

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

## A Veteran Returns

THE City Softball League is moving along quite successfully and the boys are having a good time of it. This softball is a game that can keep the elders among the competitors and each team has its share of veteran. Most of these 'old timers' have a lot of softball knowledge and their presence on their clubs is indeed a great help toward success.

TUESDAY evening The Benevolent Irish Society Shamrocks surprised just about everybody when they trotted out Jack Hennessey as their catching chores. Jack was a softball standout a few years back and was considered one of the peepers of the game. However, he had decided that Jack had called it quits as far as softball was concerned.

We were surprised as everybody else when fellow sports writer Curran Smith showed us Tuesday night to tell us that Hennessey had returned to active duty. Jack explained that he had never been fully convinced not to give softball another whirl. He didn't need much coaxing when the Irish invited him to line up with the Vera Blanchard's coached squad.

JACK has had a fine sports career and anything he has undertaken has given it his very best. The Shamrocks will surely be stronger for having acquired his services. One thing is sure, the other team will hear plenty of talk when Jack is on the ball game. He is constantly in the game and the opposition will never be lonesome when Hennessey is around. Sports Front wishes this Irishman back into the softball wars and we wish him the very best in his catching chores throughout the 1953 campaign.

## Plenty Of Young Talent

ALL City Baseball League managers appear mighty pleased with the great amount of young talent available for this summer's operations.

We were unable to be present for Wednesday's Stars-Dodgers battle but we understand that each of these clubs has been promising youth in abundance. However, we were present when Flyers and Braves opened their Monday night game and the manner in which the youngsters performed impressed us a great deal. Their hitting leaves a bit to be desired but they field the ball exceptionally fine.

Last season the younger players all but stole the spotlight from the high order and they were among the top men on each of the four teams.

This same pattern appears likely to be duplicated this season. These young fellows are anxious to play ball. They are eager to improve and they'll listen to the words of wisdom from their elders. They are ready to play half any time they are called upon. That's the kind of a ballplayer that a team needs. Not the fellow who needs to be in the mood before he will turn out.

With enthusiastic boys like this around, there appears little doubt about the success of this season's operations. The doubt about the future is there is little doubt that it will continue throughout the entire season.

These youngsters will make this league a success. You just wait and see.

## Great Baseball Races

THE National and American League races continue to sizzle and the lead changes make every other day. It's a terrific race to have things going and attendances surely should soar as a result. Right now no one in either league looks like a safe bet for the world series berth. Many feel that the Yankees are as good as in but the Hoosiers will not to improve their playing if they want a share of that world series.

Many clubs right now are entertaining pennant hopes and you can hardly blame them. The races are close and some really 'dare' horses are showing great advantage. Upsets could be coming in this 1953 campaign.

## To Leafs' Camp

CHARLOTTETOWN'S Billy MacMillan has arrived from Toronto and will spend the summer holidays with his mother, Mrs. M. MacMillan, Alexander Drive.

Billy will report to Toronto Maple Leaf's training camp in late August. He played last season with Neil McNeil's Juniors.

## Rifle Team Seeks To Regain Trophy

Tomorrow a team comprising eight shooting members and a captain and coach, leave here for Sussex, N.B., where they will participate Saturday in the annual Inter-Maritime rifle team championships.

This event, the oldest of its type in North America, has been going for more than 100 years and is fired annually by teams representing Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The three provincial rifle associations take turns at acting as hosts. In 1954 the event will take place at Squaw Point ranges.

Team captain, Sgt. Roy Coles, Melton, and coach Lt. Ralph E. Jenkins, Charlottesville, are confident that the team, selected from a series of weekly shoots which ended last Saturday, stands a better than even chance of regaining the championship and ancient trophy which they lost to N.B. in 1952.

Shooting members of the team are: Lt. Al Match, Tpr. Barrow, Cpl. Roy MacCabe, Sgt. Peter Landring and Tpr. Eldon MacLennan, all of Charlottetown. Tpr. Mike Stusick, Tpr. Hal Jones, both of Summerside, and Perley Taylor of Windsor.

