Old Country Recreation Boom—

War's End Sees British Crowds Turn to Sports

Horse, Dog and Speedway Racing Big Attractions But Transport Facilities Taxed to Limit

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LONDON, July 19 (CP) — The greatest sports boom in Britain's history is spiralling towards its dizziest-ever peak. Every sport is flourishing as the nation, after five years of meagre entertainment rations, returns with record enthusiasm to whatever promoters have to offer. Such attractions as horse, dog and speedway racing are catering to crowds larger than pre-war. Generally the boom has caught promoters off balance in that it has exceeded widest expectations. Stadia and tracks are not sufficiently staffed and limited public transport has increased the problem.

The end of the war in Europe touched off a surge that produced on the last week-end in June the greatest sports cavalcade in nearly six years—with more record-breaking periods to come Mammoth crowds paid out millions of dollars in admission fees and wagering.

Around London, for instance, more than 60,000 jammed White City Stadium to watch the favored Ballyhennessy Seal win the Victory Greyhound Derby. More than 1,000,000 bets representing nearly $500,000 were placed on the totalizators during the one-night meet and untold thousands wagered thousands of dollars with track bookmakers.

A horse-race meeting at Salisbury on the same day attracted one of the largest crowds in its history—about 30,000—and return of the basic gasoline ration for private automobiles was a big factor.

Cars overflowed from the parking lots and some vehicles had to be shifted before the horses could enter the parade ring. Hundreds of people who queued at the turnstiles before the first race were still waiting there an hour later.

Transport Lacking

London's first motorcycle race meeting since before the war brought out a 35,000 crowd to New Cross Stadium. Public transport was overwhelmed and an estimated 10,000 were left stranded after the meeting and another 10,000 were turned away before racing began. Outside the ground hawkers sold jellied eels at 55 cents a small plate.

There was a touch of pre-war sporting pageantry at Wimbledon where the famed No. 1 court was opened for the first time since 1939. Queen Mary and the Duchess of Kent were given a rousing welcome as they entered the Royal Box to watch the tennis international between the British Empire and the United States.

Canadians had a part in the play. Flt. Sgt. Phil Pearson of Vancouver, former Canadian Davis Cup player, and Pte. Garnet Raper of Bridgewater, N.S., lost out to the third-ranking American doubles team.

The biggest cricket crowd was at world-famed Lord's where the match between Southern England and the Royal Australian Air Force was drawn. There was added excitement when a 200-year old cricket law cost the English captain, Lt.-Col. G. O. Allen, his wicket.

Allen, former England Test captain, was ruled out for handling the ball, which had rolled on to the stumps without removing the bails. He picked up the ball and threw it back to the bowler.

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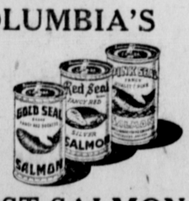

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LOOKING OVER BALL LEAGUES

In the National League the New York Giants defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-3 and 4-3. Brooklyn Dodgers and Chicago Cubs split their doubleheader—Brooklyn took the second game 9-5 but lost the first 5-0. St. Louis Cardinals trounced the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3.

In the American League, the Boston Red Sox defeated the St. Louis Browns 6-2, while Cleveland Indians and Philadelphia Athletics remained dead-locked at 2-2 after 12 innings of play. Their second game fas postponed because of rain when the game was called. The Washington Senators took a 6-4 and 5-0 beating from the Detroit Tigers while the game between St. Louis and New York was postponed.

In the International League, the Baltimore Orioles beat the Jersey City Giants 3-0. The games between Toronto and Buffalo and Montreal and Rochester were postponed. Syracuse Chiefs defeated Newark Bears 5-4.

Here are today's baseball games.

In the National League—New York at Pittsburgh, Brooklyn at Chicago, Boston at Cincinnati, Philadelphia at St. Louis.

In the American League—St. Louis at New York, Chicago at Boston, Cleveland at Philadelphia, Detroit at Washington.

In the International League—Jersey City at Syracuse, Toronto at Buffalo, Montreal at Rochester.

