Old Empress wins softball slugfest

Twenty-nine hits, 10 errors feature first game of season

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Old Empress Hotel Luckies outslugged Savoy 21-15 last night in the opening match of the Senior Men's Softball league before a capacity crowd that braved a chill wind.

Mayor P. J. Lester tossed the first ball to league Commissioner W. H. (Buster) Hill to officially open the 1959 season.

The Old Empress squad, comprised of the nucleus of the powerful 1958 Atlin crew which won both the league and playoff championship last season, proved it may be the team to beat by using a combination of tight defensive play and heavy hitting to down the Savoy nine.

Savoy, hampered by a porous defence, which was charged with only eight errors by a sympathetic scorekeeper, erupted for ten big runs in two innings.

In the third inning, singles by Terry Shenton, Rudy Leniuk, a double by Jim Terrian and a gargantuan home run by "Big" Jack Mitchell over the Masonic Temple resulted in six runs.

In the eighth inning, seven walks by Campbell and reliever Al Adams, without even a base hit, brought in another four runs for Savoy.

Big men for Savoy were centre fielder Bud Ratchford with four for five and third-baseman Bill Smith with two for two.

Turning point in the tilt came in the fifth inning when the Old Empress attack went into high gear and combined with inept fielding by Savoy, resulted in five big runs which put Luckies ahead to stay.

Starting Savoy pitcher, Jack Mitchell, troubled with wildness, allowed seven runs on only two hits in the first three innings while striking out four and walking four.

Relieving Savoy chucker, Jim Leniuk, gave up 14 runs on 15 hits while fanning two and issuing six free passes in his six inning stint.

Winning pitcher, Al Campbell, relieved after seven and two third innings, permitted 15 runs on 12 hits while striking out seven and walking 12. Reliever Adams in his one and one third innings gave up no runs and no hits while walking three and striking out one.

Mitchell's big blast over the Masonic Temple was the first such drive since Ian Dunbar drove one over early last year.

Plate umpire Benny Windle found out last night that he could not argue with the rule book. Benny was forced to give Rudy Leniuk a free pass after Rudy was hit by a pitched ball. This rule, in actuality, was in last season's rules also, but last night was the first time it was enforced in Prince Rupert.

Linescore:
Old Em's —214 252 310—21 17 2
Savoy —062 011 140—15 12 8
Campbell, Adams (8) and McKay; Mitchell, Leniuk (4) and Helin (4), Mitchell (4).

PIERCE, WILSON TOPS

Celco bowlers end successful season

More than 200 bowlers attended an enjoyable banquet and dance in the Armouries Friday night that ended a successful Celco City Bowling league season.

The evening's entertainment was opened with a short message from last year's league President Peggy Thompson who thanked all for attending and also making the league the success it was last season.

Agnes Pierce, of Rupert Motors and Jean Wilson of Marine Radio proved to be the top bowlers last season and each carried home an armful of awards and prizes.

Jean racked up 191 for women's high average, 306 for women's high single and tied with Maxine McFadden for high three. Both wound up with 667.

Agnes notched 203 for women's high average in A League and 777 for high three.

Peggy Thompson was women's high single winner in A League with a score of 360.

Rupert Motors received the Columbia Cellulose trophy for winding up first in A league and, Marine Radio, B league champs, were presented with the Cooks Jewellers trophy. John Guthrie made the presentation on behalf of Columbia Cellulose Company Limited and Peggy Thompson presented the Cooks Jewellers award.

Cooks Jewellers, playoff champs in A league were presented with the Savoy Hotel trophy by manager Jerry Sherman. Savoy Hotel took B league playoffs and received the Mansons Jewellers trophy.

Individual honors for the men went to Jerry Sommerville of Kelly Douglas, Ben Wagner of Rupert Motors, John Rodie of Radio Cabs, Wilf Bowen of Pipefitters and Reg Ronald of Rupert Motors.

Sommerville captured men's high single and high average in B league with scores of 324 and 186 respectively.

Wagner was men's high three winner in A league with 850 and Bowen rolled 774 for high three in B league.

Ronald took high single laurels in A league with 343 and Rodie won men's high average in the same division with 215.

Radio Cabs and Rupert Motors led A league with high single and three of 1390 and 3888 respectively.

Top teams in B league were Kelly Douglas and Pipefitters with three of 3349 and single of 1327.

Hazel Kyle of McRae Motors, who were the roll-off champions, was women's high over average winner. She rolled 1207-357 over her average.

Men's high over average winner was Harold Fletcher of Lucky Royals with 1168-318 over his average.

The banquet end of the evening's celebrations was concluded with the election of officers for next season.

Ben Wagner was named president, Harold Hampton vice-president, Eric Christianson treasurer and Betty Turner secretary.

Hero Stitch evens series with Ortega

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)— Crisp-hitting Rudy Stitch evened matters with Gaspar Ortega in their return 10-round welter-weight fight Friday night by pounding out a unanimous decision. Stitch weighed 145½, Ortega 146¾.