Following are the leaders of the final qualifying match held last Saturday:

CLASS ONE	
F. Sgt. M.P. Sussak	102
A. H. Aitch	103

CLASS TWO	
Tpr. E. Jones	98
Tpr. S.A. Vessey	98
Cdr. R. Clark	95
Miss Lerma Vessey	94
SSM D.O. Clark	94

CLASS THREE	
Tpr. R.A. Brown	95
Tpr. J. Barlowe	89
Cdr. E. Prowse	87
Cdr. J. Peake	85

Regardless of the Island team's success at Sussex, the executive has announced that a practice shoot in preparation for the annual prize meet scheduled for July 19 and 20 will be held next Saturday.

**HATES SONG**  
HALIFAX (CP) — George Power, superintendent of the public gardens here, is riled up about vandalism to a decorative park fountain. Mr. Power said Wednesday persons climbing up on the fountain's tiers are damaging pewter cherubs.

And I had to learn all over again," he said. He still uses right-handed golf clubs. "I shot the green and when that ball went in the cup I was a mighty pleased man."



## WHAT'S THE CALL UMP?

Houston Colts' catcher John Bateman looks up in the direction of the home plate umpire Tuesday in the sixth inning as he made a stomach diving tag on Chicago's Ernie Banks. Banks tagged up at third and tried to score on the fly to left by teammate Nelson Matthews. Colts Brock Banks' peg to home was on target for the out.

(AP Wirephoto)

## FASTEST MILE IN MARITIMES

Wendell Barbour's Park Rainbow, winner of the first leg of the Maritime circuit free-rover last Saturday night at Sackville Downs, clinaxed a terrific night of racing at the Charlotte-Dominion Driving Park last night by stepping the fastest mile of the season in the Maritimes, a torrid 2:07.4.

The six-year-old son of Knight Dream, reared by veteran Roach MacGregor, captured both ends of a pace with identical 2:10.4 miles.

There were two other fast going miles on the program. Torrid Waters, an eight-year-old bay gelding owned by Wellington MacNeil of Southport, captured both ends of a pace with identical 2:10.4 miles.

**LOWERS MARK**  
Cyril Smith, lowered her mark by close to two seconds in the first dash of a claiming race, pacing the mile in 2:12.4. Her mark prior to this mile was 2:14.2. The young mare also captured the second dash of this event in 2:13.

Colonel Dan's Garth's Best captured the other two dashes on the program. Emmett Bernards reined the Mack's Best offspring to identical times of 2:13.3.

The top pay of the night was the queen on the third race which returned \$61.40 on a combination of Torrid Water and Captain Chick. The first double returned \$1.40, the second double \$3.80 and the exactor on the 6th, \$7.40.

**COAL MAKES PROFIT**  
LONDON (Reuters) — Britain's state-owned coal industry made a profit of £1,000,000 (\$4,000,000) compared with a deficit of £15,000,000 (\$45,000,000) in 1952, says the National Coal Board's annual report. A spectacular jump in productivity contributed to the surplus, and the board's first in six years.

**SPORTS ECHOES**  
By Norman Macdonald  
Summers Bureau of The Guardian

## Jack Fox Makes Swap

Jack Fox is at it again. He's traded his ace pitcher, George Kinch, to Exman Drugg, George Card Wilkinson, Gump Gey's hard-hitting centerfielder. The deal might turn out well for both. MacKenzie seems pretty well stocked with pitchers, and Wilkinson should step to strengthen his attack, although their attack was not exactly anemic before Wilkinson joined the team. Exman Drugg, on the other hand, can use a pitcher of Kinch's stature. Fox, however, claims that Wilkinson is also a slab artist and will prove to be a flinger of class when he is given a starting assignment. Jack promises he will pitch good against George the first

opportunity. The dual may have taken place before you read this. If Fox is going to enter Exman's "A" in Maritime play-offs, he's going to need at least one more pitcher to back up better than a top-notch.

