



SPORTS FRONT

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Interesting Battles

THERE was no action in the American League yesterday but the last time we looked there was a most interesting battle as the teams entered the month of May.

It was no great surprise that the defending champions, New York Yankees, were leading the parade. They got there by sweeping a double bill Sunday afternoon from the lowly Washington Senators who have won only two games in 15 starts. These Senators were eight full games off the pace but the rest of the outfields were pretty closely packed.

Cleveland Indians had the leadership until Minnesota Twins came right into the Tribe's wigwam Sunday and stole two ball games from the Ohio crew.

THE triumph by the Twins—we should say two triumphs moved them to within two and one-half games of the pacesetter Bombers from New York and at that the Minnesota club is in sixth place. Indeed the Los Angeles Angels are away back in ninth position, yet they are merely three and one-half lengths back of the Houkmen.

It is a great pity that this kind of a race couldn't continue all season. It is that kind of a race that makes the turnstiles click. Just about everybody has conceded the flag to the Yankees and if anybody showed any serious signs of challenging them, the customers would come out in droves to see the giant killers at work.

WHILE we readily admit that the Yankees should be by far the pick of this junior circuit, we also maintain that stranger things have happened in baseball than a team comparable to the New Yorkers losing the pennant.

Saturday we saw these Los Angeles Angels edge the Detroit Tigers right in Tiger Stadium. Now nobody will try to convince you that the Angels are as good a club as the Tigers, yet on Saturday they were good enough to win that exciting ball game.

Teams apparently have no respect for their opponents. They take them as they come and refuse to panic when the cream of the crop comes facing them.

Even those Senators caused the Yankees some anxious moments Sunday. That first game was the tightest kind of a battle, 3-2, and the nightcap saw Yankees forced to come from behind to emerge victors.

As we have always maintained, any team in either league has the capabilities on certain days or nights to beat anybody else. Saturday the Angels got great hitting from little Albie Pearson, the nint-sized outfielder. Albie had a triple and two doubles in the winning game. Without his big bat that afternoon, the Tigers would have romped to another decision. As it was they lost 7-6.

A Pleasant Surprise

ONE team is really surprising us in the early days of the 1962 campaign.

We are referring to the Chicago White Sox who trail the Yankees by one-half game. These Sox have won eleven battles in eighteen starts and are getting some great pitching in these skirmishes. Sunday they swept a double bill from Boston Red Sox at Comiskey Park and the visiting Beantowners got only single runs in both contests. Buzhardt grabbed the decision in the opener with a four-hitter and early Erly Wynn tossed a neat three-hitter in the nightcap to snatch his first triumph of this young season. For Buzhardt it was his third win against one loss.

Pitching Feats

BALTIMORE Orioles, noted for their pitching strength, rebounded from a sound walloping at Kansas City Friday night and beat the Athletics in single contests on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

That great hurler Steve Barber picked up his third win without a setback as he limited the A's to eight scattered hits Saturday as his team edged the homesters 3-2. Barber is quite the hurler and he doesn't seem to frighten when any club faces him. Indeed he is just as much at home with the Yankees out there providing the opposition.

Another fellow who is going great guns is Dick Donovan, now with the Indians. Dick has compiled a handsome 4-0 record and he apparently likes things around his new baseball home. His trade to the Indians could go a long way in making the Tribe a really serious pennant contender.

Badminton Tourney To Take Place At 'Y'

The provincial badminton championships will take place Friday and Saturday May 4 and 5 at Charlottetown 'Y' gym.

Entries are expected to come from Summerside, Montague, Alberton, Summerside, RCAF station and Charlottetown. All persons intending to participate must have their entries in to John Evans, secretary of the 'Y' not later than midnight Wednesday May 2.

Each entrant will pay an entry fee of one dollar. This will entitle the entrant to play in all events (singles and two doubles) but birds will be issued before each match and participants will be expected to share the cost.

Trophies have been donated by the physical education division of the department of education through its director Dave Boswell. These trophies will be held for one year by the winner before going up for 'grabs' once again.

SAYS PATTERSON

Won't Lace Gloves Unless With Liston

NEW YORK (AP)—Heavy weight champion Floyd Patterson said Monday he will fight Sonny Liston for the title or never fight again. He said Chicago was the likely site for the multi-million dollar fight.

The statement, from Patterson at his hide-away training camp at Highland Mills, N.Y., squelched reports that the fight might never come off that have circulated since the New York State Athletic Commission refused to give Liston a license.

