

# National Park Softball League Will Start Sunday May 31

Season will get underway in the National Park league Sunday 31.

The first day of play will see the Redies playing host to Dunstaffnage and Park at home to Ford. These two games will be played on the National Park ground.

The first game gets underway 7:30 sharp.

The following is the schedule for the season.

May 31: Dunstaffnage at Tracadie, Bedford at Park

June 2: Dunstaffnage at Park

June 4: Bedford at Tracadie

June 7: Bedford at Dunstaffnage

June 7: Park at Tracadie

June 9: Tracadie at Dunstaffnage

June 11: Park at Bedford

June 14: Tracadie at Bedford

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June 16: Tracadie at Park

June 18: Dunstaffnage at Bedford

June 21: Tracadie at Dunstaffnage

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June 25: Dunstaffnage at Park

June 25: Bedford at Tracadie

June 28: Bedford at Dunstaffnage

June 28: Park at Tracadie

June 30: Park at Bedford

July 3: Dunstaffnage at Tracadie

July 5: Tracadie at Bedford

July 7: Tracadie at Park

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July 9: Dunstaffnage at Bedford

July 12: Dunstaffnage at Park

July 12: Bedford at Tracadie

July 14: Tracadie at Dunstaffnage

July 16: Park at Bedford

July 19: Dunstaffnage at Park

July 19: Bedford at Tracadie.

## HUNTERS CORNER

### Tabby Cat Has Its Place But Not Roaming Fields

During a drive through the countryside this week I spotted ahead of me slightly subdued in manner but none the worse, to all appearances. We thought he stayed closer to home after that but in January when we tended our rabbit snares in a spruce swamp a mile from home what we thought at first glance to be a rabbit turned out to be our white tom. The snare ended his ramblings.

A cat has its place but its place is not roaming the fields and swamps not if one appreciates our bird life. After the 1st Great War I farmed for some years at Mount Albion. The first spring there I went to lift a gate from the grass to set it in place and found a long sparrows nest under one of the boards with 5 eggs in it. I left the gate and made another. Our own cat was in a wire fox pen. I didn't think there were any stray cats on the premises but one morning, after the young birds had their nest pretty well filled out, I awoke to the plaintive cries of their parents. I knew what to expect. A cat had hooked its claws under the board and pulled the nest out where it lay empty on the grass. There was some satisfaction in getting the cat the next day.

Game birds also suffer from their depredations. Mr. George Saville, M.L.A. Anandale has a natural swamp for Wilson's Snipe. Quite often in October I'd have some snappy sport with those speedsters. A few fall ago they simply disappeared. Mr. Saville had the explanation. A big yellow cat had made the swamp his, or her, home. That ended the snipe. A cat with lightning will lug home anything from a mouse or spurrel to a half grown rabbit in the fur line and from a song sparrow to a woodcock, Hungarian partridge or immature pheasant in feathers. Cats are intelligent creatures and can do everything but talk in English. They can tell in their own language what they want plainer than can some people. I like cats in their proper place and that's not in roaming the great outdoors at will.

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### Valdes Meets Johnson Tonight

NEW YORK (AP)—Nino Valdes, an old familiar face in the heavyweight ranks, will put young Alonzo Johnson of Pittsburgh to the test tonight. It will be the first Madison Square Garden main event fight for Johnson.

On the strength of experience gained in 66 pro fights dating back to 1941, Valdes is favored at 2-1 or better. However, the giant Cuban suffers occasional distressing lapses that prompt screams of anguish from his manager, Bobby Gleason.

Johnson has won 11 straight and owns a 15-1 record.

# SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

Two games have been played in the Prince County softball league, both ending in a 5-4 score. In both games the winner had come from behind to achieve victory. If these games are a criterion of what we may expect throughout the season, the league should be a real spine-tingling, gum-swallowing affair.

