

# N. Y. Yankees Clinch American League Flag

By Joe Belcher  
NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (AP)—New York Yankees clinched their 15th American League pennant today.

Although six Yankee flag winners of the pennant in 11 other years, it is doubtful if any other New York winner, including the 1936 powerhouse which won by a record of 19 1-2 games, had an easier time of it.

In fact, the Yankees actually backed into the flag, having played little better than .500 ball during the last four weeks. Since Aug. 15, the Yankees have won 16 and lost 14 for a .533 percentage yet actually gained three games on Boston Red Sox and 1 1-2 on Detroit Tigers, their closest rivals.

In winning their first championship since 1918, the Yankees kept their record alive of waiting no longer than four years between championships since they captured their first in 1921. They had a four-year gap from 1928 to '32 and from '32 to '36.

It was the first flag won by a Yankee team not owned by the late Col. Jacob Ruppert or his heirs. Larry MacPhail, the current president; Dan Topping and Del Webb purchased the club from the Ruppert estate in the winter of 1934.

It also marked the first time since 1932 that a Yankee pennant winner was not under the direction of Joe McCarthy. McCarthy resigned as manager of the Yankees last year after coping nine pennants in 15 years.

In winning the flag in his first year at the helm, Bucky Harris never out of the lead. A brilliant winning streak of 19 straight from June 19 to July 17 practically ephed the race then and there. By the time the Yankees had zoomed to an 11-game lead and increased it as the season wore on.

## St. Peter's Square Series

(By The Canadian Press)

MARYSVILLE, N. B., Sept. 14.—Saint John St. Peter's gave Marysville Royals a long look at the New Brunswick senior baseball championship Saturday afternoon and then in an eighth-inning victory wiped out a 4-1 Marysville lead, took a 5-4 protested victory and returned home for a possible fifth and deciding game at Saint John Wednesday.

With three Saint John baserunners moving on Walter Kyle's one-base punch into left field, a hesitation throw by Marysville's left fielder Chubby White and a pitch error by catcher Don Johnson lost the game for Marysville and tied up the best-in-five series at two wins apiece.

The winning run was scored by Gerry Lynch. Marysville based its protest on a claim that St. Peter's players interfered with an attempt by Royals to put out Lynch.

Royals came up with a glib edged performance, and with big Curt Moore crashing a three-run home run in the fourth inning went into a 4-1 lead which looked good enough for the title. Frank (Lefty) Neill, 3-0 winning pitcher in the opening game, was in rare form, holding the Saint John club to two hits in the first seven innings.

The St. Peter's case looked hopeless in the top of the eighth when Doug Ross and Fatter Harley the first two men up for Saint John, fled out to the Marysville infield. Johnny Harvey then walked to the plate and poled a single into left field to start the big rally.

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# SPORTING NEWS

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## Sport Echoes from Prince County

The strong right arm of "Joe" Bernard lifted the Summerside All-Stars into the driver's seat in the best three-out-of-five series for the intermediate baseball championship of the Island last Sunday. The game which our boys won, 3 to 1, was one of the bitterest pitching duels in the Garden province in many moons. For the losers, McAlister was superb, his pitching would have won nine out of ten ball games, but he had the misfortune to be up against the best pitcher to come out of the west in a decade, (I'd stretch that to a century, but there's always some old-timer who can trump your ace when he starts telling you about the baseball of the good old days.)

Bernard's wizardry was a bit too potent for the willow wielders in the Charlottetown line-up Sunday. Such renowned sluggers as Whittlock and Trainor took terrific clouts at the ozone with their shillings only to hear the resounding smack of the apple landing in Deligan's glove. Well, we didn't come here to talk for Joe, his pitching progress talks loud enough for itself, but we couldn't help adding our little wreaths of words to the monument of this boy's baseball glory.

