Sports

IN THIS CORNER

The Local Baseball Scene

With the harness racing season ready to get underway on June 16, the Charlottetown softball league swinging into action on June 4th, the city baseball league preparing for a good season and golf, tennis and rifle shooting already started the full summer's sports program will soon be in full swing.

Bad weather has been a hinderance for just about all so-called summer sports thus far and as a result the softball and baseball players having ben having a difficult time rounding themsives into shape. The softballers have had a few outings but with the opening date less than a week away the practice sessions have been far fewer than the teams' boss men would like.

The baseball men were a little later than the softballers in getting their league whipped into shape, but over the weekend Charlie Ryan, Tom MacFarlane and Fiddler MacDonald and Forbie Kennedy got together at the armmouries and chose teams for a 3-team city league. The players, who are mostly veterans of last year's fray with a fair sprinkling of newcomers, have been divided up into what looks like three evenly matched squads.

The teams were chosen only from the names of the players who have signified their intention to play baseball this year and, of course, anyone whose name is not included in the lineups can still get to play by contacting Tom MacFarlane, Fiddler MacDonald or Charlie Ryan, and he will be placed on one of the teams.

The lineups of the three teams so far read like this: Stars- Donnie LeClair, Vern Handrahan, Don Simmonds, Don MacDonald, Kip Ready, Lorne Hennessey, Joe LeClair, Jack Cairns, Brian MacCallum, Bill Morrell, Cliff Gillis. Flyers—Joe Coyle, Merlin Devine, Donnie MacLean, Earl MacKinnon, R. Hughes, Jack (Spy) Ready, Jack Kane, Cuker Pineau, Lorne MacGuigan, Jack Burke, Moe Goodwin, Joe Pineau and two lads whose first names we don't know Silvers and MacLean. Dodgers—Forbie Kennedy, Charlie Ryan, Johnny Squarebriggs, Ronnie Stanley, Ralph Pineau, Irv MacKinnon, Brian Lewis, Buck Whitlock, Bobby Lund and both of the local baseball-playing Ken MacDonalds.

While we, like many local players we have been talking to don,t wholly approve of the method of organizing the city league, we do feel that we should go along with it. It is most certainly the best method of assuring a well balanced league. Some players are slightly irked at being told which teams they are to play with yet if the players were to be out on an open market it might wreck the league before it even got started. It is a natural impulse to want to win and to want to be on the winning team and obvious danger of allowing the players to pick their own spots is that too many of the best players may head for the same spot. This would result in one or two strong teams or one or two weak teams leaving the league in an badly unbalanced condition.

No one will argue the fact that good balance is probably the most appealing quality a league can have. Anyone who closely followed the Island Hockey League last winter will agree to that. The close competition was one of the factors in the unbelievable success of that league.

It will take more than just good baseball, though, to draw the fans back to Memorial Field. Last Year's league was about as close as a league can get. The teams were well played, with plenty of long ball hitting, and the game that was decided before the last out in the ninth was the exception rather than the rule. Yet invariably there were more ball players present than fans. The final series between the Flyers and Dodgers was as thrilling as any since the great junior series between the Kinsmen and RECCE 8 years ago in 1948. Among baseball men in Charlottetown that Kinsmen-RECCE playoff, that was slated as the best-of-five but went 6 games before the army boys won the title on error in the ninth inning, is still referred to as The Junior Series.

Paul Jay, who as the outstanding star of the Flyers-Dodgers series of last year is playing some baseball up in Ontario and from a report in the Pembroke Observer is performing just as well up that way as he did here. Paul hurled and won both ends of a double-header to give the Dodgers the city league crown last summer. Although he is best on the mound Paul can perform as well as any body in the infield. In a recent game of the North Renfrew League Paul played five innings at second and finished out the game at short for the Deep River Rockets. His team lost the game but it wasn't Paul's fault. In four trips to the plate he slammed out a double and two singles. On the other try he grounded out.

Al Sheehan has this to say about him"If Jay can hurl the ball as well as he can hit it, the Rockets should improve and provide stiff competition for the rest of the league in 1956."

Supple Cops Boxing Title By Knockout

QUEBEC (CP)—Pat Supple, a stocky little Monrealer who tosses leather from all angles, knocked out Gill Geekie of London, Ont., Monday night to win the vacated Canadian bantamweight boxing crown.

