

Finally, Lucania rooters can do some shouting

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First Division Lucania, which has been struggling of late, has not showed its faithful supporters the kind of soccer they were hoping for.

However, Wednesday night at Alexander Park, the Italian side gave its fans plenty to cheer about, as it shocked powerful Portuguese 3-1, in a Manitoba Central Soccer League encounter.

Zvi Gitter scored two second-half goals to lead Lucania to its upset. Carmelo Mauro, who played a strong game from his outside right position, also scored for Lucania. Aires Couto gave Portuguese a short-lived lead early in the second half.

Neither team showed a great deal of offence in the first 45

minutes, although Portuguese had the best of the play. Onofrio Butari was tested on several occasions in the Lucania net, but he was equal to the task each time.

Couto opened the scoring in the 48th minute when he took a pass from Manuel Loureiro and beat Butari from only a few yards out.

Gitter evened the count 13 minutes later as he connected from a corner taken by Tony Mazza. The winner was scored less than a minute later, when Mauro took a long through ball from George Rakic to beat keeper Jose Luis Pavao with a low drive to the right.

Gitter put the game out of reach at the 76-minute mark after taking a cross from Rakic and beating Pavao with a shot to the far corner.

The victory moved the Italian side into sole possession of third place, two in back of Fort Rouge and five behind league-leading Italinter. Portuguese, meanwhile, remain in a tie for fourth with five points.

In the Third Division play Wednesday, Fort Rouge United edged Assiniboine Athletics 3-2. The semi-finals in the MSA Cup competition are set for Alexander Park this weekend. Two powerful First Division clubs, Thistle and Fort Rouge, will tangle Saturday at 7 p.m., while Sunday evening it will be Luxton Royals meeting Third Division Park City Rangers. The victors advance to the best-of-three final, July 21 and 28.

The eventual winner of the Cup will represent Manitoba in the regional playdowns against Saskatchewan, Aug. 10.



Paul Baxter

Turns pro

Paul Baxter, last year a member of the Winnipeg Crusaders of the World Hockey Association. Baxter, an 18-year-old, was to formally sign his contract this morning in Cleveland.

Driscoll checks in with WHA Blazers

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Vancouver Blazers announced Wednesday that they have acquired their seventh new player for the 1974-75 World Hockey Association season.

Left-winger Peter Driscoll, 19, has been signed as the Blazers' fifth choice in this year's amateur draft.

The rugged six-foot-one-inch 210-pound player for Kingston in the Ontario Hockey Association and developed a reputation as one of the best checking wingers in the league.

Albrechtsen finds the formula

One of the season's largest crowds took advantage of the warm weather and attended the Wednesday's races at Winnipeg Speedway.

Don Mack of Grand Forks, in his first appearance at the Speedway, this season, won his sprint heat with John Albrechtsen placing third. It looked like Albrechtsen's feature win streak was in trouble. Such was not the case, however, as Albrechtsen once again found the combination. By the second lap Albrechtsen had the lead and was never headed as Mack broke several push rods and dropped out by half way.

The late model feature was the closest of the evening as Ernie Brookins and Joe Jacobson, both of Fargo, were obviously out to win. Rick Swangler, of Grand Forks, seemed like he was going

to shut them both out but retired on the ninth lap with engine problems. Jerry Grinde, of Grand Forks, who was running second at the time, also pulled into the pits with front end and suspension problems.

On the green flag, Brookins had the lead and started to pull away. By lap 18, Jacobson was right on Brookins' bumper. Then, Brookins' car faltered momentarily in the three corner,

and Jacobson was past him for the lead, Brookins in hot pursuit. Trapped behind a slower car, Jacobson lost the lead to Brookins who then held on for the checker.

The hobby feature started with a bang as all 14 cars charged into the one-two corner, battling for the lead. In what seemed to be a series of bashes, Neil McArthur started to flip coming out of the two corner, and ended up,

several rolls later, right side up but with another car on top of his roof. On the restart, with McArthur out of the way, it was clear sailing for Jim Hyslop of Winnipeg, who breezed around unmolested for his first Speedway feature win.

Tuesday night will be the Mid-Season championship races with cars starting according to the points they have accumulated for the Carling points championship.

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WFL a hit at gate

By the Associated Press

It was novelty night in the world of professional football and the gimmick was a bigger hit than the organizers of the World Football League had expected.

At four of five sites for the first professional football league, crowds were bigger than originally anticipated—although at no site did the demand exceed the supply of tickets.

The WFL gets a sterner test tonight during the telecast of the game between New York Stars and Jacksonville Sharks which will provide the armchair fans with a chance to judge the merits or demerits of the infant league.

In the first night of WFL activity Wednesday, Chicago Fire defeated Houston Texans 17-0, Florida Blazers edged Honolulu Hawaiians 8-7, Philadelphia Bell trounced Portland Storm 33-8, Memphis Southmen beat Detroit Wheels 34-15 and Birmingham Americans beat Southern California Sun 11-7.

