Pitchers Held Spotlight In Major League Yesterday

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Four pitchers pitched three-hit games or less Wednesday but only two of them won.

The spectacular performances, two in each league, were:

A one-hit game by Lew Burdette of Milwaukee over the Brooklyn Dodgers. He won 5-1 with the only hit being a home run by Gil Hodges in the fifth inning.

A two-hit shutout by Don Johnson of the Chicago White Sox over the Boston Red Sox. He won 1-0 over Tom Brewer, a rookie just out of the army, who allowed only three hits. Four walks in the first inning gave Chicago its only run. The first hit off Brewer came in the seventh when he slipped in attempting to field Johnny Groth's infield dribbler.

A three-hit loss by Harry Perkowski of the Cincinnati Redlegs to the New York Giants. One of the hits was a ninth inning pinch home run by Bobby Hofman with a man aboard which gave New York the 2-1 decision. Perkowski, a lefthander, gave up a single to Dave Williams in the first and a single to Monte Irvin in the eighth.

WIN SLUGFEST

In contrast, the St. Louis Cardinals exploded for 21 hits and Pittsburgh got 14 of its own in a 13-5 slugfest won by the Cards at Pittsburgh. Rookie Wally Moon hit the game's only home run and collected four other hits. He stole a base and scored five runs, the first player in either league this season to score that many in one game.

In other daylight action the New York Yankees weathered an eighth inning four-run uprising in Cleveland and beat the Indians for the second straight day 5-4. Detroit held on to first place in the American League by defeating Washington 4-2.

The Chicago Cubs met the Phillies in Philadelphia in the only night game.

Baltimore and the Philadelphia Athletics weren't scheduled.

Burdette, who faced only 29 men walked two and struck out two in picking up his third victory against two defeats. Hodges' home run came as the first baseman led off in the fifth. In the seventh with Jackie Robinson aboard on a walk, Hodges grounded into a double play.

SECOND OF SEASON

Johnson, who had drifted back to the minors after working for the Yankees and the St. Louis Browns, gave up his two hits in the first two innings. Charley Maxwell gled in the first. Sammy White singled in the second. For Johnson it was his second two-hit shutout this season.

Brewer, a 22-year-old with only one year's pro experience in class D ball, walked eight men. The only safeties off him in addition to Groth's single were singled by Nellie Fox and Jim Rivera in the eighth.

The Detroit victory went to Ted Gray, a hard luck lefthander who picked his first complete game of the year. It also was his first triumph after two setbacks. He gave up five singles plus a ninth inning home run by Jim Busby.

Eddie Lopat became the second pitcher in the league to win five games without a loss but he needed help from Johnny Sain in the eighth. Sain now has worked four days in succession.

PHILADELPHIA, (AP) — Lefthander Curt Simmons survived a ninth inning rally Wednesday night as Philadelphia Phillies fumbled their way to a 5-4 win over Chicago Cubs at Connie Mack Stadium. Simmons chalked up his fourth win against two losses despite four Phillie fielding miscues.

The cubs got two of their nine hits and two runs off Simmons in the ninth. Bill Serena's single with the bases loaded scored the two tallies.

The Phillies wasted no time in solving the offerings of Warren Hacker, the cubs' first hurler. With one out in the first inning, Richie Ashburn and Earl Torgeson singled. Del Ennis' long fly sent Richie home with the first run of the ball game.

Ernie Banks hit his third homer of the year with the bases empty in the second to tie the score but the roof fell in on Hacker in the third .

The win kept the Phillies in first place in the National League.

Baseball Results

National League

St. Louis	104 101 123—13	21 0
Pittsburgh	002 002 100— 5	14 1

Haddix, Brazle (7) and Rice; O'Donnell, Lapalme (3) Yochim (7) Hetki (9) and Shepard. W-Haddix; L-O'Donnell. HR: STL-Moon.

Cincinnati	100 000 000—1	6 0
New York	000 000 002—2	8 2

Perkowski and Seminick; Antonelli and Katt. HR: NY-Hofman.

