SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Unfamiliar Names

IT'S strange to look at those American League batting leaders.

You'd hardly guess it to be the junior circuit leaders because two Washington Senators and two Baltimore Orioles are among the first five.

Indeed the strangest thing of all is the name that heads the list. It is Luis Aparicio, now of Baltimore and late of Chicago White Sox. Luis was traded away after last season and he vows he will make his former owners regret the transaction.

Right now he's doing a pretty fair job of getting even because he's batting a lofty .396, three percentage points higher than Leppert of the Senators who holds down second position. Another Washington player, Hinton, is third with .388 and Al Smith of Baltimore is fifth with a neat .348. Smith, by the way, is another player the White Sox decided to get rid off.

Tom Tresh Is There

THE only outstanding name in that first five batting list is New York Yankees' Tom Tresh, last season's outstanding rookie and the sensation of last fall's world series. Tom is breezing along at a .353 clip and you can expect this young man to have another great year.

Probably the big guns will start to boom later on but right now it's strictly a battle of the unknowns. We note that little Albie Pearson of Los Angeles Angels is tied with Twin's Bob Allison for most runs scored. The last time we looked both had a dozen.

Over in the National League, Cardinals' Curt Flood, was leading the run department with 16 and undoubtedly his scoring feats were helping the Gas House gang lead the loop. Flood also led in the stolen base department with four and veteran Curt Simmons and Washburn of the Cards shared pitching honors with Pirates' Bob Friend. Each sported 3-0 records.

Cards Out In Front

IT was also interesting to note that two St. Louis players, Don Demeter and Ken Boyer, were tops in the runs-batted-in department. Don and Ken each had knocked 14 men across the plate.

The Cardinals continued to get the most out of trade acquistions. Tuesday Dick Groat and George Altman, new members of the club, came through with key hits as the Red Birds nipped the defending champions, San Francisco Giants, 4-3. The Cardinals were getting rough treatment from Billy Pierce before they started clicking. Billy had held them to one hit in five innings but the roof came in during the sixth when the St. Louis boys struck for four runs. This was the inning that Groat, the former Pirate and Altman, the one-time Cub, made their big blows.

IT'S been a long time since the once-proud Cardinals have grabbed a pennant.

After a great many years of plenty, the Cardinals fell upon lean days and pennants have avoided them with monotonous regularity. They'll probably not make it this season but they are, at least, giving it a real try.

However, you can't just laugh the Cardinals off this season. They have a pretty fair ball club and with a bit of luck along the line, they could be in there causing others plenty of concern come late next September.

They are a great many folks who would like to see the Red Birds get another chance at a world series. Fellows like Musial and Simmons are getting near the end of the line and this could be their last big chance.

Joe Second On List

MIKE Hennessey beat us to it but we figured Guardian readers should at least be told about the doings of Prince Edward Island's Joe O'Brien.

A recent release from the USTA shows that Billy Houghton leads all drivers with 1960 wins and should easily pass the 2,000 mark this season. If and when he does ,it will mark the first 2,000 race winner since the association was formed.

But what really interests us is that Joe O'Brien is second with 1,732 wins. This is an amazing number of triumphs and puts Joe really in select company. Only four other drivers were able to get over the 1,500 mark during the same period.

Well done, Joe.

HUNTERS' CORNER

Columnist Takes Crack At Those Pesticide Makers

The book, Silent Spring, by Rachel Carson is described by Justice William O. Douglas as "The most important chronicle of this century for the human race". It has hit a segment of the population of the North American Continent square between the eyes. The complaint has been voiced that pesticide makers stir up pest scares from time to time. Be that as it may at the moment "United States pesticide makers appear to have tapped a sales bonanza in the increasing numbers of broad - scale pest elimination programs conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture" cheerfully reported one trade journal in 1958 as the fire ant program got under way. It was a total failure.

