

SPORTS FROM

By NICK FILLMORE

The Hard Sell

WE'VE BEEN ASKED many times this spring why softball is drawing more fan support than baseball.

If you go down and watch part of a baseball game and part of a softball game in either Summerside or Charlottetown, you shouldn't take you long to come to the conclusion that this spring you're going to have a lot to offer.

Many good athletes have switched from baseball to softball because they don't have to practice as much to get a lot of "meat" out of the game and because softball, in P.E.I., has more speed than baseball.

If baseball hopes to get back on stable grounds and pick up some of the fans it has lost, it will have to sell its self on an off the field much better than it has in the past.

Baseball is entertainment, and in the '60s there is more competition like television that ever before. Fans aren't paying to watch the games but they still want to see the best show possible.

Island baseball players this season don't know their game as well as they might—Perhaps there has been too much playing and not enough coaching. In Charlottetown, teams held only two or three practices before opening the regular schedule with two games a week. A lot of players aren't in good enough condition to go into the training game and give it all they have—So the game suffers with lack of hustle, errors and not enough chatter on the field.

Baseball in P.E.I. needs a "New Deal."

Track Meeting Tonight

THE SUMMER provincial track and field program gets off the ground this evening with a meeting at Birchwood High School in P.E.I. to organize the Summerside and Charlottetown teams.

All repeat all persons, interested in training, coaching or organizing track and field in P.E.I. are asked to be at the meeting to contact Dave Rowell or John Kane, at the Charlottetown Office of the Department of Education.

The Islanders Club is to consist of the best track and field athletes in the province, but if members come in as expected "leading clubs" in the other areas will likely be organized to supply athletes for the main club.

The big track meets are just around the corner and officials hope to get things off to a fast start. This summer could be the beginning of a great reign of power in the Maritimes by the Islanders Club.

Off The Cuff

BILLY WILLIAMS, Chicago Cubs sensational outfielder, continues to pace the National League in hitting with a 374 average. Willie Mays has 356, Roberto Clemente has 337 and New York's KEN HUNT has 322.

In the American TONY OLIVA is still tops, but he has dropped to .342. Jim Fregosi of Los Angeles has .333 and Chuck Hinton of Washington, and MICKEY MANTLE, both have .327. Mantle has been at bat 149 times for the Yankees. He has hit 47 home runs, 22 homers in the AL and Mays tops the NL with 22. Aparicio has stolen 31 bases for the White Sox. MAURY WILLIS has managed 22 for the Dodgers.

The Yankees WHITEY FORD is just about the hottest thing in pitching these days. Saturday he beat Chicago 1-0 in 11 innings for his 10th straight victory, sixth shutout and ninth complete game in 16 starts. Sometimes you don't hear too much about a control pitcher like Ford; it's always the fastballer like SANDY KOPPEL that the fans are interested in.

Former minor league baseball team, KENTVILLE CARDINALS, now in their final classification, are having one of their best seasons in years. Coached by former Cape Breton Senior League star EDDIE GILLIS, the Cards play a double-header at home each Sunday and haven't dropped a game this season against senior, intermediate and junior clubs. Sunday they took a double-bill from Halifax Junior Reds, 15-4 and 5-1.

Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League are interested in WILF CHAMBERLAIN as a playing prospect. Coach Hank Stram had the still out for a workout last weekend and says with his speed and height, Witt would be practically impossible to stop.

BIS Defeats Flying Hawks

The BIS Shamrocks defeated Johnny's Flying Hawks 4-1 in the first game of the Charlottetown city softball league action at the new softball diamond, last night.

Montehi was on the mound for the Shamrocks and went the route for the winners. Reg' Dunlop Flanagan took care of the hurrying duties for the Flying Hawks.

The Hawks held a 5-4 lead in the game in the third inning, but the BIS squad rallied in the sixth and George Brady and Gene Brady came across the plate to put the BIS in front.

The Shamrocks continued to control the game the rest of the way as they added two runs in the sixth inning and three in the seventh. The Hawks were

Sixty Consumption

Sixty three per cent of the Roman's coal consumption now goes to industry, compared with 22 per cent in 1959.

S'ide Declines League Entry

SUMMERSIDE — "We are not going to have a team from Summerside in the proposed league," Vince Leiter, a Regina referee, said MacNeill, president of the town baseball league, who called the starting line-up tonight to discuss this problem.

Numerous thoughts and proposals have been discussed by the formation of an Island senior league that would have teams entered in Kings County, Charlottetown and Summerside.

