

Muhammad Ali places Lyle Alzado's fist against his chin during a news conference in Denver Thursday. Ali and Alzado, defensive end for the Denver Broncos football team, fight an eight-round exhibition at Denver's Mile High Stadium July 14. Ali told Alzado to enjoy this moment, as it would be the only time his fist touched the beautiful face.

The only touch

BOTH AT FIVE UNDER

Different routes to golf lead

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Mark McCumber was taking it one shot at a time while Pat McGowan was following the advice of a colleague's caddy, but both golfers were leading the pack when the first round of the Memphis golf tournament ended Thursday.

McCumber, 28, winner of the Doral Open in March, and McGowan, 24, a second-year touring pro from Colusa, Calif., went into today's second round at the 7,249-yard Colonial country club course with a pair of five-under-par 67s.

One stroke behind were Gary Koch and Tom Jenkins. At 69 were Gary Player, who won here in 1974, Wally Armstrong, Brad Bryant, Mike McCullough and Victor Regalado.

Defending champ Andy Bean was at 71, while two-time winner Lee Trevino, winner of the Canadian Open last Sunday, was at par. Four-time winner Dave Hill was far back with a 77.

McCullough challenged the leaders with a front-nine 34 and moved to five under at 16, but he double bogeyed No.17 and finished two strokes back.

McGowan, whose best effort this year has been a tie for fourth at Phoenix, roared into contention late in the day with a string of birdies and a pair of long putts.

McGowan, with \$72,616 in earnings during less than two years on the tour, started slow, sank a 40-foot putt on No.3, followed that with three par holes, then three birdies. He dropped a 55-foot putt for a birdie on No.15.

"You know you're going to have a pretty good round if you don't have any bogeys," he said.

McGowan said Lee Lynch, who caddies for 1977 winner Al Geiberger, suggested that he change his grip and slow his swing for the Colonial course. "I've been swinging too hard," he said.

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — A chance encounter with an old pro got Barbara Barrow's golf game pointed in the right direction.

"Last week I ran into a teacher who worked with me and changed my alignment," Barrow beamed Thursday. "Now I'm hitting the ball straight."

The burly 24-year-old had reason to smile. She combined her straight and long drives with nimble putting Thursday

for a three-under-par 69 and a share of the first-round lead in a 72hole \$150,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament at the Dearborn Country Club course.

Debbie Austin used booming tee shots to fire six birdies,

'CAPS' WINGER

VANCOUVER (CP) — The past 12 months have been a bitter pill to swallow for Willie Johnston, the so-called whipping boy of international soccer.

It was just over a year ago that the flamboyant winger was tossed out of the World Cup competition in Argentina for using a stimulant. The Scottish international was suspended and sent home as Scotland, which had failed miserably on the field, attempted to save face.

Johnston was barred from the Scottish team for life after a urine test proved positive and he admitted to taking a banned stimulant to combat a hay fever condition.

Today he can be found plying his trade on the artificial surface of Empire Stadium, home of Vancouver Whitecaps of the North American Soccer League. "I'm still the same person as I was a year ago," Johnston said in an interview Wednesday. "I didn't do anything wrong at the World Cup ... I just made an honest mistake, that's all."

"What's important today is that my wife and family are okay and they understand what happened. The whole incident was blown out of proportion because the people around me were in a panic."

Johnston, now 32, has had to live with the taunts of rival players and the jeers of fans during the last year, first with West Bromwich Albion of the English first division and now with the Whitecaps.

Tony Waiters, an Englishman who is team manager of the Whitecaps, said that Johnston took the rap in Argentina for something which many international players have been getting away with for years.

"There's no question in my mind that Willie was a victim of circumstance at the World Cup," Waiters said. "Before we signed him in March, we made a lot of inquiries in Eng-

land and came up with the same answer. "Willie was made an example of ... for the rest of the soccer football world to see."

