SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Great Softball Finals

ONE of the greatest softball finals ever staged in Charlottetown is now in progress.

Danny MacCormack's Main Brace Mariners are leading the Benevolent Irish Society Shamrocks two games to one in this hectic best-of-seven final. The Irish got into the win column for the first time on Thursday night but they are optimistic of knotting the series when the teams renew their feud this afternoon.

The Mariners were underdogs in their series with National Park All Stars but that didn't bother the MacCormack-coached gang. They stayed in there until the Park boys were eliminated. From there they went on to beat the Irish in the first two games of the finals. Their victory parade was at least temporarily halted Thursday and the Shamrocks are hoping it's the end of Mariners' winning ways.

MARINERS could put the Shamrocks really on the spot if they trip the men of Vern Blanchard this afternoon. That would mean the Irish would need three straight verdicts if they are to emerge as City Softball League champions. That would be a tall order against a band of ballplayers such as the Mariners. They are a hustling outfit and winning three in a row from them would indeed be a major feat.

However, if the Irish could top the Main Brace today, this series would really be up for grabs. It undoubtedly would give the Shamrocks an extra bit of confidence and make them mighty hard to conquer the rest of the distance.

We wouldn't dare predict what will happen because these teams are involved in the kind of a series which can easily go either way. Fans are delighted with the brand of ball being served up and that same kind of entertainment is most likely to be given the rest of the distance.

That old diamond at Victoria Park should be packed for the fifth game which goes this afternoon at 2.30.

Our 'Angels'

WE must dolf our hat to our fellow workers who are staging a great comeback in the Commercial League semi-finals.

Down 2-0 in the best-of-five semi-finals, Guardian Angels are on the move and have tied their series with Charlottetown Firemen at two games each.

We had our moments of 'belittling' when our friends were down two games but right now we dare not open our mouth. The Angels are oozing with confidence and they insist they can advance into the finals. To do that, they must beat the Firemen Monday evening in that all-important fifth game.

We hasten to add that overlooked in Friday's writeup was that slugger, Kelvin Dowling who banged out a two-run homer. Dowling's name just didn't get into print and we apologize for it. When a fellow hits a circuit blow, he surely should get his name in the paper.

We're sorry, Mr. Dowling.

Rovers Are Hot

IN City Baseball League circles, the Rovers are trying to cause an upset.

After occupying the league basement the greater part of the season, the Rovers pulled up their socks a few weeks ago and started playing heads up ball. They finished in third spot and now are trying to oust the team that headed the parade for the summer months.

Forbie Kennedy's Flyers won the first place position but they are now on the brink of elimination. Rovers blasted them in convincing fashion Thursday evening and one more Rovers' victory and Flyers are through for the season.

When we wrote this column, the Dodgers and Stars had not started their series but fans can expect plenty of action in this one as well.

It should be a great battle before a champion is crowned in the loop headed by George Francis.

GIANTS and Cards need to gain plenty of ground over the weekend if they hope to stay in the National League pennant race. If they don't, then you can get all settled for a Dodgers-Yankees clash.

ISLAND OPEN UNDERWAY TODAY

The P.E.I. Open Golf Championship gets underway today at the Belvedere Golf and Winter Club. The tournament has drawn over 200 entries including 16 professionals who will be competing for the professional championship. The rest are amateurs who are trying to win the G. G. Wood Memorial Trophy. Golfers from the three Maritime provinces, Quebec and the eastern United States will take part in the two day meet. There will be 18 holes played today with another 18 on Sunday. Pictured above are three members of the Official Committee as they prepare for the big tourney. From left to right, Walter LePage, Club Captain, Reg Mahar, Chairman of the P.E.I. Open and Ed Hodgson who is the tournament treasurer.

Marlene Stewart Streit Makes Australian Final

By MURIEL ROSS

SYDNEY, Australia (CP)— Australia's largest sports heroine is Marlene Stewart Streit, the little, 27 - year - old Canadian mother whose straight-hitting, precision golf has made her name a byword in Canadian sports circles in the last decade.

The new darling of the Aussies qualified Friday for today's final of the Australian women's championship with an easy 5 and 4 victory over Betty Dalgleish of New South Wales, Australia. She meets England's Ruth Porter in the final.

