SPORT

By GARY OAKES

Belmonts move into 2nd place

Edge Esquires 2-1 with Smith pitching

Belmonts are holding down second place in the Northern British Columbia Baseball League today after edging Esquires 2-1 last night at Roosevelt Park.

The Belmont crew are leading Smithers by a slight margin of .014 percentage points but have two games in hand.

Both teams are three games behind league - leading Terrace. Terrace downed Kitimat 7-4 last night at the smelter city while Smithers was losing 3-7 to Hazelton at Smithers.

Standings (up to date)

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Terrace	14	4	.778	-
Belmonts	10	6	.625	3
Smithers	11	7	.611	3
Hazelton	8	9	.471	5½
Esquires	7	11	.389	7
Kitimat	1	14	.067	11½

Kitimat now has a record of one win and 14 losses with a percentage of .067, 11½ games off the pace.

The loss left Esquires seven games behind.

Billy Smith pitched a four-hitter to gain the victory for Belmonts. Loser Len Shankle also pitched a four-hitter but three Esquire errors hampered his performance.

Smith walked three, struck out 12 and faced only 27 batters — six more than the minimum — in posting the victory. He used three pitches to end the first inning.

Shankle walked two and fanned four.

Esquires opened the scoring in the fourth inning when catcher Don Scherk singled to centre field and came home on shortstop Bill Sundberg's standup double to left. Then Esquires loaded the bases with none out. Smith bore down to strike out the next two batters and forced the third to ground out to end the inning.

In the bottom of the fourth Belmonts bounced back when catcher Joe Giordano doubled to left-centre field and scored later when centre fielder Dick Specht hit a hot ground ball to the shortstop area. Sundberg made a play on the ball but baubled it and Specht took first and Giordano scored.

The fifth inning saw Belmont first baseman Al Adams get on base when Esquire first baseman Danny Bill dropped the ball.

Adams went to second on a single by third baseman John Scuby and came home when second baseman Dick Bury blasted a single to right field.

Esquires ended the Belmont rally after that with a sharp double - play. Belmonts came through with a smart double-play against Esquires in the sixth.

Bury led the Belmonts at the plate with two hits in three trips while Shankle paced his team with two for two. In the seventh and final inning, Darrel Young came in as a pinch-hitter for Shankle with two out. He popped up to shortstop John Lambie and the ball game was over.

Linescore:

Esquires	000 100 0—1	4	3
Belmonts	000 110 x—2	4	0

Shankle and Scherk; Smith and Giordano.

Yanks take over top spot in AL as Mantle, Maris blast homers

By JOE REICHLER
Associated Press Staff Writer

New York Yankees sluggers Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle hit first-inning home runs Thursday night as New York beat Chicago White Sox 6-2 and eased into first place by four percentage points over idle Detroit in the red-hot American League race.

Maris now has 34 homers in 84 games and Mantle 30. When Babe Ruth slammed his record 60 in 1927, he didn't pick up his 34th until his team's 98th game. Mantle is exactly even with the Babe's 1927 pace. Ruth also had 30 in 84 games.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
New York	54	29	.651	-
Detroit	55	30	.647	-
Baltimore	48	38	.558	7½
Cleveland	47	40	.540	9
Chicago	42	45	.477	14½
Boston	41	45	.477	14½
Washington	38	46	.452	16½
Minnesota	35	50	.412	20
Los Angeles	15	51	.407	20½
Kansas City	31	52	.373	23

The biggest obstacle facing Ruth's challengers, of course, is the month of September, when Babe clouted 17 homers. That's the month that frustrated such challengers as Hack Wilson, Jimmy Foxx, Hank Greenberg, Ralph Kiner, Johnny Mize and Mantle himself. If Maris and Mantle keep up their present pace, however, they might not need too many homers in the season's final month.

In other games, Minnesota defeated Cleveland 9-6 and Boston nipped Baltimore 3-2. Rain forced the postponement of the scheduled game in Washington between the Kansas City Athletics and Senators. Los Angeles and the Tigers were idle.

Cincinnati Reds, leading the National League with a handsome five-game lead over runnerup Los Angeles, have the hottest hitter in baseball batting cleanup for them.

He's left fielder Frank Robinson.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Cincinnati	55	30	.647	-
Los Angeles	50	35	.588	5
Pittsburgh	42	36	.538	9½
San Francisco	45	39	.536	9½
Milwaukee	38	40	.487	13½
St. Louis	36	44	.450	16½
Chicago	36	45	.444	17
Philadelphia	23	56	.291	29

On June 15, the Reds were in second place behind the Dodgers. Since then, the Reds have won 20 of 27, including Thursday night's 4-3 victory over Chicago Cubs. In those 27 games, Robinson collected 41 hits in 96 times at bat to zoom his batting average from .274 to .327. In less than a month, Robinson slammed 10 home runs and drove in 32 tallies.