Waiters said Johnston was added to the NASL team because Vancouver was looking for a winger with exceptional crossing ability and Johnston was the best man available for the position.

"He sort of makes you grey before your time," the coach said, "but that's because Willie's basically an individual with an exceptional amount of individual talent."

"He frustrates you at times when he tries to take command of a game, but he's been good for our team — and not one bit of trouble."

"I would say he gets more individual attention from opposing teams than any other player in the league because of his reputation."

Waiters said the Whitecaps have a team rule which bans the use of drugs and various types of stimulants, including pills which contain fencamfamin, the stimulant which belongs to the amphetamine group. Johnston took two pills which contained fencamfamin while in Argentina.

"Anyone using drugs will be thrown off this team, no doubt about it," Waiters said. "If you can't feed off the adrenalin of competition, you have no right to be in this game."

Johnston refuses to be drawn into any further controversy surrounding his suspension. He intends to complete the three years of his Whitecap contract before thinking about the future.

The Glasgow native hasn't scored in 15 NASL games, although he leads the team in assists with 10. His showmanship on the pitch, however, has captured the fancy of local fans.

Johnston seems to be in a constant turmoil on the field, often involved in vocal

player standoff.

Cathy Sherk of Port Colborne, Ont., had an opening-round 75, while Dale Shaw of Victoria, the only other Canadian competing, struggled to an embarrassing 90 — high score on the day.

The win lifted the juniors into a tie with Mountain Truck Service, both with 10 points.

The winners scored three runs in the first and added six in the third and two more in both the fourth and seventh, and belted 13 hits off loser Sieg Vogt and reliever Glen Collier.

The Royals scored once in the fourth, fifth and seventh.

Juniors second again

The Prince George Hotel juniors regained a share of second in senior men's baseball Thursday.

Winning pitcher Colin Christensen scattered six hits, struck out five and didn't issue a walk in the juniors' 13-3 win over the Royals.

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Senior Women
Yellowhead Inn 5 Jack Ellis Saw Shop 2
Interior Warehousing 8 Backwoods Corner 2

Recreation Men
Fraser Stationers 3 Astoria Hotel 2
Men's Slow Pitch
P.G. Pulp 8 Yellowhead-Midas 4
Six Mile Logging 15 Northwood Pulp 9

Commercial Women
Action Gulf 17 P.G. Pulp 5
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TODAY'S GAMES
SOFTEBALL
Shakey's Canadians vs Pizza Hut (6 p.m.)
Six Mile Logging vs Sunrise Rentals (7:15 p.m.)

Recreation Men
CFS Logging vs Indian Friendship Centre (6:45 p.m.)

You too can measure up

Canadians beaten; standings tighten

by MIKE TRICKEY and DAVE PAULSON
Citizen Sports Reporters

The McDermids Canadians dropped their second game in three starts Thursday, as the Spruce City Men's Fastball Association standings tightened.

Ted Doyle Trucking closed to within one-half-game of the top, as it downed McDermids 7-5 in one of three games.

The truckers trailed 3-1 after five-and-one-half innings, but rallied for six runs in the bottom of the sixth to take the lead it never gave up.

Jim Valachi was the winning pitcher and Gord Lilley the loser.

Ron Thomas paced the Ted Doyle batsmen with a three-for-four effort, which included a pair of runs batted in.

In other games, Lomak Contracting swept a pair from the Clendonald Lads and moved into fourth in the eight-team league.

The contractors stopped Clendonald 5-1 in the first game and romped to a 12-2 decision in the second.

Lomak scored all its runs in the second inning of the first game, as Gary Osborne pitched the win and Mark Skavlebo the loss.

Lomak struck for five first inning runs in the second game and added four in the fourth and three in the sixth enroute to the win.

Rick Cunningham was the winner and Brian McCullough the loser.

The league has four teams at various tournaments this weekend.