Playing superb golf, including a record 72 on the women's par 74 Royal Sydney course, Marlene has proven that her game is just as sound as it has ever been in a career that has won her the British and U.S. amateur championships, eight Canadian closed and six Canadian open titles.

She has not only captured the interest of sports-mad Australian housewives with her play but has opened the door to a wider interest in women's golf in general.

MARLENE SHOWS THEM

Australian males, like men the world over, do not always believe that women can play the game with enough accuracy and skill to be worthy of notice. It has taken a girl from the other side of the world to show them different.

Everything about Marlene here has brought back memories of her when, as a collegian in the mid '50s, she was one of the hottest women golfers in the world.

Older now and the mother of two small daughters, the Fontenhill, Ont. native has changed little. She still strides down the fairway with those characteristically short but definite steps and still wears her jaunty hats just above the determined set of her face.

Asked whether breaking the Royal Sydney course record Tuesday was a big thrill, she said: "yes it was. It's great to set a record anywhere—but over here—in a different world where everything is upside down it's more fun than ever."

Observers feel the Australian championship is virtually the women's Commonwealth championship because the top women golfers of Canada Britain, Australia and New Zealand competed after playing in the recent Commonwealth team championships, won by Britain.

mark, 15.2, was set by Zanin last year.

BEATS RECORD TWICE

Zanin, a juvenile now, set a mark in the 100-metre hurdles of 15.5 after bettering the old mark of 16.2 with a heat time of 15.8.

Miss Hoffman of Toronto East York took the junior title in the record time of 48.3, one-tenth of a second better than the mark she set last year.

And teammate Rod Morrison set a mark of 50.2 in the midget event, lopping seven-tenths of a second off the mark set last year by Bohdun Chodoriwsky of Kirkland Lake, Ont.

When the record spree was broken down, it was discovered that old marks were tied, broken or established 21 times in 13 events.

ONTARIO DOMINATES

Ontario's athletes, particularly from the Toronto area, made almost a clean sweep. Only Western Canadian competitor to make the record books was Vancouver's Yvonne Breeden who was clocked in 12.2 in the juvenile women's 100 metres. The old mark, 12.4, was held by Valerie Jensen of Saskatoon.

Cubs Snap Losing Streak With Victory Over Mets

As many a National League club has done before them, Chicago Cubs came out of a tailspin at the expense of the lowly New York Mets Friday. But they needed some lusty hitting by Billy Williams and stout-hearted relief pitching by Lindy McDaniel to turn the trick.

The last-place Mets were staggered by a pair of two - run homers by Williams in the third and fifth inning and a circus catch by Duke Carmel in the seventh limited his bid for a third to sacrifice fly. But the Mets kept pecking away before dropping a 6-5 decision that ended a three-game Chicago losing streak.

McDaniel took over from Glen Hobbie in the ninth faming with Mets on first and third and nobody out. He conceded one run on Joe Christopher's sacrifice fly, got Jim Hickman on a ground-out, walked Tim Harkness and finally retired Ron Hunt on a routine grounder.

Hunt gave the Mets an early lead with his first-inning homer but Ron Santo doubled home Ellis Burton to tie the score in the third inning before riding in on Williams' first homer. His second put the Cubs ahead to stay after Carmel's home run had tied it 3-3 in the top of the fifth.

In the seventh, Carmel raced to deep centre and reached into the vines to pull in Williams' drive, Lou Brock scoring from third after the catch.

The victory went to Paul Toth, who wobbled through six innings before giving way to Hobbie. Rookie Larry Bearnarth, who took over from starter Tracy Stallard in time to be tagged with Williams' tie-breaking blast, was the loser.

BASEBALL RESULTS

American League

First				
Minnesota	010 300 000—	4	6	1
Baltimore	052 301 30x—	14	19	1

Stigman .2 - 13) Pleis (3) Moore (4) and Battey; Pappas (12-8) and Brown. HRs: Min—Wertz (3) Bal — Johnson (8) Robinson (9).

Second				
Minnesota	001 001 000—	2	8	1
Baltimore	100 410 00x—	6	11	0

Perry (9-9) Roggenburk (5) Dalley (8) and Zimmerman; Roberts (12-10) and Orsino. HRs: Min—Hall (23); Bal—Snyder 2, (7) Gentile (21).