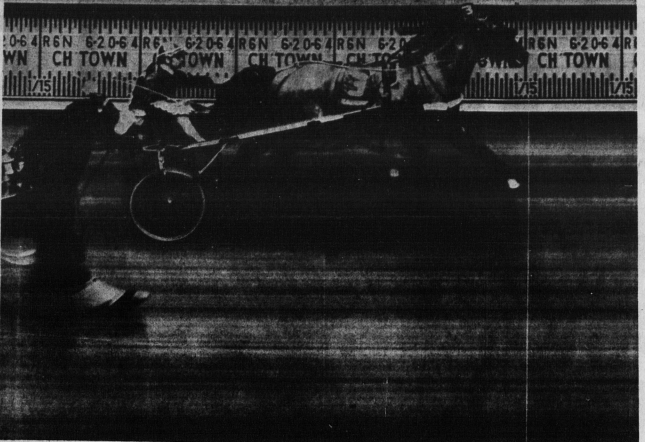
But the idea to organize a team from Summerside has been thoroughly scuttled. The main reason, Leiter said, is because "we are trying to build up our own three town league and we don't want to have any trouble of its own."

If any consideration were given to have a team from Summerside, it would certainly affect the league because that is where the players would have to be taken from and probably the league would probably fold. This meeting, one wants to see happen in Summerside.

Another reason, perhaps the most important is, who is going to be the captain of the team? If there is to be one? To date no sponsor has been announced, and likely there won't be.

Athletic Awards Presented

Shown above is Jack MacEachern as he distributes athletic awards which were presented with last night, as part of program which was staged by Birchwood High School at their gymnasium in honor of the school athletes. The plaques are emblematic of the provincial interscholastic skating relay championship and the championship of the Birchwood hockey house league. Jack was captain of both teams and accepted the awards on behalf of his teams.



DOMINION BYRD ON TOP

Dominion Byrd heads Haraway and the rest of the field to the wire in the second stage of the free for all last Saturday night at the Charlottetown Driving Park. Dominion Byrd drew the rail for the big race for all here on Thursday night. This pole position makes the Byrd an odds favorite for the opening dash.

SPRAGUE NOT AFRAID

REGINA (CP)—Les Sprague, Canadian junior welterweight boxing champion, will be shooting for more than a victory in his scheduled 10-round non-title bout with world champion Eddie Perkins tonight.

Perkins' manager, Johnny Coulon, said they Sunday that if Sprague wins tonight's bout he will get a shot at the title. Coulon said: "I don't know too much about this boy Sprague, but I'm very impressed by his record. The pressure will definitely be on my boy to make a good showing."

Sprague said: "I'm not afraid of Perkins, but naturally I respect his reputation. This fight will tell me a lot about my boxing future. If I can make a good showing—and possibly win—I'll know I have a chance of getting to the top in this game."

Sprague, a 22-year-old who fights out of Dartmouth and Amherst, N.S., arrived in Regina Sunday with his manager, Tom McCuskey.

Dartmouth's Les Sprague Meets World Champion

Among those named to this year's squad were San Francisco's Willie Mays and infielders Ken Boyer and Dick Groat of St. Louis Cardinals. All three started for the 1963 team which defeated American League's 5-3 in Cleveland.

Others chosen on the NL starting team in a vote of 270 players, coaches and managers, included first baseman Orlando Cepeda of the Giants, second baseman Ron Hunt of New York Mets, rightfielder Roberto Clemente of the Pittsburgh Pirates and catcher Joe Torre of Milwaukee Braves.

The Montreal League starters, exclusive of the pitcher, were named last Sunday.

They included first baseman Bob Allison and outfielders Harry Murrell and Tony Oliva of Minnesota; outfielder Mickey Mantle, second baseman Bobby Richardson and catcher Elton Davis of Baltimore; shortstop Jim Fregosi of Los Angeles and third baseman Brooks Robinson of Baltimore.

Observers at the boxers' workouts here said both appeared to be in fine shape. Vince Leiter, a Regina referee, said Sprague "covers himself nicely when he punches. He knows his way around the ring."

Referee for the fight will be Willie Pep of New York, a former world featherweight champion.

Team Selections Are Completed

NEW YORK (AP)—Balling leader Billy Williams of Chicago Cubs was the only left-handed hitter named to the National League all-star starting lineup, which included only three repeaters.