Milwaukee	110 110 010—5	11 0
Brooklyn	000 010 000—1	1 1

Burdette and White; Newcombe, Wade (7) and Walker. L-Newcombe. HR: Mil-Mathews, Adcock, Bkn-Hodges.

Chicago	010 001 002—4	9 2
Philadelphia	103 010 00x—5	13 4

Hacker, Willis (5) and Tappe; Simmons and Burgess. L-Hacker. HRs: Chi-Banks; Pha-Ennis.

American League

Washington	001 000 001—2	6 0
Detroit	300 001 00x—4	10 2

Pascual, Dixon (6) Stone (8) and Fitzgerald; Gray and House. L-Pascual. HR: Det - Boone; Was-Busby.

Boston	000 000 000—0	2 0
Chicago	100 000 00x—1	3 2

Brewer and White; Johnson and Sawatski.

New York	000 002 120—5	8 0
Cleveland	000 000 040—4	10 1

Lopat, Sain (8) and Berra; Garcia, Mossi (7) Narleski (8) Lemon (9) and Hegan, Naragon (9). W-Lopat, L-Garcia. HR: NY-Carey.

International League

First

Montreal	000 110 0—2	6 2
Ottawa	000 001 0—1	5 0

Lasorda and Howell; Cain, Upton (6), Romberger (7) and Plumbo. L-Cain, HRs: Whitman, Lasorda.

Second

Montreal	100 001 002—4	4 0
Ottawa	002 000 000—2	5 1

Lehman and Dabek; Kellner and Watlington. HRs: Mtl: Young, Fernandez.

Syracuse	000 000 000—0	2 0
Richmond	000 000 001—1	8 1

Spring, Zinker (9) and Heyman; Thompson and Tabacheck.

Buffalo	00 000 020—2	5 1
Havana	000 000 12x—3	11 0

Nevel, Froats (8) and Ryan; Cueche and Noble.

Toronto	100 041 110— 8	12 3
Rochester	322 004 01x—12	14 1

Barnes, Schaeffer (2) Zilian (3) Shore (6) Holloman (7) and Howard; Fasholz, Luna (3) Knight (7) and Burbrink.

American Association

Charleston	010 000 000—1	5 1
Kansas City	022 000 03x—7	11 2

Fowler, Voiselle (3) Pope (6) Grimsley (8) and Hairston; Sturdivant and Triandos.

QUALITY COUNTS

WELSHPOOL, Wales, (CP)—The Ultra-Light Flying Club in this Montgomeryshire town, possessing only one plane, was awarded the Masefield Trophy of the Popular Flying Association for efficiency and team spirit.

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American League

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Detroit	12	6	.667	½
Chicago	16	9	.640	—
Cleveland	13	10	.565	2
New York	13	10	.565	2
Philadelphia	9	13	.409	5½
Baltimore	8	12	.400	5½
Washington	8	13	.381	6
Boston	5	11	.313	6½

Thursday

Boston at Baltimore (N)
Washington at Cleveland
New York at Detroit (N)
Philadelphia at Chicago

Friday

Boston at Baltimore (N)
Washington at Cleveland (N)
New York at Detroit
Philadelphia at Chicago (N)

National League

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Philadelphia	13	9	.591	—
Brooklyn	13	10	.565	½
St. Louis	13	11	.542	1
New York	13	11	.542	1
Cincinnati	14	12	.538	1
Milwaukee	11	11	.500	2
Chicago	9	11	.450	3
Pittsburgh	7	18	.280	7½

Thursday

St. Louis at Brooklyn
Chicago at New York
Cincinnati at Philadelphia (N)
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh (N)

Friday

St. Louis at Brokolyn (N)
Chicago at New York (N)
Cincinnati at Philadelphia (N)
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh (N)

International League

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Syracuse	12	5	.706	—
Rochester	13	7	.650	½
Buffalo	9	8	.529	3
Havana	11	10	.524	3
Montreal	8	8	.500	3½
Toronto	8	9	.471	4
Richmond	7	14	.333	7
Ottawa	4	11	.267	7

Thursday

Montreal at Ottawa (N)
Toronto at Rochester (N)
Buffalo at Richmond (N)
Syracuse at Havana (N)

Friday

Montreal at Rochester
Toronto at Ottawa
Buffalo at Richmond
Syracuse at Havana

SUDDEN QUIET

EAST GRINSTEAD, Eng. (CP)—Rev. G. Golding - Bird explained why the church bells in this Surrey district stopped suddenly in mid-peal: "One of the bellringers had rheumatism."

