

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

SOFTBALL in the city promises to have its earliest start ever. Team representatives met Wednesday and decided to set Tuesday May 19 as opening date. Previously the teams hadn't seen action until June but this season officials felt the opening gun should be fired at least two weeks earlier.

The softballers picked themselves a right smart executive for the 1959 season. They selected Councilor Gerald R. Foster as their honorary president, Charles P. MacKenzie as president, George Gregory as vice-president and Harold A. Power as secretary-treasurer. All four gentlemen are keenly interested in the game and they should certainly give softball the kind of leadership that will insure it of success.

THE DEADLINE for registration of teams is tonight and the new executive will meet at 7.30 in the Union Hall on Water Street to iron out a few details. So far three teams have signified their intention of participating in this year's activities. Rollaway Aces, Junior Basista Youth Club and B.I.S. Shamrocks are the trio that will do battle for sure. Parkdale Lions, winners in 1957 and finalists with last year's Shamrocks, haven't said 'yes' yet but there seems no doubt about them throwing their hat in the ring tonight. The Lions always have had strong entries and the league needs the kind of competition that they would be able to serve up.

AS FAR AS a new entry gaining admission tonight is concerned, we have only this comment to make. If the proposed entry looks strong enough to add some life to the league, then we are all for admitting it. However, if there appears likelihood that the newcomers would be easy pickings for the other teams, then we say emphatically leave things as they are. The four old teams can provide plenty of action for the league and everyone of them has a good chance of coping top honors.

WE KNOW the new executive will impress on all players the necessity of starting games on time if they want to stay in good with the softball fans. If they get things rolling at the advertised time, folks will patronize their game right through the entire schedule. Last season the players did pretty well on this score. But there is always room for improvement. The new president, Charlie MacKenzie, is a gentleman who has been an ardent fan for years. Charlie knows the spectator's viewpoint on this matter of starting on time and we feel sure that he and his committee will do all in their power to bring this about.

The league has selected Charlie Ryan as umpire-in-chief and any others interested in calling balls and strikes or working the bases should submit their names to any member of the executive. Things appear to be in good hands for the softball season. Here's hoping the game will enjoy the best season ever.

BACKWARD WEATHER has delayed work on Memorial Field where the baseball boys will perform this coming summer. For a spell it was hoped to have workouts going by this time, but the weatherman ruled that out in no uncertain terms.

However, there's a decided change for the better right now. Perhaps we'll get a real stretch of good weather and if we do things will start to hum around the old ball field. Just as soon as the diamond is fit you can bet that Brian Lewis will have his Legionnaires out for their first workout.

Brian is dead serious about this year's activities. He intends to get going as soon as possible and hopes to bring in several mainland teams to do battle with his Legionnaires. It will be remembered that Brian banded this team together in the middle of last season and only for his efforts and his sponsors, the local Legion, baseball would have been a minus quantity last summer.

OF COURSE, there was—as has been the case for the past several years—the minor league program which is conducted by the Abegweit Association in conjunction with the Charlottetown Fraygrounds Commission. Whether junior, intermediate or senior teams get into action or not, this most important baseball program still goes on.

Jack 'Spy' Ready was in charge last summer and as usual 'Spy' did a really fine job. There's nobody we know of more suitable to instruct the young players than this same Mr. Ready.

'Spy' has proved himself a most capable instructor of youth. The proof of this statement is the fine showing he has made with his Queen Charlotte teams in all the various phases of sport. He knows his games, has the knack of imparting his knowledge to the young athletes and has the greatest respect from all the youngsters.

We don't know where you could find a better man.

CLEVELAND INDIANS are still on top in the American League race. They have been getting the proper combination of pitching, hitting and fielding that means success. It's a big order to expect the men of Joe Gordon to stay in front but stranger things have happened in baseball circles. Right now, the Tribe has the feeling that it belongs on top and once that feeling strikes a team it can work wonders.