Patterson said that Liston's home town of Philadelphia is out for the fight. "They'd do anything in that town," he said. The champion said Chicago "figures to be the best place. It's a good fight town and can draw, but I'll wait to hear what the other cities have to offer before I make up my mind."

MUST TAKE PLACE

However, one thing is sure. The fight must take place in

September and Liston's the one I'll fight no matter where it's held.

"I'll never put the gloves on again until I fight Liston."

Patterson made the statements to columnist Milton Gross of the New York Post.

In Philadelphia, Liston's adviser, Jack Nilon, said he was happy to hear of Patterson's stand.

"Sonny will fight him anywhere. He is going into training Wednesday," Nilon said. He also insisted the contract for the fight is still valid.

Patterson's attorney, Julius November, had claimed that Liston's failure to get a license in New York, selected site of the fight, makes the contract invalid. He said it could be re-issued if Patterson wanted to.

LOOKING AHEAD
It has been calculated that Canada's population will reach the 30,000,000 mark by 1973.



HITS JACKPOT

Five trout with a total weight of over thirteen pounds is no mean take for a Saturday afternoon's fishing. Caught by Johnny White, Mon-

tagne they were weighed and measured at the Mabon Drug Store as follows: 4 lbs., 14 oz., 19 inches long 14 1/2 girth;

2 lbs 11 1/2 oz 17 1/2 long 11 inch girth; 1 lb 14 oz 15 inches long 9 3/4 girth; 1 lb 14 oz 16 3/4 long and 9 1/2 girth and 1 lb 10

oz 15 1/2 inches long and 9 1/4 girth. Johnny is pictured above proudly displaying his famous catch.

Maple Leafs Fail To Place Player On All-Star Team

MONTREAL (CP)—The team that wins the Stanley Cup is not always a collection of super-stars.

That's one conclusion fans could draw from a look at this year's National Hockey League first all-star team, announced Monday by the league.

Toronto Maple Leafs, fresh from a convincing Stanley Cup triumph in post-season play, failed to place one man on the six-man "dream team," chosen by hockey writers and broadcasters in the six NHL cities on the basis of season play. They had three on the second team.

Masked goalie Jacques Plante, who garnered the most votes with 157 of a possible 191, and defenceman Jean-Guy Talbot, on the team for the first time, were the two Montreal Canadiens named to the squad.

Playing coach Doug Harvey and right winger Andy Bathgate represented New York Rangers, while two young stars for Chicago Black Hawks, centre Stan Mikita and left winger Bobby Hull, gained positions on the team on the strength of brilliant play during the second half of the 70-game schedule.

MAKE SECOND TEAM
Leafs defenceman Carl Brewer, left winger Frank Mahovlich and centre Dave Keen, were named to the second team, but that was the best showing the champions could muster.

Black Hawks placed two men on the second team, goalie Glenn Hall and defenceman Pierre Pilote. Sixth man on the runner-up team was veteran Gordie Howe of Detroit Red Wings.

Hull, 23-year-old blonde comet

who 50 goals in season played tied the league record, polled up a perfect 90 points in second-half voting in recognition of his scorching late-season pace. He finished up with 116 points, 11 more than Mahovlich.

Mikita polled 82 points in the second-half balloting to total 108 points, 48 more than Keen. It was the first appearance of the 21-year-old Czech-born smoothie on the team.

Harvey, 37, picked up 127 points to lead defencemen in points. It is his 10th appearance in 11 years. Ballot followed with 90 points, while Brewer got 79

and Pilote 69—63 of them on the second ballot.

Harvey, Plante and Brewer Mahovlich and veteran Red Kelly at centre, led in first-half voting.

Each first-team member receives \$1,000 from the league. Second team members get \$500 apiece.

Points are given on a 5-3-1 basis for first, second and third choices on each ballot, with first-half voting covering games played up to Dec. 29 and second-half balloting covering the second half of season play, excluding playoffs.

N.Y. Baseball Fans Love Stengels Hapless Mets

NEW YORK (AP)—What's going on around here?

This is supposed to be a town where they love a winner, when they love at all, and hand a loser his head. But then came New York Mets.

This rag-tag collection of ain't's and won't's brought the National League colors back to town three weeks ago. They moved back into a broken-down old ball park and settled down to a record-tying losing streak for a starter.

The pitchers were pitiful, the hitters were hopeless, the fielders were faulty. Even the weather was against them. It seemed, spring flitted in and out of town, oddly coinciding with Yankee home dates, leaving wintry blasts, rain and wind storms that would drive a Bedouin to cover, for Mets.

