat (1-1).
Chicago at Boston — Rogovin (1-1) vs. Scarborough (0-0).
St. Louis at Philadelphia — Byrne (2-1) vs. Zoldak (0-0).

National League
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh — Drews (0-2) vs. Kline (0-2).
New York at St. Louis — Koelo (1-0) vs. Staley (5-0).
Boston at Chicago — Wilson (1-1) vs. Kelly (1-2).
(Only games scheduled)

Pep Signs For Fight May 28

MACON, Ga., May 7 (AP)—Willie Pep, number one contender for the world featherweight boxing crown held by Sandy Saddler, has been signed for a fight here May 28.

Promoter W. W. Grant said negotiations are under way to obtain an opponent for the former world champion who continued on

Chuck Davey Wins Another Fight

CHICAGO, May 7 (AP)—Unheralded Chuck Davey, scoring four spectacular knockdowns, tonight easily defeated Chico Vejar with harpooning lefts to the face and stomach in their 10-round welter-weight battle in Chicago Stadium.

The decision of the two judges and referee Frank Sikora was unanimous. Making an astonishing whirlwind finish, Vejar was credited with winning only the 10th round. The second and ninth were even.

Davey, fancy boxing southpaw, outsmarted and outmanoeuvred the New York University freshman by his savage two-fisted attack to the head and body.

Both weighed 148 1/2 pounds. The victory moved Davey, unbeaten in 33 bouts, into contention as the No. 1 challenger of Cuban Kid Gavilan's welterweight championship.

Davey, holder of a Master's Degree from Michigan State College, scored two knockdowns in the first round, one in the sixth and another in the seventh.

NEW YORK, May 7 (AP)—Dan Parker, sports editor of the Daily Mirror, said tonight "baseball circles are buzzing with the report that Branch Rickey, general manager of Pittsburgh Pirates, will make a bid for Fred Saigh's St. Louis Cardinals stock if Saigh's income tax difficulties should lead to his expulsion from baseball."

In St. Louis, Saigh commented: "It seems everyone in the world is running my business these days. I have not heard of any such possibility."

Parker's story in the mirror added: "Rickey started his career in St. Louis and knows the territory like a river pilot knows the bends of the Mississippi.

Says Charles Sucker For Left Hook

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 7 (AP)—Dan Florio, trainer of heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott, said today challenger Edward Charles is "a sucker for a left hook."

Florio, who is putting Walcott through his paces for the title bout in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium June 5, predicted the champion would repeat his title-winning knockout of Charles.

Walcott kayoed Charles in Pittsburgh last July to gain the crown.

Cincinnati Sells Bevins To Coast

CINCINNATI, May 7 (CP)—Bill Bevins' bid to get back in the major leagues abruptly ended today when the Cincinnati Reds sold the big righthander to San Francisco of the Pacific Coast League for \$15,000.

Bevins came to the Reds in spring training apparently recovered from a sore arm which cut his career with New York Yankees in 1948.

In San Francisco, Mickey Shaefer, Seals scout, said: "Cincinnati club president Gabe Paul assured us that Bevins is in tip-top shape."

Bevins hurled a one-hitter for New York Yankees against Brooklyn in the World Series in 1947. Cookie Lavagetto got that hit in the ninth for Brooklyn.

After hurting his arm in 1948 he hurled for Salem, Ore., in the Western International League last year. Bevins won 20 games and lost 12.

Baseball Results

American League		
Detroit	100 100 000	2 5 1
Washington	004 011 000	6 8 0
Gray, Hutchinson (3) and Ginsberg; Hudson and Grasso		
St. Louis	020 000 000	0 5 1
Philadelphia	100 000 000	1 4 1
Harris and Moss; Kellner and Astroh		
Cleveland	201 110 002	7 11 2
New York	001 010 000	2 12 0
Garcia and Tebbetts; Raschi, McDonald (6), Schallack (9) and Berra		
Chicago	000 002 000	2 5 0
Boston	140 000 220	7 9 1
Holcombe, Kennedy (2), Stobbe (7) and Lollar; Henry and White		

National League		
Philadelphia	000 010 000	1 5 5
Pittsburgh	001 031 000	5 8 0
Myers, Hansen (8) and Lopata; Polet and Garagiola		
Brooklyn	103 100 000	5 12 1
Cincinnati	003 001 000	4 4 0
Van Cuyk, Rutherford (3) and Campanella; Hiller, Byerly (4), Perkowski (6) and Rossi		
New York	000 000 100	3 8 1
St. Louis	000 100 000	1 6 0
Maglie, Jansen (9) and Westrum; Schmidt, Yuhas (7), Boekman (9) and D. Rice		
Boston at Chicago, postponed, rain		

