



PREPARE FOR BIG GAME

Workers cover the field at good shape for the annual East-West All-Star football game to day. The best players from East and West will compete in the game, proceeds of which go to support work with crippled children in Canada. (CP Wirephoto)

Don Jordan Whips Akins; Wins Welterweight Crown

By BOB MYERS
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Underdog Don Jordan of Los Angeles captured the welterweight championship of the world Friday night as he handed champion Virgil Akins of St. Louis a beating to win a 15-round decision. This was the first defence of the crown by Akins since he won clear claim to it in knocking out Vince Martinez in St. Louis last June.

The 24-year-old challenger, a 3-1 underdog going into the ring at the Olympic Auditorium despite his rating as the No. 1 contender, all but knocked out the 30-year-old titleholder. He won the unanimous verdict by a substantial margin.

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

CHARLOTTETOWN'S various minor league teams go to it today once again. They start their practices at 7.45 this morning and action continues until 11 o'clock tonight.

The first few weeks those in charge must find out what they are available. They can only do this by getting the youngsters into practice sessions and trying to evaluate their abilities. 'His doesn't always meet with the approval of those young hockeyists who are just itching to get into real competition.

MINOR LEAGUE OFFICIALS tell us that a great many of these youngsters just want to play. They don't seem interested in taking time out to learn the finer points of the game and these practice periods are not to their liking.

It's pretty hard to explain to these lads that these practice sessions are of utmost importance. Their only desire is to get out here and trounce some opponent. To them actual playing is the only thing of interest. Indeed some boys resent the practices so much that they get 'browned off' and stop attending.

THIS IS INDEED regrettable. These minor league officials are doing a great service for minor hockey. They know much better than the youngsters what is the best procedure to follow. The capabilities of players must first be determined before they go to at one another in real earnest. There'll be plenty of time for actual combat after these officials decide where everybody should lay.

Parents should certainly help the work of officials by impressing on their children that those in charge of the hockey program now what is the best procedure to follow.

These officials are well qualified for the job.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS are making sport headlines these days. They have played two road games in succession and haven't been charged with a defeat. Sunday night they edged Boston Bruins 2-1 in a game that they really deserved to win according to 'Red' Storey who handled the affair. Thursday night in Montreal, they spotted the Canadiens two first period tallies, then roared back to get two of their own in the middle stanza. After that neither team could make the red light glow and the contest ended 2-2.

The Leafs haven't beaten the league leading Montrealers this season. Before Thursday they had faltered three times before the Stanley Cup champions. They are still winless in their games with the Canucks but Thursday's tussle must be considered a moral victory. It's always an accomplishment to stave off defeat in Montreal but when you manage a tie after giving Canadiens a 4-0 margin, there is really cause for jubilation.

Toronto tackles Boston Bruins at Maple Leaf Gardens tonight and you can bet that Imbach will be urging the tailenders to go all out in an effort to pull closer to that fourth playoff spot.

It's a tough road ahead for the Toronto club but one that could look a whole lot easier with a few Leaf victories in the next few games.

Perhaps Leafs will just come up with those few victories.

BOXING IN BRITAIN is having a rugged time trying to survive. Even with two top heavyweights, the fight game is having a mighty rough. Boxers are demanding bigger purses. The public eye can bet that Imbach will be urging the tailenders to go all out in an effort to pull closer to that fourth playoff spot.

The secretary of the British boxing board of control claims here are only about 1000 registered boxers as compared to some 4,000 five years ago.

It is argued that higher wages and full employment have discouraged boys from becoming full time professional fighters. Also it is felt that television is making Britain a country of watchers rather than participants. It is also suggested that installment buying has left many families in Britain mortgaged to the hilt. Whatever the cause or causes boxing in Britain is definitely having no picnic.

THERE WERE MANY who figured that Detroit Tigers got the best of the deal that sent Narleski and Mossi to the Tigers and Billy Martin to the Indians. Of course when you start figuring out who benefitted the most, you have to know how badly each team wanted what they did get.

Cleveland general manager Frank Lane should be a qualified person to speak on behalf of the Cleveland club. Here's what Lane has to say: "We gave up plenty but we had to have a second baseman and we got a good one in Billy Martin. If he meets my expectations, we'll have no regrets. He could be the means of a 1-2-3 finish and a 200,000 increase in attendance."

Undoubtedly the Tigers could give you equally good reasons why they are happy with Narleski and Mossi wearing Detroit uniforms.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES' manager Danny Murtaugh credits confidence for the fine success enjoyed by the Bucs in 1958. The Pesky Pirates played top notch ball all season long and finished in the runner-up spot, just back of the pennant-winning Milwaukee Braves.

Danny explains in this manner: "What happened to the Pirates this season was that in the process of growing up we played these seven teams day after day and found we could beat them. So we acquired confidence. Bringing Dick Stuart up after the All-Star game was a real shot in the arm. Curt Raydon and George Witt provided us with the extra starters we needed. Bob Skinner became a bona fide hitter. Frank Thomas had the real big year. All this plus the fact that we were free of injuries to our first team kept us going. I shudder to think what would have happened, say, if Bill Mazerowski had been hurt in midseason."