Cleveland last won a pennant in 1954 and at that time they were heavy favourites to beat the New York Giants in the World Series. They failed miserably losing four straight to the players from Coogan's Bluff. Back in 1948 they finished in a flat-footed tie with Boston Red Sox. They won the playoff 3-3 and took care of Boston Braves four games to two in the fall classic.

Right now, you can bet these Indians have hopes of getting into the baseball spectacle in October. All the experts say they haven't a chance but that won't worry the Gordonmen one little bit.

We are not predicting the Tribe to go all the way. It's a long road to October but at least the Indians have shown that they are indeed a power to worry about.

BASEBALL RESULTS

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

| American League | | National League | |
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| Boston | 000 010 000-1 8 1 | Baltimore | 050 200 030-10 17 1 |
| Detroit | 000 102 00x-3 6 1 | Washington | 000 000 010-1 5 1 |
| Delock, Kieley (8) and White; Lary and Berberet. L - Delock (3-1). | Archer, Kay (5) and Bucha; Dick, James (3), Post (9) and Shantz. W-Kay. L-Post. | Walker and Triandos. Ginsberg (8); Ramos, Valentini (2), Krallick (4), Hyde (9) and Fitzgerald. W-Walker. L-Ramos. HRs: Bl-Triandos (6), Nieman (3), Pilarcik (2). Wsh-Bertola (4). | Walker and Triandos. Ginsberg (8); Ramos, Valentini (2), Krallick (4), Hyde (9) and Fitzgerald. W-Walker. L-Ramos. HRs: Bl-Triandos (6), Nieman (3), Pilarcik (2). Wsh-Bertola (4). |
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| San Fran | 000 100 000-1 6 1 | Chicago at St. Louis (N)-Anderson (2-1) vs Blaylock (0-1) | Boston at Baltimore (N)-Sullivan (0-1) vs Walker (1-0) or O'Dell (1-0) |
| Williams and Roseboro; Sanford, G. Jones (9) and Schmidt. W-Williams (1-0). L: Sanford (4-2). HRs: LA-Larker (3). | Philadelphia at Pittsburgh (N)-Gomez (0-0) vs Witt (0-3) or Daniels (0-0) | Los Angeles at San Francisco (N)-McDevitt (1-0) vs Antonelli (3-2) | Chicago at Chicago (N)-McLish (3-0) vs Donovan (1-0) |
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| Owens and Sawatski; Law, Face (1) and Kravitz; Folles (8). W-Face. HRs: Phila-H. Anderson (2), Bouchae (2) Pgh-Kluszwald (1). | Los Angeles at San Francisco (N)-McDevitt (1-0) vs Antonelli (3-2) | Los Angeles at San Francisco (N)-McDevitt (1-0) vs Antonelli (3-2) | Boston at Baltimore (N)-Sullivan (0-1) vs Walker (1-0) or O'Dell (1-0) |

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BUMS' PAL

That great lefthander, Warren Spahn, (above), can't have any great love in his heart for those Dodgers. Warren took another beating from them the other night, the 26th time they have trounced him since he came into the National League. He owns 14 decisions over them. The Dodgers are the only National League club that has the better of the argument with Warren.

Bruins, Rangers Average 4,000 Fans A Game

LONDON (CP)—New York Rangers and Boston Bruins have been averaging 4,000 fans a game for the first three of their 22-game European exhibition hockey tour. A check of attendance figures shows, however, that the two National Hockey League teams would be in serious trouble from an attendance point of view but for two jam-packed games in Switzerland.

The teams drew only 600 fans for their two games in England, 1,400 fans for the two games in France and 500 for their only game in Belgium. But 19,000 fans turned out to watch two games in Switzerland.

Although the attendance has been well below the expected level, the tour promoters indicated that they still hope to make a good profit.

The teams, reinforced with some players from other NHL and American Hockey League clubs, are to receive expenses and \$1,000 a player.