Supple put Geekie away at 2:26 of the ninth round after flooring him for nine counts on three occasions—in the fourth round, the heighth and in the ninth just before the end of the fight.

Supple tipped the scales at 115, one-quarter pound heavier than Geekie.

The title had been vacated by Fernando Gagnon of Quebec City who now makes his home in Montreal. Gagnon held the title for 10 years.

ELEPHANTS COMING TO CHARLOTTETOWN IN JULY

Three herds of Siamese, Indian and African elephants will perform at the big three-ring Cristiani Bros. Circus, which will give matinee and evening performances on Dominion Day, July 2nd. The big show is larger than the King-Cristiani Circus which showed here three years ago, and it is again being brought to P. E. I. by the Kinsmen Club. Proceeds from the show will be used by the club for its Youth Activity program, including the boy's summer camp.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Ford Hurls 7th Victory; Tigers Down Indians 3-1

NEW YORK (AP) — Whitey Ford spaced five Boston singles to hang up his seventh victory against a lone defea as New York Yankees madet he most of four hits off Frank Sullivan to beat the Red Sox 2-0.

It was the eighth straight complete game for the stubby New York southpaw, who lowered his league-leading earned run average to 1.01 with his second shutout of the season.

Sullivan gave the hard - hitting Yanks a tough time but couldn't keep their four hits spaced. New York got two singles in the first inning — by Gil McDougald and Billy Martin — and scored a run on Yogi Berra's infield out. The other run came in the fourth, with the help of two errors by shortstop Don Buddin sandwiched between singles by Mickey Mantle and Joe Collins.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Steve Gromek threw a six-hitter at the Cleveland Indians Monday night to give Detroit Tigers a 3-1 victory over the Tribe. Ray Boone hit a home run off loser Herb Score in the sixth inning.

Three Players who spent many seasons in Cleveland uniform wre key men in the triumph: Gromek, Boone and Bob Kennedy, whose double drove in the first Tiger run. Score, in losing, struck out six, getting Gromek three imes and Jack Phillips twice. He now has 73 strikeouts in 67 innings.

Cleveland bunched half its hits off Gromek in the first inning and scored a run before a batter was retired. Jim Busby tripled, and Bob Avila and Al Smith followed with singles.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Pitcher Mike Fornieles, who came on in the seventh inning to stem a rising tide of Washington runs, doubled in the last of the 10th and scord on Chuck Diering's single to give Baltimore Orioles a 6-5 victory over the Senators Monday night.

Diering's single caromed off the glove of Washington third-baseman Eddie Yost, breaking a 5-5 tie.

Fornieles, making his first appearance in a Baltimore uniform after being traded by Chicago White Sox last Thursday, donated the tying run to Washington in the seventh.

Coming to the relief of George Zuverink, third Baltimore pitcher, with one away and two aboard, Fornieles gave Clint Courtney an intntional pass and then walked Jim Lemon to force in a run.

Connie Johnson, also obtained in the Chicago trade, started for the Orioles but gave way to Don Ferrarese who left in favor of Zuverink. Bob Chakales, third Senators' hurler, was charged with the loss.

STANDINGS

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National League

	W	L	Pc.	GBL
Milwaukee	17	9	.654	—
St. Louis	22	14	.611	—
P'tsburgh	19	13	.594	1
Cincinnati	18	15	.545	2½
Brooklyn	17	15	.531	3
ew York	14	19	.424	6½
Philadelphia	11	21	.344	9
Chicago	9	21	.300	10

Frick Hopes To Stop Decline In Minor Leagues

ATLANTA (AP) — Ford Frick, commissioner of baseball, expressed strong hope Monday that the major league owners now ar ready to take effectiv esto tpse ready to take effective seps to halt the decline of minor league baseball.

In a press conference here, Frick said he was "astonished" at the reversal of thinking in the majors few years.

Now, he said, there seems to be a general determination to do something. He cited the appointment of a committee at a meeting of major officials in Detroit last wek and said he had high hopes that by the December meeting this group will have evolved a "logical, fair and workable" program.

Frick felt the most important recommendations probably would be to allow the minors to sign more players on their ownand to exercise far greater control over the player contracts.

BASEBALL RESULTS

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National League

Cincinnati 001 000 000— 1 3 1
Chicago 000 040 00x— 4 6 0
Nuxhall, Fowler (5) Jeffcoat (6) Lapalme (8) and Burge; Ruh and Chiti. L—Nuxhall.