This seemed a perfect combination for consignment to big town oblivion, but it didn't work that way.

BAR FLIES LOVE 'EM
Mets are the talk of the town. Bar flies love 'em. New York cab drivers, whose philosophic pronouncements are overrated but not their general tendency to babble, babble about 'em. Sports writers fill columns with their dolans.

"What are the Mets doing?" has become the town topic. At the Polo Grounds fans die with 'em, which is often. They cheer every foul ball. A base on balls is the signal for pandemonium. Every called strike thrown by a Mets pitcher is greeted with an ovation.

When they finally won one, the loyal group stayed to cheer ancient old Casey Stengel throughout the long walk to the

centre field clubhouse. Stengel, no stranger to managing a loser, was astounded. "I never got anything like that when I won a world series," he said. He won seven with Yankees.

There appears to be no logical explanation for Mets fans, if they were around in the days when Giants inhabited the Polo Grounds they managed successfully to hide their ardor from Horace Stoneham.

It could be that they love a loser, and if Mets ever start winning, admittedly an unlikely prospect, they will lose all this. The New York Daily News calls the fans the "new breed."

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PREDICTS JOHN UELSES

17-Foot Pole Vault Just Around Corner

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—The 17-foot pole vault is just around the corner, says John Uelses, the world's first 16-foot vaulter, and he thinks he's the man to do it.

The 17-foot pole vault is a long way off, says Mel Schwarz, the man most likely to reach it. Dave Tork, Uelses' partner at Camp Lejeune,

Uelses thrilled a crowd of 6,500 here Saturday by clearing 15 feet, 6 1/2 inches in a special exhibition during the ninth annual pilot relays. He made three futile tries to better his 16 feet, 3/4 inch record.

Schwarz bowed out at 15 feet. Later in his dressing room Schwarz was discussing the possibility of another vaulter joining Uelses in the exclusive 16-foot circle.

His words gained significance when a few hours later it was

learned this same fellow marine, Tork, was establishing an official world record of 16 feet, 2 inches in the Mount San Antonio relays at Walnut, Calif.

"Dave is working on his grip and John is concentrating more on height right now," explained Schwarz, a former teammate of both at Quantico and now stationed at Camp Lejeune.

"John holds the pole at 13-4 or 13-5 and gets about a three-foot push. Dave is holding at 14-19."

"The box is seven or eight inches deep. So that means when Tork clears 15-9 he is only pushing 1 foot, 7 inches. The average push is about two feet and a good push is three feet."

"So you can see why Dave is thinking of 17 feet."

Both Uelses and Tork use the glass fibre pole. Schwarz says Tork, holder of the West Virginia University record at 14-1, thinks he can do just as well with a bamboo pole.

P.E.I. To Have Sports Council

Provincial director of physical education David Boswell said yesterday that a physical education, sports and recreation advisory committee is being formed in the province.

"With an increase forecast in the provincial budget for physical education, sports and recreation fields," said Mr. Boswell, "it is important to have counsel and guidance on any programs being sponsored by any part of the provincial budget."

"At present, such bodies as the P.E.I. Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, the P.E.I. Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Provincial Recreation Association appear to have a considerable overlapping in regard to representation by professional leaders in these specialized fields."

"It is planned, however, to further co-ordinate the efforts of all sport governing bodies that a key committee, representative of the main governing bodies will be formed to give counsel and guidance to our programs."

On other physical education matters, Mr. Boswell said that his department is looking for a female supervisor of girls' programs in physical education. "This person," he said, who will be employed by the department of education, should have a degree in physical education and, preferably, some experience in physical education. Her duties would be to promote and supervise girls' physical education programs at both elementary and secondary school levels."

Eight Hopefuls Slated To Go In Derby Trial

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—To go or not to go is the Kentucky Derby question that might be answered today for eight owners who entered their hopefuls in the \$15,000-added Derby Trial.

The trial at one mile is the final tuneup for Saturday's derby, but it failed to draw any of the derby favorites such as Sir Gaylord, Ridaa, Donut King, Sir Robert or Sunrise County.

Thus, the trial is expected to be the decision maker—a good performance can mean a derby ticket; a bad showing, only a ticket home.

Top weight of 123 pounds was assigned to T. A. Grissom's Roman Line, Neil S. McCarthy's Royal Attack and J. C. Polard's Treasury Note.

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