Kansas City	100 000 001—	2	6	4
Detroit	001 061 50x—	17	15	0

Lovrich (1 - 1) Wyatt (1) Fischer (6) and Lau; Lary (2-7) and Freehan. HRs: KC—Del Greco (7); Det—Wert (5) Cash 2 (21).

Second				
Kansas City	000 000 101—	2	9	0
Detroit	011 011 20x—	6	12	0

Wickersham (10-11) Lovrich (7) Wyatt (7) and Edwards; Regan (9-7) and Triandos. HRs: KC—Edwards (5) Charles (11); Det—McAuliffe (9).

Chicago	001 001 000—	2	10	0
New York	000 021 03x—	7	11	0

Wilhelm (2-8) Brosnan (7), Horlen (8) and Martin, Carreon (7); Bouton (17-6) and Howard.

Los Angeles	016 120 70x—	17	19	1
Washington	000 000 000—	0	3	1

McBride (13-8) and Rodgers, E. Sadowski (8); Ridzik (4-4) Roebuck (3), Duckworth (3) Burnside (7) and Retzer. HR: LA—Wagner (24).

Boston				
Cleveland	010 001 000 000	01-	3	8 0
	010 001 000 000	00-	2	8 0

Wilson, Radatz (4) (9) and Nixon; Ramos (6-6) and Azcue, Romano (10). HRs: Bos—Yastrzemski (14) Bressoud (16) Clinton (19); Cle—Whitfield (16)

National League

New York	100 111 001—	5	8	2
Chicago	003 020 10x—	6	8	1

Stallard, Bearnarth (2-6) (9), Jackson (7), Craig (8), and Gonder; Toth (5-8) Hobbie (6), McDaniel (9) and Bertell. HRs —NY Hunt (8), Carmel (3). Chi —Williams, 2, (21).

Pittsburgh	000 010 100—	2	7	2
Phila.	002 010 01x—	4	8	0

Schwall (6 - 9) Francis (6) Haddix (7) Sisk (8) and Pagliaroni; Bennett (7-2) Baldschun (7) and Dalrymple. HRs: Pgh—Pagliaroni (10); Phs—Covington (14).

St. Louis	400 000 000—	4	8	0
Houston	000 000 010—	1	5	1

Gibson (14-7) and McCarver; Farrell (10-10) Bricht (9) and Bateman.

GRID SCORES

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Montreal 15, Toronto 9
Calgary 10 Saskatchewan 9
THIRD QUARTER

Local Teams Play S'side

Abegweit intermediate and Abegweit juniors play at Queen Elizabeth park in Summerside this afternoon in the first games of provincial baseball playdowns. Opponents will be Summerside intermediates and juniors.

A bus will leave The Bike Shop at 12.30 and a limited amount of space will be available for any spectators wishing to make the trip.

Cruikshank Draw Given

HALIFAX (CP) — Draw for the B.C. Cruikshank Memorial Invitational Free-For-All harness race at Sackville Downs tonight was announced Friday.

Position, driver and owner follows:

1. Edgewood Hedrick, E. Haley, West River Stock Farm, Antigonish; 2. Edgewood Scott, E. Smith, John Ferguson, Bedford; 3. King Clegg, K. Kaye, C.D. Pugsley, River Hebert; 4, Willie's Adios, D. Phinney, Erie and Harry Webby, Dartmouth; 5. Dominion Byrd, J. Hennessey, Doug Hill, Charlottetown; 6. Bob Brook, W. Craig, Donald MacKenzie, Glace Bay; 7. Killarney Boy, A. Porter, R. Jablee, North Sydney; 8. June Byrd, J. McGregor, Greenbrier Farms, Charlottetown.

Irish Need Big Victory

BIS Shamrocks will be battling this afternoon to tie up their City Softball League final series with Main Brace Mariners.

The Mariners won the first two games of the best-of-seven final but the Irish conquered in the third meeting. A win today for the Shamrocks would put things once again on an even keel.

The largest crowd of the season is expected to watch this encounter.

Game time is 2.30 and the site is the old diamond at Victoria Park.

Centertowners Take 2nd Win

Larter's Centertowners whipped the Star Grocery Downtowners 8-4 in Souris Town League semi-final action. The victory gave the winners a 2-1 lead in the best of five series.