The fact that airforce players are strengthening the Legion and Postiac teams while the rural clubs are depending entirely on home talent may play puck with the league balance. It certainly doesn't see fair to give this advantage to the Summerside aggregations. It's like giving Goliath the sling-shot.

We were impressed with Tyne valley batting. In their first game. They gave Dick Crozier, a pretty fair slab artist, a rough time while he was on the mound, and didn't exactly jump through hoops when Marchant, the man with the whip, entered the arena. They hadn't seen his delivery before, but they managed a hit and a run off his slants.

Don MacEachern, after a wobbly performance in short field against the Legion, put one three-star display against Tyne Valley. There were no leaks between third and second while Don was covorting about in that meadow. This boy is an ace performer over Seneca golf course. Defending champion Gary Player of Johannesburg, South Africa, shot a 72.

er in track and basketball, and we have a feeling that he could be close to the top in softball too if he concentrated on that game.

The ladies' softball league swings into action next Thursday, June 4, when the Thunderbirds take on the other Summerside club, the K. of C. girls. In an exhibition game last week the Thunderbirds had a little too much thunder for the other club who are largely inexperienced, but the K. of C. club will undoubtedly improve and give a better account of themselves as the season advances. However, if the team should be found to be a bit weak for their opposition, something should be done to strengthen them, because there is nothing less interesting than an unbalanced league.

It is still much a matter of doubt whether the Kensington team will compete in the Prince County softball league. All the

## PRACTICE

Baseball practice is called for the Junior Legionaires this evening at 5:30 at Memorial Field. All players are urged to be present for this workout.

### Bob Goalby Leads Field In Tourney

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Bob Goalby used only 24 puts Thursday in firing a seven-under-par 64 for a record in the first round of the Kentucky Derby open golf tournament.

Ernie Vossler finished with 34-32-66, good for second place. Seven players tied for third with 69s and eight others had 70s

## TOUGH TIME

J. F. (Bunny) Ahearne, president of the World Ice Hockey Federation, thinks the Kitchen-Waterloo Dutchmen, Canada's choice for the 1960 Olympic Games, may finish as low as fourth place. Ahearne said he doubted any Canadian team playing without reinstated professionals, not allowed under Olympic rules, could be considered a heavy favorite. Dutchmen, first team to play for Canada, twice in Olympic competition, came third in 1956 at Cortina, Italy behind Russia and the United States. The 1960 games will be held in February in Squaw Valley, Calif.

