Koufax back in form for LA

BOXER HONORED . . . The Manitoba amateur light welterweight champion, Walter Noel, (right) receives the Tom Longboat medal awarded annually to the most outstanding Indian athlete in Canada. Indian affairs official John Royson watches as Jim Trifunov, president of the Manitoba branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, makes the presentation.
— CP Photo

Huge Memorial Day crowd expected as Indianapolis 500 gets underway

INDIANAPOLIS (CP) — Thirty-three daredevils were poised today in a bid for glory and gold in the perilous 500-mile Indianapolis auto race. A Memorial Day crowd of more than 200,000 was expected to be on hand as the drivers send their high-powered cars over Indianapolis Speedway's brick-and-ashphalt course in perfect 75-degree weather.

The field included three former winners and eight talented rookies, headed by world road racing king Jack Brabham of Australia, for this golden anniversary of the event.

At the end of the gruelling run over the 2½-mile track lay a $375,000 jackpot and a first-place prize of about $100,000.

The race was introduced in 1911 when Ray Harroun, who had retired after winning the United States championship, temporarily left his engineering job to capture the first test of speed at 74.59 miles an hour in a Marmon Wasp. Jim Rathmann of Miami, Fla., won last year with a record 138.767 miles an hour.

TWELVE KILLED

Harroun was back at Indianapolis as a spectator today, but most of his contemporary opponents were gone. Twelve subsequent winners died at the wheel.

Interest in today's event was heightened by the first genuine foreign challenge in years — Brabham and his tiny, rear-engine Cooper Climax. The English car gave away about 150 horsepower to the 32 U.S. Offenhausers but it was rated superior in the turns.

High among favories were Roger Ward of Indianapolis and Rathmann, who made a two-man race of the last two 500s. Ward beat Rathmann by 23.27 seconds in 1959. They swapped the lead 10 times in the last 125 miles last year and Rathmann won by 12.67 seconds after Ward's right front tire wore down to the fabric.

Troy Ruttman of Dearborn, Mich., the 1952 winner, also was in the field. He led early last year before his machinery failed.

Other stout contenders included Eddie Sachs of Center Valley, Pa., who started in No. 1 position, inside on the first three-car row, for the second straight year. He won the strategic advantage by being the fastest qualifier at a sizzling 147.481 miles an hour in a Dean Special.

Sachs' 10-mile qualifying run was the fastest in Speedway history excepting a great 149.056 last year by rookie Jim Hurtubise of Lennox, Calif. Hurtibise was in the first row today with a 146.306 trial, along with Don Branson of Champaign, Ill., who did 146.483 in a Hoover Special.

Players sign

OTTAWA (CP) — Veterans Dave Thelen, George Brancato and Doug Daigneault have signed 1961 contracts, Ottawa Rough Riders announced today.

Thelen, who will be playing his third year with the Riders, held the eastern rushing record for the second consecutive year last year.

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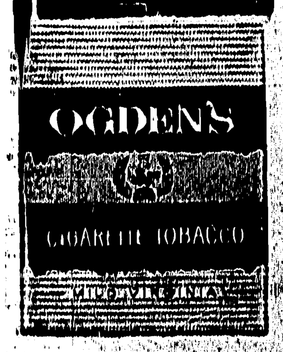

Big inning gives victory to Shop Easy

Shop Easy broke loose for 11 runs in the first inning and then coasted to a 14-9 Little League victory over Kinsmen, last night at Algoma Park.

Kinsmen pitcher John Bond walked the first three Shop Easy batters in the bottom of the first to load the sacks and then gave up a single to the grocers' pitcher Gerry Mintenko.

Bond walked a total of 11 men in the game and struck out five. Mintenko walked four and struck out seven.

Kinsmen got rolling in the third inning when they tallied five runs.

Shop Easy added one run in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Kinsmen came on strong in the fifth and for a while looked like they might catch up. But with two on and two out, third baseman Tom Crosby struck out to kill the threat and retire the side.

According to the score book each team got 10 hits. But observers at the game said that most of the so-called "hits" were actually errors. It was felt that each team got about three or four honest hits.

Mintenko wrenched his knee while running from first to second in the bottom of the third and the plucky chucker had to be replaced by a courtesy runner.

Linescore:

Shop Easy	11 0 0	12x	—14	10	4
Kinsmen	0 5 0	0 4 0	— 9	10	4

Mintenko and Scuby; Bond and Salvatti.