To quote a paragraph from her book: "Never has any pesticide program been so thoroughly and deservedly damned by practically everyone except the beneficiaries of this "sales bonanza." The following is quoted verbatim from her book. "Against the department's undocumented claim that the fire ant destroys crops and attacks livestock is the careful study of the agricultural experiment station in the state that has had the most intimate experience with this insect, Alabama. According to Alabama scientists, "Damage to plants in general is rare . . .No damage to livestock has been observed.

PROTEST IGNORED

Protests were ignored and the program was launched in 1958. Studies made by biologists of state and federal wildlife agencies and several universities revealed losses running all the way up to complete destruction of wildlife on some of the treated areas. Poultry, livestock, and pets were killed. Even a year after treatment, a spring die-off of songbirds occurred. When dead birds were sent to the Fish and Wildlife Service for analysis, more than 90 per cent contained residues of dieldrin or heptachler, the poisons used in fire ant control. Bobwhite quail were virtually eliminated on treated areas. Wild and domestic turkeys were reduced in numbers and seemed to have become sterile," unquote.

Where the bulk of our robin population winter, I have no record but its somewhere in the States. Three years ago our spring robin population was a mere skeleton to what it was the year previous. The drop appeared to come overnight. In the late fifties most every grove or hedge appeared to harbour a pair of nesting robins. I noted a slight increase last spring and this season I note a marked increase in the robin population over last year but they are still far down below their former numbers. The State of Michigan reports robins are bordering on the extinction level. . .down 92 per cent - eight where there formerly were 92.

It's the latest in potato top killer that is fast decimating our insectivorous and song bird population. Here is a report that has recently come to my attention. On the border between the districts of Mount Albion and Birch Hill are two that were left in a practical state of Nature for long years. Winter rye was grown on one but no roots of any kind. It was a natural set-up for birds. The farms were interspersed with natural swales and swampland. It was a song bird's paradise until last year a section of one of the aforementioned farms was turned to the potato growing industry. After it was sprayed with 'top killer' of the latest in destructive potential my informant had occasion to walk across this area of death. Song and insectivorous birds lay between the drills in scores . . .a man created battle field of destruction.

NATURAL FLAVOR

In the days when potatoes and vegetables were grown with plain barnyard manure they had a natural flavour. Potatoes in particular had a taste far different from the present day product. In the old days pork raised and fattened on a mixture of cracked grain and boiled potatoes had a flavour all its own. What effect the present trend will have on the human race is already causing deep concern. In certain sections of the States the poison being absorbed into the systems of human beings, due to the eating of food that had been sprayed with pesticides, has reached the point where the health and life of the individuals concerned is endangered.

Farmers admit that there are types of top killer that will do the job only it takes longer. In the days when 'Jack Frost' was Nature's top killer the heavenly chorus of song birds greeting the dawn had to be heard to be appreciated . . . there are no words in the English language to describe its soul lifting impact. We are paying a terrific price for man's greed. Where do we go from here?

That's a question in the minds of many at the moment.

O'LEARY Regional High School teams were honored at a banquet recently at the High School when team and individual trophies being presented. Dave Boswell (left). director of physical education for Prince Edward Island, is seen with Ann Rogers, captain of the Island Senior 'B' girls champion soccer team and Gary Foley (right), captain of the boys Senior 'B' football team which captured Island honors last year.

O'Leary Teams Honored At Recent School Banquet

About 90 students and invited guests attended the O'Leary Regional High School athletic banquet held recently.

It was an occasion to honor two O'Leary school teams which had won provincial interscholastic senior 'B' trophies for football and soccer.

In addition to the team trophies presented, players on each winning team received individual plaques.

Eall Jelly, principal of O'Leary Regional High School, introduced the various guests and team captains who occcpied the head table. He also expressed the thanks of the school trustees to the women of the United Church who served the delicious banquet.

Mr. Jelly commented on the success of the physical education program over the two years in effect and extended congratulations on behalf of himself and the schoo' trustees.

Don Leclair, physical educator, extended his congratulations to the teams and also expressed appreciation of the co-operation received from all people connected with the school.