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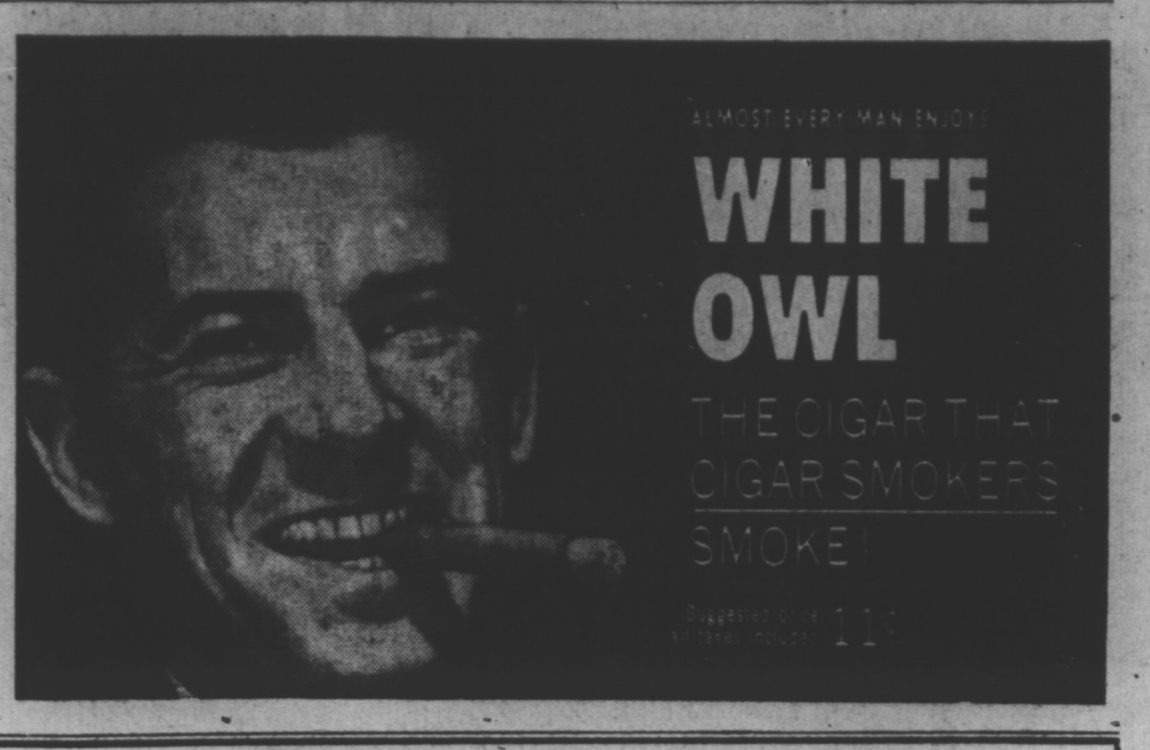
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activity so far from this club has been on the telephone. They were not able to attend either of the two organizational meetings but phoned that they would like to enter the league so they were included in the schedule. They were supposed to play the Legion at Queen Elizabeth Park Wednesday evening, but phoned that they could not make it so the game was postponed. Whether this team will progress further than the telephone exchange is not sure as yet, but we hope that they will be able to field a team that will hold its own with the other clubs.



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CALL INCIDENT  
Such an incident comes to mind, 12 or 15 years ago I was patrol in the Culloden area. Was walking along a narrow road through the beaches my way back to where I had parked the car. From the edge of a cut-over about a hundred yards ahead I saw a large fox come out on to the road and look at me. I stood perfectly still and he never noticed me till he was within 10 feet. I see him yet a rugged individual as large as a vixen fox, pads on his bowed front legs placing little puffs of reddish dust with every step. I was crouching inwardly at the time he was in for but the tables were reversed. I also was in a surprise. The second time he went into a crouch as if to spring, laid his ears flat on his head and bared teeth in a menacing snarl.

I am willing to admit I wasn't feeling too comfortable for I fully expected him to spring at me. In 10 seconds at least we stared at each other. I was thinking as to how I would meet his charge when I thought of the three-bladed pocket knife in my pocket. When my fingers closed on its heavy haft confidence returned. I guess the big tom used the change for at this moment he decided to give ground. I slunk up a three foot bank and crouched behind a low bush. I could see his ears through the branches as I watched me intently as I walked past. The woods are full of cats that have taken away from man's domination and shun human habitation. When I lived in the country I set traps for foxes one winter in a field in the midst of wood swamp land over a mile from home. It was part of an abandoned farm and held a heavy mat of dead hay and mud. Snow lay deep in the woods and I had to resort to snowshoes. Foxes were doing some very mousing in this field and I set my traps in the remains of an old manure pile. My take was a fox and five cats half as large as the fox. They were all caught in the month of January. The surprising part of it was that the cats were in top condition. They didn't appear to be morns on the long, gaunt side, they sure were weighty.

**TURAL HUNTERS**  
Cats are natural hunters. Even fat old house tabbies are expert at outwitting birds. Quite an ordinary house cat leaves premises come the warm days of spring and return in the fall before winter sets in. I had a big white tom that disappeared in late May and didn't come home until late November early December. On a November afternoon I was hunting in a field covered with grass and short spruce bushes. Seeing something white running half obscured by the grass naturally thought it was a rabbit and opened up with the 10 gauge. I got a surprise when our white tom leaped a full five feet in the air. On his way down legs were working like trip mminers going through the morns of running. I felt sure he had brained himself when he hit stump fence but he was home

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