

Cobey McCluskey Meets Westerner In Title Bout

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—A Marlimer and a Westerner meet here today in what shapes up as a slugger vs. boxer 12-rounder for the Canadian middleweight boxing championship.

The boxer is Wilf Greaves, 22, of Edmonton, who now fights out of Detroit. The slugger is Cobey (Just Call Me Louis) McCluskey of Charlottetown, P. E. I. and Dartmouth, N.S.

Back in 1950, at 18, McCluskey had three bouts with top ranking light-heavyweight Yvon Durelle and won two from the New Brunswick boxer.

Greaves early in his career lost close decisions to such well-known mittmen as Ralph (Tiger) Jones, Italo Scorticini, Gene Fullmer, Spider Webb and Joe Giardello.

MORE MATURE

Now, more mature, the former British Empire amateur champion has 18 wins in 7 bouts. He has won his last three, one by a knockout.

McCluskey, 26, has 15 victories and four draws in 29 bouts though his manager Murray Swartz says he has fought almost twice the number of fights listed in the ring book.

The title is vacant at present by order of the Canadian Boxing Federation which ruled that Lou Lawrence, who won the title from McCluskey in Fredericton Sept. 30, 1955, had not defended it enough.

McCluskey had held the title for 44 months after winning it

from Gary Simon of Halifax.

CONFIDENT OF WIN

Greaves said in an interview his early losses gave him "experience that is coming in handy for me now" and he is confident of winning.

"I've been waiting for this chance for three years and I don't want to miss it now."

Greaves said he's in top condition. Like McCluskey he held only a light workout after a sparring match Thursday.

He was reported "drying out" to lose two pounds for the bout. Greaves said he expected to use his speed and reach to advantage.

WEAR HIM DOWN

Manager Swartz said McCluskey "is big and strong and we hope to beat Greaves by wearing him down in the early rounds."

"I feel that Greaves will have to knock out my boy to beat him and he's only been kayoed once in his professional career."

McCluskey suffered a minor cut over his left eyebrow while sparring Thursday but it is not expected to affect him in the fight.

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Did you notice that Don Drysdale, Los Angeles top-rated pitcher, had been thrown for his third straight loss.

Was such is the case and the "lowly" Chicago Cubs were the cause of the third downfall and Dodgers' top brass are beginning to be just a wee bit worried. They had counted heavily on Drysdale and had shown their respect for him by assigning him the opening day chore.

Los Angeles was banking on their pitching to make them strong contenders for Milwaukee's throne. So far it's been anything like top calibre and the former Brooks are floundering—after nine games—with a .333 percentage. Only St. Louis, another supposed contender, was worse off with a .250 mark.

Dodgers crushing by Chicago Cubs Thursday (it was 15-2) has started the talk about the left-field screen in L. A. Coliseum 250 feet from home plate. Many believe this screen is such that it places Babe Ruth's home run record in danger. It's not that they don't want to see someone shatter the 60 mark but they don't want it beaten in any cheap way.

Thursday the Cubs' Lee Walls smashed three over this 40-foot screen to lead the Chicago attack. In all he drove in eight runs to almost single-handedly conduct the onslaught.

The Cubs came up with Gene Fodge on the mound and they got a complete game out of him. Somebody better tell them soon where they are supposed to be in the standings before they get this National League in a real mixup. They certainly have caused enough trouble already.

The Cardinals and Dodgers know that all too well.

The other day we made reference to a boner made by rookie Jim Davenport of San Francisco Giants. Jim failed to touch third in the ninth inning in Los Angeles and handed the Dodgers a 6-5 decision. But the young third baseman had done much better things the day previous. He won his way into the hearts of San Francisco fans by collecting four hits, including a double and drove in four of his team's runs as the transplanted Giants trimmed the Dodgers and Don Newcombe 7-4.

In their first three games at San Francisco the Giants played to 58,703 fans. In New York last season it took them seven games to reach that figure. If they continue to play the kind of ball they played in their first nine games (they've won six, lost three) attendance figures should even grow.

Remember reading last winter about Jimmy Foxx being almost penniless?

Well all is right with Double X once again.

The Hall of Fame slugger had luck run completely out on him but he is back on his feet once again. Jimmy is coach with Boston's Minneapolis farm club in the American Association.

Foxx still has plenty of strength but he doesn't like throwing in batting practice "cause I might not see that ball come back. However he retains his knack with the willow.

Recently he took a few swings in batting practice. He fouled the first one off, then powered the next pitch right out of the park. He hit 534 just like that in his twenty years of playing. That mark is second only to the great Babe Ruth.

And speaking of sluggers Duke Snider of the Dodgers is back at work.

The Duke and Don Zimmer got tied up in a toss-the-baseball contest before Wednesday's game at Los Angeles with the Chicago Cubs. Both Dodgers were trying to hurl the ball over the Coliseum stands—79 rows and 106 feet above the playing field.

When Duke was not able to play in the game, club officials were upset to the point where they stated he would draw no money till he took his place in the lineup.