David Boswell, provincial director of physical education spoke briefly on the various points that go to make up a physical education program.

Accepting trophies and plaques were: Wendell Shaw, captain (football), Ann Rogers, captain (soccer); Fenton Milligan, captain intramural basketball); Ann Rogers, student council plague, and Gary Foley, board of school trustees plaque.

Harvey Cormier Seriously Hurt

MONCTON (CP) — Veteran harness racing driver Harvey Cormier was reported in only fair condition in Moncton Hospital Thursday night after suffering severe head injuries Wednesday when kicked by a horse.

The 46-year-old Cormier, one of the Maritime circuits most consistent winners, regained consciousness late Thursday afternoon after receiving a number of blood transfusions.

He was seriously injured last summer in a pileup at the Moncton raceway, but was back in the sulky before the season ended.

BASEBALL SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Los Angeles 012 300 010 - 7 10 1
Detroit 000 050 000 - 5 10 0

Lee, Nelson (5), Navarro (2-0) (5) and Rodgers; Aguirre (3-1), Foytack (4), Egan (7), Dustal (9) and Triandos, Freeoan (8). HRs: LA—Wagner 2 (4), Rodgers (3), Hunt (2).

K. C. 000 101 000 0 - 2 7 0
Baltimore 000 200 000 1 - 3 10 1

Wickersham, Wyatt (0-1) (9) and Sullivan; Barber (4-1) and Orsino. HRs: Balt—Smith (4), Gentile (2).

Minnesota 001 110 000 - 3 7 0
Washington 000 000 000 - 0 3 0

Kralick (1-3) and Battey; Stenhouse, (1-1) Duckworth (7), Daniels (9) and Leppert. HR: Minn—Rollins (1).

National League

New York 100 002 000 - 3 8 0
Chicago 000 010 100 - 2 7 1

Craig (1-2) and Sherry; Ellsworth (2-2), Koonce (8) and Schaffer, Ranew (8). HR: NY—Thomas (2).

St. Louis 001 100 002— 4 12 1
San Fran. 032 000 21x— 8 10 0

Sadecki (0-2) Olivo (3), Fanok (4), Shantz (8) and Oliver; O'Dell, Bolin (1-0) (4), Larsen (9), Constable (9), Pregenzer (9) and Bailey. HRs: StL — Flood (2); SF — Cepeda (4), Bailey (2).

Milwaukee 000 110 012 - 5 10 2
Houston 000 110 50x - 7 9 1

Cloninger, Fischer (0-1) (6), Piche (7), Raymond (8) and Torre; Nottebart, (3 - 0) McMahon (8) and Bateman. HRs: Mil — Torre (1); Hou — Aspromonte (1).

Probable Pitchers

Probable pitchers in today's major league games, won and lost records in brackets:

American League

Kansas City, Bowsfield (1-2) and Segui (0-2) at Washington, Osteen (0-1) and Quirk (0-0) (twi-night).

Minnesota, Roland (2-0) at Detroit, Mossi (2-0) (N).

Los Angeles, McBside (1-2) at Baltimore, Roberts (0-2) (N).

Only games scheduled.

National League

Philadelphia, Mahaffey (1-2) at Chicago, Hobbie (1-1).

New York, Jackson (1-1) at Pittsburgh, Schwall (1-0) (N).

Cincinnati, O'Toole (3-1) at Houston, Bruce (0-1) (N).

St. Louis, Gibson (0-0) at Los Angeles, Drysdale (2-2) (N).

Milwaukee, Burdette (2-1) at San Francisco, Fisher (0-1) (N).

HOCKEY SCORES

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Memorial Cup

Espanola 1 Niagara Falls 10

(Niagara Falls leads best-of-seven Eastern final 3-0).

Police Getting Ready For Scottish Cup Tilt

By GEOFFREY MILLER

GLASGOW (AP)—Polce are getting ready for anything when the Rangers and Celtic soccer teams meet in the Scottish Cup final May 4.

The supporters of the two teams are bitter rivals. There's a long record of bloodshed between them. And 134,500 persons are expected to watch the game at Hampden Park Stadium.

