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Brecheen Protects St. Louis Lead With 1-0 Win Over Chicago Cubs

By JACK HAND
 Harry (The Cat) Brecheen protected St. Louis Cardinals' half game lead over Brooklyn Dodgers with a brilliant nine-inning shutout over his "coons" from Chicago, driving home the winning run with a third-inning single.

Hurling his third shutout against the Cubs and beating them for the fifth time, the crafty south-paw vet never had to work hard in his big league career. Chicago had men on base in every inning except the third and seventh and moved a base runner to third with only one out on two occasions but never could break through Brecheen's string of zeros. Eleven Bruins were left out base.

After the game the Cards learned the Dodgers had won from Philadelphia, 2-1 in a hot duel at Brooklyn.

Once again manager Eddie Dy-ers' spring training theory of giving his pitchers an extra batting lick paid off in a decisive game as Brecheen's bounce over second base in the third drove home the winning run.

Joe Garagiola had opened the St. Louis third with a single to right, the first hit off starter Hank Wase. Marty Marion's sacrifice moved the rookie catcher to second setting the stage for Brecheen's game-winning sock. The ball that bounced over second base and took an inspired hop away from Billy Jurges' glove.

Brecheen, whose fielding ability has saved him more than one game, was in real trouble in the second when Bob Sturgeon's single, Bill Nicholson's double and a walk by Jurges loaded the socks with one out. Fast relief by Enos Slaughter in recovering Nicholson's smash off the right field wall saved a win.

Agreement Between Red Sox—Leafs

TORONTO, Sept. 23 — (CP)—Terms of an agreement between the champion Boston Red Sox and the American Baseball League and Toronto Maple Leafs of the International League "have been tentatively agreed upon" but the contract has not yet been signed, Toronto Club president Campbell of the Toronto Club said tonight.

The Boston-Toronto agreement which replaces working arrangements between the Toronto club and Philadelphia Athletics of several years' standing, will be completed at a meeting in the near future between Boston and Toronto executive Bruce Dudley, President of the American League, and American Association, the latter club is owned outright by the Sox.

Louisville will have first call on Boston players after the Sox season but Toronto will get the remainder if they want them. The meeting will also decide the new manager for the Toronto club replacing Bill Norman, playing coach who stepped in when Harry Davis was suddenly let out.

First Game Would Be At St. Louis

(By The Associated Press)
 NEW YORK, Sept. 23—If a play-off between Brooklyn Dodgers and St. Louis Cardinals for the National League pennant is necessary this year, the first game of a best-of-three game series will be played at St. Louis Oct. 1, it was announced today by league president Ford C. Frick.

The second game would be played at Brooklyn on Oct. 3, and the third game, if necessary, would be played in the neutral city of Philadelphia on Oct. 4.

Frick telephoned Sam Breadon, owner of the Cardinals, who called the flip of a coin to determine which club would have the home advantage in the first game. Breadon called it wrong and the Dodgers picked St. Louis as the site of the first game.

In event of a play-off, the world series would be set back, opening Sunday, Oct. 8, in the National League city and proceeding according to the present schedule.

Canadian Chinese Is Acquired By Rangers Of Nat. Hockey League

WINNIPEG, Sept. 23 — (CP)—Manager Frank Boucher of the New York Rangers tonight announced the names of 17 hockey players—one of them a Canadian Chinese—whom he had signed up as Rangers property after viewing their ability in his amateur school here last week. Thirty-seven attended the school.

None of the 17 is likely to thrill N. H. L. audiences this year. All probably will be sent to one of the Rangers' farm teams.

The players include centres Fernand Ferrault, Chambly, Que., Sherman White, Amherst, N. S., and Larry Kwong, a Canadian Chinese from Vernon, B. C.; wingers Jean Paul Denis, St. Basile, Que., and Vic Corbin, Quebec City.

Boucher also let the world have a peek at the rest of the players who will be entering the Rangers school and from which the Rangers and their farm clubs' rosters will be drawn. It's an imposing array and the names of the players whose performances mean nothing now, he released the names in alphabetical order.

Professionals reporting were Lloyd Alley, Joe Bell, Lintz Bend, Hal Brown, Norm Burns, A. Cameron, Jack Church, Mac and Neil Colville, Joe Cooper, Cal Gardner, Ott Hiller, Jim Henry, Bryan Hex, Ed Hill, Jack Johnson, Allan Kuntz, Edgar Lavarde, Norm Larson, Hal Laycoe, Tony Leswick, J. Lovandoski, Bill Moe, Alf Pike, Chuck Ruffalo, Mel Reed, Chuck Russell, Alex Shibicky, Russ Trudell, Norm Tutin, Grant Warwick and Phil Watson.