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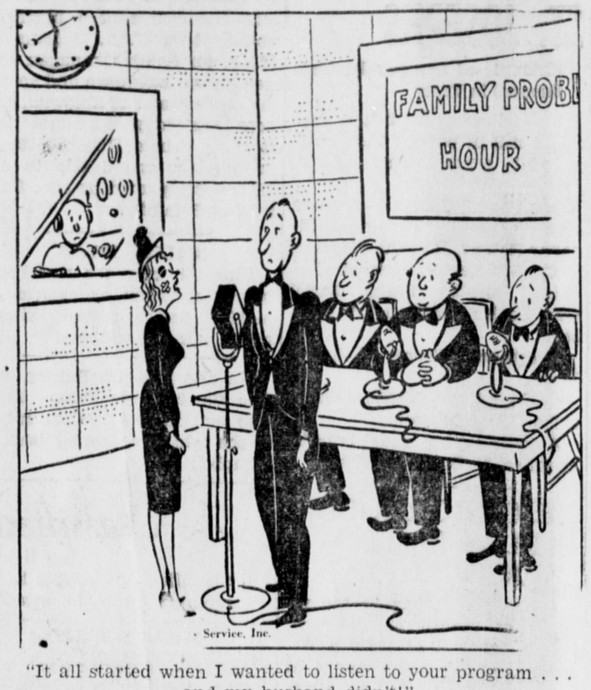

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Today in Sports

INTERMEDIATES IN SOFTBALL

Acropolis M.P.'s and Dry Dock Win Games Last Night

Clever pitching by Foltz, who hurled in place of the starry regular Clokie, was the deciding factor in the defeat of the Co-operative team by the Dry Dock entry in Intermediate Softball last night. The final score was Dry Dock 10, Co-op 6.

In the other game the M.P.'s maintained their undefeated record by taking a 12 to 5 decision from Frederick.

BADMINTON IN FINALS

In the semi-finals of the international badminton tournament Frank Pidgeon qualified to meet his fellow officer, Lieut. Haddon, in the finals of men's singles by defeating McGill two straight games.

Pidgeon, who hails from Vancouver where he was very prominent in badminton and tennis, showed both power and strategy in wearing down his opponent. Lieut. Haddon, also of the Navy, gain a place in the finals by winning from Capt. Smith of Acropolis Hill. The winner of this event will be decided Friday night at the "Y" gym.

In the mixed doubles the following reached the fours:

Craft and Brandt by defeating Spr. and Mrs. Bernadine.

Wren Smith and C.P.O. Stewart, defeated Sgt. and Mrs. Smith.

Marj. Mapp and Lieut. Haddon, winning from Laurel Bell and Lieut. McGill.

Miss Maxwell-Smith and Frank Pidgeon defeated Elsie Chemko and Cpl. Livingstone.

The semi-finals of this event, as well as the men's doubles, will be run off tonight at Acropolis Hill.

BARRETT AND PORT EDWARD

In one of the best Senior League softball games played at Gyro Park, Barrett defeated R. C.A.F. to move into a second place tie with the Fortress team which had an idle night. Errors by the Airmen proved very costly in the closing innings as the soldiers scored seven of their runs in their last four times at bat. Bard and Palmer were the leading hitters, each getting two for four. Pitcher Barman hurled a steady game throughout.

Score by innings:

R.C.A.F.— R. H. E.
0 3 0 0 0 0 1 0 4 6 6
Barrett—
0 1 0 1 2 2 1 2 x 9 6 5
Batteries—
R.C.A.F.—Court and Shantz.
Barrett—Barman and Bard.

Port Edward defeated Eleventh Battery 13 to 0 at Port Edward.

FOUR YEARS AGO IN THIS WAR

By the Canadian Press

July 19, 1941—The Germans concentrated their attack on the Smolensk sector of the Russian front while Rumania and German forces were reported crossing the Dniester at several points. R.A.F. personnel reinforcements arrived at Singapore.

Baseball Scores

International
Baltimore 3, Jersey City 0.
Newark 4, Syracuse 5.
Montreal at Rochester and Toronto at Buffalo postponed.

American Association
Columbus 3-4, Louisville 4-7.
Milwaukee 1-2, St. Paul 4-3.
Kansas City 3, Minneapolis 4.
Toledo 7, Indianapolis 8.

