

# Dodgers Even Up Series In Thrilling Finish

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For the first time since the start of the season a race meeting at Riverside, Wednesday, October 1st, had to be postponed. We cannot remember of such a fortuitous season and no doubt it is a record. Next Wednesday, October 8th, Leo Praught's big program will be raced commencing at 12:30 with an event for the runners, then four classes and a farmers' race.

Rankin McLaine, Willard Kelly and Roy Bevan returned home last weekend after a very enjoyable trip to Maine and Massachusetts. They stopped on the way up at Farmington, Maine, and saw some splendid racing. It was the last day of the meet but there was a large crowd. Janette Dale was a starter that day and won easily in 2:11. The next heat she went away in third horse place back a bit, was taken out at the three-quarter pole, and paced away from the field as though they were tied. She was eased up in 2:10 4-5. Rankin says she is a perfect caner, wears loose hoppers and can go away like a bullet, has speed to burn and best of manners. He believes she can beat any horse in the Maritimes and everyone he spoke to predicts that she will take a very low record.

From Farmington they went to Boston and spent an evening at the dog races. There was a tremendous attendance and over \$40,000 was bet on each dash, total for the evening being over \$400,000. They then took a run out to Foxboro and saw the new plant while uncompleted is expected to be one of the best in the U.S.A. Joe O'Brien is very comfortably settled and his stable has made many wins, in fact he was leading driver for a time. Tip Abbe has taken the measure of such horses as Guy H. 200% and other leading free-for-allers and holds the record for 1 1/16 miles—1:14 1/2. "Joe was mighty glad to see us and made many inquiries about the folks at home. We also saw Earle Avery. He has won a lot of races with his horses, particularly the trotter Bona-Beau. Christie Budong is still a casualty. She sprang a curb and has not been worked faster than 2:18 since." As a curb is the least form of unsoundness it will be O.K. for next season or perhaps later on this year.

But Danie Steele really filled the eye, said Rankin. He doesn't look more than fifty, but we know that Danie has been driving horses since the 90's and we can therefore figure out for a time. Tip Abbe's stable was perfect, horses high class and everything spiced and span. He is very highly regarded by everyone in Boston and vicinity.

On their return home they stopped off at Cumberland County Fair, Maine. There was a nice crowd in attendance although the weather was pretty cool, also plenty of horses but the time was slow. However, they did not prevent the people being interested. One of the starters was the three-year-old Ann Royal, bought from George A. Calbeck, Summerside, at the same time as Lynnmitte and

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## RACES POSTPONED

The races at Riverside, which were to have been held on Oct. 1, were cancelled due to weather conditions. The races are to be held next Wednesday, Oct. 8 with four classified events, also a farmers' race and running races. Any new entries will be accepted up until Oct. 4. Positions will be drawn at Walker's Barn Tuesday night, Oct. 7.

LEO PRAUGHT, Sec'y.

# SPORTING NEWS

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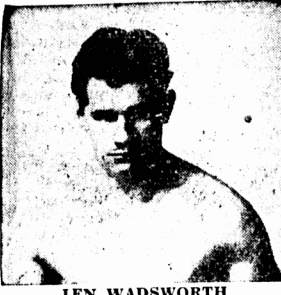
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## Wadsworth-McCloskey Scrap Tonight Expected To Draw Huge Crowd

### Principals In Tonight's Bout



LEN WADSWORTH



"ACE" McCLOSKEY

Looking to be in the best condition of his career, challenger Bunny McCloskey last night was all set and waiting for the gong that will send him into action against Dominion champion Len Wadsworth at the Forum tonight in a 12-round scrap for the crown now held by the latter scrapper.

Saying very little about the outcome McCloskey, however, realizing that this is the chance that he has been waiting for, is expected to give the best performance of his career. He has trained with the sole idea in mind of lifting the crown from Wadsworth, but at the same time he realizes it is going to take all his efforts to avoid the slashing, hard-hitting fists of the man who has ruled the Dominion middleweights for the past ten years.

A vast crowd is expected to pack the Forum tonight to see the Charlottetown-born youngster who now resides at Dartmouth, in his title bid. More popular with every appearance the crowd tonight will likely be a pro-McCloskey one but the champion, a likeable, quiet-spoken chap will have plenty of admirers.