Nearctic May Become Biggest Money Winner

TORONTO (CP)—Nearctic, bidding to become the greatest money-winning horse ever foaled in Canada, is only \$21,043 short of his goal and has the opportunity to add about \$5,000 to his bankroll in Saturday's \$7,500 Ultimatum Handicap at Old Woodbine.

Present record of \$173,417 for a home-bred is held by the mare Canadiana which raced from 1952 to 1958.

Redlegs Option Hurler To Havana

CINCINNATI (CP)—Cincinnati Reds Thursday optioned pitcher Miguel Cuellar to Havana Sugar Kings of the International League but retained the right to recall him on 60-days' notice.

Cuellar appeared in two games this season, allowing seven hits and eight runs in four innings.

Probable Pitchers

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

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HUNTER'S CORNER

Columnist Takes Look At New Fish And Game Act

This week I had an opportunity to read over the new Fish and Game Act. It is, not yet in printed form but is expected to be available for distribution shortly. I note where 'Farmer' has been defined and that is a step forward. In the past anglers or hunters have claimed the status of farmer on technicalities that will no longer hold water. I was disappointed, however, that no restrictions were placed upon hunters with respect to hunting foxes with hounds or shooting crows under the excuse of sport. Another important Section was practically nullified by the omission of one word. It was deleted with intent but it is apparent that this word will have to be admitted or the purpose of the Section will have been rendered null and void.

This columnist feels very strongly that hunting foxes with hounds should be prohibited except from October 1st. Till March 1st, and that hunters who insist on hunting crows between March 15th and June 15th, do so at their own risk and that no Crow Shooting Contest be authorized before June 15th, in any year. Its passing strange how keen hunters get on shooting crows after the geese-and-brant arrive in the spring and yet I have watched some of these self same hunters drive past big, lazy, ebony black rascals sunning themselves on fence posts with a stones throw from the highway in October without giving them a second look. Crows are smart and it didn't take them long to find out that the advent of the open season upland game birds and waterfowl. A crow shooter could have a regular field day, and have it all to himself, in October.

WHY DO THEY?

Another point: why do fox hunters go afield with their hounds in mid-April and later? What sport is there in setting hounds on a fox about to have a litter of 6 or 7 pups or one that is already nursing a litter of that size? Quite a few true fox hunters quit fox hunting on March 1st. As one put it: "Foxes are not numerous enough now to be a menace and I don't want to shoot myself out of some top sport. Its not sporting to kill six and seven foxes with one shot not if one is a die-in-the-wool fox hunter." I understand that one of the R.C.M.P. game officers investigating a complaint of spring shooting of wildgeese in the Johnston's River-Glenfinnan areas recently stated according to information received that he had concrete evidence that the shooting was at crows.

This could be true and yet geese shot at the same time. I have known of spring poachers shooting some crows in advance of their poaching foray and planting them in the area where they intended to commit an infraction of the M. B. C. Act. I once had a suspect in a spring shooting

investigation state: "I was shooting crows I can take you to where I threw some crows after I cut their feet off." This was quite true up to a point but an observant farmer threw a monkey wrench into his, or their, game for there two involved. Quote: "It was a funny looking crow I saw them running to their car with."

I wish to make it clear that anyone shooting crows in close proximity to geese as committing an infraction of the Migratory Birds Convention Act. Personally if I happen across any crow or fox hunters shooting close enough to wildgeese, brant or black ducks to worry and disturb them the party or parties involved is due for a trip to Court. The Migratory Bird Regulations as of the 1st day of September, 1958, has this to say under Interpretation (e) "hunting" includes chasing, pursuing, worrying, following after or on the trail of, stalking, or lying in wait for a migratory bird, and any trapping, attempting to trap, or shooting at a migratory bird, whether or not the migratory bird is then or subsequently captured, killed or injured" (in "open season" with respect to any migratory bird means the period prescribed for any area by these regulations during which it is lawful to kill, hunt, capture, injure, take or molest such bird in such area"). Its not safe to look cross-eyed at a migratory bird in close season.

