

Russia's Debut Was A Fizzle

BECKENHAM, England (AP)—Russia's debut in international lawn tennis fizzled Wednesday. Both of Russia's touring players were defeated in the first round of the Kent championships. But little Anna Dimitrieva, 17, kept the Red flag flying for 1½ hours before finally losing to Britain's Carol Levy 7-5, 0-6, 7-5.

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W. Germany, Yugoslavia Have Clear Cut Margins

By JOHN FARROW
STOCKHOLM (AP)—West Germany's defending champions and Yugoslavia emerged from the second round of the World Soccer Cup championships Wednesday as the only teams with clear cut leads.

West Germany tied Czechoslovakia 2-2 and took over the lead in group one with three points. Yugoslavia turned back France 3-2 for a total of three points and sole possession of first place in group two.

Sweden, who completes the second round today in a match with Hungary, remained tied with Wales for the lead in group three. Each has two points. Wales played its second straight tie Wednesday, drawing with Mexico at 1-1.

In group four, Brazil played a scoreless tie with England and Yugoslavia beat Australia 2-0 to head the division with three points apiece. Each has won one and tied another.

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ALL PLAY SUNDAY

Sunday all 16 teams swing into action again. The two leaders in each division qualify for the quarter finals. If teams end up with the same number of points, then the goal average will decide the top teams.

Brazil, rated favorites for the title, played an exciting match watched by television viewers all over Europe.

It was a contrast in styles with the English switching play with devastating long passes from one side of the field to the other.

The Brazilians relied on short, quick passes planned in great detail and carried out with great skill and precision.

Russia turned in a hard-playing game against the Austrians and many think the Russians may be capable of upsetting the Brazilians in their match Sunday.



VICTORY WAVE

Conn Smythe, Toronto sportsman, waves his hat in token of victory after his Caledon Woodbine race track in Toronto. Mrs. Smythe holds the coveted trophy. (CP Wirephoto)

Will Be Final Dress Rehearsal

ST. LAMBERT, Que. (CP)—Something of a final full-dress rehearsal for a major section of the British Empire Games was seen Wednesday with announced plans of the St. Lambert Canadian Legion's annual track and field meet.

The meet, which draws crowds of 5,000 and more in this Montreal suburban community, is scheduled for June 27 and 28, a few days before Canada's team sails for the Games at Cardiff, Wales.

The meet is sanctioned for Eastern Canada championships in the junior, juvenile and midget classes and the open senior men's and women's events. There will also be events for bantam-class girls.

Meet officials said they are hopeful many of the performers for Canada's team at the Empire Games will be on hand.

Hoak Suffers Broken Nose

CINCINNATI (AP)—Don Hoak, Cincinnati Redleg third baseman, has suffered a broken nose for the eighth time but he hopes to be back in the lineup without missing any games.

Hoak came here after Tuesday night's rain-curtailed game for an examination of the nose injury suffered at San Francisco Sunday. He was hit in the face by a ball which bounced off the plate or off the shin guard of San Francisco catcher Bob Schmidt while Hoak was batting.

REMEMBER WHEN . . .

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Ralph Guldahl, Chicago professional, blazed around the Oak-

land Hills course at Birmingham, Mich., to win the United States Open title 21 years ago today with a 72-hole aggregate of 281, one stroke lower than the mark set by Tony Manero the previous year. Guldahl was seven under par for the full grind.

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

There doesn't seem an improvement as far as speeding up baseball in concerned. You can witness a softball game and under ordinary circumstances the seven innings battles we have in Charlottetown are over in a little more than one hour. Indeed the other evening RCAF Flyers and Junior Basileia Youth Club went 11 innings and the game didn't get underway until 6.15. On top of that it was a very dark evening and remember we have no daylight saving time.

In the major leagues there is nothing unusual about a game going over three hours. Most of the contests average about two hours and forty minutes. We thought that a glimpse at the average time required for each big league club to complete a game might be interesting, so here are a few facts.

Milwaukee Braves play the "fastest" baseball in the major leagues. They go through their nine innings faster than any of the other fifteen clubs. On the average, it takes them two hours, 2.83 minutes. The New York Yankees are the "fastest" in the American League with an average of two hours, 29.20 minutes. Which is the slowest team in either league? The answer is Cleveland which averages two hours 30.40 minutes. (The average in both leagues is two hours 32.96 minutes.)