It was a big night for Stitch, a 26-year-old church elder from Louisville. Hours earlier he had been awarded the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission's bronze medal for rescuing a man from drowning in the Ohio River at Louisville in September, 1958.

His impressive victory gained revenge for a one-point loss to Ortega in their first meeting in New York's Madison Square Garden Feb. 6.

Stitch had Ortega, his left eye bleeding badly, hanging on in both the third and eighth rounds.

The victory was the 20th in 25 fights for Stitch, who has been boxing professionally since 1956. He has 10 knockouts. Ortega, fifth-ranked in the division, has a 48-16 record.

Berra sets catcher's mark

NEW YORK (AP)—Catcher Yogi Berra of New York Yankees set a major league record Sunday by running his streak to 148 consecutive games without an error. The prevous mark was held by Buddy Rosar of Philadelphia Athletics set from 1945 to 1947.

Berra caught both games against Washington while Elston Howard, who usually shares the catching, played first base.

Berra's streak started in the second game of a doubleheader with Detroit in New York July 28, 1957.

Rainiers edge Phoenix Giants in 21 innings

SEATTLE (AP)—A Pacific Coast League game scheduled as the first game of a doubleheader between Phoenix Giants and Seattle Rainiers went 21 innings before the Rainiers won it 6-5 shortly before 2 a.m. Saturday.

It was supposed to have been a seven-inning game.

The second game was postponed. Thursday night the two teams played 14 innings before the Giants won it 5-4.

Remember When

George Seymour Lyon, "Grand Old Man" of Canadian golf, died 21 years ago today at age 79. He was eight times Canadian amateur champion and he won the North American senior title four times. When golf was in its infancy in Canada, he won international honors at the St. Louis world's fair in 1904.

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GLADYS KING (left), captain of Wahl's Boatyard receives congratulations from Fashion Footwear's captain Rita Hude (right) after winning the opening game of the Prince Rupert Women's Softball league yesterday. The Boatyard crew trounced the Shoe Store squad 21-8. —Staff photo by Charles E. Giordano.

Mounties climb to 3rd spot

By The Canadian Press

Vancouver Mounties began to demonstrate some of their vaunted hitting power for the first time this season as they swept a Pacific Coast League doubleheader from Phoenix Giants 4-1 and 9-0 Sunday in Vancouver.

Even sweeter than the steady tune of hits was the continued climb in the league standings.

The Mounties, only days ago in the cellar, now hold third place and are challenging the leading Sacramento Solons.

Joe Taylor belted his sixth homer run of the year in the opener. In the nightcap Fred Besna got the Mounties' fourth shutout in one week when he coasted to a five-hit 9-0 victory.

In other PCL action Spokane defeated Sacramento 9-2 in the opener but the Solons whipped the Indians 11-4 in the nightcap.

Portland squeezed by Salt Lake City 2-1 and San Diego and Seattle split their twin bill, the Padres winning the first 10-1 and Seattle the second 3-2.

PCL standings

By The Associated Press

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Sacramento	16	8	.667	-
San Diego	16	10	.615	1
Vancouver	12	12	.500	4
Phoenix	12	14	.462	5
Portland	10	12	.455	5
Seattle	12	15	.444	5½
Spokane	11	14	.440	5½
Salt Lake City	9	13	.409	6

Wahl's drub Fashion in softball opener

Wahl's Boatyard crew started off the 1959 Women's Softball league season with a resounding 21-8 victory over a powerless Fashion Footwear yesterday afternoon at Gyro Park.

Wahl's started off with four runs in the first inning after holding Fashion scoreless. They tallied with a home run by Shirley Logan, two singles and two free passes.

They blasted in eight more counters in the second inning with pitcher Gladys King providing the heavy artillery with a double following two walks and two singles.

Fashion tried to rally in the third inning when a single, a walk and doubles by Stella Nickel and Pat Benedict and two more singles plated four runs.

Wahl's had another big inning in the sixth when Pearl Morberg belted a triple with the bases loaded and later scored.

Fashion collected two more runs in the sixth and a singleton in the seventh.

Linescores:
Fashion—014 002 1—8 13 4
Wahl's —482 214 x—21 17 2
Senum, Sklapsky, (2), Kryklywyj (5) and Kryklywyj; King and Logan.

Durham back with Mounties

ST. LOUIS (AP)— Joe Durham, 26-year-old outfielder, was returned to Vancouver Mounties of the Pacific Coast League Friday by the St. Louis Cardinals.

Durham, a righthanded hitter, was used little this season by the Cards who drafted him last year from Vancouver. He was hitless in five attempts.

Bowling banquet

The mixed Five-Pin Bowling League will hold a banquet and dance at 7 p.m. tomorrow night in the Armouries it was announced today by a league official.

Included in the evening's entertainment will be the presentation of trophies and awards for the past season.

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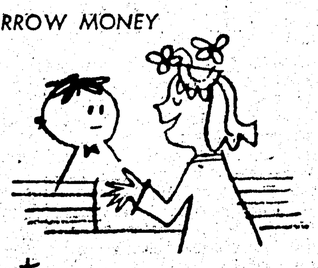
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