B shift team trips C shift

A seven-run rally in the eighth inning led B shift to a convincing 16-7 victory over C shift during Columbia Cellulose Softball league play yesterday at Algoma Park.

Smith went the distance for B shift getting an eight-hitter, walking one and striking out three.

Hardy worked the mound for C shift and was charged with the loss. He gave up 14 hits, walked three and struck out two.

Linescore:

B shift	0 2 3	2 0 1	7x	—16	14	8
C shift	0 0 0	4 2 0	1 0 0	— 7	8	8

Smith and Grantham; Hardy and Zawislak.

Argos sign two

TORONTO, (CP) — Two pass-catching ends from Iowa State University have been signed by Toronto Argonauts of the Big Four Football Union.

It was announced Friday that Argonauts have added Don Webb and Mickey Fitzgerald. Both are 22 years old and are the 16th and 17th imports signed by the club for the 1961 season.

Gets three-hitter for Dodger win

By ED WILKS
Associated Press Staff Writer

The long wait is over for Los Angeles Dodgers. Sandy Koufax has arrived with a bang, leading the National League with six victories and topping the majors in strikeouts while putting away the longest shutout streak of the season in either league.

The young lefthander, whose lack of control has over-shadowed his firepower in the past, came up with his second consecutive three-hitter, Monday night, out-duelling Larry Jackson for a 2-1 victory over St. Louis Cardinals.

That pushed the second place Dodgers within 1½ games of front-running San Francisco after Cincinnati knocked off the Giants 5-1 in an afternoon game. No other games were scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
San Francisco	25	14	.641	-
Los Angeles	26	18	.591	1½
Cincinnati	23	16	.590	2
Pittsburgh	20	16	.556	3½
Milwaukee	18	18	.500	5½
St. Louis	18	20	.474	6½
Chicago	12	26	.316	12½
Philadelphia	11	25	.306	12

Koufax (6-2) now has won three in a row and six of his last seven decisions. He walked five and struck out 13 in this one, blanking the Cards until the ninth. A leadoff triple by Ken Boyer and a balk gave the Cards their run—and ended Sandy's shutout string at 22 innings—before Koufax fanned Hal Smith with the tying run on first.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit Tigers, hardly puffing after a 17-game road trip that did nothing at all to discourage their pennant hopes, settled down at home with a 3½-game lead as the American League race reached the Memorial Day mark.

The Tigers left home with a 2½-game edge. They padded it to five midway through the trip even after losing three of their last four games on the tour, still arrived home better off than when they left. In all, they were 10-7 on the tour. Detroit now plays eight at home, beginning with two against Kansas City Athletics today.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Detroit	28	14	.667	-
Cleveland	24	17	.585	3½
New York	21	17	.553	5
Baltimore	23	19	.548	5
Washington	21	22	.488	7½
Kansas City	17	19	.472	8
Minnesota	19	22	.463	8½
Boston	17	21	.447	9
Los Angeles	15	24	.385	11½
Chicago	15	25	.375	12

Only one game was scheduled in the AL Monday and right-hander Ike Delock of Boston Red Sox pitched a five-hitter that beat New York Yankees 2-1 and ended Whitey Ford's winning streak at six. The loss dropped the third-place Yankees five games behind Detroit going into today's single game at Boston.

Mounties climb into third place

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Mounties broke a five-game losing streak, Monday night and moved into third place in the Pacific Coast Baseball League with a 5-3 win over Spokane Indians.

The Mounties had lost four games during the weekend and slipped from second to fourth place. Steady pitching by veteran Elmer Singleton and reliever Phil Paine enabled the Mounties to salvage the final game of the series Monday, and climb over Portland Beavers into third spot.

In other games, the league-leading Seattle Rainiers trounced Portland 8-2, second-place Tacoma Giants remained five games off the pace by downing Salt Lake City Bees 6-2 and San Diego Padres scored five runs in the ninth inning to edge Hawaii Islanders 9-8.

Rookies Manuel Jimenez and Dennis Menke played a big part in Vancouver's win, hitting back-to-back home runs in the fourth inning.

Singleton, with eighth-inning help from Paine, was the winner for a 4-2 record.

Seattle used three home runs to subdue Portland.

Bob Tillman hit two homers and Harry Malmberg one, to account for six of Seattle's eight runs.

Around the pool

By R. L. GILCHRIST

Tests for the beginner, junior and intermediate Red Cross awards will be held this coming Saturday. All children taking part in this program will be examined that day. Please be sure and attend as this will be the last chance to obtain these awards this season.

