

# Balding And Leonard Meet Taking Part In U.S. Open

TORONTO (CP)—Al Balding of Toronto, one of the 10 leading money winners in professional golf last year, said Wednesday he and Vancouver's Stan Leonard are passing up the United States Open championship in mid-June.

Dallas and then British Columbia where he and Leonard have five days of exhibitions scheduled in mid-June.

"Stan has found it pays to play a few tournaments and then lay off for a spell," Balding said. "Perhaps I can acquire the habit from him."

Balding, who earned about \$30,000 last year, said he has won about \$6,000 so far, near the same amount he had at this time last year.

Leonard won the Tournament of Champions at Las Vegas last week, winning about \$20,000.

REMEMBER WHEN . . . War Admiral, son of Man O'War, won the 63rd running of the Kentucky Derby 21 years ago today with Charley Kurtzinger in the saddle. The great colt, owned by Samuel D. Riddle, went on to win the triple crown of the American turf, including the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes.

## STANDINGS

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National League			
	W	L	Pct. GBL
Chicago	13	7	.650
Milwaukee	12	7	.632 1/2
San Francisco	13	9	.591 1/2
Pittsburgh	11	9	.550 2
Cincinnati	8	8	.500 3
Philadelphia	9	11	.450 4
Los Angeles	9	13	.409 5
St. Louis	3	14	.176 8 1/2

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Yesterday we gave you a look at some of the attendance figures so far this season and we expressed surprise that New York Yankees were not drawing larger numbers than last season when they had competition from the Giants and Dodgers. The crowds were about 36 percent below Yankee figures for this time last year.

When Dodgers and Giants departed there was anguish that soon gave way to indignation. The indignation was very quickly supplanted by indifference and that's apparently the state of things at the moment.

Flatbush is going on as usual without the Bums and life in New York still goes merrily along minus the Giants.

The great affection which was lavished on the two New York National League teams will hardly be transferred to the American League Yankees. Many old followers of the Giants and Dodgers are convinced that the American League doesn't really play baseball. They assert that they merely import patsies for the Yankees to kick around. They add that the loop contains only four teams with a license to be in it and the rest aren't worth going to see.

With the departure of the two National League clubs went the ever-popular arguments on the respective merits of Mantle, Mays and Snider. Those verbal battles were always humdingers and nobody ever won.

Some experts are figuring now that the Yankees will be hurt by absence of the two former New York teams. They argue that when the Bombers leave town on an extended western swing by the time they get back the folks will have lost the baseball habit.

Some folks are wondering what has happened to all the people that used to attend the Dodgers and Giants games. Nobody knows with any degree of certainty but there are so many sporting events in the New York area every day that these folks can find their entertainment without patronizing Yankee Stadium.

They're not doing too much of that up to the present.

Someday soon, somebody is going to take those Chicago Cubs seriously.

The heretofore lowly Cubs are showing no signs of cracking and as of Wednesday were breezing along at the top of the National League heap. Their exalted position has come about not only by solid base clouting or sound pitching but by a combination of those two most necessary qualities.

Monday they sent the rookie Hobbie against the hard-hitting Cincinnati Redlegs and he responded handsomely. He threw a four-hitter at Birdie Tebbetts' boys and blanked them 4-0. Another 'rookie' to the Cubs but certainly not to the National League, Bobby Thomson, gave Hobbie all the help he needed when he blasted a three-run homer in the very first inning. The young pitcher never looked back after that.

If moundsmen like Drott, Hobbie, Elston, Drabowsky, Fodge, Mayer, Brosnan and Nichols keep moving along, there's no telling what the Cubs will be doing. Just let fellows like Thomson, Moryn, Banks, Walls and Gorry keep smashing that apple and somebody really is going to get hurt.

Of course it's far too much to expect that the Chicago pace will be maintained but then stranger things have happened.

Wouldn't it be a real 'honey' of an upset?

The Cubs have another youngster in catcher Sammy Taylor who felt he had no future until traded to Milwaukee.

Sammy got some first class satisfaction last week when he cracked his first big league homer against none other than his former buddies, Milwaukee Braves. Many athletes who come back to haunt their former club shrug off their feats as nothing special. But not Taylor. He was in no such modest mood. In fact he was refreshingly candid.

"I wanted to beat those boys" the young catcher said smilingly. "I wanted to go right over and laugh in the Little Red Rooster's face." He was referring to Milwaukee pilot Fred Haney.

Taylor figures he really got a break when Haney decided to trade him to the Cubs. The Braves paid a whack of dough for another catcher (Hawk Taylor) who is now at Jacksonville and Sammy figured that Hawk would get every advantage after the large outlay. Those advantages would come, surmised Sammy, at his expense.

Well Sammy was cut loose and he was the happiest of young men. He gives credit to Cub manager Bob Scheffing for his improved catching, stating that Bob worked hard with him this spring, teaching him to keep the ball in front of him.