It wasn't exactly a one-man victory at that. Bernard's mates backed him up with some smart plays. In the very first inning the boys pulled off a double play to nip the Charlottetown threat in the bud. Ward had got a life on an error and Ryan promptly slammed a hit to right field. Ward, a nimble footed as all get out, rounded third and came tearing into the plate. But Brawley's peg was dead centre and Deligan after tagging Ward snapped a quick throw to first which caught Ryan off the bag. It was no doubt helped to hearten Bernard for the task facing him.

Now the series stands 2 to 1 and down here in Summerside we're betting dollars to doughnuts the All-Stars will win the Island championship. Of course they've got to be the kind our mothers used to make. Anyway, we're all one big happy baseball family here, and it's been rumored the sport department of the Journal is running out of exclamation marks.

The story in the junior division is a bit sadder though we still hope for a happy ending. The St. John's, Y. O. champions of New Brunswick, lost our boys down 3 to 4 in the first game of the best two-out-of-three series. They did it right down here where in the glacier days Prince Edward Island almost got pitched in two, so Charlie Hogan's warriors are in a fairly tight pinch themselves just now. They've got to win two games in St. John to take the two-province crown, and though there isn't any loyal fans here that will say right out they can't do it, still it will take quite a bit of doing.

Gay was slow in starting against the St. John team and the boys were down 6 to 1 at the end of two innings. For five consecutive frames after that Gay let the C. Y. O. aggregation down without a hit, and they got only two more hits off him during the rest of the game. But the fat was already in the fire. Gay has a deceptive slow ball which looks as if you could bat it a country mile, but very often it manages to sneak by and land in the catcher's mitt. Opposing batters have plenty of trouble with this delivery and frankly it's got us puzzled too. We can understand batters fanning the breeze when Bernard flings his right arm in the direction of the plate and all a batter sees is a blur, and all he hears is the echo, but Gay's slow one goes so leisurely by that you have almost time to swing again if you miss it the first time.

## Arrest Follows Highway Accident

TRURO, N.S., Sept. 15 (CP)—R.C.M.P. today arrested Charles McClair of Halifax on a charge of falling to stop at the scene of the accident Saturday which disrupted plans of Truro Bearcats for their defence of the Nova Scotia senior baseball championship.

Truro pitchers Leonard and Hilton Boss and Everett Thompson and star outfielder Johnny Clark were injured when their car collided with one which police say was driven by McClair.

The four players may be out of the final series in which Truro is trailing 1-0 and Bearcats are seeking replacements.

McClair will be arraigned in Windsor police court tomorrow.

## Baseball's Big Six

(By The Associated Press)

(Three Leaders in Each League, Player & Club G AB R H Pct.)

Walker	140	514	79	186	.362
Phillies	140	514	79	186	.362
Williams	143	482	115	163	.338
Red Sox	143	482	115	163	.338
McCosky	126	468	71	162	.326
Athletics	126	468	71	162	.326
White Sox	115	370	64	120	.324
Walker	142	504	76	158	.314
Dodgers	142	504	76	158	.314
Cavaretta	119	440	52	138	.314
Cubs	119	440	52	138	.314

**Runs Batted In**  
American: Williams, Red Sox, 97; National: Mize, New York, 130.

**Home Runs**  
American: Williams, Red Sox, 29; National: Kiner, Pirates, 49.

## Louis-Walcott Bout To Be Title Affair

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (AP)—Joe Louis, who couldn't find a suitable opponent for a title bout, a few weeks ago, changed his mind today and agreed to defend his world heavyweight championship for the 24th time against Jersey Joe Walcott of Camden, N.J., at Madison Square Garden Dec. 5.

Originally scheduled to face Walcott in a 10-round non-title tilt in the same arena Nov. 14, Louis agreed to the suggestion made by the New York Athletic Commission chairman, Eddie Egan, that the bout be lengthened to the 15-round route with the championship at stake. Louis asked more time to train, with the result that the scrap was set back three weeks.

Sol Strauss, acting director of the 20th Century Sporting Club, said that Dec. 5 was the first available date at Madison Square Garden which would allow Louis sufficient time to train.