The airforce boys who seem a bit weak at behind the plate, may have to look at his laurels, Lovelace in there. Lovelace is a good receiver mechanically speaking, and he also seems to jig at the reins excellently. Dunc Wheeler, MacKenzie's peeper, may have to look at his laurels, Lovelace hasn't proved himself at the bat yet, but if he can consistently he'll be one of the best.

**Departure In Tactics**  
Some fans may argue that the softball league executive went all the way from a field house in suspending Gerald Gay and Ulric Gallant for two or three games respectively. It was certainly a departure in tactics for this area, and might have seemed a wee bit unfair if an announcement had been made first that suspension would follow eviction in future games. A warning seemed to be in order when something new is introduced, for this area, that is.

**Sorry To Miss Game**  
We were sorry to miss the baseball game between Junior Legion and Pinduck Tuesday night which ended 2-1 for the Legionaires. For us, it was one of these "once-a-year" events. I had started with that pen in the fountain since I had never had any trouble like this before. I wish that one of the best seen here for some time. Just keep it up

## THIRD OF CAREER

# 'Funnel' Fires No-litter In Second League Game

Fans who witnessed the first two games of the 1953 City Baseball League season will have trouble denying that they were two of the best ever played at Memorial Field.

First it was Jack 'Poochie' Burke twirling a one-hitter in the league opener last Monday night and then veteran Donnie 'Funnel' MacLean flinging a no-hitter last night.

For 'Funnel' it was his third no-hitter since he started playing ball back in 1947, and his victims last night were Irv MacKinnon's Dodgers who lost 1-0.

After the game Donnie said "It was my first no-hitter but it was the third one that the opposing team failed to score a run on. I tossed my first one as a Junior but the game ended in a 1-1 tie. The second one," he said "was against Pictou. Red Sox one Sunday afternoon four or five years ago. It was an exhibition game and we won by an 8-1 score."

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## BASEBALL SCORES

### American League

First Los Angeles 010 000 — 1 2 0  
Chicago 011 000 10 — 3 7 0  
Lee (3-2) and E. Sadovsk, Folles (8); Buzzard (7-2) and Martin. HR: Chi—Ward (7).

Second Los Angeles 011 001 020 — 5 11 0  
Chicago 000 000 000 — 1 1 1  
Turley (5-5) and Folles; Pizarro (6-4) Horler (9) and Carter. Martin (5). HR: LA—Torres (2), Wagner (15).

First Kansas City 203 005 020 — 12 17 1  
Minnesota 110 101 000 — 4 8 2  
Wicksorham (5-4) and Edwards; Knat, (5-3) Sullivan (4). Moore (15), Pleis (7) and Battey. HRs: KC—Esestian (4) and Harrison (1).

Washington 000 000 300 — 3 8 0  
Boston 021 100 000 — 5 7 0  
Stenhouse, (5-7) Bronstad (7) ver. (4-4) and Tillman. HRs: Wash—King (7), Bos—Bressord (7), Yastrzemski (5), Stuart (12).

Baltimore 000 110 000 — 2 6 2  
New York 010 000 11 — 3 9 1  
McNally, Miller (6-3) (8) and (1).

Second Pittsburgh 000 000 000 — 0 3 0  
Cincinnati 000 210 000 — 3 9 3  
Francis, (2-2) Gibon (6), Face (8) and Paggiaroni; O'Toole (11-3) and Edwards. Philadelphia, 300 003 000 — 6 12 0  
St. Louis 100 100 000 — 2 1 0  
Mahaffey (3-2) Booser (7) and Dalrymple; Taylor, (8-2) Shantz (1), Baute (6), Humphreys (7), Olive (3) and McCann.

New York 000 000 000 — 0 3 2  
Cleveland 004 300 200 — 9 13 0  
Cisco, (6-6) MacKenzie (4), Hook (8) and Coleman; Burdette (6-3) and Crandall. HRs: MI—H. Aaron (13), Crandall

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