Well Thursday came and Snider was in there sore arm and all. He readily admitted the soreness but stated "at those prices I've got to play." He gets about \$275 a day. He realized the stunt was foolish but claimed he was truthful about the whole incident.

He would have said my knee hurt me and nothing would have happened."

Duke never did get the ball over the stands. His best effort landed in the 76th row.

It's well known by now how seriously Milwaukee fans take their baseball. No matter whom you cheered in 1957 you had to admit that no group of fans deserve a pennant half as much as Milwaukee citizens.

Now they have not only the National League pennant winners in their midst but also the World Champions. The enthusiasm has increased.

An Ottawa Exchange noting this tremendous interest has the following comment:

"Milwaukee's baseball Braves seem to be threatening the fame of Milwaukee beer. Thus we have the Milwaukee Journal covering the season's opening game as it might cover the dropping of Khrushchev's first bomb: a detailed report of the innings, a report on what women fans wore, a color story on the crowd and its antics, a report on how bleacherites saw the game, scenes in the dressing rooms of the players and an analysis of Milwaukee's defeat by the Journal's sports editor. Ah, well."

Indeed it's all true. We had the pleasure of reading the entire display an did certainly did the sports staff proud.

At this writing Eddie Mathews was still looking for home run number five.

The hard-hitting third baseman started the season with a real flourish clouting four homers in the first two games the champions played. Since then he hasn't been able to hit one for the distance. Of course four in eight games is a pretty fair percentage and if Eddie continued at the same pace he would wind up with 77 four-base knocks to his credit.

Teammate Henry "Hank" Aaron also has four but it took "Hank" a few days longer than Mathews to collect his.

Naturally sports writers crowded Eddie after he banded his four circuit clouts. But the great third baseman just took his time. "There's nothing to be excited about, not quite yet, anyway. I'd say it was a little early to talk about records, or even about the season I had in 1953."

That was the year Mathews, a newcomer to Milwaukee with the rest of the transplanted Braves, batted .302, hit 47 home runs and drove in 135 runs. All three marks are high for his major league career. He was 21 years old at the time.

Deal Between Rangers & Leafs Is Nullified

TORONTO (CP)—President Clarence Campbell of the National Hockey League Friday nullified a deal between Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Rangers.

The deal brought goalie Jacques Marcotte to Toronto in return for \$5,000 and the professional rights to centre Bill Kennedy of the junior Toronto Marlboros. They will return to the reserve lists of New York and Toronto respectively.

Marcotte was struck in the eye by a puck in his first practice with Toronto Feb. 5.

Campbell originally refused to recognize the deal shortly after it was made because of its wording.

"The clubs kept saying they were going to resolve it themselves. I got tired of waiting and set today as the deadline."

Marcotte had been with Buffalo Bisons of the American Hockey League only a few days after being transferred from Trois-Rivieres of the Quebec Hockey League when he was obtained by the Leafs.

The condition of his eye was reported as "discouraging" with only 40 per cent vision.

Campbell said Marcotte, even though he didn't play an NHL game, will receive league assistance.

PROTEST AGAINST USE OF GOALIE IS DISALLOWED

MONTREAL (CP)—President Bob LeBel of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association said Friday a protest against use of goalie Bruce Gamble by Ottawa-Hull Junior Canadiens has been disallowed.

LeBel said the decision merely upholds an earlier vote by CAHA officers and branch presidents allowing Canadians to use the Canadiens and Regina Pats as the finalists for the Memorial cup.

REMEMBER WHEN

Ty Cobb was playing his 23rd year in major league baseball when he paced Philadelphia Athletics to a 9-8 victory over Boston in an American League game 31 years ago today. The Georgia Peach drove in two runs, scored two himself—one by stealing home—and ended the game with an unassisted double play. He retired from active play the following season.

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Heading the string is the trotter, Royal Train, that raced exceptionally well last year. Royal Train has a mark of 2:12 1-5 and was fourth highest dash winner in the Maritimes last season with 15 firsts. Convar, 3.01 was the leader with 19 wins. Pepper Clegg, 2:10 3-5, was second with 17 wins, and Anthony L., 2:10 3-5, was third with 16 wins. He also reduced his record to 2:12 1-5 at Lower Sackville on October 5 in the A Trot and Pace, purse \$500. Here is the summary: Royal Train (Chappell) 1-1. First Again 2-3. Myrtle's Boy 5-2. Perfect Hal 3-4. Grey Eagle 6-4. Bay State Ellen 4-7. Bold Dean 7-5. Record Pearl 8-6. times 2:12 1-5 and 2:15 1-5.

FUTURE GREAT

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White Sox Snap Losing Streak

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chicago White Sox, the American League team with the best mound staff as far as last year's figures go, snapped a five-game losing streak Friday, topping Kansas City Athletics 6-5 in 12 innings.

The losing streak sent the Sox skidding to the bottom of the standings.

In claiming the win over the Kaycee club, the Sox did it with last - of - the - ninth heroics. They scored three runs in that inning to tie the game and force the overtime.