Just in case someone will get the idea that the foregoing is not workable and will not stand up in Court they couldn't be farther astray. In April 1956, some bright minds in the Eastern Kings Fish and Game Association announced a Crow Shooting Contest. On a sunny April afternoon about 3.00 p.m. I left Souris for Charlottetown I spotted a chap walking along the inside of the dunes bordering the bathing beach. I knew that brant were lined up along the outside like tin soldiers. He was carrying a gun in full view of the highway. When stopped he told me he was shooting crows with the intention of selling the feet to a resident of Souris who was entered in the contest and hoped to win First prize.

A FEW FACTS

Here are the facts: He was sneaking up on a crow surrounded by a body guard of brant. He had just by-passed a dozen crows along the shore on the north side of the highway. He had one shell in his possession. A No. 2 Maxum. To top everything his past record with respect to

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Lions Are Not Spending Money On Minor Football

By JIM PEACOCK
Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER (CP)—Just to put the record straight, Herb Capozzi said, "we're not spending any money on these kids."

He might have added the word "directly," for the kids to whom he referred doubtless have benefited from the more than \$100,000 the British Columbia Lions have spent in the last five years for minor football development in B.C.

The kids mentioned are 19 players—13 linemen and six backfielders—now attending colleges and universities in the United States, where they get help through football scholarships in obtaining an education. And they are potential material for the professional Lions of the Western Interprovincial Football Union.

NOT DIRECT AID

Capozzi, general manager of the B.C. football club was not paying their way through school. "There has been a mistaken idea that we've been giving these boys financial assistance," Capozzi said. "That's not the case."

spring brant was bad. I cut the investigation short with this comment: "How many pairs of feet did you expect to gather in with one shell? Your story doesn't register with me... you'll have to tell it to the Magistrate."

He was represented by counsel so no avail. He was fined \$30.00 and costs or 30 days and his shotgun ordered confiscated. Later on Johnny White, Kings County Provincial Game Warden at the time, hailed a chap into Court for throwing stones at black ducks. He was fined \$10.00 and costs. Don't underestimate the Migratory Bird Regulations... they have teeth as long and sharp as a Bengal Tiger. Incidentally the Regulations as quoted have been in effect for years. Every hunter of migratory birds should be familiar with them by now.

Under the college draft arrangement that existed until this year, players attending UBC and five Eastern Canada universities were subject to draft by the nine pro teams in Canada.

Sending players south left them the property of Lions on their return, gave them valuable coaching and playing experience, while maintaining their Canadian status for football classification.

With the draft thrown out this year, Lions have territorial protection on players attending UBC and Capozzi said this will mean more encouragement to young prospects to attend university here. The southern promotion will continue, however.

Assistance to UBC will be increased, primarily in the form of more and improved coaching staff and facilities.

COLLECT DIVIDENDS

Meantime, the club is collecting dividends in various forms from its \$100,000 minor-development investment.

Last season, quarterback Earl Keeley returned from Montana State University to take his place as a Lion regular. This season Bruce Claridge, an outstanding end at the University of Washington for two seasons, is expected to become a first-stringer here.

Several from Vancouver junior ranks will be in training camp. Last year this source produced tackle Mike Cacic and halfbacks Sonny Homer and Ray Lackner.

Claridge graduates this spring, two more are due out a year from now, six will finish school in 1961 and 10 more in 1962.

Lions also appear to be collecting dividends at the gate as they prepare for their sixth year in the WIFU still seeking a winning season.

Two months before training camp opens the club had sold 50 per cent more season tickets than a year earlier, and looked for 20,000 season-ticket sales. Capozzi said the club must average an attendance of 24,000 a game in the 26,000-seat Empire Stadium to meet its planned \$62,000 budget.

GIANTS EDGE DODGERS 2-1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Substitute first baseman Norm Larker smashed a two-run homer in the fourth inning Thursday proving Stan Williams and Los Angeles Dodgers a well earned 2-1 victory over San Francisco.

The righth