Another meeting of the City Softball League will be held this evening in the City Hall at 7.15. The League is scheduled to open on Monday but unless the weather becomes a little more seasonable it is possible that the opening will have to be postponed for a week. The teams have been unable to practice. Only once since last Thursday have the teams been been able to turn out in the evenings. The players who suffer most are the pitchers. They need the practice in order to be ready. The other players can work into shape as the league progresses.

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The withdrawal of the Air Force from the league leaves ten teams in the City to compete for the honors. The Airmen, with as strong a club as they had a year ago, would have been good drawing cards. Their withdrawal from the circuit, however, cuts out all travelling problems and will produce more rivalry between the City teams. According to indications there will be quite a scramble for league honors. At first it was thought that one or two clubs might have too much power but developments in recent days indicate that most clubs will be in there in the race for the roses.

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Golfers didn't get much of a reception from the weatherman yesterday for the unofficial opening of the Belvedere Golf Course. The club president this year is Doug Saunders. Doug has been one of the foremost golfers in the club during the past number of years. He has a thorough knowledge of golf and the operation of the club and under his guidance local golf should be in for a big year.

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For those who like to argue that the athletes of yester-year were superior to those of today we produce the names of Roger Bannister, Parry O'Brien and Doug Hepburn for their consideration. These three men, one each from England, United States and Canada, have established world records in their different fields within the past week. The records were set in track and field activities. Track and field is one of the few sports in which there are no arguments. The statistics tell the story and unless we are like the old fellow who branded statistics as one of the three forms of lies, we must accept them without reservation.

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A week ago today Bannister cracked the four-minute mile barrier with a tremendous 3.59.9 performance for the 5280 foot distance. Two days later out in Los Angeles, California, young Parry O'Brien heaved the shot-put an unheard of distance of 60 feet, 5¼ inches. The following day in Vancouver, British Columbia, Doug Hepburn, whom even the Russians regard as unusual, set a new world's weight-lifting record.

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Bannister and O'Brien had at least one thing in common. Both are known as "lone-wolf" trainers. Bannister never had a coach until this past winter while O'Brien only sees his coach at meets. This is hardly a commendable practice for most athletes. Bannister and O'Brien however have such rare combinations of physical and mental ability that they know more about their athletic lines of endeavor than any others alive.

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Sport Magazine had an interesting article on O'Brien in its last issue. Evidently O'Brien's father wasn't very enthused over his son's wishes to specialize in the shot. The father was a record touchdown-scorer in his school days and he later went on to an extended professional baseball career. He dreamed that his son would one day go to Notre Dame and star on the University's great football team. When he arrived home from work one evening and learned that his son wanted to specialize in the shot he kept saying to himself, "What's a shot-putter but a fat guy who can't make the team at left tackle?"

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Parry O'Brien Jr., however, kept practicing. By last June it was estimated that he had made 30,000 practice heaves. He would compete in a meet one night and then keep on practicing after the spectators had gone home. As a student at the University of Southern California he became box-office attraction at each meet because of his chances to set a world's record on every heave. His knawing ambition was to heave the shot 60 feet. Now that he has accomplished this ambition he has set a new mark of 65. It should be pointed out that O'Brien could have a name for himself in either track or in football. He was a star fullback in high school and can run 100 metres in 10.8 seconds.

Softball Practice

The following softball teams will practice this evening at six o'clock: Canada Packers, Old Diamond; Bike Shop, Knights Diamond; Parkdale Lions, Parkdale Diamond.

