

C.I.B. Sections, Division Admin., Telecommunications, Staffing and Personnel, with some from Halifax Sub-Division, began to show promise. What was lacking in skill was more than made up in fortitude, spirit, and determination.

By mid-summer, they were competing against other business-women's teams from 3M, Maritime Life, Herring Cove White Sox as well as scrub teams composed of members. The scores need not be mentioned, but in one game with Maritime Life, there was only a four run difference.

Being quite confident and wishing to expand sportsmanship and Division morale, the "Scarlet Challenge" was made to the Commanding Officer, C/Supt. D. J. Wright. On behalf of all "Officers" of "H" Division, C/Supt. Wright accepted the challenge. Supt. J. A. B. Riddell was named coach of "Right's Raiders". This vital contest was scheduled for September 12th—rain or shine.

Faster than a prairie fire, word spread throughout the building. Plans were made, a trophy was made, umpires were recruited by chief umpire S/M. M. J. Harrett. The evening would be rounded

off with a social gathering.

The 12th arrives, the teams are poised, the umpire calls, "Play Ball", and history is made in "H" Division. With encouragement resounding from crowded bleachers, the determined "Scarlets" take the field. Through the first few innings, the strategy of each team is analyzed by the other. The umpires observe a few infractions; Insp. L. Fletcher is caught for speeding while rounding third and is given a ticket; Supt. Riddell and Insp. Fletcher are observed racing on the baseline and are penalized also. Interference on the field brings further warnings. The infraction by both sides are far too numerous to mention.

With the final out the scores are tallied up, it is announced: "Right's Raiders" have won the match 19 to 17. Congratulations are extended by the "Scarlets" for a truly fine, fun-filled contest.

Trophies were presented at the social evening by the "Scarlets" manager, Dawna Constable, and a special plaque for "Sportsmanship above and beyond the call of duty" was presented to Supt. Riddell who will hold it for next year's call to "PLAY BALL!"

Commendations

Corporals Michel Lemay and Francis Hummell received commendations for bravery at a brief ceremony held at Montreal RCMP Headquarters on Nov. 14, 1975.

Corporal Lemay was presented with Commissioner M. J. Nadon's Commendation for Bravery for having risked his life May 30, 1975, rescuing an elderly lady trapped in her burning residence. Corporal Lemay saw smoke coming out of a window on the upper floor of a duplex in Westmount. He notified the Westmount Fire Department and then entered the house. A young boy told him that his

grandmother was still in her room on the second floor. Corporal Lemay rushed to the upper floor in spite of encountering heavy smoke. He broke open the locked door of the bedroom and found the elderly lady who was by then unconscious. Crawling along the floor he succeeded in reaching her and carried her to safety.

A few moments later firemen attempting to reach the fire by the same stairs were driven back by flames.

Corporal Lemay, 30 years of age, has served in the RCMP for nine years. He was born in Ottawa and spent all of his active service in the Province of Quebec.