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Probable Pitchers

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Probable pitchers for today's major league games were and last records in parentheses:
American League
New York (19) 4-1 at Baltimore, Roberts (54), 'N', Detroit, Rakov (26) at Kansas City, Segen (64), 'N', Cleveland, Donovan (24) and John (26) at Minnesota, Roland (24) and Grant (24) at St. Louis, Boston, Connolly (15) at Chicago, Peters (73) 'N', Washington, Ostes (54) at Los Angeles, McBride (210), 'N', National League
Chicago, Burdette (31) at Philadelphia, Mahaffey (72), St. Louis, Burdette (31) at Philadelphia, Mahaffey (72), Cincinnati, Herbel (43) at San Francisco, O'Toole (63) 'N', Pittsburgh, Friend (58) at New York, Jackson (30) at Milwaukee, Schneider (19) at Boston, Connelly (15) at Chicago, Peters (73) 'N', Washington, Ostes (54) at Los Angeles, McBride (210), 'N', Houston, Notebaer (27) at St. Louis, Sadecki (75) 'N',

Baseball Scores

| By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS | National League |
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| Chicago | 100 100 000 - 2 6 1 |
| St. Louis | 000 000 000 - 0 1 0 |
| Philadelphia | 054 (14) and Berrill; Short (45), Balchschun (9) and Tompkins. |
| Second | Phi. |
| Chicago | 320 022 005 - 9 17 0 |
| St. Louis | 000 000 000 - 0 1 0 |
| Phi. | 320 022 005 - 9 17 0 |
| Slaughter (22), Shantz (10), (8-3), Ertter (8), Warner (7) and Schaffer; Culp (4-5) and Dalrymple; Her: Pha-Corbin (7). | |
| First | San Fran. |
| Chicago | 000 000 000 - 4 8 0 |
| St. Louis | 000 000 000 - 0 1 0 |
| Marichal (93) and Haller; Maloney (58), McCool (44), (8-3), Davis (12) and Edgar. | |
| Pittsburgh | 000 000 000 - 5 11 0 |
| New York | 000 001 000 - 1 8 1 |
| Law (65), McBean (8) and Burgess; Willey (61), Jackson (8), Fisher (9) and Gonder. | |
| Phi. | 000 000 000 - 2 4 4 |
| Los Angeles | 010 311 - 2 14 |
| Milwaukee | 010 311 - 2 14 |
| Moeller, Miller (6), Brewer (6-3), Terry (7) and Campbell; Schneider; Fischer (6), Tannenauer (24) (7) and Torre; Adams (4), Howard (16); Mills; Matthews (6). | |
| Houston | 100 002 100 - 4 9 3 |
| St. Louis | 000 000 000 - 0 1 0 |
| Farrell, Raymond (4), Larsen (62) (6) and Bateman; Washington, O'Donoghue (24), (8-3), Tatum (12) and Cuellar (8) and McCarver. | |
| Phi. | 000 000 000 - 2 6 1 |
| Larnabe (65), Heffner (6), Tiltman (12) and Bailey; Martia, Her: Chi - Ward (8), | |

Important Note For Horsemen

It was announced by race secretary St. Frank Acorn that the barn area at the Charlottetown Driving Park will be closed to all cars on race days from 4:00 p.m. on. The Kelly gate will be closed to all except valets bringing in horses for that particular day's event after the above hour.

Owners, trainers, drivers and groomers passes will be honored a the main office only. There will be a meeting held at the race secretary's office on Thursday night at 6:15 p.m. and all owners, trainers and drivers are requested to attend 15 to 20 minutes before that meeting. The barn area on race nights is restricted to those with passes only.

Fast Times Not Expected Due To Track Conditions

MONTRÉAL, (CP) Fast times are not expected in the 1964 Day gymnastic games are not expected in McGill Stadium today.

The track hasn't been used for a major track meet in years and has become hard and weather-beaten.

A field of some 30 international track stars, including Canadian ace Bruce Kidd and Bill Crothers, have been assembled for the games. Part of the celebration honoring French-Canada's patron saint.

There will be only three track events, the 800-metre and 5,000-metre runs and the 30-kilometre walk. A huge gymnastic and folk-dancing display by 6,000 students will wind out the three-hour show.

Dublin's Tom O'Riordan figures to give Kidd the toughest fight in winning the 5,000-metre run—three miles plus 185 yards. Kidd has won the three miles in 13:17 compared to the 13:18-04 O'Riordan ran last Saturday at the Irish championships in Dublin.

Entered in Kidd's event also is Chris Williamson, a hot, new prospect from Fredericton, KERR MAIN RIVER.

Six strong rivals are set to face Crothers. His chief opponent likely will be George Kerr of Jamaica, a Pan American and British Empire Games winner in the 800-metre run.

Kerr was clocked recently at 1:46.1 in the 800-metre. This compares with Crothers' best recorded time in this event of 1:46.1.

Alex Oakley of Ottawa, Ont., formerly of St. John's, Nfld., will face a field of eight in the 30-kilometre walk. Oakley was a gold medal winner for Canada at the Pan American Games.

Ball League Is Underway

The Southern Queens Baseball League's once again off to a successful start. This year the league is made up of five teams: Fanning Brook, Tracadie, Dunstaffnage, Johnston's River and Vernon River.

