

Sports

Lob-ball reports

Sports Scene

By Patricia Rivera

A single lob-ball report has made its way to my desk, from a Stanleyville player who reports that Stanleyville I whopped Stanleyville II by a score of 11-4 in Thursday night's game at the softball diamond at the fairgrounds.

Regular Courier lob-ball correspondent Don Tomes (who's been having some trouble getting a hold of the reports, ahem) is on holidays for the next two weeks, so anyone who has a report should call it in to the Courier office at 267-1100. Leave the details with the front office if I'm not in, or drop a slip of paper with the details written on it, through the mail slot in the door at any time before the Monday of the week in question.

The **Glen Tay Block Race** course has been officially measured by Terry O'Hearn and Jacques St. Gelais (of Perth Runners fame), and the exact distance of the course is 9.1 miles. It had always been thought that the course was about nine and a half miles.

So now that you know it's actually somewhat shorter, you can be certain it'll be a lot easier to traverse, come this Thursday evening when the starting gun will be fired circa six p.m. to get the racers off. As usual, the race begins and ends at the Perth museum on Gore Street. There'll be prizes and certificates and medals for runners.

Runners can sign in as Juniors, if they're less than 20 years old; as Seniors if they're between 20 and 39, and as Masters if they exceed 40 years of age.

On your marks...

After having been defeated 4-0 by Smiths Falls July 24th, the Perth Saints soccer team took a bye this past Sunday, reports Larry Smith, who notes that the Smiths Falls loss was due in part to the fact that only nine or so players turned out for the game.

Local angler Gerry Findlay recently spent a week fishing on the Mississippi, only to discover that pickered fishing isn't exactly a hot item there. In a week of trying, he snared one pickered.

Meanwhile, some kids who were angling nearby kept pulling out sunfish after sunfish. Gerry decided he'd go with the flow, and cooked himself up a panful of the small critters — and to his delight, he discovered they're actually quite good eating!

Little by little, fishermen's prejudices crumble, I guess. The Americans are generally satisfied with sunfish, I hear. Maybe it's time we ourselves gave 'em a try. (It doesn't seem as if there's much choice.)

Board sailing appears to be catching on. Not only are the sailboards on display for sale by the Perth Tayside Sports shop, but they're beginning to make appearances here and there on local lakes (and in local yards).

In Ottawa, they are becoming quite, quite popular — and so it may spread out here to the Valley as well.

There's an instructor out at Rideau Ferry Inn, and probably one out in Sharbot Lake, too. I can't swear to that last statement, not having checked it out. But remember that the first sailboard lessons in the area were offered in Sharbot Lake a couple years back by a European sailboarder who was visiting in the area, and had set himself up in Sharbot Lake.

We did a story on him way back when — that is, before it became as popular a sport as it is today.

Stan Fischler's book, *More Sports Stumpers*, offers the following question: "What was boxing referee Arthur Mercante's biggest mistake?"

Don't know? Here's the answer: "Back in 1964, Mercante, who refereed some of the most notable boxing matches of the previous two decades, was the third man in the ring for the Ernie Terrell-Bob Foster bout. In the fifth round, Mercante stepped between the two fighters and was pushing Terrell away from Foster just as Terrell hurled a roundhouse hook. Terrell's long reach enabled him to catch Mercante on the button. Groggy and minus two previously good teeth, Mercante carried on in the true tradition of ring arbiters.

"In the seventh round, Mercante halted the bout and awarded Terrell a technical knockout. Terrell was incensed and began pushing Mercante. Then, his handler stepped in. 'I wanted to knock Foster out,' the boxer said. 'I wanted to knock him out.' 'Ya bum,' said the handler. 'You couldn't even knock out the referee.'"

Now there's a story with a punchline! Remember it, if you're into Trivial Pursuit-playing. It might come in handy.