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We are writing Irene McDonald, the Canadian diving champion for the past seven years, asking her to attend our forthcoming swim meet to be held June 17. Irene has represented Canada in two Olympic Games, two British Empire Games and two Pan-American Games.

She has twice been the United States National champion and is considered one of the top women divers in the world.

It will be fortunate to have Irene perform in Prince Rupert.

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All children wishing to participate in the coming swim meet may apply at the swimming pool office.

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The synchronize swim group is affiliated with the Prince Rupert Amateur Swim Club and is planning on joining the Canadian Amateur Synchronize Swimming Association in order that they may be eligible to participate, in the future, in any outside synchronize swimming competition. Synchronize swimming is a relatively new phase of swimming and for some time has been trying to gain recognition at international meets as a sport.

Synchronize swimmers may now represent their clubs at the B.C. Championships, the Canadian Championships, the American Championships, and may represent Canada in the Pacific Games held in Hawaii every four years.

To join the synchronize swimming group in Prince Rupert, you first of all should be an advanced swimmer. Then you progress to the basic skills of synchronize swimming, and from there to difficult figures and team work.

Emphasis is on form, timing and gracefulness. At present Prince Rupert's synchronize swimming group is working on two numbers for the coming swim meet.

High school girls take second with 15-13 win over Fashion

Prince Rupert Senior High School girls softball team scored eight big runs in the first inning and then hung on to edge Fashion Footwear 15-13 in a regular Senior Women's Softball League game last night at Gyro Park.

The victory moved the high school gals into a second place tie with Fashion in league standings.

Standings

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Wahls	2	1	.666	-
PRSHS	2	2	.500	½
Fashion	2	2	.500	½
Savoy	1	2	.333	1

After holding Fashion scoreless in the top of the first inning, high school proceeded to blast Footwear starting pitcher Frances Doane for seven hits which scored seven runs in the first third of the bottom half of the first inning.

Bernice Metcalf then came in to put out the fire. One more run scored but it was charged to Doane.

Fashion scored single runs in both the second and third innings on two hits, two walks and a pair of errors. But high school got them back in the bottom of the third with three hits and a walk.

Fasion narrowed the score to 10-4 with two more runs in the fourth with three hits and two walks and held the school girls scoreless in the bottom of the same inning.

The footwear girls continued the pressure scoring four unearned runs in the fifth and then took the lead in the sixth inning for the first time in the game. They scored five runs and were leading 13-12 when high school's half of the sixth opened.

With the bases loaded and two out Fashion right fielder Stella Nickel dropped a fly ball off the bat of Dorothy Wong and the winning runs came home.

Fashion went down in order in the seventh and the ball game was over.

The victory was sweet revenge for high school as they had earlier been nipped by Fashion 9-8.

Joylea Rossi went the distance to win for the high school. She allowed 13 hits, walked 13 and struck out two.

Losing pitcher Metcalf worked five and two third innings giving up 10 hits, walking four and striking out five.

Fashion left 13 runners stranded on the basepaths while high school left eight.

Umpires for the game were Mike Karasowski and Vern Dexter.

Next regular league game will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Gyro Park between Savoy Hotel and Wahls.

Linescore:

Fashion	0 1 1	2 4 5	0 — 13	13	4
PRSHS	8 0 2	0 2 3	x — 15	17	4

Doane, Metcalf (⅓) and Metcalf, Cloutier (⅓); Rossi and McKay.

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Legion, Renaults end tied

After playing one extra inning to determine a winner, Renaults and Legion were still tied at 3-3 in a B section game of the Prince Rupert Pony League at Roosevelt Park last night.

The game will be finished at the end of the season if it has any bearings on a team reaching the playoffs.

Renaults got off to a good start with the help of four Legion errors, as they scored singles in both the first and second innings.

Legion bore down after that and only allowed Renaults to score in the sixth.

The Legion club finally broke through Renaults starter Bob Pottle in the fourth when they scored a single run. They tied it up in the sixth on a pair of singles and an error.

Dave Pitre came on for Renaults in the sixth to retire the side. He nearly blew it in the eighth when he gave up a pair of hits with only one away.

But with some serious effort, Pitre struck out the next batter and forced the last batter to pop up in front of the mound and end the inning.

Wayne Specht started for Legion and but for lack of support was quite effective. He held Renaults to three hits before being relieved by Rory McNicce in the seventh. McNicce allowed but one hit in the two innings he worked.