Every ambulance corps in Glasgow will be on duty, a detachment of mounted police will be at the ready under the stands and heavy police details with a pack of police dogs will be posted in the stadium.

The Protestants of Glasgow shout for Rangers. The Catholics—southern Irish and their descendants—shout for Celtic.

When the two sets of fans clash feelings run high.

This is the first time Rangers and Celtic have reached the final together since 1928. On that occasion police kept things pretty well under control.

FIRES SET

But the previous time, in 1909, the fans went berserk. They stormed on to the field and burned the goalposts. They set fire to the entrance gateways. They slashed the hoses as firemen tried to fight the flames. Firemen and police were hurt in the struggle.

Year after year, when the teams played each other in the Scottish League, fights break out on the terraces and people are hurt.

The Protestant and Catholic traditions go back to when the teams were founded. Rangers fans, seeing themselves as patriots, wave Union Jacks and sing God Save the Queen before matches. The Rangers team wears the British national colors of red, white and blue—blue shirts, white shorts and red-topped stockings.

The flag of the Irish Republic flies over Celtic's stadium. The team wears green—the traditional national color of the Emerald Isle.

WARREN SPAHN

Warren Spahn Is Off To One Of Finest Starts

HOUSTON (AP) — Milwaukee southpaw Warren Spahn is off to one of the finest starts of his career at the age of 42. He's well ahead of his personal schedule for a 13th 20-victory season.

"I can't remember such a good start — at least it isn't something usual," Spahn said Thursday after a seven-hit, 4-3 victory over Houston Colts Wednesday night.

"I want to win 20 and right now I figure I'm three victories ahead of schedule," the Braves' ace said. "I try ot reach 20 by winning four games a month starting in May. Everything I win in April is so much gravy."

Spahn placed no special significance on his 330th National League victory, a day after his 42nd birthday.

"I wasn't real sharp against the Colts; I made a lot of mistakes," he said. "However, the only thing I'm interested in is the difference from the 3-1 record I have now and the 2-2 record I would have if I had lost."

Spahn said that starting games with only three days' rest has helped him.

Frick Wants Interpretation Of Balk Same

NEW YORK (AP)—Baseball commissioner Ford Frick said Thursday the balk rule, which has created such a furore in the National League this season, will be discussed at an executive council meeting to be held shortly.

Frick, who has stayed out of the general controversy until now, said he wanted the rule to be interpreted the same way by both major leagues if it remains in the book.

"My chief concern is uniformity," he said. "At the executive council meeting we'll simply have to determine what is meant by 'stop.' "

Frick was referring to the rule which says a pitcher must come to a full one-second stop in his pitching motion when he is delivering the ball with a runner on base.

Umpires in the American League admittedly have been interpreting the rule differently from their brethren in the National League. They have called only two balks as against 68 by National League umpires prior to Thursday's games.

"If a pitcher comes to a noticeable pause, regardless of whether it is a full second or not," said veteran American League umpire Joe Paparella, "it is no balk as far as we are concerned."

"The pitcher must come to a full-second stop," insisted Augie Donatelli, head of the four-umpire team which appears to have been the most vigilant in the National League. His team has called nearly half of the NL balks, 32.

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Maroons Try To Prolong Allan Cup Series Tonight

By JIM McKAY
Canadian Press Correspondent

WINDSOR (CP) — Winnipeg Maroons will go after their second straight win in the Allan Cup final here tonight.

The fact that their opponents, Windsor Bulldogs, still own a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series for the Canadian senior hockey championship, doesn't seem to faze the Western Canada champions in the least.

Maroons contend they should have won at least one of the first three games which went to Windsor by scores of 5-4, 3-2 and 2-0 and that they should be all square in the series at the moment.

"But we're not," says playing-coach Bill Juzda, "and we'll just have to keep working hard. We got some breaks in that fourth game and we're due for some more."

