

Al Widmar Threatens To Sue Baseball Under Anti-Trust Legislation

SCRANTON, Pa., April 10 — (AP) Al Widmar, 25-year-old St. Louis Browns righthander, threatened today to sue baseball under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

He said "the Browns are preventing me from earning a decent living in baseball." The big pitcher quit the Browns recently and came to his home at suburban Dunmore to sit out his bid for a higher salary.

And, said Widmar, "if I don't get at least \$100,000 this year, I'll sue baseball in the courts the way Danny Gardella did."

Gardella brought a \$300,000 damage suit against organized baseball after he was banned from baseball for jumping to the rival Mexican League.

Widmar contends he made \$3,000 last season with Baltimore of the triple-A International League. He won 22 games for Orioles.

But, said Widmar, the Browns first offered him the major-league minimum salary of \$5,000. Widmar said the highest the Browns went was \$7,000.

In San Antonio, Tex., president William O. Dewitt of the Browns said he doesn't care to discuss the case, adding that "if Widmar is going to court, it becomes a battle with baseball, rather than with the Browns."

Much of the dispute centres around the fact that Widmar does not want to play with the St. Louis club, long a dormat for American League opposition.

At the close of last season, he was returned to St. Louis under terms of a working agreement in which the Browns had the choice of two Baltimore players for a nominal sum.

"Frankly," Widmar said last year, "I won't report if the Browns claim me in the working agreement. The Browns gave up on me and I don't care to return to that club."

"My own suggestion is that I be dealt to another major club. I'd rather pitch for Baltimore than for the Browns, for that matter, even if St. Louis is in the major leagues."

Widmar told reporters that he wrote Baseball Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler "but I've never gotten an answer in my request for help."

Chandler was "travelling and unavailable" for comment today on the Widmar statement.

There were rumors to the effect that each major-league club chipped in \$5,000 to get Gardella to drop his suit and avoid forcing a court test.

Spokesmen for both leagues denied this, but admitted that

Brandon Evens Series With Port Arthur

PORT ARTHUR, April 10 — (CP) — Brandon Wheat Kings tonight carved a 5-3 victory over Port Arthur Bruins, tying their best-of-seven Western Canada Memorial Cup semi-final series at three games apiece.

The final game of the closely-contested hockey series will be played here tomorrow night. The winner meets Regina Pats for the right to meet the Eastern Canada champions for the coveted crown.

Exhibition Baseball

At Vero Beach, Fla.

St. Paul (AA)	4	8	1
Montreal (Int.)	1	6	3

At Daytona Beach, Fla.

Toronto (Int.)	2	9	2
Columbus (AA)	7	12	1

At Haines City, Fla.

Buffalo (Int.)	2	8	2
Springfield (Int.)	5	10	2

At Bluefield, West Virginia.

Cincinnati (N)	9	14	1
Boston (N)	7	14	2

At Tulsa, Okla.

New York (N)	15	14	2
Cleveland (A)	8	13	0

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

Indian Broom from the Vancouver stable of Maj. Austin C. Taylor, won the first running of the Marchbank handicap in world record time at San Bruno, Calif., 14 years ago today. The Canadian three-year-old ran the mile and one-eighth in one minute, 47 3-5 seconds, a mark equalled later by Shannon II and Coalton.

PRESIDENT'S PAY

The president of the United States has a salary of \$100,000 a year with an annual tax-free expense account of \$50,000.

baseball had paid all the legal fees of the case.

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Detroit Tigers Reported Impressive In Training

Stanley Cup Finals Open At Detroit Tonight

By Joe Reichler

TORONTO, April 10 — (CP) — After practicing on Maple Leaf Gardens ice today, New York Rangers tonight entrained for Detroit where they are scheduled to open their best-of-seven final Stanley Cup series against the Red Wings tomorrow night.

Rangers, homeless after losing their Madison Square Garden ice to a circus, will play two "home" games here Thursday and Saturday. Other games will be played at Detroit April 18 and April 20, 22 and 23, if necessary.