Southport withdrew from the league after having played two games and were replaced by Vernon River executives.

The league executive this year consists of George Dunstaffnage, president; Gerry MacCallum, vice president; Eldon Rogerson, secretary.

Team representatives are: Tracadie, Edwin Lund; Johnston's River, Leo Walsh; Fanning Brook, John Rogerson; Dunstaffnage, Jerry MacCallum; and Vernon River, Leo Walsh.

Major League Baseball Action

NEW YORK (AP) — Dick Schofield collected three hits and drove in four runs, three on a homer, sparking Pittsburgh to a 5-1 victory over New York Tuesday night. The loss was the Mets' 11th in the last 12 games.

The triumph put the Orioles one-half game ahead of the Yankees, who had won five straight.

BRAVES TOUT ANGELS
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Hank Aaron's two-out double ignited a three-run rally in the seventh inning Tuesday night as Milwaukee Braves came from behind to defeat Los Angeles 5-2 and snap their seven-game losing streak.

ORIOLES NIP YANKS
BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore Orioles rallied for seven runs in the seventh inning to win 7-6 over the Yankees Tuesday night.

JOHN BATSMAN'S HOME RUN PULLED THE COLTS EVEN IN THEIR SEVENTH.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tim McCraw raced home with the winning run on the second of Rusty Staub's two errors in the seventh inning as St. Louis Cardinals defeated Houston 5-4 Tuesday night.

John Bateman's home run pulled the Colts even in their seventh.

Local Driver Is Injured

Elwood Shaw, well-known harness racing driver, suffered a painful injury in a spill at Sackville Downs recently.

Mr. Shaw was thrown to the ground in a two-horse mixup and sustained a broken leg and several fractured ribs.

His condition today is satisfactory.

Jack Smith Gets Traded

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Milwaukee Braves released pitcher Jack Smith outright to Toronto of the International League Tuesday and purchased the contract of pitcher Federico (Chito) Olivo.

Smith was 23 with the National League Braves in 23 games last season and had an earned run average of 3.77.

The 34-year-old Olivo pitched in 11 games for the Braves in 1961 without a decision.

At Toronto this season he has a .81 record in 27 games and completed his only starting assignment. In 53 innings, he has allowed 44 hits, 22 walks and struck out 44 with an E.R.A. of 1.58.

Ball Game

SUMMERSIDE — The Warren Texaco old timers will play Curran and Briggs tonight at Queen Elizabeth ball park. Game time is 6:15 p.m.

Anyone interested in playing ball in the Summerside 10-a baseball league please send a \$1.00 to the Summerside 10-a baseball league, who will be working as a supervisor at Queen Elizabeth ball park this season. Mr. LeGrange will assume duties next Monday, June 29.

C and B Down Pontiacs 16-9

SUMMERSIDE — Curran and Briggs slugged their way to a 16-9 win over C. B. MacLennan's Pontiacs in town league baseball action last night. The win put Curran and Briggs in first place one full game ahead of the second place Pontiacs.

Leading the 19 hit barrage was McCarthy with four hits; Nowak, P. MacNeil and Dalton scored three runs each. Curran and MacWilliams picked up two apiece.

Gene Nowaksky went the distance getting his second win of the season. He struck out five and walked four. Curran and Briggs had two hits for the Pontiacs.

LINE SCORE: R H E
Pontiacs 9 14 4
Curran and Briggs 19 14 0

Races 1 and 7

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| 1—BOB'S RACES | 1—MR. DOUGAN |
| 2—RETA BOLD | 2—MYRTLE E. |
| 3—WAVEY A4 | 3—HERB ARNOLD |
| 4S—BANKS ABBE | 4—VERNITA'S PET |
| 5—LANI KAI | 5—W. M. X. |
| 6—LUCKY K | 6—BOBBY BROOK |
| 7S—STEPHEN LEE HAL | 7—SCOTTISH LIGHT |
| 8—FUTURE CHIEF | 8—TRUE LADY LOU |

Races 3 and 7

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| 1—DENNIS HERBERT | 1SS—DOMINION BYRD |
| 2—NIMBLE KNIGHT | 2—DURATION |
| 3—CAPTAIN CHEF | 3S—BILLY RICE |
| 4—MISS HEATHER HAL | 4—SLIPPER QUEEN |
| 5—WILLARDS CHOICE | 5—EDGEWOOD HEDRICK |
| 6—MARRY AB | 6—ELMER C. |
| 7—JOLLY ABB | 7—HURRAH |
| | 8—ARMONDS BUDDY |

TONIGHT 7:45 P.M.

PLAIN or FILTER TIP CIGARETTES

Charlottetown Driving Park