Wayne MacDonald went all the way for the winners allowing 11 hits. He walked 1 and struck out 3.

Gus Clinton and Peter Grant toiled for the losers with Clinton taking charge with the loss. They gave up a total of 9 hits while walking 8 and fanning 2.

Keith Jennings and Brendon MacAulay each picked one hit in one trip for the Centertowners while Dave Gallant led the Downtowners with a 3-4 performance.

The fourth and possibly deciding game will be played Sunday at 2.15.

Vikings Win Ball Series

Barry's Juvenile Vikings eliminated the Stanhope Juveniles last evening on the Queen Charlotte diamond, by winning their second straight game 5-2. The Vikings now enter the finals of the Intra-Queens Juvenile Softball League against the Spring Park Bombers who put out the Rustico Juveniles in three games.

Barry Turner pitched brilliant ball for the Vikings giving up only two hits, walking three and striking out five. Freddie Morrison went the distance for the losers, scattering seven hits over the seven innings, walking three and striking out one.

The Vikings scored three runs in the first inning and never looked back. The only threat from Stanhope was their last inning rally which scored their only run and left the bases loaded. The leading batters were Ken Molyneaux 3-4 and Kean Ballem, hitting at a 2 for 2 pace.

Top Racing Card Set For Tonight

Tonight's harness racing card at Charlottetown Driving Park looks like one of the most attractive presented this season.

Classifier Frank Acorn has managed to come up with a stellar program that certainly should attract a bumper crowd to the popular raceway.

The free-for-all features four great pacers and one outstanding trotter. Ralph MacFadyen has drawn the rail with his Elmer C and this spot will make Ralph's pacer a tough one to beat in that fourth dash. The other pacers doing battle in these dashes are Santiago, Armond's Buddy and Hi Jay. The lone trotter Poplar Flash has a 2.07-1 mile to his credit at the local track this season. At that time it equalled the track record set by Fedoran last August.

Bettors should have their hands full deciding on winners in those dashes and it will be no easier when they start making their choices in dashes two and six. Here five more get the word and each one has every license to head the summary. Going in this class are Avalon Worthy, Jolly Abb, Mary Leah, Sunny King and Real Gold.

Races one and five find a half dozen fighting it out. Anthony L. has the rail the first trip. His competition will come from Primo, Cyclone Kelly, The Sheik, Ray Grattan Up and Chief's Gal.

Dashes three and seven round out the program. Here there are eight pacers to do battle. Clark Smith has My Haven on the rail in the first outing. Other starters are Ellen Joyce, Garth's Best, True Long, Dot's Chief, Boomtown, Norine Clegg and Mighty Warrior.

A great program — one you can't afford to miss.

Action begins at 8 o'clock sharp.

LOVED WILDERNESS

Writer and naturalist David Thoreau loved the wilderness and once wrote "In wildness is the preservation of the world."

Probable Pitchers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Probable pitchers for today's major league baseball games, with won-lost records in brackets:

American League

Chicago, Herbert (11-8) at New York, Ford (17-7)

Kansas City, Drabowsky (5-9) at Detroit, Lolich (4-6)

Boston, Turley (2-9) at Cleveland, Donovan (9-10)

Los Angeles, Newman (0-3) at Washington, Rudolph (7-14) (N)

Minnesota, Stange (6-4) at Baltimore, Hall (5-3) (N)

National League

New York, Willey (7-11) at Chicago, Koonce (1-2)

Cincinnati, Tsitouris (8-6) at San Francisco, O'Dell (11-6)

Pittsburgh, Cardwell (11-12) or Francis (3-5) at Philadelphia Short (5-9) (N)

St. Louis, Taylor (7-5) at Houston, Brown (4-9) (N)

Milwaukee, LeMaster (9-8) at Los Angeles, Podres (11-8) (N)

Furchak Fires Hole-In-One

Otto Furchak, RCAF golfer, hit a hole-in-one on the fourth hole at the Summerside Golf and Country Club on Wednesday afternoon. He was using a number 3 iron and hitting into the teeth of a brisk wind. G. Carlson was his playing mate at the time.