Wadsworth, very reticent to discuss the outcome, would much rather let his educated fists speak for themselves tonight and it should be a matter of minutes before there will be very little difference in the weight with both expected to hover around the 157-pound mark when they weigh-in at the Forum at noon today; both carry the opinion that the verdict should be a draw. Wadsworth has a very pleasing exhibition of boxing in their last encounter with the decision going to Lund. However, a great many fans are of the opinion that the verdict could well have been a draw on that occasion, and so strong is public opinion on this score that a re-match was inevitable.

Two promising local lightweights in the person of Tiger Steele and Bud Lund will tangle in the six-round semi-final. These two lads gave a very pleasing exhibition of boxing in their last encounter with the decision going to Lund. However, a great many fans are of the opinion that the verdict could well have been a draw on that occasion, and so strong is public opinion on this score that a re-match was inevitable.

Tomorrow afternoon Rovers and Legion will make their third attempt at deciding the City Baseball League title and if the weather man is on his good behaviour ball fans should witness a great climax to what has been a great baseball season when the two evenly-matched squads clash in their sudden-death encounter.

Despite the lateness of the season, interest in a high peak throughout the City, the thrilling, closely-knit semi-finals, plus the two nip and tuck affairs the Rovers and Legion staged in the two games they divided, went a long way in retaining that said interest and it seems apparent that a large crowd will be on hand to witness the season's finale.

It will likely be "Lefty" McAleer serving them up for the Legion and Elmer Larter on the slab for the Rovers, and these two choices spell grief in capital letters for the hitters. There is no doubt about it but that this pair of moundsmen are the pick of the crop here at the present time.

In games played all season long they have continually kept the batters eating out of their hands. Larter has the most imposing record, having yet to taste defeat, but McAleer despite several setbacks could have a lot more wins if he had received the support he deserved.

That, however, is past history now. Both teams are expected to turn in a brand of defensive ball that will make runs scarce as hens' teeth and if this style of play is displayed the game could very easily turn into an extra-innings duel between the two moundsmen.

Drama rode Ebbets Field in Brooklyn yesterday afternoon as with the shadows lengthening Cookie Lavagetto, with a record of only one hit in ten trips to the plate, was the star of the show. He rained a star-studded pitching performance by Floyd Bevens of the Yankees and catapulted Brooklyn Dodgers back onto even terms with the New York powerhouse.

It was a nerve-ringing game to listen to as in the late innings Bevens, backed up at times by

Prepared to give the best effort of his career "Ace" McCloskey arrived in the City yesterday afternoon for his title fight with Len Wadsworth of Hamilton, Ontario and last night wound up his training campaign by going through a light workout at the Forum. Wadsworth, likewise, completed his training sessions and now the stage is all set for a bout that has attracted Canada-wide interest.

Even last night a large number of the fight faithful were at the Forum to witness the two fighters in action and consensus of opinion was that the scrap would be one of the most rugged affairs ever fought in an Island ring.

Accompanied by his trainer Tommy McCloskey and Buddy Purcell, a member of his stable, McCloskey looked to be in the pink of condition. Topping the scales at 157 pounds he is prepared to face a gruelling, hard-hitting test from the champion and although McCloskey himself wouldn't express any opinion on the outcome his manager felt sure, due to the way Wadsworth looked in training and the way in which he has been punching that a new Canadian champion would be crowned sometime before midnight tonight.

Confidence also is felt in the Wadsworth stable. Wadsworth looked very sharp in his workout last night and is ready for any kind of battle. A hard, devastating hitter with either hand the Canadian champion pronounced himself fit and ready and all that remains now is for the two fighters, best in their division throughout Canada to face each other under the ring lights in the Forum's battle pit.

Advance sale for the scrap starts this morning at the Forum at 9:30 sharp and a big rush is expected to pick up the choice seats. Never in the history of the Province has a fight drawn so much interest and a record crowd is expected to be in their places when the two main events take instructions in the centre of the ring from Referee Bobby Beaton who has been named to handle the bout.

## Peakes Wins East Kings Ball Trophy

Winning the fourth game from Cardigan recently the Peakes Bombers made it 3-1 to take the best-of-five series playoffs for the East King's baseball championship. Previously Cardigan had edged out Montague by besting them 2-0 and 6-3 in the best-of-three semi-finals. On the completion of the regular League schedule Peakes led Cardigan by one point with Montague only three points behind.

Keeping step with the present strong revival of the great American game the League for the standpoint of both players and fans was a real success. The competition was very keen throughout the season and the brand of ball played after a lapse of nearly a decade—most of the players on their first season of hardball—was much better than expected.