Seek To Force Cockell To Bout

LONDON, (CP) — Harry Levene, British agent for Earl Walls, Canadian heavyweight boxing champion, Wednesday posted £500 with the British Boxing Board of Control "in an effort to force British and Empire champion Don Cockell into an Empire title fight."

The sum is the "first instalment of a side bet of up to £2,000 we are willing to place," Levene said.

The boxing board confirmed the step but said it was unable to force Cockell to meet the Toronto boxer in an Empire match.

Cockell's manager, John Simpson, was unavailable for comment Wednesday but has said recently that he is not interested in Walls at the present time.

"We're too close to world champion Rocky Marciano after beating Roland La Starza to worry about him," Simpson said.

Cockell fights Harry Matthews in London June 1. He defeated the American in their first fight last year.

Oil Kings Polish Defence For 3rd Game Of Series

TORONTO, (CP) — Coach Ken McAuley of Edmonton Oil Kings turned to defensive polish Wednesday in hopes of providing added punch for victory in the third game of the Memorial Cup hockey final against St. Catharines TeePees.

The TeePees, two games ahead in the best-of-seven Canadian junior series, pounced on a weak Edmonton defence Sunday for an easy 8-2 win and Tuesday night turned an Oil King defensive lapse into a 5-3 victory after the Westerners had held their own through 40 minutes of play.

McAuley announced he will bench defenceman Gord Strate, probably replacing him with Harry Smith for the third game Thursday night. Smith has not seen action in the series so far.

McAuley predicted after the opening drubbing that Oil Kings would come back strong in the setond game. And after the Edmonton front lines had out-hustled TeePees for two periods that netted a 2-1 lead Tuesday night, many of the 3,700 on hand were becoming convinced McAuley was right.

STRATE BLAMED

Strate's loose clearing around the Oil King net has been blamed for at least four of the 13 goals scored against Edmonton and team officials indicated that bad moves by the hefty defenceman cost Oil Kings the lead they had earned in the first two periods last night.

Outside of his defence, McAuley was pleased with Kings' second-game performance, though "they can still get better."

Rudy Pilous, St. Catharines mentor, conceded that the Edmonton players had improved from their Sunday showing—which came after a three-week layoff between playoffs—but would give no more "They'll have to improve a lot more to win."

Officials suggested that a wintry blast from the weatherman might help in the crowd department. With the temperature in the 60-75-degree range here, only 8,000 have turned out for the two games. Last night's 3,700 was reported one of the lowest crowds in Memorial Cup final history.

Mar. Jr. Baseball Association Comes Under Fire In N.S.

TRURO, (CP) — The newly formed Maritime Junior Baseball Association came under fire Wednesday at the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Amateur Baseball Association here.

The NSABA said they will "have nothing to do" with the new junior body. The Nova Scotia Association feels that the MJBA is trying to take over duties carried on by the NSABA since 1921.

Henry Pelerine, Halifax, vice-president of the Nova Scotia Minor Baseball Association and also a vice-president of the MJBA, said he would resign his position with the junior association. He said he took the office believing that the new body had the support of the NSABA.

Bernard Ferguson of Reserve, vice-president for Cape Breton said that Cape Breton was "100 per cent behind the NSABA" in their efforts to promote minor and junior baseball. No Cape Breton clubs will join the MJBA, he said.

The executive reported that the provincial government had refused a request for a grant towards the development of minor baseball. The association had proposed that the grant come from the provincial tax on baseball admission tickets.

Officers for the coming year, all re-elected, are:

President, Roy Cummings, New Waterford; first vice - president, William Noiles, Springhill; second vice-president, Bernard Ferguson, Reserve; third vice-president, Bev Piers, Halifax; fourth vice - president, Dr. J. R. Kerr, Annapolis; director of minor leagues, J. Reed of Glace Bay; assistant director, Henry Pelerine, Halifax. Cecil MacLean, Antigonish ,is secretary - treasurer.

FINALLY YIELDED

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED, Eng. (CP)—Henry Peters, 70, preformed hundreds of marriages in 41 years as registrar in this Northumberland town. He retired and was married to Mrs. J. C. Dorsett, 53, in his old office.

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