Birmingham drew the biggest crowd, where 53,231 fans, long hungry for a football franchise, saw their dream come true and gave the Americans an extended ovation before the game.

Club officials earlier had said they had hoped for a crowd of 55,000 in the 70,000-seat stadium. Philadelphia drew 45,000, almost 13,000 above what had been expected, but still way short of a sellout in mammoth 102,000 seat John F. Kennedy Stadium. Chicago drew 42,000 to 55,000-seat Soldier Field, well over its anticipated crowd of 35,000, while Florida drew 18,625 fans to the Tangerine Bowl which holds 30,000.

Two owners put up guarantee for race

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Owners of the fillies Miss Musket and Chris Evert each have paid \$100,000 toward the \$350,000 winner-take-all match race July 20 at Hollywood Park, F. E. Kilroe, racing director said Wednesday.

Kilroe said that Aaron U. Jones, owner of Miss Musket and Carl Rosen, owner of Chris Evert, now have agreed to forfeit their entry fees should one of the fillies be unable to compete for any reason in the 1 1/4-mile harness race.

Hollywood Park is putting up the other \$150,000 for the match race.

Tennis lessons

Registrations are still being taken for tennis lessons at Sargent Park courts for the following sessions: July 15-26; July 29 to Aug. 9; Aug. 12-23.

Lessons are available for students, grade VI and over, and adults. For the July 15 session, register at Sargent Park Courts at one of the above lesson times. For July 29 and Aug. 12 sessions, contact the recreation department at 985-5172.

Industrial fastball

Scores in the Men's Industrial Fastball League Wednesday night: Kildonan Kings 11, Great West Life 0; Manitoba Clubbers 5, Blue Diamonds 4; West End Komets 11, Keenan Distributors 1; St. James Saints 6, Richardson Securities 5; Canada Packers 16, Westwood Esso 3; Doerksen Plumbing and Heating 3, Pizza Place 1; Pandora Inn 10, Kings Hotel 9.

Metro fastball

Here are Wednesday's results from the Metro Fastball League 'B' Division:

St. James 17 Johnson Terminals 7; UMA 6 Winnipeg Inn 5; Raiders 13 Suburban Rebels 10; Beacon Ridge Orioles took two games from IAM, 4-3 and 14-2; Imperial Three Stars 6 Lucerne Whips 3; Woos 16 Charleswood Esso 11.

Rich Italians waved money in front of Polish players

WARSAW (Reuters) — Poland's soccer manager Kazimierz Gorski, was reported by a Warsaw newspaper Wednesday as saying an attempt was made to bribe his team during their World Cup soccer match against Italy in Stuttgart, West Germany, last month.

Gorski alleged in an interview that during halftime, when the Poles were leading 2-0, rich Italians had approached his players offering financial inducements if they would draw the match.

Italy, which needed at least a draw to qualify for the second round, was beaten 2-1 by Poland, which was already certain of a place in the last eight of the competition.

Poland eventually finished third in the tournament.

Falk too much

Gerry Falk, of Carman Goldeyes had River East Raiders' batters hitting air Wednesday as he fashioned a no-hitter, leading Carman to a 9-0 triumph in Manitoba Junior Baseball League action at Carman.

Falk's control was brilliant, as he walked only two while fanning 15. Ray Mutcheson provided the punch at the plate with three singles. Gary Giesbrecht and Bill Whitehead chipped in with a pair of singles, while Rob Schultz added a triple.

John Braund was the losing pitcher. He and reliever Mike Smilinski were tagged for 10 hits.

In the only other game played Wednesday, St. Boniface Legionnaires edged Assiniboia Buffalos 4-2.

Joe Carriere, who came on in relief of starter Don Thomas, was the winning pitcher, while Byron Smith was charged with the loss. Thomas faced only five Assiniboia batters, walking four, before giving way to Carriere, who limited Buffalos to only four hits the rest of the way. He also struck out five and walked two. Smith, meanwhile, went 5 2/3 innings, surrendering three hits and fanning six. Pete Ward got the final out prior to giving up one hit.

John Hindle led the attack at the plate for Legionnaires with a home run and a run batted in. Henry Lemoine also tripled home a run. Ian Bremner knocked in a Buffalos' run with a single.

Thieves get Carlos' belt

SANTA FE, Argentina (Reuters) — Thieves who broke into the home of Carlos Monzon stole a gold and silver belt he was awarded when he won the world middleweight boxing title from Italy's Nino Benvenuti in 1970, police said Tuesday.

Monzon's wife said the total value of the item stolen—they also included several gems—was around \$10,000.

The robbery occurred Monday night at the Monzon's ranch-style home on the outskirts of this city 350 miles northeast of Buenos Aires.

Monzon, 31, still holds the World Boxing Association version of the world title although he was recently stripped of the World Boxing Council's crown.

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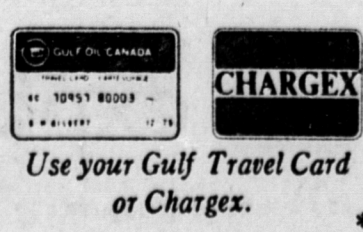
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