Perhaps Milwaukee Braves should take a little more time when they play those Dodgers from Los Angeles. On the other hand the way the Yankees are behaving in the American League they could speed it up more and still be able to dispose of most of their opponents.

The Los Angeles Dodgers will not be invited to return to Miami for next year's spring training. Joe Ryan general manager of the Miami Marlins was the gentleman who made this announcement.

Said Ryan: "They have moved to the west coast and now are no longer attractive to Miami. Further, they are not the top attraction they once were."

Last Saturday night at Charlottetown Driving Park race fans witnessed the fastest mile to date over a Maritime track. War Cry Ranger, owned by Francis Breaux, Moncton copped the first dash of the Junior Free for All in 2.12 flat. However the next time War Cry Ranger was nipped at the wire by Sir Joseph in the "amazing" time of 2.20.3.

There was no accident to bring about the more than eight seconds difference in the times of the two dashes and ever since the race fans have been asking why the eight second jump.

We Can't answer that but we do know that, drivers have been given their orders by the judges for future events. From here on if the drivers are not considered satisfactory by the judges, drivers or horses, or both, are going to miss some race events. The officials are going to see to it that every entry gets a worthwhile drive or falling this then those responsible will be watching races instead of driving horses in them.

Now is the time to get tough. The race fans, particularly the betting public will welcome the word "no foolin'" will be tolerated.

Let's get down to business at once.

Somebody had to be blamed for the dismal showing of the Detroit Tigers and manager Jack Tighe seemed like the one to point the finger at. The Tiger front office did just and Jack was fired.

Bill Norman, successor to Tighe, has just one way to travel. He takes over a cellar-dwelling outfit and can't go any deeper in the hole. Chances are he will likely see the Tigers show some life and creep up in the American League standings. With the calibre of ball players on the Tigers roster, that seems like a safe bet.

Probably we should acquaint Norman with the fact that we picked the Tigers as pennant winners. If he knew that undoubtedly he would drive the Detroit players that much harder.

Warren Spahn, looking for his ninth win on Tuesday afternoon, ran up against a tough Chicago Cub team that had their bats really shined up for the occasion.

There was nothing surprising about Warren running into a bad day. Every great pitcher—and Spahn is one of the greatest—comes up with a game when everything he does seems to be wrong. Tuesday was such a day for the famed left-hander.

We listened in on the game and after 2½ innings we felt that Spahn had number nine all wrapped up. But we forgot to reckon with the home run power in those Chicago bats.

The Braves led 5-1 with the Cubs coming to bat in the last of the third. Ernie Banks pole out home run number 18 with two mates aboard to make it a 5-4 ball game. It was Chicago's second home run blast of the afternoon. Former Milwaukee Brave, now toiling in the Cub outfield, Bobby Thomson had connected for the circuit in the second. The Braves added a run in the fourth to go ahead 6-4 but Dale Long blasted a four-base wallop with no one aboard in the Cub half of the same inning and Chicago again trailed by a mere run.

The Braves were through for the day but the Cubs were only starting. In the sixth Cal Neeman put one out of the ball park driving in a runner ahead of him. Bobby Thomson got hold of another of Spahn's pitches and drove it into the stand. Another runner crossed the plate ahead of Thomson.

More surprising than the Milwaukee defeat was the fact that Haney left Spahn in the ball game till Cubs had collected all their runs. Just listening to the game was enough to tell one that Spahn didn't have it on Tuesday. Why Haney made a great pitcher like Warren stay in through it all is something we don't understand. If he thought Spahn was going to help him win the ball game, all well and good. But as it turned out leaving Spahn in there cost him the afternoon till. And he should have seen that coming.

Cubs narrowly missed a few more home runs in the early innings as Chicago batters sent Brave outfielders far back to the wall to garner in their long clouts.