Mary Potskin came within one inning of a no-hitter Thursday, as Interior Warehousing continued its run at the top in the senior women's softball league.

Potskin gave up a lead-off single to Debbie Carmichael in the seventh, but that was the only safety, as Interior romped to an 8-2 win.

The win moves Interior within two points of the leading Juniors and the warehousemen have played one less game.

Interior wrapped up the decision with three runs in the fifth, to make the score 6-1.

Former teammate Jacquie Dondale was the losing pitcher.

Yellowhead Inn scored four runs in the first inning and held on for a 5-2 win over struggling Jack Ellis Saw Shop.

The loss was the third straight for Jack Ellis.

Lynn Stone was the winning pitcher and Janice Mainland the loser.

The league has no games scheduled until Wednesday, as it breaks for its annual July tournament this weekend.

P.G. Pulp moved into a tie for fourth in the Nechako Division of the men's slow pitcher league, as it downed co-leading Yellowhead Inn-Midas Muffler 8-4.

The loss keeps Yellowhead-Midas tied for first with Shakey's Canadians, while P.G. Pulp tied Pizza Hut for fourth, two points out of third.

Rick Pfliger was the winning pitcher and Bruce Pamplin the loser.

Six Mile Logging truck over sole possession of fourth in the Fraser Division with a 15-9 decision over Northwood Pulp.

Jim Halliday was the winning pitcher and Sandy MacDonald took the loss.

In games today, Shakey's Canadians play Pizza Hut at 6 p.m. and Six Mile Logging takes on Sunrise Rentals at 7:15 p.m.

Fraser Stationers are back on the winning track in recreation men's after a narrow 3-2 decision over Astoria Hotel.

The Frasers, who had lost three of their past four and dropped from first to third, got a strong performance from winning pitcher Darrel Brown.

Ivan Matthews took the loss for Astoria, whose record dropped to 4-8.

In today's game, CFS Logging meets the Indian Friendship Centre at 6:45 p.m. at the Highway 16 West park.

Action Gulf moved into a tie for first in commercial women's softball with a 17-5 win over Prince George Pulp in one of two games Thursday.

Marlene Lafon pitched the win for the gulfers, who are tied with Monarch Life for first.

P.G. Pulp could have gained the tie with Monarch with a win.

In the other game, the Doug Neal Cowgirls downed International Waterbeds 12-5.

Heather Murdoch was the winning pitcher.

Play resumes Tuesday when National Hotel meets Monarch at 6:30 p.m. and Northwood Pulp takes on Tabor Arms at 8 p.m. Both games are at Carrie Jane Gray Park.

Long journey starting for 1980 Olympic flame

MOSCOW (AP) — The Olympic flame will travel a 5,000-kilometre route from Greece to the Soviet Union that will take relay runners a month to complete, organizers of the 1980 Moscow Olympics said Monday.

The flame will be accompanied by a huge entourage of bureaucrats, technicians and athletes as well as a reserve flame — just in case.

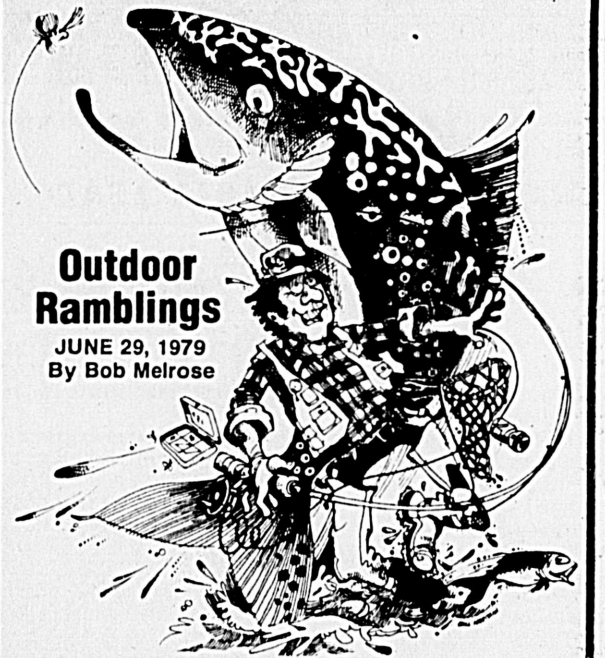
Vladimir I. Koval, deputy president of the 1980 Moscow Olympics Organizing Committee, said at a news conference the flame's travel route has been approved.