You don't catch Murtaugh popping off about what his Pirates are going to do in 1959. He merely expresses thanks for how fortunate they fared in 1958.

Danny may think that he has a real pennant contender but he's not coming out and saying it.

Durelle's Nickname Belies Ruggedness As A Fighter

By JOHN YORSTON
Canadian Press Staff Writer
MONTREAL (CP)—Down around Moncton they call Yvon Durelle "Doux"—French for "the sweet one."

But get the free-swinging fisherman into a boxing ring and he's anything but "doux." Ask the 39 opponents he's knocked out in 76 professional fights. "Everybody down home has a nickname and everybody goes by that name, that's all," explained Durelle, who meets world light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore in a title fight here Dec. 10.

Even Pat Colavito, Durelle's roly-poly trainer, a New Yorker with 28 years experience, calls him "Doux" but with a Bronx accent.

Durelle, described most frequently as a brawler—champion Moore is known as a crafty boxer—started his professional boxing career in 1945 with a second round knockout over Sonny Ramsey in Chatham, N.B.

NEEDS THE MONEY
Why did he pick up boxing? "I needed the extra money and I wanted to fight, that's all," Durelle said in his heavy Acadian accent.

When would he give up the ring and return to full-time fishing? "I don't know, depends on our wealth. My manager's poor and I'm poor."

Durelle, five feet, 10½ inches, sat in his rumpled mid-town hotel room between training sessions as he prepared to try for the title Moore has held since 1952.

What did he do when not training, eating, sleeping, giving interviews or going on television? "I play cards with the boys, sometimes I cheat a little."

"Cheat! Steal! He'd steal the eyes off you," chortled his brother Placid who travels with him.

Durelle, his face impassive, said he uses the money from boxing to improve his three-boat fishing fleet that works out of Bale

Sie. Anne, N.B., a 350-family village on the Northumberland Strait. In season he fishes for salmon, lobster, cod, mackerel, herring and sometimes smelt through the ice in winter.

At 29 he has four youngsters ranging in age from three months to seven years.

In good physical condition and becoming restless, Durelle complained about the single beds in his room.

"I have a hard time in this bed. I can't sleep. I twist and turn and jumble myself up, then I hit the cold wall. I'd like to put two of these beds together and sleep by myself." He shares the room with his brother.

Manager Chris Shaban shook his head as Durelle snuffed a cigarette after stepping into the shower and doors too soon after a 15-minute rest.

"It's funny," the Montreal storekeeper mused, "a man who draws the covers over his head and he doesn't even wear a hat."

He does the same here. But he'll put on his rubber coat and he doesn't bother him. I stay warm. I sleep and it doesn't bother me."

"I don't know," and that was all Durelle's close-cropped hair bobbed, "out on the ocean, freezing water pouring over me. I stay warm. I sleep and it doesn't bother me."

even the entry which was original 1911 Empire Games, but a better all-round performance. ATHLETES CRITICIZED

The Empire Games committee chastised "a very few of the boys" on Canada's team who did not exhibit the department expected of a Canadian team representative.

Bob Osborne, team manager, said he recommended to the national track and field committee that an Eastern Canadian track star be kept off the team for a few years.

He said the boy, not named publicly, would certainly win any Canadian team, but actions at Cardiff revealed that was not mature enough to win any trips. The offence was revealed.

DEFENDS SHOWING
Jack Davies of Montreal, president of the British Empire Games committee, in his report on Empire Games achievements by Canada's team, said:

"I don't know why people think our team did so poorly. We won 59 medals and 51.1 per cent of our team won a medal. Only one of our women athletes failed to get a medal and just three athletes finished out of the first six in their event."

"There was not one swimmer who failed to win a medal and I don't think any Canadian team,

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DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

A release from the publicity director at Hollywood Park, Inglewood, California, states that the S. A. Camp Farms, Shafter, Cal., was the leading money-winning stable at the Western Harness Meet which concluded there recently.

The Camp Farms won \$61,048.25; the C. M. Saunders Stable won \$39,899; Farmstead Acres won \$34,170; Armstrong Brothers won \$23,595; Hayes Fair Acres took \$23,208; Herman Graham Graham Stock Farm won \$23,144; Castleton Farms won \$22,871; O. F. Elliott - \$21,375; Dr. A. B. Thompson - \$20,500; Ed P. Shaefler - \$20,499. These are the ten leading money-winning owners.

Altogether the sum of \$500,000 was paid out in purses at Inglewood for the meeting.

In the latest edition of "The Harness Horse" is a picture of the late Clair Wolverson driving La Palma 2:01.34. He was one of the most successful trainers and drivers of his era, which started when he was 15 years old in the year 1901. He gave the mare, Ella Red a mark of 2:12.4 that year, and the following year he campaigned on the Great Western Circuit.

In 1909, he purchased Spooney Boy. He was a very young man then. Spooney Boy was entered in some \$1,000 stakes, but he was performing very discouragingly. The price paid by Wolverson for him was \$500.