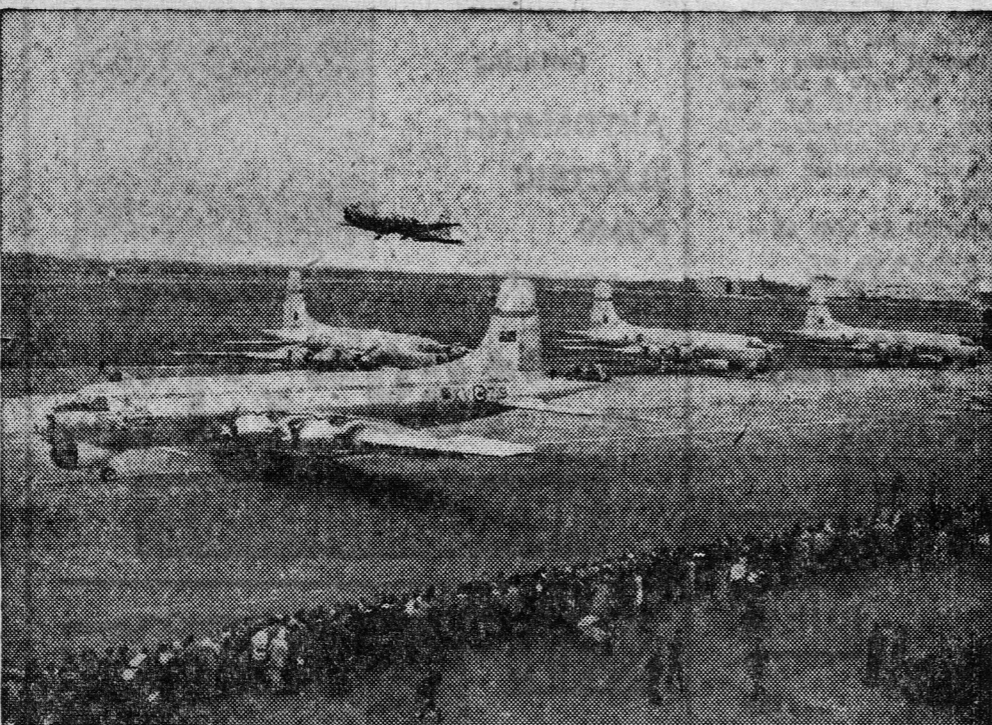
Haney may need a game very badly around the end of September. He might have saved one Tuesday had he gone to his bullpen earlier.



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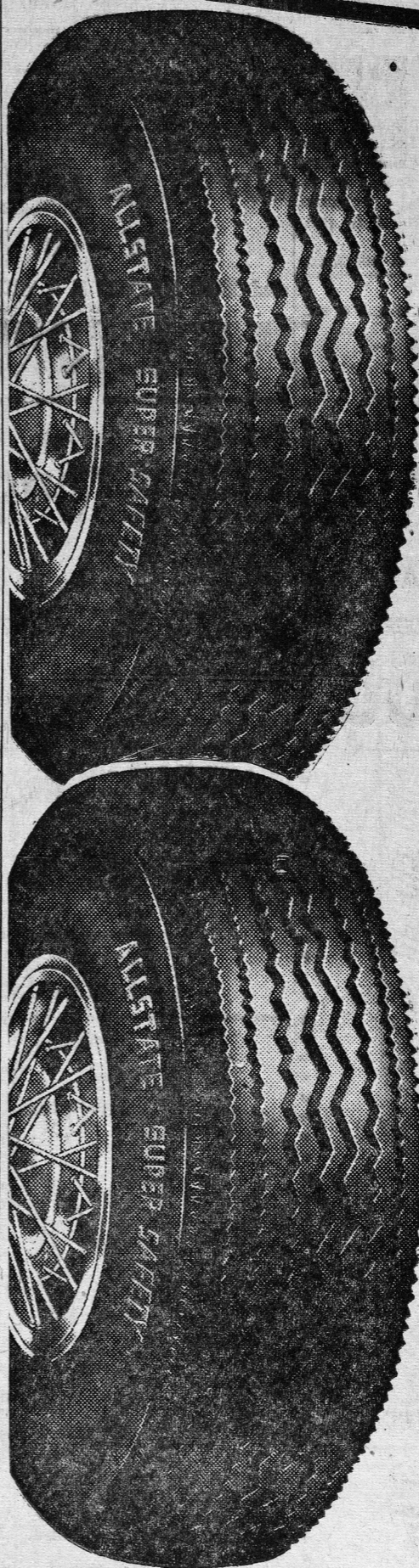
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