Starting from Olympia,

Greece, on June 19, the flame will pass along a 1,136-kilometre route through Athens, Corinth, Thebes until it reaches the border with Bulgaria.

Then it travels 865-kilometres through the capital of Sofia until the Romanian-Hungarian border. Another 577 kilometres, including a stop in Bucharest, and the flame hits Soviet soil.

A special ceremony will be held July 5 when the flame reaches the Soviet village of Leusheny in the republic of Moldavia. The trip through the Soviet Union is 2,300 kilometres.



This Sunday July 1st marks opening day of the rest of our streams in management areas 6 and 7. Those anxious to fish the Parns system, Willow, Bowron, etc. are free to do so on Sunday.

Those people in the Mackenzie area especially will be able to get out after those big dolliers in the streams off Williston and the arctic graying. Most streams are still high but most are dropping. If you are spinning Mepps and Panther Martins, Boles, Sneaks and Rooster Tails are hard to beat. Be sure to get an assortment of sizes and weights. A light lure in a deep hole just can't get down deep enough. Lures such as Len Thompsons, small Kitimats, Pixees, Krocodiles, Hot Rods will work. Again an assortment of sizes and colors for different depths and currents.

Bait fishing in all streams can be extremely effective. Drifting a single egg into any river hole with a couple of split shot and just bouncing along at current speed can be dynamite. That single egg can be a real art. You can do the same with Maggots, Worms, Grasshoppers, Hell Grammites and other bait. The trick is to add or subtract small split shot so the bait bounces along the same speed as the current.

Salmon fishing in the chuck at Kitimat and Kitimat River has been good for those who really know the river. Nation Lakes with the past two weeks bad weather has been slow on lakers. Lots of small rainbows but not too many large char. Francois, Tachick, Nulki good size rainbows. Some good size Char up towards Uncha, Bay, Dean River very slow as last year on steelhead and springs.

Carp Lake as usual has been good. This weekend it will be very crowded. The road is open and the bridge is a travel at your own risk proposition with I think a 6000 lb restriction. Stuart Lake has been fair on Char but slow on big rainbows, but Trembleur and Takla have been good. Mostly Rapalas and FST 4 and 5's. With the warm weather it is time once again to watch your campfires. Have a warm holiday weekend.

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Creighton first choice

BOSTON (AP) — Fred Creighton, fired in the spring after helping build Atlanta Flames into a National Hockey League playoff contender for four years, appears to be the Boston Bruins' No. 1 choice as head coach.

Bruins general manager Harry Sinden, considered by most Boston players — in off-the-record conversations — as the logical one to assume the coaching duties from the now-departed Don Cherry, insisted Thursday night that no decision has been reached.

However, Sinden did indicate in a telephone interview that Creighton is the Bruins' top choice.

"We talked with Creighton and others involved today, but nobody has been

offered the job," Sinden said. "We have not offered a contract to anyone yet."

Sinden, who coached the Bruins to the Stanley Cup championship in 1970, quit for private business and then returned to the front-office position. He appeared to hedge on published reports originating in Toronto that Creighton will be offered the Boston coaching job next week.

However, he reiterated with a laughing "no way" when confronted with rumors he would return to the bench as coach.

Don Cherry, who led the Bruins' to four Adams Division titles in five years, quit in a policy dispute with Sinden, leaving a \$60,000-a-year post to take over the lowly Colorado Rockies for more than \$100,000.