Milwaukee 331 000 120—10 14 0
St. Louis 001 100 001— 3 12 1
Sleater, Conley (4) and Crandall; Wehmeier, Surkont (2), Jackson (5), Kinder (9) and Sarni. W—Conley. L—Wehmeier. HRs: Mil — Thomson, Crandall. StL—Boyer, Brandt.

Brooklyn 20' 000 000— 2 2 1
Ptitsburgh 010 110 00x— 3 8 0
Erskine, Labine (8) and Campanella; Friend and Foiles; L—Erskine. HRs: Bkn—Snider; Pgh—Long.

Nw York 000 100 010— 2 11 1
Philadelphia 100 022 00x— 5 9 2
Wothington, Gomez (6) Grissom (8) and Kat; Haddix, Roberts (8) and Lopata. W—Haddix; L—Worthington. HR: NY—Katt.

International League

Havana 000 100 011— 3 8 2
Miami 000 007 00x— 7 11 0
Bracho, Amor (6), Sanchez (7) and Doterer, Sierra (7); Cadwell and Niarhos.

Monreal 000 200 103— 6 9 0
Rochester 000 000 000— 0 4 0
Harris and Ronning; Russell, Geiger (8) and Rand.

Toronto 02 000 100— 3 10 1
Buffalo 010 200 001— 4 11 1
D. Johnson, Hetki (4), Jacobs (7), Miller (8), Derucki (9) and Sawatski; Donovan and Tompkinson.

Richmond 000 001 001— 2 11 1
Columbus 001 111 00x— 4 8 0
Pos, Cereghino (7) and Thacker; Duser and Noble.

American League

Boston 000 000 000— 0 5 3
New York 100 100 00x— 2 4 0
Sullivan and White Ford and Berra.

Detroit 000 201 000—3 8 0
Cleveland 100 000 000— 1 6 0
Gromek and Wilson Score, Narleski (8) and Hegan, Naragon (8). L—Score. HR: Det—Boone.

Washington 000 002 300 0— 5 10 3
Baltimore 200 102 000 1— 6 10 1
(10 innins)
Wiesler, Clevenger (6) Chakales (7) and Courtney; Johnson, Ferrarese (6) Zuverink (6) Fornieles 7) and Smith. W—Fornieles; L—Chakales.

PROBABLE PITCHERS

NEW YORK (AP) — Probable pitchers for today's major league games (won-lost records in parentheses):

National League

Brooklyn at Pittsburg—Newcombe (6-3) vs Kline (3-2).

Cincinnati at Chicago—Lawrence (5-0) vs Jones (1-3).

(Only games scheduled). 2

American League

Chicago at Kansas City—Pollet (1-1) vs Kretlow (2-4).

Boston at New York—Nixon (0-2) vs Larsena (3-0)

Washington at Baltimore—Stewart (2-1) vs Palica (2-5).

(Only games scheduled).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pirates Nip Dodgers 3-2; Haddix Tosses Phils' Win

PITTSBURGH (AP)—First baseman Dale Long of Pittsburgh continued his almost incredible home run hitting Monday night by blasting his eighth homer in as many games to set a major league record as the third-place Pirates beat the Brooklyn Dodgers 3-2.

Bobby Friend, the Pirates' ace righthander, gave up only two hits in winning his eighth game against two defeats—the best victory total in the majors.

The Dodger runs were scored on a tremendous home run by Duke Snider in the second inning. Junior Gilliam was on base as the result of a base on balls—one of six allowed by Friend.

After Snider's homer in the opening inning, the only other hit off Friend was in the third when Gilliam singled.

Friend was never in serious trouble after Snider's blast as he chalked up his third victory over the skidding Dodgers. About the only solace for the world champions was that it was the 18th straight game in which Snider has hit safely.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Harvey Haddox effectively scattered 10 hits Monday night as Philadelphia Phillies defeated New York Giants 5-2. Robin Roberts went in as insurance in the eighth inning and kept the Giants becalmed with one hit.

It was the first victory for Haddix since coming to the Phillies in a trade from St. Louis two weeks ago. He struck out seven before wilting in the eighth when Roberts made his first relief appearance of the season.

Willie Mays finally snapped out of his batting slump for the losers. The great centrefielder clouted two doubles in four trips to the plate besides being involved in the game's fielding showpiece. In the fifth, Mays was on third when Bill White arched a short fly to Ashburn. Ritchie took the ball on the dead run and threw a strike to Stan Lopata, the burly Phillies catcher.