Right now Scheffing claims that Taylor is his catcher against right-handed pitching.

It will be interesting to see how the youngster makes out. Of particular interest will be his performances against the Milwaukee Braves.

Leon Hart former All-American end at Notre Dame and until now an outstanding player with the Detroit Lions, has quit the football field for radio and television.

Hart, who is 29, inked a one-year contract to supply 'color' comment on Detroit Lions games this coming season. He had limited action with the Detroit club last season and was charged on several occasions with loafing tactics.

John DeMerit, the Braves' bonus player from Port Washington, is with Atlanta in the Southern Association but he's been out of action lately with an allergy that has affected his eyes and nose.

Before he was sidelined he had compiled a .278 batting average with nine singles and a double in 36 trips to the plate. When he's feeling fit he hopes to improve that considerably.

Milwaukee Braves, who have about \$100,000 invested in him, sincerely hope that he does just that.

He's an expensive chattel.

Bill Veeck, former major league owner and one of baseball's greatest showmen, was in a predicting mood recently in Toronto. Bill who sent midgets in as pinch hitters and enticed folks to ball games with all kinds of premiums, still insists that Toronto is a major league ball town and Veeck adds that the Queen City will have major league ball by 1960.

What do you think?

Billy Loes, former Brooklyn Dodgers' hurler and now working for Paul Richards' Baltimore Orioles, claims that a pitcher hasn't a chance of being traded to the Yankees if he has a good season.

Billy cites the case of Bobby Shantz, who had anything but an impressive record with Kansas City, winding up on the Yankees' pitching staff. And look at what Bobby does with the Bombers.

Says Loes: "Let's take a specific case. Whitey Ford wins more games with the Yankees than I do with the Orioles. Does that make him a better pitcher than I am? Certainly not. It's just that he pitches for the Yanks and I don't."

Modest fellow this Loes.

The unexpected death of Dr. H. M. (Gus) MacKenzie is mourned by many throughout this province.

Dr. MacKenzie was an ardent sportsman and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all other sportsmen. Back in the old City League days he performed in right field with the North End Rovers and also played the same position with Abegweit Baseball club. A member of the Charlottetown Curling Club, Dr. MacKenzie was a most active one and participated in practically all the club's activities. He was a most enthusiastic fisherman and thoroughly enjoyed his many trips to his favorite fishing grounds.

By his death this province has lost one of its most popular citizens. To his wife and family SPORTS FRONT extends deepest sympathy.

# Brown Stops Dupas In Eighth

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Joe Brown defended his world's lightweight championship Wednesday night by beating Ralph Dupas of New Orleans on a technical knockout in the eighth round of their scheduled 15-round title match.

Dupas actually was knocked out but the referee let the fight go on when the New Orleans fighter arose. The referee, Jimmie Webb, said he thought there had been only a 9-count.

Brown's second, Bill Gore, tried to tell the referee what had occurred.

Twice more Brown, the little champion from Houston, knocked Dupas down. The third time, when he arose after an 8-count, the referee stopped the fight. It was ruled a technical knockout in 2:21 of the eighth round.

It was Brown's fourth defence of his title in 16 months and the fourth straight knockout. The little Negro, who has been champion since August, 1956, was well ahead on points at the time of the technical knockout. He had started out slowly, using only his left, and it was the fourth round before Brown decided to go with his right.

All the time he had thrown up a virtually impregnable defence. But it was left hooks that took care of Dupas in the final eighth.

Each weighed 134 pounds. At first the referee left the impression he thought it was only a 9-count instead of 10 in that eighth round mixup. But after the fight he explained to newspapermen that he had stopped his count because Brown wouldn't go back to his corner.

It didn't matter, anyway, except that it only caused more punishment for Dupas.

Dupas and Brown were ruled

even in the first round on all cards and Dupas was given only three rounds on the highest card. Judge Bill Cornelius held that Dupas took the third, fourth and seventh rounds while judge Ernie Taylor figured he won only one—the third—with two even. Referee Webb gave Dupas the fourth and fifth rounds, with the first even. The Associated Press voted the first and third rounds even, Brown to have won the second, fifth, sixth and seventh rounds and Dupas to have won only the second.

## DUPAS' BIG ROUND

If the fourth, Dupas' best round, the black-haired New Orleans boy got in two left hooks and a couple of hard rights to the head and repeatedly registered with left jabs.

But from then on Dupas was going down. Brown started his downfall with a one-two at the ropes in the fifth round. He started hitting Dupas repeatedly about the head. He shifted to the body in the sixth but still got over some left hooks to Dupas' face, now becoming as red as a tomato.