RED SOX IN CELLAR

Meanwhile, Boston Red Sox continued to look ineffective, dropping a 2-0 game to Washington Senators. The loss dropped the Beantowners into the league cellar, one-half game back of Chicago.

Two other games were scheduled in the American League, both at night. Detroit played at Cleveland and New York was at Baltimore.

All four games in the National League were night contests. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati and Philadelphia at Milwaukee in the east, and St. Louis at Los Angeles and Chicago at San Francisco in the west.

SINGLE DOES JOB

In the 12th inning at Chicago, Luis Aparicio's single off Walt Craddock, third Kansas City pitcher, scored Jim Rivera from second with the winning run.

Kansas City starter Alex Keller appeared to have the game wrapped up in the ninth when with one out Nellie Fox and Jim Landis hit successive singles. Sherm Lollar walked.

Virgil Trucks relieved Keller and walked pinch batter. Earl Torgeson to force in a run. Tito Francona struck out, but Rivera came through with a two-run single to knot the game 5-5.

FATTENS RECORD

At Boston, Pedro Ramos fattened his lifetime record over the Red Sox to 13-5 as he limited his victims to six hits.

Eddie Yost opened Washington's big fifth inning with a double off losing pitcher Frank Baumann.

Then Albie Pearson singled, scoring Yost. Norm Zauchin followed with a double to score Pearson.

Zauchin had one other double during the game and with a single made it three hits in four tries. His average is now .429.

Probable Pitchers

NEW YORK (AP)—Probable pitchers in today's major league games (won-lost records in parentheses):

National League
Philadelphia at Milwaukee—Sanford (1-1) vs Buhl (1-0)
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati—Bob Smith (0-1) vs Acker (0-0)
Chicago at San Francisco—Hobbie (1-1) vs Antonelli (0-1)
St. Louis at Los Angeles—L. McDaniel (1-1) vs McDevitt (0-1)
American League
Kansas City at Chicago—Terry (1-0) vs Donovan (0-2)
Detroit at Cleveland—Lary (0-1) vs Grant (1-0)
Washington at Boston—Griggs (0-0) vs Nixon (0-2)
New York at Baltimore—Turkey (1-0) vs Loes (0-1)

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Bisons Break Away From Black Hawks

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—Buffalo Bisons of the American Hockey League announced Friday the end of their working agreement with the National Hockey League's Chicago Black Hawks.

In announcing the move, Bison president Ruby Pastor said, "We are not going to be hurried into another affiliation with any major league club."

six more off Bunning and reliever Mickey McDermott before Hank Aguirre came in to register the final two outs. Avila drove in two runs with a bases-loaded double to right centre, Minoza drove in two more with a single to centre off McDermott and Carrasquel made the score 10-1 with a single to centre.

It was the third straight victory for the Indians, who accumulated 13 hits off four Detroit pitchers in the first night game of the season at chilly Municipal Stadium.

BALTIMORE (AP)—Pinchhitter Gene Woodling's double with two outs in the ninth inning scored two runners and pulled out a 2-1 victory for Baltimore Orioles over New York Yankees Friday night.

Woodling's game-ending blast against his former team came with two strikes on him by pitcher Whitey Ford.

Woodling's hit was only the fifth off Ford who had beaten the Orioles in his other start this season.

The victory, first by the Orioles in four games this season with the Yankees, was credited to Connie Johnson.

The Yanks got two of their five hits in the first inning to score their run.

Mickey Mantle and Bill Skowron each got two of the Yankee hits. The other by McDougald was a measly topped ball that rolled only halfway to third base.

Both Mantle hits were doubles.

CLEVELAND (AP)—Mickey Vernon hit a grand slam home run in the third inning and Cleveland Indians scored six more runs in the fourth to rout Detroit Tigers 12-2 Friday night behind Ray Narleski's six-hit pitching.

The Indians added single runs in the fifth and seventh frames to hit an even dozen total.

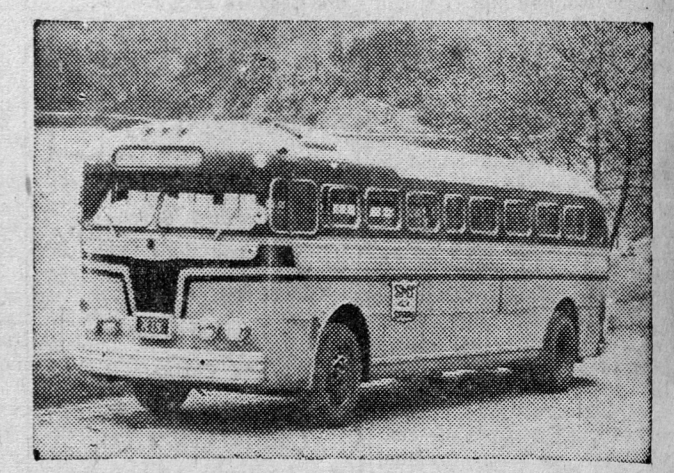
The 40-year-old Vernon staked Narleski to a 4-0 bulge in the third inning when he hit his bases loaded shot into the right field stands off starter Jim Bunning.

In the fourth, the Indians got

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