Mays barged into the 230-pound receiver and jolted him into a back-flip. But Lopata held the ball for a hat-lifting double play.

CHICAGO (AP)—Chicago Cubs blended Bob Rush's three-hit pitching with a four-run fifth inning to defeat Cincinnati 4-1 before a windblown crowd of 1,202 Monday.

Shortstop Roy McMillan, who got two of the Cincinnati hits, tripled in the third and scored on losing pitcher Joe Nuxhall's sacrifice fly.

A walk to rush opened the fifth. Eddie Miksis bunted and was safe on Nuxhall's fumble. Gene Baker followed ith another bunt for single to load the bases. Ernie Banks doubled, scoring Rush and Miksis. Baker scored on Walt Moryn's single, a liner off Nuxhall's Glove.

Nuxhall then was replaced by Art Fowler. Banks scored when Irvin hit a sacrifice fly to deep centre.

ST. LOUIS AP)—What was supposed to be a battle for first place in the National League turned into a quick rout Monday night as the Milwaukee Braves defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, 10-3. The Braves had been leading by percentages but trailing by one in the games-behind department.

Gene Conley, recently returned to active duty with the Braves, earned the victory in long-term relief. He pitched the final six innings and allowed the Cards only one run, on eight hits. The Braves wasted no time wiping out that one-game-behind deficit, and improving their percentage lead while at it. They scored three runs in each of the first two innings. Milwaukee's total attack was 14 hits, including home runs by Bob Thomson and Del Crandall.

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TIPS ON GOLFING

Baseball, Golf Are Similar

TO GIVE FULL treatment to a baseball or golf ball both hands must be behind the bat and club as demonstrated by baseball's Jim Gladd and golf's longest hitter, George Bayer. It's part of good form, too.

By ALEX MORRISON
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Golf Columnist

The evolution of a learner in golf can be covered by the three major factors in the flight of the ball. One, loft; two, direction, three, distance.

The learner's first problem is to get the ball off the ground. Then he has to minimize its tendencies to sail off in the wrong direction. While he has been struggling with these phases both mind and heart have been set on getting distance. He suffers the tortures of a youth longing for his first pair of long trousers or first smoke.

Distance, at some time, is the top obsession with all golfers. Despite this they do countless things that prevent the result they long for. Striking force with the clubhead as well as accuracy cannot be had without properly attending to two basic things.

One, having both hands work in harmony.

Two, having the body work in harmony with the hands.

Both of these swing fundamentals are well demonstrated in the accompanying photos of the hitting positions for baseball and golf. Note in these positions that the hands set on bat and club at the same angles. Also that the swinger's hips are shifting to the left as the ball is being struck. This indicates harmony in the movements of the hands as well as of the body.

Consider the hand position as being with both hands behind the club. Relatively few golfers use this lineup.

Fewer still have their hips moving to the left in harmony with the hands through the bottom of the downswing.

There is no valid reason for the positions they use as substitutes. The proper positions are most practical from every angle, though they may not feel proper when you first tackle them.

Practice will convert you. Then you'll never revert to the old lineup that robs you of both accuracy and distance.

BELTS 8TH HOMER

Dale Long Sets League Record

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Fabulous Dale Long, slugging Pittsburgh Pirate first baseman, smashed his eighth home run in as many consecutive games against Brooklyn Dodgers Monday night to establish a major league rcord.

Long's blow, which came in the fourth inning, broke his own mark of seven which he set against Philadephia Phillies Saturday.

Long smashed the pitch—his 14th homer—into the right field stands to lead off the inning. He got it off Carl Erskine.

One of the biggest night crowds in years at Forbes Field—believed to be over 30,000—cheered for minutes after Long's homer.

Earlier in the day Long, who went into the game with a .419 hitting average, signed a new contract giving him a $2,500 raise. General manager Joe Brown of the Pirates tore up the old contract—calling for $14,000 annually—after Long hit his seventh homer in as many games.

Rejects Proposal To Ban Playing Against Negroes

BATON ROUGE (AP) —Louisiana State University by a tie vote, Monday rejected for the third time a proposal to prohibit its athletic team from playing against Negroes.

The resolution would have required "that no athletic contest be scheduled or permitted between athletic teams of the university and other universities or colleges or state institutions where members of the Negro race participate. . . ."

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