Bert Brophy Tops League

SUMMERSIDE — The following are the batters who hit .300 or better in the Summerside Baseball League this year.

The statistics were compiled by Brian MacNeill, league official scorer.

These batters had at least 20 official times at bat.

	AB	H	Pct.
B. Brophy (P)	23	10	.435
W. Sherry (K)	28	12	.429
D. Arsenault (P)	28	12	.429
G. Roberts (K)	22	8	.364
L. Gallant (L)	33	12	.364
G. MacNeil (L)	47	17	.362
G. Smith (K)	27	9	.333
R. Perry (L)	40	12	.325
G. Dalton (L)	39	12	.303
L. Poirier (P)	20	6	.300
J. Griffith (L)	30	9	.300

Kingfishers To Bonshaw

Johnny's Kingfishers will leave from Johnny's Fish and Chips on the corner of Weymouth and King St. at 2:30 for their game in Bonshaw. All players are asked to be on hand ready to go, as game time is slated for 4:00 sharp.

Abbie Hoffman Stars At Meet

WATERLOO, Ont. (CP)—Despite a strong headwind and a slow track, Canada's teen - age athletes led by Toronto's Abbie Hoffman and Cathy Chapman, assaulted the Canadian age-class track and field record books Friday.

Abbie, becoming a veteran at 16, battled winds on the turns and in the stretch to win the juvenile women's 400 metres in the remarkable time of 50.5 seconds.

It was a new event in Canada and the best time turned in by a girl her age this year in the world.

Cathy shattered the midget women's 80-metre hurdles mark in a heat and again in the final with identical times of 11.7 seconds—only one-half second off the Canadian senior mark of 11.2 held by Sally McCallum of Vernon, B.C.

"I'm shooting for 11.3 before the summer is over," puffed the 15-year-old after her win. "The wind sure killed us today."

A total of eight age - class records were shattered and five were established in new events on the first day of the two-day meet.

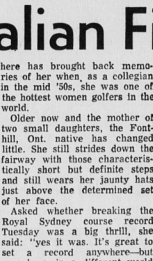
ENTRIES SET RECORD

A record 558 athletes from all provinces but Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland are in the competition. Ontario's track clubs are competing for the team championship individually. Other teams are made up by provinces.

There are three men's classes: Junior (under 20), Juvenile (under 18) and midget (under 16). Women's events are in juvenile and midget classes.

While only eight records were beaten, they were broken all afternoon, then bettered in finals.

The juvenile men's 100-metre mark, for instance, was broken eight times before finally lowered to 11 seconds flat by Ed Hearn of Toronto's East York Track Club.



ABBIE HOFFMAN

The record-breaking hurdlers —Miss Chapman, teammate Peter Boag of Don Mills, Ont., Windsor's Ron Zanin — were given special praise by meet officials. They were running into the wind which would catch them heavily as they cleared the hurdles in midair.

Boag topped the midget men's 110-metre hurdles mark with a time of 15 seconds flat. The old

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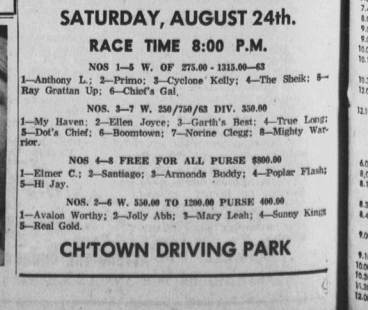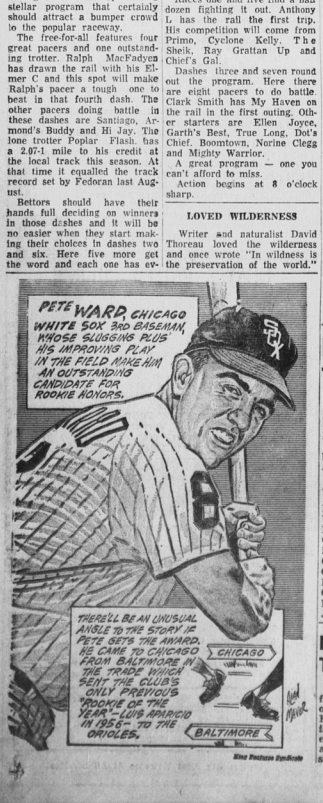
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