In requesting the change from a non-title bout, commissioner Egan said a defense of the champion would cause some controversy and that Walcott certainly would be recognized as champion if he should win by a knockout.

Louis took the same attitude "his co-manager, Marshall Miles, added. New York State rules require that championship bouts must be scheduled for 15 rounds and while shorter non-title affairs are permitted, there is no provision for the possibility that a heavyweight champion might be beaten over the shorter route.

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.—Col. Dollard Menard, 24, D.S.O. of Quebec, one of the heroes of Dieppe, has been appointed military attaché at the Canadian Embassy in Paris, defence headquarters announced today. He now is in Paris where he had been attending a senior staff course at the French Ecole de Guerre.

## Baseball Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
New York	530 010 010-12 0
St. Louis	020 120 000-2 9 0
Koslo, Hansen, Tinkle and Cooper	Brazle, Dickson, Staley, Grodzicki, Burkhardt and Wilbert, Garagiola.
Boston	100 100 000-2 8 0
Chicago	100 200 000-3 7 0
Sain and Masi; Chipman and Scheffing.	Philadelphia 000 110 000-2 8 2
Pittsburgh	103 141 110-12 15 3
Hughes, Spaghis, Schanz, and Lakeman; Higbe and Howell.	(Only games scheduled).
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
First	
Chicago	101 000 400-6 15 1
Boston	030 003 000-3 11 2
Grove, Caldwell and Tresh; Ferris, Klingner and Batts, Tebbetts.	Second
Chicago	000 000 140-5 14 0
Boston	020 010 000-7 13 0
Ruffing, Gillespie and Dickey; Dorish, Stobbs, Murphy and Tebbetts.	Cleveland
Cleveland	000 000 100 01-2 10 0
Philadelphia	000 001 000 00-1 6 0
(11 innings)	
Lemon and Hegon; Fowler, Christopher and Guerra.	Detroit
Detroit	010 002 100-7 13 2
Washington	002 000 000-2 9 2
Overmire and Swift; Halner, Forwick and Mancuso.	St. Louis at New York, postponed, rain.

## Katz Beaten By Iona Team

At a softball game played yesterday at Iona, the Iona girls beat the Charlottetown Katz 18-16. Iona played without three of their regulars, however, the young pinch-hitters showed plenty of playing ability.

For the winners, Anne O'Shea and Marion Griffin played stellar ball while Joan Weir played good ball for the losers.

## U. S. Lists Ryder Cup Team

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (AP)—The United States Ryder Cup team, listing only two holdover members from the squad which met Britain's best professional golfers in 1927, was announced today by P. G. A. president Ed Dudley for the post-war resumption of the matches at Portland, Ore., Nov. 1 and 2.

The 10-man squad is made up of Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan, Jimmy Demaret, Sam Snead, Lloyd Mangrum, Lew Worsham, Ed Oliver, Herman Kiser, Herman Barron and E. J. (Dutch) Harrison. Nelson and Snead are the veterans of the 1937 match, won by the Americans at Southport, England, 8 to 4.

**DIES OF INJURIES**  
ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Sept. 15.—Three-year-old Charles Irwin died in hospital, today of injuries suffered Saturday when he ran in front of a car while crossing a road to visit his grandmother at Bayside. He had just left his father's truck when the accident occurred.

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## Voting Tendency Is Towards Rail Strike

OTTAWA, Sept. 15 (CP)—President A.R. Mosher of the Canadian Congress of Labor said today the trend of a strike vote being taken by the Railway Workers' Unions is "running strongly" in

favor of a walkout but added that there was no danger of a tieup of railroads for at least a month.

Mr. Mosher, who also is president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, said the final totals of the vote, being taken on the issue of holidays with pay, may not be received for a week.

Regardless of the outcome of the balloting, no action would be taken until after a joint meeting of all the railway unions Oct. 1 to decide policy.

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