The Perth United soccer team continues its outstanding record of previous years, despite the fact that two star players, Peter Jackson and Charlie Ebbs, are both off the field with legs in casts.

The team has started up the scale in the Kingston league it is also playing in, having defeated the third place team by a score of 8-1 last week, and having handed the first place team a 3-1 defeat Monday night.

Says Brad: "We're sitting in about third or fourth place."

In Lanark action, the United team has tied the Celtics 1-1, beat Smiths Falls 5-3, the Saints 2-0, and Carleton Place 5-0 in games earlier this season.

Coming up this Sunday evening: the Saints battle Carleton Place on the field behind P&DCL.

Tournaments on despite blazing heat

By Jack Thomas
At time of writing, it is difficult to find any dedicated golfers on the course. They are all engaged in praying to their respective deities for lots of rain — during the night hours of course. Some, I hear, are exhorting their Indian friends to perform rain dances. If one tries hard enough, one can usually find something good in every circumstance. For us duffers, who invariably hit the ball fair and square on the top, it is gratifying to see the ball go rolling, rolling along the dried up fairway!

Meanwhile, at Lombard Glen Golf and Country Club, Jim Baxter is alternating between tearing his hair and moving the hoses from dried up spot to dried up spot. He is even considering a two-stroke penalty for hitting a sprinkler!

But despite all these tribulations, the game must go on. The Molson-sponsored Twilight League was played on July 13. Jim Pedere did the honours on behalf of the sponsors. For this event the ladies were invited to join.

This was followed by the Memorial Trophy tournament, an 18 hole low gross event played annually in memory of members who have passed away. John Doolan took top honours for the men, while Debbie Reid led the ladies. The Maurice Joynt plaque, for seniors only, was won by Ian Wright.

When Lombard Glen Golf and Country Club came into existence in 1966, Ron Joynt presented the initial trophy for annual competition. Called the Gold Cup Trophy, it was competed for on July 23. This is an 18 hole event. Mary Hill was the winner of the low gross in the ladies section, and David Rice led the men. Lorna Joynt turned in the low net score for the ladies. Wil-



Michael Roy, Kevin Bellamy, and John Findlay were among the area golfers to take advantage of Monday's clear skies, out on the fairways. The club was crowded as adults enjoyed their civic holidays among friends at the Links of Tay golf club.

ma Peckett was the second followed by Nan Thomas. For the men, John Parans won the low net followed by Don Schultz and John Doolan.

Following a super supper, the awards were presented by

Walter Peckett, newly-appointed Vice Captain and/or Co-Captain of the men's section. But what's in a name? The point is that Walter will cooperate men's captain Bert Smith in conducting the activities of the men's section.

Bert, by the way, has achieved the impossible. He injured his ankle while driving off the tee! Currently on crutches, we all wish Bert a speedy recovery. This also goes for Gord Barber who, at time of writing, occupies a bed (very temporary we hope), at Smiths Falls Hospital.

Both the men's and ladies

Match Play competitions are in full swing and approaching the semi-finals. In this regard, there was a very interesting match recently between Don Schultz and Ian Wright. At the end of the regulation 18 holes they were all even.

Both somewhat exhausted by the heat, they boarded a cart to begin a sudden death play off. All even on the first green, Don one-putted. Congratulations to both competitors for an exciting round.

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Wednesday, August 3:
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Perth Ladies Ball Hockey League

Thursday, August 4:
4:00 - 9:00 p.m. **Glen Tay Block Race** Contestant Change area.

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Rick Killingbeck
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Holland Electric

Friday, August 5:
Arena available for rent

Saturday, August 6:
Arena closed

Sunday, August 7:
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Monday, August 8:
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mark Bovington

Tuesday, August 9:
Roller Skating presented by Roll-Arena
5:45 - 7:45 p.m. JUNIOR SESSION (Children 12 and under, families and adults)
8:00 - 10:30 p.m. SENIOR SESSION (Children 13 and over, and adults)

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