Within a few years it is hoped that baseball will come back to the point where teams from the East will be a match for those of any other section. The presence of two old players, George Smith and Edger Macdonald, who have been Peakes line-up reminded fans of the days when the team sparked by the redoubtable "Fiddler" Macdonald was the equal of anything in the Province.

Enthusiasm is evidenced already in next year's schedule with plans being formulated to include several more teams wishing to enter. All connected with the League are thankful for the efforts and support of the Director of Physical Fitness, Col. Reiter. The trophy donated by his Department is a beautiful one and will be presented by him to the Peakes team at a suitable occasion early in October.

Members comprising the winning team were as follows: Merlin Devine, catcher; Alf Hendrachan, pitcher; George Smith, 1b; James Mooney 2b; Earl Macdonald 3b; Mike Hendrachan, 3b; Bob Carmichael cf; Harry Hendrachan lf; Peter Dunphy rf.

## REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press  
Walter Hagen, holder of the United States professional golf title for four years, was eliminated by Leo Diegel at Baltimore, 19 years ago today in the quarter finals, 2 and 1. Diegel blazed a path to the title, defeating Abe Espinosa 6 and 5 in the final.



## HUNTERS' CORNER

The opening day of the Hungarian partridge season on September 29th was ideal from a weather standpoint. Bright sunshine with temperature reasonably warm and a light wind that made scenting conditions good. Early morning saw the stubble fields heavily frosted and with a thin coating of ice on the pools along the highway.

This condition may have accounted for the majority of the birds temporarily forsaking the stubble fields and feeding for the most part in the turnip and potato fields. Possibly the frost coated grains were not relished by the partridge and they breakfasted on weed seeds and insect life.

The coveys, this particular opening day were flushed from all sorts of places—grown over hayfields—blueberry barrens—cranberry bogs—swamps—roadside ditches and not forgetting the potato and turnip patches and to a lesser extent stubble fields. Many hunters voiced the opinion that the Huns are taking more to the 'rough' with each succeeding season.

Gunsners in general report the birds plentiful but on the smallest side although well fleshed. A few well developed coveys were encountered as well as the odd one that was barely half grown but on the whole the hatch this season may be classed as another week should see 90 per cent of the coveys up to par as far as development is concerned.

A few hunters were lucky and secured good bags but the majority had to be content with from 2 to 4 birds apiece. Of course there is the odd tail ender who came home empty handed or had at the most with one lone partridge. To date the biggest bag reported was secured by three gunsners who hunted without the services of a dog. They were Lloyd Molyneux and Lloyd Balderston, Southport, and William Bolser, City. They brought home 20 birds between them. They report that they made contact with over 15 coveys during the day. Runners up were three city nimrods with a trained Pointer who bagged nineteen.

Some days 'waking up' coveys without the aid of a dog will bring good results. If the birds are in a flushing mood. Meaning if they will take wing when the covey walks reasonably close to them. There are other days, and they are in the majority, when they'll let one walk right through them and never move. The three gunsners who bagged the 20 Huns were lucky to the extent they saw quite a number of coveys either dusting or sunning themselves by the roadside and their keen eyes spotted others feeding. On the whole it was a very satisfactory opening day.

Since I am on the subject of Hungarian partridge I read in the October 1st issue a letter signed: E.E. Jay in which the writer comments on the story of the fishermen of an incident that occurred on August 27th and attempts to cast doubt on the veracity of the report as mentioned in the column on Sept. 20th. Before commenting further on this I wish to make it plain that the column in question is written solely for the purpose of acquainting sportsmen, and sports loving sections of the general public, as accurately as possible with the general game situation from year to year and also to inform them of any changes in seasons or regulations regarding the shooting of game or game birds. Also to interest the younger generation in our wildlife and their habits. It is not intended to be controversial or personal.

I mentioned the incident as described by the fishermen because it looked as if the men in question could not have been aware that the penalty for shooting or having Hungarian partridges in possession in close season had been raised from \$20.00 to a minimum of \$50.00

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Chased Early  
The American League change chasing Harry Taylor, Brooklyn's young starting pitcher, before he could retire a man, George Stinewell and Henrich opened against him with singles, an error by Pete Wee Reese on a thrown ball fouled the bases, and Stinewell scored on a walk to DiMaggio.

Hal Gregg, making his third appearance of the playoffs, came in to pitch fine ball for the Dodgers until lifted for a pinch-hitter in the seventh inning. He got the Yanks out on a popup and a double play to begin with, and they made only one more run off him, on a ringing triple to right-centre by Bill Johnson and a double off the scoreboard by Johnny Lindell in the fourth.