Dupas bounced back to open the seventh round with a flurry that caused Brown to retreat. Dupas got several jabs to the face but couldn't hurt the slipping, blocking, dodging Brown. Brown drove a hard left hook to the head that backed Dupas into a corner. Here he gave him the one-two again and got a hard right to the head that jarred Dupas. It was probably this blow that made Dupas fairly easy prey for Brown in the eighth.

Brown was making good on a boast. He said Tuesday that he

# Yankees Looking For End To Rain

NEW YORK (AP)—The water-logged New York Yankees are wondering Wednesday if they ever are going to see sunlight again. In the last two weeks they have been rained out of eight ball games.

Not a wheel has turned since last Friday when Bob Turley beat back the challenge of the upstart Kansas City Athletics. Saturday's game with the A's went down the drain. So did a profit-promising Sunday doubleheader with Chicago White Sox which was expected to draw 40,000 fans.

After Monday's open date, the rains forced postponement of both the Tuesday and Wednesday games with Cleveland Indians. It doesn't look bright for today's game with Cleveland with the weatherman forecasting morning

rain. With the May 15 cutdown date coming up, manager Casey Stengel is getting restless about his brood. Three players must be cut loose, farmed out or traded by next Thursday to get down to the 25-man limit.

Nobody knows for sure who is going. The guessing among men closest to the club all season is that Fritz Brickell, a reserve infielder, may be farmed out and Al Cicotte, a pitcher who hasn't seen action, may be traded or sold.

Either 42-year-old outfielder Enos Slaughter or Marv Throneberry, rookie first baseman, could be the other to go. Slaughter has been at bat only twice and Throneberry three times in the first 14 games. Neither has a hit.

## Anniversary Of Score's Injury

NEW YORK (AP)—It would have been poetic justice for Herb Score, brilliant Cleveland fireballer, to take the mound at Yankee Stadium Wednesday and pitch a no-hit, no-run game against the Yankees.

Just one year ago Wednesday a line drive off the bat of the Yanks' Gil McDougald struck Score in the right eye and almost ended a pitching career that may yet reach wondrous heights.

But there was no game at Yankee Stadium Wednesday. A mor-

ning deluge forced the postponement of a Yankee game for the fifth consecutive day.

Even if the weather had cooperated, Score would not have pitched. Neither will he pitch today, weather permitting. The 24-year-old star doesn't even know when he'll be able to pitch again.

## Probable Pitchers

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

National League  
Cincinnati at Chicago—Acker (0-0) vs Drott (1-0)

American League  
Cleveland at New York—Grant (3-0) vs Ford (1-2)

Detroit at Washington—Hoelt (2-1) vs Kemmerer (0-1)

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## BASEBALL ROUNDUP

American League

Second  
Detroit 000 100 003—4 7 3  
Washington 021 050 21x—11 15 0

Bunning, Presko (2), Morgan (5), Valentinetti (5), McDermott (6), Aguirre (8) and Lau; Griggs and Courtney, L.—Bunning.

International League  
Miami 010 000 100—2 9 1  
Columbus 000 001 40x—5 9 0

Conley, Anderson, Mossor (1) and Buccha; Gibbon, Arroyo (8) and Rand, Cobos (8). W.—Gibbon, L.—Conley.

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# Giants Edge Pirates 8-2; Cubs Hold First Place

Pittsburgh equalled a major league mark with three home runs in a row Wednesday but San Francisco Giants ruined a bid for another record and defeated the Pirates 8-2.

Pirate Bob Friend, attempting to become the first major league pitcher to win five games in a row, was lifted after Giants scored four runs in the fourth inning, one of them rookie catcher Bob Schmidt's three-run homer.

In other NL games the hapless Los Angeles Dodgers went down 9-3 before Philadelphia Phillies and Chicago Cubs maintained their slim hold on first place in the standings with a 5-1 win over Cincinnati Redlegs.

In the first game of a double header at Washington Reno Bertoia of Windsor, Ont., blasted a grand slam homer to highlight a five-run first inning for Detroit as the Tigers defeated the Senators

5-1. Milwaukee was at St. Louis in the other night game.

RAINED OUT  
The two American League day games—Cleveland at New York and Chicago at Boston—were rained out. The Yankees have been rained out of eight games in the last two weeks.

The Phillies combed four Dodger pitchers for 12 hits and drove starter Fred Kipp out in the seventh at Los Angeles. Curt Simontons was the winner. Dodgers got all their runs when Carl Furillo homered with two mates on board. Stan Lopata homered for Phillies and Granny Hamner got a triple.

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Milwaukee jumped to a six-run first inning lead Wednesday night and completed a series sweep with a 9-2 victory over the last-place St. Louis Cardinals, who have suffered seven straight defeats and

haven't won at home in six tries this year.

Backed by a 16-hit attack which he contributed three singles, World Series hero Burdette gained his third triumph in five decisions. He limited floundering Redbirds to five hits

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