

Rural Pucksters Hold Annual Fete

The first annual banquet of the Rural Minor Hockey League was held at the Park Royal United Church last evening and more than 200 players and dignitaries were in attendance. Forbie Kennedy was the guest speaker and in his talk he stressed the essentials of good hockey, skating, shooting and passing.

Master of Ceremonies Mike Campbell handled the program well and Dave Boswell, Director of the P.E.I. Department of Physical Education painted Kennedy in glowing colors.

Trophies were presented following the meal. In the Bantam Pee Wee class Wendell Brown presented Ron MacInnis coached Wings for finishing first in the league playoffs. The United Commercial Travellers Trophy for the top team in the paperweight A division was presented to Vern McCarroll's Canucks and the Norris Scott trophy was presented by Mr. Scott to Mike Carmody's Paperweight B Aces. Charlie Mullen, who had carried his own trophies presented them for the following accomplishments: Paperweight A Seals and Blades (winners of the regular play during the season. The two teams tied.) The Paperweight B Barons. The outstanding Paperweight forward Gary Wood and Mark Mullen, the outstanding defenseman were also given awards by Mr. Mullen.

Head table guests at the affair included Forbie Kennedy, Dave Boswell, Rev. Ross Howard, Bucko Trainor, Buck Whitlock, Bud Constable, Peter Sullivan, Ron McInnis and Mike Campbell.

Races Are Postponed

SUMMERSIDE — Due to the wet weather the opening race card at Summerside Raceway was cancelled. The same program will be held tonight with post time at 8 o'clock.



TANGLE AT HOME

William (Scotty) Bowman, former left winger with Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League, said in Montreal he has been appointed general manager and coach of the St. Louis Blues, which will join the NHL in 1967-68. He has recently coached junior and minor-league pro teams. (CP Wirephoto)

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Sox And Senators Split; Pittsburg Shades Mets

BOSTON (AP)—Bob Sadowski and Jose Santiago collaborated on a three-hitter, pitching Boston Red Sox to a 5-0 victory and a split of a two-night doubleheader with Washington Senators Wednesday night.

The Senators took the opener 6-3 as Dick Bosman won his first major-league game.

Sadowski, bothered by a shoulder ailment since being acquired from Atlanta Braves after the 1965 season, was in top

Pittsburgh added an insurance run in the eighth when Gene Alley singled and scored on an infield out and errors by Roy McMillan and Stuart.

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Willie Davis' triple and an error by Bob Toan produced the only run, lifting Sandy Koufax and Los Angeles Dodgers to a 1-0 victory over St. Louis Cardinals Wednesday night.

The run in the seventh inning broke a pitching duel between Koufax and Al Jackson, and gave the Dodger southpaw his sixth straight victory and a 9-1 record.

Davis became the first corner that bounded off the wall past Toan, who slipped trying to field the ball. The rookie outfielder threw wildly to second baseman Julian Javier and Davis scored.

Jackson had out-pitched Koufax to that point. Davis' hit was only the third for the Dodgers.

PROBABLE PITCHERS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Probable pitchers in today's major league games, won-lost records in parentheses:
American League

Baltimore, J. Miller (0-1) at California, Sanford (5-1).
Cleveland, Bell (4-1) at Kansas City, Hunter (4-3) or Terry (6-3) (N).
Detroit, Lolich (5-3) at Minnesota, Kaat (5-4).
New York, Friend (1-4) at Chicago, John (4-2) (N).
Washington, Ortega (3-2) at Boston, Stephenson (2-4).

National League
San Francisco, Shaw (1-4) at Atlanta, Lemaster (4-3) (N).
Los Angeles, Sutton (6-4) at St. Louis, Beck (4-2) (N).
Houston, Cuellar (3-0) or Dierker (2-0) at Cincinnati, O'Toole (1-2) (N).
Chicago, Jenkins (1-0) at Philadelphia, Wise (0-0) (N).
Pittsburgh, Law (1-2) or Fryman (3-0) at New York, Gardner (2-2) (N).

NEW YORK (AP)—Matty Alou drove in one run and scored another as Pittsburgh Pirates downed New York Mets 3-1 Wednesday night.

Alou opened the fourth inning with the first Pirate hit off loser Dennis Ribant. He scored on a single by Roberto Clemente.

In the fifth, Bob Bailey singled and later scored on Alou's second hit.

Dick Stuart's home run ruined Don Kruetz's shutout bid in the fifth.

GOLF DRAW

The following is the draw for the 3rd Stage of the Lady President's Match.

1.15	C. MacMillan - E. Cox
1.22	B. Moreside - G. Malloy
1.29	G. Barbour - L. Laidlaw
1.36	M. MacNeill - M. Weir
1.43	J. Horne - E. Buntain
1.50	A. MacLean - M. MacMillan
1.57	H. Barker - M. Hunt, E. Lord

SPORTS FRONT



Ball Players Get Scarce

By CHRIS ANNETT

The mystery of the vanishing players. Could it be connected with the abundance of softball players?