Hockey Dates

OTTAWA, April 10 — (CP) — The Eastern Canada finals in the Allan Cup playoffs will be played at Sherbrooke, Toronto and Montreal, W. B. George, C.A.H.A. vice-president in charge of playdowns, announced tonight.

Venue of the eastern finals in Memorial Cup play will be Montreal and Toronto. Both finals will be best-of-seven affairs.

Sherbrooke Saints and Toronto Marboros will open the senior series at Sherbrooke Wednesday, April 12.

The Memorial Cup final between the east and west titleholders will open at either Toronto or Montreal April 29 and the Allan Cup final will open in Western Canada May 1 or May 2.

WRONG NAME

The Congo peacock is not a peacock, but a member of the pheasant family.

by one goal in overtime play, came back to score a 3-0 shutout victory. It sewed up the series for them in one game over the minimum number necessary, and as a last rung contender, were the first to garner a berth in the finals.

Although we haven't had a chance yet to analyze how Upper Canadian and American sport scribes, who are camped right on the firing line, are predicting the outcome of the forthcoming battle, this writer will lay his neck on the block and pick Detroit as the final winner. In fact, will only give them five games in which to do it, patiently waiting, however, for "Clancy to lower the boom" on the extended portion thereof.

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NEW ORLEANS, April 10 — (AP) — The most impressive club in Florida this spring has been Detroit Tigers, but whether they can win the American League flag depends upon the condition of Hal Newhouse's currently-lame left arm.

The Bengals possess a strong front line, second only to that of Boston Red Sox. However, they could use a stronger "bench" and another second-line pitcher.

Until Newhouse came up with the sore wing, Detroit looked as the dark horse in the championship struggle. Without a 100-per-cent Prince Hal, the Tigers chances become slim.

The 29-year-old southpaw has averaged just under 23 victories a season in the last six campaigns. Thus far this spring he has been able to pitch only two innings.

For a while it was feared that calcium deposits or arthritis had settled in his left shoulder. X-rays, however, showed nothing wrong.

Following the doctor's advice, Newhouse is taking things easy, hoping that rest will restore strength to his arm.

In right-handers Virgil Trucks, Fred Hutchinson and Art Houtteman, and left-handers Ted Gray and Newhouse, the Tigers have a big five unmatched in the league.

Detroit finished fourth last year, 10 games behind the pennant-winning New York Yankees.

Red Wolfe, the alert Tiger manager, is drooping over the prospect of having Houtteman's services for the full 1950 season. Joining the staff last June after recovering from a cracked skull in a Florida auto accident, young Houtteman wound up with 15 victories and 10 defeats.

Trucks won 19, Newhouse 18, Hutchinson 15 and Gray 10.

The second-line hurling could be better. The return of Hal White and the promotion of Saul Rogovin from Buffalo, where he won 16 and lost five, should help. The veteran Dizzy Trout, Paul Calvert, the Montreal native purchased from Washington, and holdovers Marvin Grissom and Marlin Stuart are the other pitchers.

The infield, with first-baseman Dick Kryhoski, acquired from the Yankees, in exchange for Dick Wakefield, and second-baseman Gerry Priddy, purchased from the Browns, is 100-per-cent improved over last year. Kryhoski, only fair in the field, has shown he can hit that long ball.

The catching staff also could stand strengthening. Aaron Robinson and Bob Swift form only a fair catching duo. Swift is a good mittman but a weak hitter. The slow-moving Robinson hit .280 but contributed 13 home runs. Rolfe plans to carry four catchers for a while, including Frank House the \$70,000 bond kid who must be kept. The other is Myron (Joe) Ginsberg, a hustling youngster from Toledo.

But Tigers have other assets that are tremendous. They own the best third-baseman in the business in George Kell. The outfield of Johnny Groth, Hoot Evers and Vic Werhly is one of the finest in the majors.

Sport Echoes From Prince County

Congratulations to Jimmie Hogan, Jimmie Harris, and their Summerside Kinsmen Midgets! They were the only Island team to win honors outside Prince Edward Island, and they went the whole hog, beating the best in their class in the Maritimes. They did this in a way that left no doubt in anyone's mind as to their complete superiority. They did it with a home town team, only one boy living outside Summerside, and he is attending the High School.