The Maroons like to point out that they trailed Saskatoon Quakers 2-0 and 3-1 in the best-of-seven Western final then won the last three games to qualify for the Allan Cip final, the last two victories right in Saskatoon.

DREW BIG CROWD

Bulldogs drew a sellout audience here Wednesday for the fourth game in anticipation of celebrating the city's first Canadian hockey crown but Maroons spoiled the festivities by registering a 3-1 victory.

Key man in this contest was Balding 31-year-old goaltender Don Collins who came up with numerous big stops, especially with his catching hand.

Collins and 21-year-old Wayne Rutledge put on an amazing netminding show and it's expected the result of the series will continue to hinge on how the goalies perform.

Winnipeg will show one new face in its lineup tonight but it's an important one. Gary Aldcorn, a former National Hockey League left - winger, arrived Thursday after completing examinations at the University of Manitoba, where he is in his third year of medical school.

Aldcorn will line up with centre Aggie Kukulowicz and Chuck Lumsden while Lou Joyal returns to the third line with Lloyd Orris and Ron Castlelane.

Juzda, who suffered a groin injury when he knocked Windsor's Tommy Walker out of the series with a crunching bodycheck in the second game, may also dress in the fifth contest but will not see much action if he does.

Should Maroons porlong it here tonight, a sixth game is scheduled for Sunday afternoon and a seventh, if necessary, Monday night.

Rider Coach Frank Clair Comments On Rival Clubs

OTTAWA (CP)—Coach Frank Clair of Ottawa Rough Riders arrived back in the capital Thursday, bringing with him the unoffcial start of the 1963 football season.

And though opening day is more than three months away, Clair was ready with capsule comments on the opposition riders can expect in the Eastern Conference of the Canadian Football League.

Dealing first with Toronto Argonauts:

"That (Jackie) Parker deal makes it a different situation altogether, He's a leader and that's all they needed.

"They had a good enough club but they just didn't jell under (Tobin) Rote."

Next, Montreal Alouettes.

"They had fine personnel last season and now they have (coach) Jim Trimble to shape them.

PAID A LOT

"And of all the teams in Canada, I think they've signed the best this year. They paid a lot but they got some good ones."

FRANK CLAIR

As for Hamilton Tiger-Cats, Clair pointed out they were Eastern champions last year. He said he was happy that Ralph Sazio had been appointed head coach to replace Trimble.

"That was the best move they could make," said Clair. "Ralph is a pretty able fellow."

Clair indicated satisfaction with new prospects signed by Riders.

"I don't want to make it sound too good at this time of year. About the end of July we'll all know a little more."

He said 27 recruits will attend the Ottawa training camp and that he expects four or five of them to make the team.

Riders will be seeking replacements for three first - string Canadians. End Bobby Simpson announced his retirement after a car accident, tackle Giles Archambault hasn't recovered from an injury suffered in last season's semi - final game against Montreal, and centre Bruno Bitkowski has retired.

Clair indicated he'll use Americans in at least two of these vacancies.

Ottawa is interested in getting Jim Conroy from Alouettes but Clair said nothing definite has developed from talks so far.

Radio-TV Right To NFL Title Tilt Worth $926,000

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Football Leagle has sold the radio-television rights to its 1963 championship game to the Natonal Broadcasting Company for $926,000, commissioner Pete Rozelle said Thursday. He added it was the highest price ever paid for broadcast rights to a one-day sports event.

The game will be played Dec. 29.

When the NFL first sold its radio-television package in 1951, the now defunct Dumont chain paid $75,000 for it. NBC has carried the title game since 1956, the last two years at the rate of $615,000 each year. Of this sum, $300,000 went to the players' benefit fund.

The Columbia Broadcasting System again will carry the regular season games, both on radio and television this season. CBS paid the NFL $9,300,000 for the rights for 1961 and 1962.

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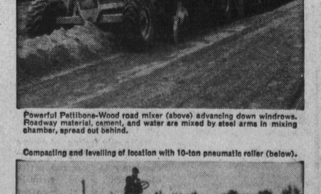

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