That is a question which is plaguing a lot of baseball officials in the Eastern half of Canada and it is only too evident here in Charlottetown where two good softball leagues are in operation but promoters are having trouble in staffing the baseball clubs.

When I referred to the case of the vanishing players I was thinking of the number of players registered in the Minor Baseball system as compared to the number that are playing baseball five years later. Over 200 players are reported to be registered this season in the Charlottetown Minor baseball system but if there is a quarter of that number when the players reach the age of 18 it will be a big difference.

Just what is the factor that causes an acute drop-off from the ages of about 12 to about 17. There are many no doubt but the main drawing card seems to be the game of softball. Now it is likely that many softball players are going to take grave offense at this next statement but it is true. Softball does not have to be in top condition for and it undoubtedly is an easier game than baseball. It is a game that a player gains some recruits from the fact that, at the local level anyway, his are easy to come by.

Baseball on the other hand requires a lot of work and a player has to work hard to have any degree of success at the plate. The ball being smaller and the pitcher being allowed to hurl overhand gives him a big advantage over the softball pitcher who is forced to face batters with a bigger ball to begin with and then to chuck it underhand.

I AM NOT IN THE PROCESS OF CRITICIZING SOFTBALL HOWEVER.

OTHER FACTORS

Many other factors may enter into the fact that baseball just does not have the quantity of participants that it has enjoyed in other years. For example the next time you are on the golf course have a look around and see the number of teenagers out for a round. Then to a glance over the Charlottetown Harbour in mid summer will show many youngsters, members of the Charlottetown Yacht Club, going through their paces in their Flying Juniors, Cats, etc.

Right beside the baseball diamond at Memorial Field are tennis courts and it is a safe bet to say that more than one youngster has forsaken a baseball career to go and spend his leisure time on the courts.

However the two games are a lot different and the reason many choose softball is that it is a lot more fun. An average baseball game requires about two to about two and a half hours to play but businessmen can scoot out to the diamond after supper and get a game of softball over with in an hour or so.

Softball today is a growing concern in the Maritimes and especially in Charlottetown where two good leagues are flourishing. Perhaps some of the above factors enter into the picture but it does seem a shame to see the game, which flourished in Charlottetown in the past, slowly fading away. Efforts are being made to preserve it but they have not done too much in the way of reviving the game into the older age groups. And the majority of youngsters who get the full treatment through the Minor League System seem either to give the game up completely or move into softball.



FINISH LINE

Rodger Ward, Indianapolis, two-time winner of the 500-mile Memorial Day Pace, stopped being fun for the 1 mile would quit," he said, adding, "the 500 wasn't fun." He finished his quitting racing 15th. (AP Wirephoto)

Corran Ban Leads Loop

In City softball league action this evening the Corran Ban Cee Bees will face the Mariners and on Friday evening the Juniors will play the BIS. Both games will be played at the Victoria Park diamond and are set to begin at 6:15. A game that was slated for last evening between the Mariners and Juniors was rained out, leaving Corran Ban on top of the loop with a 1-0 record.

The Cee Bees beat the BIS team 11-0 at the Victoria Park softball diamond in the first game of the League schedule. Corran Ban outthit the Irishmen 16-11. Winning pitcher was John Hughes, loser was Joe Thistle. Don Campbell homered for Corran Ban.

Amberoid Posts Fast Time In Workout For Belmont

By ORLO ROBERTSON
NEW YORK (AP)—Lucien Laurin asked Amberoid for speed Wednesday, and he got it with emphasis as the field for the 98th running of the \$125,000-added Belmont Stakes at Aqueduct Saturday swelled to 10.

Kentucky Derby, Preakness winner Kauai King is the firm 4-5 choice.

Amberoid, a slow starter with a stretch kick, worked six furlongs in an eyebrow-raising 1:10.4 at Belmont Park. The work was so fast that Laurin, Montreal trainer of the Reginald Webster colt, took a second look at his watch and then asked the clockers for official confirmation.

BASEBALL PRACTICE

There will be a practice for the Royal Canadian Junior Midgets at Memorial Field this evening at 6:00. Any player who was under the age of 17 as of January 31st and who is interested in playing is urged to attend. Carl MacQuaid will be coach in charge.

"That was fine," said Laurin, almost in boyish glee. "He really was flying."

Amberoid, seventh in the Derby, moved up to third in the Preakness but was beaten more decisively than in his run for the roses.

SLOW AT START
"I just hope this means that he will be closer to the early pace," said Laurin. "He's been so slow at the start that it was almost impossible for him to catch up."