The boys will get jackets from the Physical Fitness Department, separate trophies from the Town, according to a late pronouncement by His Worship Mayor Wedge, and they will be the guests of the Kinsmen Club at one of their forthcoming meetings. Summerside fans are very proud of their newly crowned Maritime champions.

You've heard of those stories with the happy endings? Afraid this one is going to have only a happy beginning. We're glad we've been able to type out those first two paragraphs but one has to look ahead. Curtain! The season of 1950-51. There will be a hockey match tonight between the Summerside Maritime champions and a midget team from Charlottetown, — if it doesn't snow! The gang are out now cleaning the snowbanks off the open-air rink and we hope they'll finish in time for the opening whistle. Now if only the Summerside boys can win the toss and have that strong east wind to their backs for two periods! Don't forget to attend, folks, and bring your ear-muffs and a windbreak.

That's what Summerside hockey fans are facing, folks, make no mistake about it. The old Crystal Rink is being slowly but relentlessly torn apart by a group of young vandals who seem to have more authority in their district than Al Capone and his hoodlums ever had in Chicago. By fall they should have the building pretty well demolished, unless there are unexpected interruptions.

There was some talk about building a new rink in Summerside, but we haven't heard a word about that for almost three months. Meetings were held, committees were formed, moneys were voted, to what avail? Bathurst, Glace Bay, Stellarton, Sackville, and coming closer home, Murray Harbour, George town and North River have been able to finish what they had started, but what about Summerside? Maybe, but they still have to show us. As for us, we hereby resolve to devote at least one echo to the need of a new rink in Summerside until the deed is accomplished. We'll do anything

Detroiters Fear Let-Down After Battle With Leafs; Still Favored To Take Cup

else we can, too, of course, towards its successful completion.

If the business of building a rink with an artificial ice plant is too big a job for us, folks, then suppose we lower our sights, and see what we can do about building a natural ice rink. The family that is too poor to buy a refrigerator contrives to purchase an ice-box. A hockey and skating rink is just as essential to a community as a cool receptacle for foods in summer is to a household. It is unthinkable that we

should go on without this necessary adjunct to the welfare and happiness of our youth. Let's build the natural ice rink, and leave space for installation of the artificial ice plant at a later date, if that is feasible, and we've been informed it is. But in the name of all that is progressive and common-sense let us not just twiddle our thumbs and let this inaction go on for another year! If we must be different than other communities, let the difference be to our credit, rather than to our continuing shame. This is all for now, but you'll be hearing from us again—twice a week!

We have many times before commended the Summerside Kinsmen on their fine youth program in Summerside, and now the time has arrived to do so once again. Three times in the last five years, the young athletes under their control have won Maritime championships. This in itself is quite an achievement, but the Kinsmen are not striving for that alone. They want to keep the children playing competitive games, not only the headlines, but all the others as well. They want them to be good sports in defeat, and gracious in victory. There is little doubt that the Kinsmen are doing more for the boys than just whipping them into shape to win Maritime championships. May their sponsorship of our Summerside youth continue to prosper.

They have a rather strange system of ending a period in Stellarton. An electric bell ends the period, but, (we were informed) in case this bell is not heard, another louder bell is rung immediately afterwards. It happened that the Kinsmidgets scored a goal between the two bells last Thursday night, but since the first bell ends the game, and the second is only for the benefit of those hard of hearing, the goal did not count.

Historians say the first contest to be held in the ancient Olympic Games in Greece consisted of a foot race of approximately 200 yards.

Only one Ranger, defenceman Wally Stanowski, is on the injured list. He has been out nearly half the season with a knee injury. Detroit has three on the slot list— forwards Gordie Howe, Jimmy Peters and Pete Babando.