Back in the contention after apparently being hopelessly beaten, Shotton clung to his custom of not naming his starting pitcher for tomorrow's fifth game in the Brooklyn park. The experts figured however, that he had little choice but to come back with Vic Lombardi, knocked out in the second tilt at Yankee Stadium.

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## Pinch Double Wins Game & Spoils Bevans Effort For No-hitter

By Gayle Talbot  
EBBETS FIELD, Brooklyn, Oct. 3.—(AP)—Floyd (Bill) Bevans was two strikes away from a no-hit game and baseball immortality today when Harry (Cookie) Lavagetto, veteran Brooklyn pinch-hitter, lashed a vicious double off the right field wall at Ebbets field to score two runs and give Brooklyn Dodgers a thrilling 3-2 victory over New York Yankees in the fourth game of the world series.

It was probably the most frantic finish in the 44-year history of the classic, Lavagetto, hitting for Eddie Stanky with two out in the ninth inning, whaled the second pitch almost on a line to right as the crowd of 33,443 loosed a full-throated yell. Timmy Henrich, Yank rightfielder, made a desperate leap into the air, but the ball thudded against the boards several feet from his glove.

This was the incredible climax to a tensely-played game, the final stunning stroke that changed entirely the complexion of the series. Not only did the last batter frustrate what would have been the only dream game in series history, but he enabled Brooklyn, with its one hit, to defeat a Yankee team that made eight safe knocks off three Brooklyn pitchers.

For 2 1/2 innings Bevans, a 29-year-old righthander, had throttled the Dodgers. Until he made his last fateful pitch, he faced the prospect of being the first pitcher ever to hurl a no-hitter in a series game. As it was, he tied two other filingers, Claude Passeau and Ed Reulbach, both of Chicago Cubs, in having a one-hitter.

Put Runs on Base  
What made the defeat even more bitter for Bevans was the fact that he put both the tying and winning runs on base with free passes. In all, he issued a record-breaking 10 walks. The last two proved fatal.

For the second straight game, Hugh Casey, portly Dodger relief pitcher, gained credit for the victory which he owned the playoffs off two victories each. He threw exactly one pitch, with the bases full of Yankees and one out in the ninth inning. Henrich whacked it back at him, and Casey tossed to catcher George Edwards to start a double play.

Lavagetto, reserve third-sacker for the Dodgers, was given a wild welcome by his teammates as he trotted back across the diamond after watching Al Glavin and Eddie Miksis, both pinch-runners, scoot across the plate far ahead of Henrich's throw-in. Five or six of them all tried to hug him at once, and when excited Dodger fans tried to get in second the police in the park police had to break it up and escort Cookie to the dugout.

Bevens, after watching Lavagetto's blast hit the wall, turned and frugged of the field, the forlorn figure of a man who had pitched without a hit in 10 1/2 innings. He was given a hero's welcome by his teammates as he trotted back across the diamond after watching Al Glavin and Eddie Miksis, both pinch-runners, scoot across the plate far ahead of Henrich's throw-in. Five or six of them all tried to hug him at once, and when excited Dodger fans tried to get in second the police in the park police had to break it up and escort Cookie to the dugout.

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## Yank Pitcher Takes Loss Of Game Hard

EBBETS FIELD, Brooklyn, Oct. 3.—(AP)—Floyd Bevans' eyes were vacant of expression today as he ambled about in changing rooms his uniform to street attire in the Yankee dressing room after his defeat in the fourth game of the World Series.

The big right hander, one out away from tossing the first no-hitter in World Series annals, groped for words as reporters sensed his chagrin, slowly asked questions.

Asked what kind of a ball Cookie Lavagetto of the Dodgers hit for his game winning double in the ninth, Bevans replied: "A high fast ball, a little outside."

Bevens shook his head when reminded that he set a series record by walking 10 batters. "Everytime you walk somebody, you'll get into trouble," he said. "A walk counts as much as a hit." Reporters were in the dressing room before the Dodger ninth, along with Yankee president Larry MacPhail, who took quick puts on his cigaret as Bevans came closer to a no-hitter. After Lavagetto broke up the game, reporters were asked to leave. They waited outside the entrance about 10 minutes before they were readmitted.

Manager Bucky Harris was cornered, and after announcing that "Frank Shea will face the Dodgers tomorrow," he said, "I didn't talk to the boys, neither did MacPhail. I just wanted them to cool off."