MARITIME RACE ROUNDUP

SACKVILLE DOWNS, N.S. (CP)—Despite a slow track resulting from a day of rain showers, relatively fast times were recorded on an eight-dash harness racing program here Wednesday night.

Editorial Page, owned by the Barrieau Stable of Lakeburn, N.B., and Sandy Slater owned by Mrs. D. Walker of Halifax each recorded miles in 2:10 over the heavy track.

Editorial Page and Senor, owned by Cyril Smith of Truro, were double winners on the card, featured by a \$185.30 daily double on Senor and Water Freight.

Senor's miles were raced in 2:15 both times. Editorial Page's time in his first race was 2:10.1.

Water Freight won the opening heat in 2:12.1.

Other winners were Midnight Bold (2:16.8) and Wild Chance (2:16). Midnight Bold, owned by Everett Shea of Alberton, was the only Prince Edward Island winner on the card.

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Mary Dillon and Top Rhythm paced the fastest miles on an eight-dash harness racing card Wednesday night at Exhibition Park raceway here.

Mary Dillon won the third race in 2:17.45 while Top Rhythm's 2:10.45 finish in the fourth race was a new record for the three-year-old bay horse, owned by C. B. Smith of Nauwigewak, N.S.

Fifer Boy (2:14), Celia's Empire (2:12 3-5), High Coach (2:14), Flaming High (2:16 4-5), Janet Byrd (2:14 4-5) and Senator Sis (2:13) were other winners. Payouts were small.

FIELD INCREASES
With the supplementary fees of \$5,000 paid on Michael Ford's Kauai King and C. V. Whitney's Fast Count, Saturday's 1 1/2-mile test will be the richest Belmont. It will gross \$160,200, with \$116,450 to the winner. Second will be worth \$25,000, third \$12,500 and fourth \$6,250.

The decision to enter Fast Count came as a surprise.

"We always thought he was bred to be a Belmont horse," said trainer Ivor Balding, as he paid the fee.

Trainer Clyde Trout finally decided to give Mrs. Ada L. Rice's Advocate another shot at Kauai King. Advocate was runner-up in the Derby but a disappointment in the Preakness.

Meanwhile, the track handicapper came out with his first line. While quoting the King and odds - on favorite, he made Preakness runner-up Stupendous the second choice at 4-1 with Amberoid third at 8-1 and Highest Honor next at 12-1.

BASEBALL RESULTS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
American League

Washington 000 200 022 - 6 13 0
Boston 000 200 010 - 3 9 0
Bosman (1-0), Kline (8) and Casanova, Carpilli (8), Lonborg (2-3), Sanders (8), Brandon (9) and Ryan.

Second
Washington 000 000 000 - 0 3 0
Boston 220 100 00x - 5 10 0
Hannan (0-3), Humphreys (2), Segui (4), Cox (6) and Camilli; Sadowski (1-0), Santiago (8) and Thiman. HR: Bos-Petrocelli (9).

National League
Chicago 000 200 000 - 3 9 2
Phila. 000 200 11x - 4 7 0
Hands, Estrada (1-1) (8) and Hundley; Culp, Fox (1-1) (8), Knowles (9) and Dalrymple, Uecker (8), HRs: Chi-Browne (6), Williams (5).

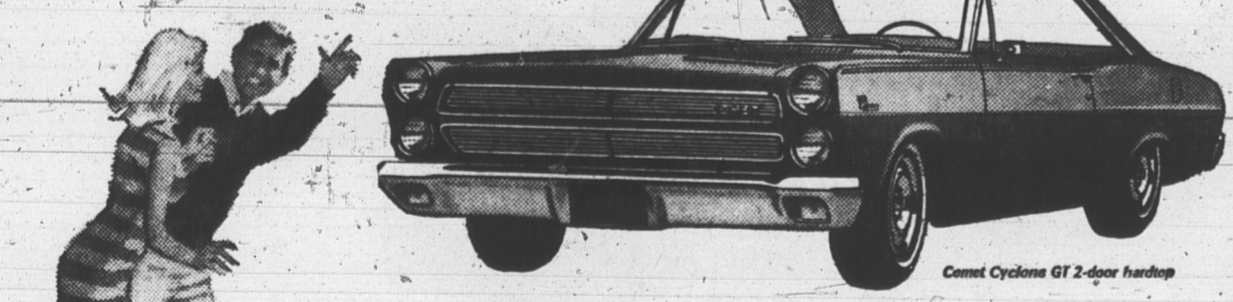
Pittsburgh 000 110 010 - 3 9 0
New York 000 010 000 - 1 5 3
Cardwell (1-4), McBean (9) and Pagliaroni; Ribant (1-2) and Stephenson. HR: NY-Stuart (3).
Los Angeles 000 000 100 - 1 4 0
St. Louis 000 000 000 - 0 7 1
Koufax (9-1) and Roseboro; Jackson (4-3), Herner (8) and McCarver.

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