Diving catch ensures game for RCMP

Commercial go down 6-5 in second season tilt

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A surprising catch by RCMP's second-baseman Bill Saunders last night prevented Commercial Hotel from gaining any ground as they went down to a 6-5 nipping in the second Senior Men's Softball league game of the season.

The constabulary's hefty but agile Saunders made a brilliant diving catch of a sinking liner off the bat of Commercial's Dick Specht with bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning.

With RCMP leading 6-5 and two away Saunders' play insured a tight, hard-won victory over a hard-trying Commercial club.

The youthful Commercial crew never gave up to the brawny Mounties as the lead continually see-sawed back and forth between the two teams.

The RCMP crew pounced on Commercial's young Jim Morberg for three runs in the second inning on singles by Saunders, Stretch Gale and Pete Moroz and a double by Wayne Ulrich.

Commercial, although starting slowly, came back with two runs in the fourth inning when RCMP's chucker John Lenuik ran into a wild streak.

Again in the sixth inning after Lenuik walked the first three men, the hotelmen scored two more runs as Bob Kelsey rapped a booming double off the rock in right centre.

However, RCMP jumped back into the lead to stay in the next inning as Stretch Gale also doubled, driving in Joe Warner and Al Thompson.

Carless base running by RCMP caused them to miss more scoring opportunities as four of their men were cut down at home plate by a speedy Commercial defence.

Shortstop Thompson and third-baseman Gale both with three-for-five led the RCMP attack while the Hotel squad's George Robinson had a perfect night with four for four.

Pitcher Lenuik, going the route, gave up five runs on 10 hits while walking nine. Using his blazing fast ball he struck out 15 hotelmen to pull himself out of 10 tight situations.

The constabulary offense netted their six runs off loser Morberg while they were struck out only two times and were issued three bases on balls.

Major League Leaders

By the Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	AB	R	H	Pct.
Kuenn, Detroit	74	12	30	.405
Fox, Chicago	104	12	40	.385
Kaline, Detroit	103	11	37	.359
Maris, Kan. City	98	19	33	.337
Power, Cleve.	100	21	33	.330

Runs—Killebrew, Washington, 24.
Runs batted in—Cerv, Kansas City, and Killebrew, Washington 23.
Hits—Fox, 40.
Doubles—Williams, Kansas City, 9.
Triples—Cerv and House, Kansas City, 3.
Home runs—Killebrew, 10.
Stolen bases—Aparicio, Chicago, 7.
Pitching—Wilhelm and Pappas, Baltimore and McLish, Cleveland, 4-0, 1.000.
Strikeouts—Wynn, Chicago, 43.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	AB	R	H	Pct.
Aaron, Mil.	105	21	51	.486
Burgess, Pitts.	72	10	28	.389
Temple, Cin.	103	21	37	.359
Pinson, Cin.	104	23	37	.356
Bouchee, Phil.	87	13	31	.356

Runs—Mathews, Milwaukee, 28.
Runs batted in—Robinson, Cincinnati, 31.
Hits—Aaron, 51.
Doubles—Cimoli, St. Louis, 12
Triples—Mays, San Francisco, 4
Home runs—Mathews, 12.
Stolen bases—Neal, Los Angeles, 8.
Pitching—Face, Pittsburgh, 4-0, 1.000.
Strikeouts—Drysdale, Los Angeles, 51.

Major League standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Cleveland	15	99	.605	-
Chicago	14	11	.560	1½
Baltimore	15	12	.556	1½
Washington	14	14	.500	3
Boston	12	12	.500	3
New York	11	13	.458	4
Kansas City	11	14	.440	4½
Detroit	9	16	.360	6½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Milwaukee	15	9	.625	-
Los Angeles	17	12	.586	½
Cincinnati	14	11	.560	1½
San Francisco	14	12	.538	2
Chicago	14	15	.483	3½
Philadelphia	11	14	.440	4½
Pittsburgh	11	14	.440	4½
St. Louis	9	18	.333	7½

Williams back

BOSTON (AP)—Ted Williams, his pinched neck nerve much improved, is scheduled to be in uniform for Boston here tonight when the Red Sox meet Chicago White Sox at Fenway Park.

Manager Mike Higgins said he doubted Williams would start but added that he was anxious to get the 40-year-old American League batting champion into the lineup.

Philadelphia (AP)—Eddie Woods, 145, Philadelphia, stopped Nino Malve, 138½, New York, (4.)

Tijuana, Mexico (AP)—Jose (Toluco) Lopez, 121, Mexico, outpointed Danny Kid, 122, Manila, (10.)

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Chevrolet	32,407
Oldsmobile	7,049
Pontiac	24,108
	67,721
Ford:	
Edsel	1,184
Ford	18,485
Mercury	3,003
Meteor	11,054
Monarch	2,505
	37,221
Chrysler:	
Chrysler	2,047
Desoto	485
Dodge	8,134
Plymouth	6,496
	17,762

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Phoenix Giants push Mounties into 4th spot

By The Associated Press

Phoenix Giants knocked Vancouver Mounties over Monday night for their first Pacific Coast baseball league victory in four starts.

The 3-2 victory on Willy McCovey's ninth-inning single dropped Mounties into fourth place, a percentage point behind Phoenix.