International League		
Montreal	100 002 000	3 4 0
Ottawa	010 000 000	1 8 0
Mills and C. Thompson; Roy, Fricano (9) and Folkes		
Rochester	000 110 021	5 12 0
Toronto	200 000 000	2 9 1
Fascholz and Bucha; Niedinger, Bacho (8) and Anderson		
Syracuse	000 010 000	4 10 0
Springfield	000 001 000	4 1 1
Keegan and Drescher; Carr, Dornberg (6) and Burbrink		
Buffalo	000 010 002	3 7 1
Baltimore	110 010 000	1 4 1 2
(10 innings)		
Feylak, Marlowe (7) Poole (9) and C. Ciesielski; Starr, Trinkle (8) Donnelly (9) and Tabacek		

Island Baseball League Organized Last Night

A five and possibly a six team Island baseball league was formed last night at a meeting of baseball representatives in the offices of the Workmen's Compensation Board, Charlottetown.

Intermediated and junior teams from Charlottetown and Summerside, a team from the Royal Canadian Air Force base at Summerside and possibly an M. C. A. entry will participate in the Island circuit.

The first five named teams are definite starters but some doubt was expressed over the possibility of M. C. A. entering a squad. They were represented at the meeting by Roy MacCabe.

George Francis of Charlottetown who presided at last night's meeting was elected president of the Island circuit. Danny MacCormack was elected secretary.

Other executive members are: Norman MacDonald, Summerside Intermediates; Bob Schurman, Summerside Juniors; Ev. MacNeill, Charlottetown Juniors; Tom MacFarlane, Charlottetown Intermediates; Fl. Lt. Bill Palmer, R. C. A. F. and Roy MacCabe, M.C.A.

It was decided that the first four teams at the end of the regular schedule would be eligible for the play-offs. The fourth place team will play the third place squad, a sudden death game at the home diamond of the latter in the first play-off round.

The winner will meet the second place team in a sudden death game at the latter's diamond in the second round. The winner of this game will then play the league leader a best of three series with the odd game to be played on the diamond of the first place team.

Another meeting to decide upon a schedule and other arrangements will be held next Wednesday night in Summerside at eight o'clock.

Robinson Finally Signs To Meet Maxim June 23

By Murray Rose
NEW YORK, May 7 (AP)—Middleweight champion Ray Robinson and light heavyweight king Joey Maxim finally signed official contracts today for their June 23 title bout in Yankee Stadium and immediately drew a reprimand from the National Boxing Association.

The N. B. A. feels that these inter-class bouts between champions are not in order until the champions concerned have defeated the logical contenders in their own divisions," the Association said in a statement.

The N. B. A. said Robinson could defend his crown against such middleweights as Randy Turpin of England, Gene Harston of New York and Charles Humez of France. It also contended that Archie Moore of St. Louis, Harold Johnson of Philadelphia, and Harry Matthews of Seattle deserved a shot at Maxim's crown.

New Temperance Commission Truck

The P. E. I. Temperance Commission will shortly be on the roads with a heavier and deluxe truck of latest design.

Deliveries to retail branches throughout the Province, formerly by rail, have for some time been supplemented by light truck from stocks in the Commission's wholesale warehouse in Charlottetown, but a further improvement is envisaged with a truck of larger capacity.

The new truck is a three ton International with long wheel-base. The custom body was built by Mr. J. D. McAskill, Charlottetown. It has an extra strong frame finished in plywood with aluminum roofing.

It is expected that the new truck will be in service next week.

Sport Briefs

STOCKHOLM, May 7 (AP)—Chile meets Sweden in the second round of the European zone Davis Cup tournament here May 13-18. The Chilean team upset Austria 4-1 in the first round.

ST. LOUIS, May 7 (AP)—New York Giants announced today they have obtained outfielder Bill Howerton on waivers from Pittsburgh Pirates. They are expected to use the left-handed batter as a pinch-hitter. Howerton went to the Pirates last year from the St. Louis Cardinals. He batted .271 for the year.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7 (AP)—Curt Simmons, Philadelphia Phillies' star left handed pitcher, will be honored by thousands of fans on the night of May 16. Simmons, who recently was discharged from the army, is expected to pitch for the Phillies that night.

ALHFEID, Germany, May 7 (AP)—German tennis ace Gottfried Von Cramm hurt a muscle in his right arm while practising today and doctors said the injury would keep him out of the West Germany-Brazil Davis Cup match in Dusseldorf next week-end.

Bratton-Flanagan Bout Arranged

NEW YORK, May 7 (AP)—Johnny Bratton, former National Boxing Association welterweight champion from Chicago, and Del Flanagan of St. Paul, Minn., agreed to a 10-round bout in Madison Square Garden here May 23.

Athletic Meeting

An Athletic Meeting will be held at 236 Queen St. this evening at seven o'clock. All athletes are invited to attend.

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