OPPOSITE THE BEST
The groom said he was a poor feeder and to keep away from him as much as possible, but Clair found the opposite treat - ment was the best. The horse seemed to crave companionship. He loosened his hobbles four holes and won two of his remaining stakes and placed second in the last one. In one of these he met a field of seventeen horses at Frankfort, Indiana. He gave Spooney Boy a record of 2:10.4, and that lasted all his lifetime.

At that time he had a letter from Mitchell and Adams, Halifax, asking him to come there and train their horses. In his book he says: "I found them a delightful lot, and very capable. There I met Frank Boulter, trainer of the Edwards Stable, also Frank Power, the starter, who was a pretty good one, too. Then there was Peter Carroll, who later trained and raced the trotter, Bill Sharen, that was afterwards sold for \$27,500 to Tommy Murphy. As some will

remember, he was raced in several stakes by that great driver. "I thought Peter Carroll really had skill driving a horse. While in Halifax I met George Leavitt, from Lexington, Mass. He was a super - salesman and some high-classed horses passed through his hands, among them the stallion, "Todd" and his sire, "Bingen," 2:06.4. He was up in Halifax selling a Gambetta Wilkes mare to one of Boulter's (more)

PATRONS. There were many other nice fellows whose names I cannot now recall.

"As I look back I think of them all; Mr. Adams was the best judge of the capabilities of a harness horse. His son Frank was another whom I admired and liked. He later owned the stallion "Watchim"; a really good trotter.

"At this time I had sold the stallion "Royal Lancer" to the Adams and Mitchell Stable. That's the way I had made their acquaintance. That year their stable was the largest money-winning one in the Maritime Provinces. Frank Patch was undefeated, and Alice A. was the champion mare of the season. Frank Patch ended the season with a record of 2:14.2; he was sent to the United States the next year and took a record of 2:05 1-2 in the Walter Cox Stable.

"I prevailed upon Mr. Adams to let his son Frank drive Frank and liked. He later got a lot of pleasure out of winning. That fall I returned to Nova Scotia, and thought I was a very traveled young man.

"The next year I trained at Lafayette, and among the horses I raced was Klatawah 2:05.2, the then champion three - year - old pacer. The following year, in 1912, I raced Leila Patchen to a record of 2:04.2."

FOR OLDTIMERS
The above extracts from Clair Wolverson's book will be interesting to old-timers. The writer of these notes came on the scene of action at Halifax in 1914, and met the drivers and owners referred to above. Halifax was then the racing center of the Maritimes, and here are some of the race results from that season: September, 1914 The 2:35 Trot, purse \$400 - Mayor Todd (H. Kelly) 1-1-1, Jerry B. (H. Lydiard) 2-2-3, three other start-

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weight, he figured to give Akins a battle but hardly to dethrone a veteran of 67 fights, of which 28 ended in knockouts for the St. Louis better.

AKINS CROWDS
The pattern of the fight followed almost identically round by round. Akins kept crowding in, throwing punches from all angles, and catching many of Jordan's blows on his elbows, forearms and even the top of his head.

Jordan, with his more polished offence, repeatedly jarred and shook up the champion.

His best round was the 10th. He caught Akins with a whistling straight right to the jaw and backed him into the Jordan corner. Akins was almost helpless but managed to scramble across the ring to his own corner. Jordan kept up the bombardment in a vicious but unsuccessful attempt to score a knockout.

The crowd was 7,344 and the gross \$28,548. Jordan weighed 145, Akins 145.

AUDITORIUM.
The decision was unanimous and by a wide margin. Referee Lee Grossman scored it 145-138, Judge Mushy Callahan 145-132 and Judge Tommy Hart 145-138. The Associated Press had it 150-132. Scoring was 10 points per round—10 to the winner and nine or less to the loser.

BOOED FOR BUTTING
The champion was continually booed for butting, which cost him two points on the referee's card. But it was Akins who was the worst hurt. Jordan ripped a bad gash over the champion's eye in the fifth and had it battered and swollen almost shut at the finish.

Jordan came up with a slight cut over the right eye and a worse one over the left. He fought much of the time with blood trickling down his face but it didn't seem to bother him much. The crowd kept a steady roar of disapproval as Akins crowded in, his head bobbing up and down in the clinches, and Jordan was so furious that he swung intentionally at Akins just after the final bell sounded.

Jordan won the right to meet Akins for the title for his decision over Isaac Logart and Gaspar Ortega. An overgrown light-

European Champ KO's Puerto Rican
MUNICH, Germany (AP)—European middleweight champion Gustav Scholz of Germany Friday night knocked out Tuzo Portugez of Puerto Rico in the first round of their scheduled 10-round bout.

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FUCHS HONORED
BERLIN (Reuters)—Sir Vivian Fuchs, head of the British expedition that completed the first land crossing of the Antarctic early this year, Tuesday received a gold medal from the Berlin Geographical Society to mark a "great human achievement and scientific deed."

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