Larter And Goss Tied For Lead

With the Junior and Intermediate baseball titles both won by the same team, the race for the top spot in the race for the Sherwin-Williams horse show trophy figures released last night show both have won eight games. Director of Physical Fitness Bill Reid is at present negotiating with the mainline clubs in an effort to get something definite on the matter and although he has learned nothing definite as yet he expects word back momentarily.

In the meantime it is the intention of the teams to keep right in the struggle by getting in as many practice sessions as possible. Flaws which have been evident in their performances will be receiving strict attention from the two managers and officials connected with both squads are confident of their providing the stiffest of competition for mainland crews.

Buck White, Anchors and Knights of Columbus wings are waging quite an exhibition series at the Park diamond these evenings. The Park diamond these evenings they have ended both deadlocked and with every appearance competition is getting keener and keener.

Former Manager Shipyard's Sussex Team Passes

(By The Canadian Press)
 SUSSEX, N. B., Sept. 23—News of the death of E. H. (Ted) Vick-Breakey today from Regina, a colorful figure in Maritime sports circles 20 years ago, was business manager of the Old Grey Mare hockey teams when they were Maritime champions and was president of the now defunct Sussex Amateur Athletic Association.

He was prominent in development of outstanding athletes including A. I. (Zan) Miller, Canadian track and field champion, a member of the 1924 Olympic team.

Shipyard's Pound To Finals

TRURO, N. S., Sept. 23—(CP)—Breaking out with seven-run rally in the seventh inning, Halifax Shipyard's pounded their way into the Nova Scotia senior baseball semi-finals today by downing Middleton Cardinals 10-8 in the deciding game of their best-of-seven series.

The tilt, a replay of Saturday's 2-2 tie, was protested by Middleton Cardinals and claimed they should have been awarded the game scheduled for Middleton last Wednesday when Shipyard's failed to turn up.

Each team used three pitchers today with the winners hitting 14 hits and scoring 10 runs. The feature of the exciting contest was a pair of home runs blasted by Danny Seaman of the Cardinals and another by Jimmy Gray with two on for Shipyard's in the seventh.

Lefty Lettler, who appeared in both Saturday games, was also on the mound today but tired easily and was relieved after the first inning.

Halifax now must win the best-of-three semi-final series starting tomorrow with the winner to take on Truro in the provincial final.

Donates Rookie Quoit Trophy

Mr. Percy Gay, a well-known citizen and business man of Charlottetown, has added another trophy to his collection by donating the new Parkdale Quoit Club. Mr. Gay is a member of the club, and has helped to promote interest in the game of quoit.

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Old Standbys Of Yankees Free Agents

NEW YORK, Sept. 23—(AP)—New York Yankees today revealed that pitcher Red Ruffing and catcher Bill Dickey had been made free agents.

Dickey, who recently was replaced by Johnny Neuen as manager of the Yanks, and Ruffing, one of New York's most famous ball players, are 41-year-old right-handers reported late this year to have been released by the club shortly after he was hit by a line drive June 29, suffering a broken knee cap.

He entered the majors in 1924 with Boston Red Sox and came to the Yanks in 1930. He won 270 major league games, 221 of them for the Yanks and also won seven world series games.

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McKechnie Through As Reds' Boss

CINCINNATI, Sept. 23—(AP)—Bill (Deacon) McKechnie, who piloted Cincinnati Reds to two National League pennants and a world championship, this week became no. 25 on the list of Cincinnati managers which includes some of the most illustrious names in baseball history.

Cincinnati flew blue for nine seasons, the silver-tinted Scot disclosed his resignation in Pittsburgh in 1937. He was succeeded by Warren C. Giles, club manager here today it was announced he would sever connections with the club in St. Louis Wednesday night following the concluding set of a two-game series with the Cardinals.

"We felt we just had to have Bill around for that important series in St. Louis," said Giles, as he and McKechnie parted the night of the game.

Giles indicated appointment of a successor to McKechnie would be announced soon. He said "three or four men outside our organization" were being considered.

McKechnie managed since 1876, the year the National League was born, included such diamond notables as William (Buck) Ewing, the great catcher selected for Baseball's Hall of Fame; Christy Mathewson, Hall of Fame pitcher; Joseph E. Tinker, and after the war, Charles A. Comiskey, who later bought Chicago White Sox; and Clark Griffith, manager of Washington Nationals.

Vernon Has 15 Point Lead Over Williams

(By The Associated Press)
 CHICAGO, Sept. 23—Pittsburgh Pirates today apparently headed towards his first American League batting championship with an unbeaten 35-11 record, 15 points ahead of runner-up Ted Williams of Boston Red Sox.

Days (Bob) Davis, Chicago, 30-9; Vern Stephens, St. Louis, 30-6; Hank Edwards, Cleveland, 30-4; Lou Bourque, Cleveland, 29-4.

Williams maintained the lead in two special departments—runs batted in, 190, and runs, 141—but shared the home run spotlight with Detroit's Hank Greenberg at 36.