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FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN—Plans for London Site

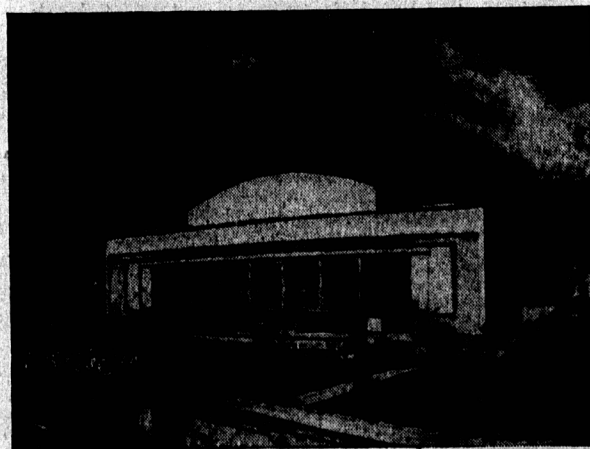


PLANS of the buildings for the Festival of Britain 1951 Exhibition site on the South Bank of the River Thames have been completed. Designed by Britain's leading architects, there

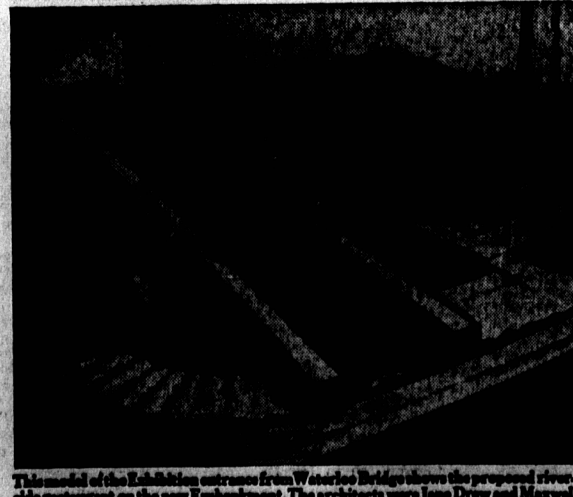
will be thirty buildings, excluding the L.C.C. Concert Hall, on this 27-acre site. The Concert Hall will be the only permanent building; the remainder will be constructed in a wide variety of materials, including steel, concrete, brick, wood, asbestos, glass, aluminium and fabrics of various kinds.

The Exhibition will tell a continuous story. The site is divided by Hungerford Bridge. Upstream will show the story of the land of Britain and what the British have derived from it; downstream will show the people themselves in their domestic surroundings.

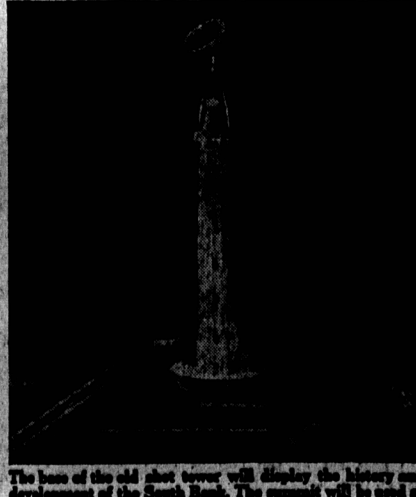
There will be three other exhibitions, two in London and one in Glasgow, while two travelling exhibitions will visit provincial centres. The amusement section will be in Battersea Park. The gardens in between pavilions will provide a display of landscape gardening, with fully-grown trees transplanted on to the site.



An artist's impression of the new Embankment and the London County Council Concert Hall to be built on the South Bank site of the Exhibition. It is part of the South Bank redevelopment scheme and will be the only permanent building on the site.



This model of the Exhibition entrance from Waterloo Bridge shows the proposed riverside restaurant on the new Embankment. The architects were Jane Drew and Maxwell Fry, F.F.R.I.A. There will be 14 restaurants and cafe, and also a mobile tea service.



The base of the old shot tower will display the history and development of the South Bank. The summit will be used as a lighthouse and to mount the aerial of a "radio telescope."

JOIN THE CROWD FOR THE BASKETBALL GAME WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12—8:15 P.M. OTTAWA "Y" versus Y.M.C.A. ALL STARS P.W.C. GYM—Admission 25 cents Tickets on sale at the "Y", Ray's and Rendezvous