Meanwhile, Sacramento Solons stumbled into the ninth against Spokane but recovered to stay a full step ahead of the surging San Diego Padres and the rest of the league.

Spokane had one run across and two runners in scoring position in the final frame, but relefer Jim Davis put down the rally and Sacramento won 3-2.

San Diego coasted to a 3-0 conquest of Seattle as Bud Podbielan registered his fourth straight win with a six-hit shutout and Salt Lake City hammered Portland 12-4.

Phoenix got its first triumph in four starts in Vancouver when McCovey lined a single into right to send Ben Venezuela sprinting from second with the winning run. Giants had scored twice in the first but were held down by relefer Charlie Beamon.

Mounties put two runners on in their half of the ninth, but Julio Navarro put out the fire by getting pinch-hitter Charlie White to ground out.

Bee batters collected 13 hits off six Beaver pitchers in their runaway win. Big inning for the winners was the eighth, when six runs crossed the plate, on a combination of five hits, two walks, hit batter and wild pitch.

Bill Jackson slammed out two triples and Howie Goss and Jim Baumer added others for the Bees.

George Freese hit a home run for the Beavers.

It was a brilliant pitching duel at Spokane, as Solon Chuck Hickman gave up two hits and Indian Roger Craig three. The winners got their first run across in the second on Bob Perry's triple, added another in the fourth on back-to-back doubles by Dick Phillips and Al Heist and got their victory margin when Heist's single drove in a run in the eighth.

Steve Bilko drove in one Spokane run with a single and Norm Sherry brought in the other with a double.

STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Sacramento	17	8	.680	-
San Diego	17	10	.630	1
Phoenix	13	14	.481	5
Vancouver	12	13	.480	5
Portland	10	13	.435	6
Salt Lake City	10	13	.435	6
Seattle	12	16	.429	6½
Spokane	11	15	.423	6½

A LEAGUE WINNERS of the Celco City Bowling League are shown above after being presented with the Columbia Cellulose Company Limited trophy and other individual awards at a successful banquet and dance held in the Armouries. More than 200 Celco Bowlers attended the enjoyable affair. Columbia Cellulose Manager John Guthrie made the presentation. From left to right at back is Annette Johansen, Agnes Pierce, Reg Ronald and Dot Ballinger. In front are Bud Ratchford and Reg Wagner. —Staff photo by Charles E. Giordano.

Little League opening delayed for one week

The official opening of the Prince Rupert Little League has been delayed one week to insure proper placement of players.

The opening which was to be held tomorrow night has been set ahead one week until May 20.

It was decided at a meeting of the group last night that with the adverse weather conditions coaches have not had sufficient practices to give all the entries fair consideration as to being chosen for regular teams.

However plans for a big opening are well underway.

Mayor P. J. Lester will throw the first ball, Parks Commissioner Arthur Murray will be at the receiving end and Little League President George Brown will take a swing at the ball.

The Prince Rupert Civic Band will also take part in the opening.

The extended training schedule is as follows:

May 12—North Star, 6:30 to 7:30; Kinsmen, 7:30 to 8:30; May 13—Shop-Easy, 6:30 to 7:30; Sea Kings, 7:30 to 8:30; May 14—Kinsmen, 6:30 to 7:30; North Star, 7:30 to 8:30; May 15—Sea Kings, 6:30 to 7:30; Shop-Easy, 7:30 to 8:30; May 16—North Star, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Kinsmen, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Shop-Easy, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Sea Kings, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; May 18—Shop-Easy, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sea Kings, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; May 19—Kinsmen, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; North Star, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Andy Bathgate most valuable

MONTREAL (CP) — New York Ranger Andy Bathgate, the National Hockey League's all-star right winger, has been chosen winner of the Hart Trophy—awarded each year to the player judged most valuable to his team.

It was a big year for Bathgate as he won his first NHL award and his first all-star team position. He receives $1,000 for each.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

Montreal (AP)—Billy Pickett, 154½ New York, stopped Marcel Piau, 155½, Windsor Mills, Que., (4); Yvon Turenne, 158, Montreal, knocked out Jobo Jones, 167, Detroit, (3.)

MIGHTY THROWING ARM of Mayor P. J. Lester went into action Sunday afternoon when His Worship officiated at opening of Senior Men's Softball league at Gyro Park. League Commissioner W. H. (Buster) Hill was on the receiving end of the mayors' pitch. —Staff photo by Charles E. Giordano.

Big offer made Sugar Ray to fight Giambra in fall

DALLAS, Texas (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson has been offered at least $500,000 and perhaps an oil well to defend his middleweight championship against Joey Giambra this fall, a promoter said Monday.

Promoter Hugh Stone and business manager Barney Weinstein of Dallas Sports Enterprises made the offer to the middleweight champion by telephone over the weekend, they said.

But they asked Sugar Ray to wait until next Monday before he answers. Giambra will fight Tiger Jones here Monday and the offer depends on a victory by Giambra.

New York (AP)—Victor Zalazar, 160½, Argentina, outpointed Willie Greaves, 163, Windsor, Ont., (10.)

Baltimore (AP)—Warren (Boom) Lester, 174, Bel Air, Md., outpointed Young Beau Jack, 170, Boston, (10.)

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