In the seventh inning Thursday night, Robinson hammered his 24th home run to tie the score at 3-3 and in the ninth he drove in the winning run.

The Dodgers whipped Philadelphia Phillies for the 10th straight time, 7-2. San Francisco climbed to within two percentage points of third place Pittsburgh with a 2-1 triumph over the Pirates and Milwaukee Braves downed St. Louis Cardinals 6-3.

High school crushes Savoy as Rossi pitches two-hitter

A two-hit pitching job by Joylea Rossi plus a powerful offence led Prince Rupert's Senior High School girls' softball team to a 14-0 shutout over Savoy in a regular league game played last night at Gyro Park.

The win moved the students with half a game of league-leading Wahls.

High school opened the scoring in the top half of the third with eight runs off four hits and four Savoy errors.

Rossi killed a Savoy rally in the bottom of the third when she struck out three in a row with the bases loaded.

It was the first shutout in league play this year and had the crowd of more than 350 roaring.

After that near-rally by Savoy Rossi was never in trouble. Backed by strong team support, she kept the lid on the hotelman for the rest of the game.

The only hits given up by Rossi were singles by Laura Letourneau in the first and by Sally Singh in the sixth. She walked six and struck out seven in posting her eighth win of the season against six losses — top record in the league.

Iola Valentenusi started for Savoy but was replaced in the seventh by Faye Terrion who walked the first three batters. Anne Feyer came in and retired the side. Between them the three pitchers allowed 10 hits, walked six and struck out none.

Rossi also helped her own ball game leading her team at the plate with three hits in five trips. One of her hits went for a triple. Laura Letourneau led Savoy with one hit in three trips.

Electricians leading Little League

Electricians are solidly on top of the Prince Rupert Little League.

They won their last two games, whipping the Irish Fusiliers team 32-21 in a wild ball game last Friday.

Monday the wiremen romped over second-place Shop Easy 10-5.

Kinsmen won their game Tuesday night as the Fusiliers couldn't field a team and lost by default. The official score for statistics was 6-0 for Kinsmen.

The two teams played an exhibition game anyway as Kinsmen loaned the Fusiliers some players. Final score in the exhibition contest was 14-3 for Kinsmen.

Wednesday's game saw Shop Easy down Fusiliers 10-6.

Rainiers losing ground in PCL battle

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seattle measured its Pacific Coast League lead in percentage points Friday as Tacoma and Vancouver applied new pressure in their drive to unseat the Rainiers from the throne they've occupied since early in May.

Portland helped, shading the Rainiers 5-4, Thursday night, while Tacoma split a pair with Hawaii and Vancouver hung up its seventh straight victory, a 3-1 decision over Spokane.

Tacoma lost to Hawaii 7-3, then won 2-1.

The night's activities left Tacoma only 10 percentage points behind the Rainiers and Vancouver five points back of the Giants.

San Diego made it two straight over Salt Lake City, 6-5, to round out the schedule.

Tennis tourney set for Sunday

Prince Rupert's Tennis Club will be holding a men's doubles tournament at 1 p.m. Sunday at the tennis courts.

If enough women players turn up, there will also be a women's doubles tourney after the men's is completed.

Refreshments will be served by the social committee.

Lema, Cupit tied in Open

WINNIPEG (CP)—The 1961 Canadian Open golf championship heads into its final qualifying round today with the lesser lights of the professional tournament circuit riding over the established stars.

At the end of Thursday's second round at the rainswept Niakwa Country Club course, the leaders with five-under-par 135 were Jacky Cupit, 23-year-old rookie from Longview, Tex., and Tony Lema, a fourth-year man on the tournament trail trying to come back from two shaky seasons.

Heavy rains

BIRKDALE, England (CP) — A torrential rainstorm forced suspension of the third round in the British Open golf championship today.

The stewards expressed hope that the downpour would ease enough to permit resumption of activities during the afternoon.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

Bangkok, Thailand (AP) — Samart Sorndaeng, 148½, Thailand, outpointed Fumio Kaizu, 154¼, Japan, (12). (For Orient middleweight title.)

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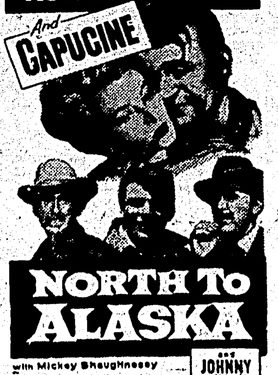
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