Pacific Coast
Sacramento 4-5, Los Angeles 5-6.
San Diego 7, Oakland 1.
San Francisco 4, Seattle 7.
Hollywood 4, Portland 12.

SHORT SPORT

At Hilversum, Holland, the Canadian Scottish Regiment trounced four other units to win the tabloid sports championship of the Third Canadian Division and advance into the Canadian Army finals. The Scottish, prominent in every one of the ten events on the card, piled up 116 points against 99 by the second-place North Nova Scotia Highlanders. Other competing teams came from the Regiment de la Chaudiere, the Seventh Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment, and Signals.

The meet was held in the so-called "Maple Leaf Stadium," one of several recreational facilities taken over by the division and given Canadian names in the resort-like Dutch city. Hundreds of Canadian soldiers and Dutch civilians attended. Events included dashes, jumps, shot-put and relay and highest individual scorer for the winners was Stg. F. A. Menzies of Nanaimo, B.C., with 16 points. His teammate, Pte. W. W. Jens of Vancouver, scored 15. Other members of the winning Scottish were Ptes. T. C. McMorland, Vancouver, L. J. McPallon, Grand Forks, B.C., R. A. Jacob, Powell River, B.C., A. Bilesky, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and Trail, B.C., J. H. Misbeth, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., J. V. McMinn, Nanaimo, B.C., D. M. Noadby, Victoria, and S. J. Forsythe, Vancouver.

High-scorer of the North Novas was L/Cpl. A. M. Hodgins of Sarnia, Ont., with 14, while Lieut. C. W. McAllister of Moncton ran up 13. Other Nova team members were Cpt. C. W. Hogarth, Winnipeg, and Ptes. A. J. Davis, Halifax, W. E. Beazley, Halifax, J. Walidichuk, Yorkton, Sask., J. W. Spence, Springhill, N.S., D. H. McMilland, Wood Island, P.E.I., L. G. Bennett, Wallace, N.S., R. A. Larter, Rocanville, Sask. The team captain was Lieut. S. Laskin of Port Arthur, Ont.

CANUCK FIGHTERS SEEN IN ACTION

NEW YORK, July 19 (CP)—Canadian fighters were swapping leather last night. Solly Zolter of Montreal was defeated by Billy Roberts of New York in four rounds. Jimmy Collura of Montreal knocked out Mike Foorte of Brooklyn in the opening stanza. Harry Preston of New York kayoed Patsy Zaccano of Montreal.

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DETROIT WINS DOUBLE-HEADER

Improve Their Position in Leadership of American League

WASHINGTON, July 19 (CP)—Detroit scored a double-header victory over Washington Senators yesterday to increase their margin of American League leadership to four-and-a-half games. Washington dropped back into second place below the idle New York Yankees.

In the National League Chicago Cubs split a double-header with Brooklyn Dodgers and kept three games ahead of St. Louis Cardinals who divided with the Phillies. New York Giants won a pair from Pittsburg Pirates whom they displaced from fourth position.

Yesterday's Big League scores:

American League
Chicago 2, Boston 6.
Cleveland 2, Philadelphia 2. (12 innings). Second game called on account of rain.
Detroit 6-5, Washington 4-0.
St. Louis at New York postponed.

National
New York 6-4, Pittsburg 3-3.
Brooklyn 0-9, Chicago 5-5.
Philadelphia 3-5, St. Louis 11-4.
Boston at Cinncinnati postponed.

The standings to date:

National League

Chicago	49	31	.613
St. Louis	47	35	.573
Brooklyn	47	36	.565
Pittsbugh	41	41	.500
New York	45	41	.523
Boston	39	41	.488
Cincinnati	37	39	.482
Philadelphia	23	64	.266

American League

Detroit	46	32	.589
Washington	40	36	.526
New York	41	36	.539
Boston	42	37	.532
Chicago	39	40	.494
St. Louis	37	38	.493
Cleveland	37	38	.493
Philadelphia	26	51	.388

Allan Boes Is Manitoba Champ

WINNIPEG, July 19 (CP)—Medal honors in the 1945 Manitoba Amateur Golf Championship Tournament went to Allan Boes—the champion for the last two years—yesterday. In winning medal honors for the sixth time, Boes had a two-stroke advantage over Sergeant Percy Clogg of the R.C.A.F.

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