Legion outhit Renaults 6-4 but couldn't work them into any scoring plays until the sixth.

Pony league catchers are proving that they have fine throwing arms and the teams are beginning to sit up and take notice.

Last night both Legion catcher Iain Cullen and Renaults catcher Kai Chueden threw out two runners attempting to steal.

Next Pony League game is at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Roosevelt Park as Moose and Elks tangle in an A section battle.

Linescore:

Renaults	1 1 0	0 0 1	0 0 — 3	4	2
Legion	0 0 0	1 0 2	0 0 — 3	6	0

Pottle, Pitre (6) and Chueden; Specht, McNicce (7) and Cullen.

Boxer critical

NEW YORK (CP) — Jose Rigoros, 25, Cuban lightweight boxer, is in critical condition from a brain injury suffered in a fight Monday night.

He was knocked out in the sixth round of a preliminary bout by Anselmo Castillo of Puerto Rico, walked unaided to his dressing room and collapsed.

Rigoros underwent emergency surgery and hospital officials listed his condition as poor. He has won five professional bouts and lost two.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

San Francisco (AP) — Benny Medina, 130¾, Fresno, Calif., stopped Fidel Lucero, 138, Torreston, Mexico, (7).

Old Empress crushes Orphans 10-1

Pat Anderson, with relief help from Bob Campbell in the sixth, pitched Old Empress Luckies to a 10-1 lacing over Orphans in Senior Men's Softball League action last night at Algoma Park.

Anderson got a two-hitter but needed help from Campbell to preserve the win.

Empress batters rapped Orphan chucker for seven hits including a home run and a triple by Al Campbell and two triples by George Robinson.

Orphans took the lead in the opening inning as they scored their lone run when Bob Kelsey crossed the plate.

They held that lead until the third inning when Roy McKay scored for Empress to tie the score.

Luckies exploded in the fourth inning for six runs off three hits, two errors and three passed balls.

The Empress club added their final three runs in the bottom of the sixth off two hits, an error and a walk.

Orphans had a rally going in the top of the sixth but Pat Campbell came in and put out the fire.

Linescore:

Old Empress	0 0 1	0 0 3	x — 10	7	0
Orphans	1 0 0	0 0 0	0 — 1	2	4

Anderson, Campbell (6) and Misconect; Mitchell and Timothy, Terrion (4) Morrison (5).

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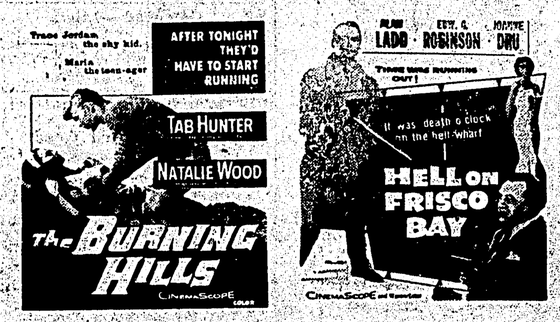

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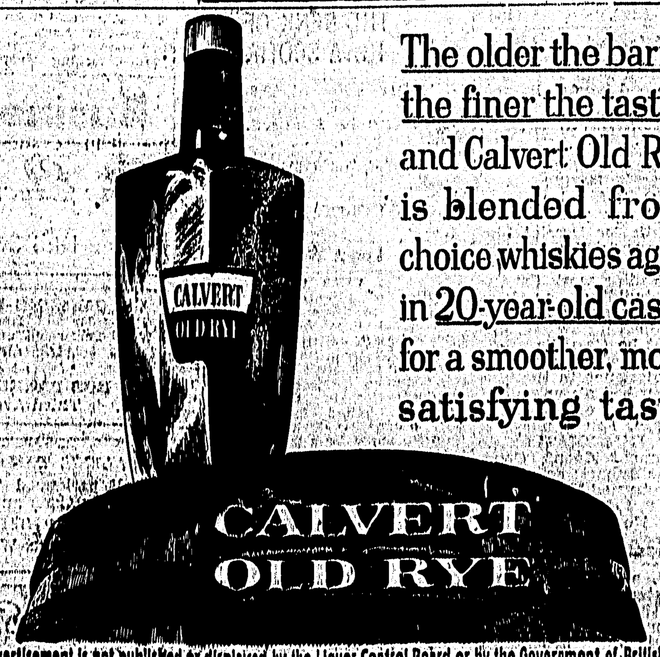

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