Peck kept ahead in hits with 203, while Vernon stayed in front in the two-bagger department with 47. Edwards continued as the triple specialist with 15; and George Case of Cleveland still was tops in stolen bases with 28.

"We're prouder for military victories and everything else, so why not pray for the Dodgers," said Mr. Benson, minister of the Methodist Reformed Church in Brooklyn.

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All Stars Practice

There will be a practice for the Intermediate All-Star team this evening at 5:30 at the Park diamond.

Parkdale Quoits

All members are urgently requested to attend a grand rally to be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Believes Feller May Injure Arm

(By JOE REICHLER)
 CLEVELAND, Sept. 23—(CP)—Hank Greenberg, Detroit's slugger, believes that Feller, Cleveland's great right-hander, is doing himself more harm than good, with his self-imposed "iron man" schedule in an effort to set a new major league strikeout record.

"Feller is so intent upon gaining that mark, he is forgetting his value to himself and to his club. Why, if something should happen to him, the club would stand to lose a half million dollar asset. As for himself, a sound Feller could probably earn around \$350,000 during the next five years." (Feller now has 297 strikeouts.)

Smith Retires From Ring

SYDNEY, N. S., Sept. 23—(CP)—Dethroned as Maritime middleweight boxing champion at Moncton Saturday night by Bill (the Kid) Landry, Fordina Smith tonight announced his retirement.

Veteran of 12 years in the ring, Smith was out of action for almost a year before he put his title on the block against the hard-punching Moncton youngster who has been boxing out of Bangor, Me., and Worcester, Mass.

Smith arrived home today, unmarked but wiser. "My timing was terrible and my wind short. From now on I'm going to leave the ring to the younger fellows. I mean it this time."

Has Chance To Beat .370 Mark

NEW YORK, Sept. 23—(AP)—Stan Musial, the clotting St. Louis Cardinal first baseman, is on the verge of becoming the first National League regular to finish a campaign with a .370 or plus batting average since 1937.

The rangy Red Bird enters the final week of the season sporting a .371 average through games of 31, and appears a cinch to set the individual batting crown as Johnny Mize, injured first sacker of the New York Giants, is second with a .337 mark.

Not since Ducky Medwick led the league with a .374 mark while playing for the Cardinals in 1937 has a senior loop batsman topped the .370 mark.

Musial, who won the batting championship with .357 in 1943, has already matched or beaten this season many of the specialized batting feats he turned in three years ago. Musial finished the 1943 season with 220 hits, 48 doubles, 20 triples, 108 runs scored and 13 homers. Today Musial leads the league in hits, 220, doubles, 48, triples, 19 runs scored and 11 and has already matched or beaten this season many of the specialized batting feats he turned in three years ago.

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Baseball Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis	001 000 000-1 6 0
Chicago	000 000 000-0 9 0
Brooklyn	000 000 000-0 11 0
Philadelphia	001 000 000-1 8 2
Philadelphia	000 100 000-0 11 1
Raffensberger and Hemsley;	
Melton, Taylor and Edwards.	

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia	001 002 001-5 9 1
New York	340 100 000-9 13 0
Savage, Fagan, Christopher and Rosar;	
Raschi and Berra.	

Baseball's Big Six

(By The Associated Press)
 Three leading batters in each league:

League	Batter	G	A	R	H	Pct.
National	Stan Musial	149	596	118	290	.369
American	Stan Musial	149	596	118	290	.369
National	Johnny Mize	149	596	118	290	.337
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Remembers When

By The Canadian Press
 Frank (King) Clancy, one of the National Hockey League's outstanding defencemen for more than a decade, was appointed coach of the Montreal Maroons this year ago today.

Clancy, who starred with Ottawa Senators and Toronto Maple Leafs, lasted less than half the season with the Maroons but was later appointed to the N. H. L. coaching staff.

Traffic Officer Arrested

TORONTO, Sept. 23—(CP)—A Toronto police traffic officer was arrested today on a charge of criminally attacking a 20-year-old girl in a downtown hotel. The officer, David Robertson, joined the department about a year ago. He is being held without bail.

Horse Racing at Moncton Raceway
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Senators Out For Workout
 OTTAWA, Sept. 23—(CP)—With their newly-appointed coach, Bob Copp, handling the reins for the first time, Ottawa Senators of the Quebec Senior Hockey League inaugurated their preseason drills at the Auditorium here tonight.

Bashing Bobby, aggressive defence ace originally from Port Elgin, N.B., has been unable to obtain his release from Toronto Maple Leafs and Senator plans to use him in the dual playing-coach role as shelved temporarily.

Copp, who played amateur hockey with Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B., the University of Toronto before catching on with the Leafs, succeeds Alex Smith, who resigned due to pressure of business.

Goalie Bill (Legs) Fraser will be out of the nets for some time with an elbow fracture suffered playing soccer.

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