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Little To Choose In World Series Infields

By Gayle Talbot

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (AP)—There is little or nothing to choose between the infield quartets in the coming World Series judging by the figures, so it becomes necessary to try to single out the one player in the group who might by his individual exploits blow the big play-off wide open.

That one would be Jackie Robinson, the Negro rookie who plays first base for Brooklyn Dodgers. In a close series, such as that of last fall, one fielding base runner of Robinson's stripe can supply the difference.

Both pennant winners have superb infielders. Each boasts a crack double play combination. Neither packs a great deal of power in its inner works. It comes down, as this observer sees it, to a comparison between Robinson and his first-basing rival, the veteran George McQuinn of the Yankees.

McQuinn made a great comeback this season. The oldest has dugged a resounding 300 (the same as Robinson), and he has whaled 13 home runs (one more than Robinson). He undoubtedly is a slicker fielder than the Negro.

But there the comparison ends—and Robinson takes over. It is no exaggeration to say that the peon-toed freshman from Montreal "made" the Dodgers. Chances are he will be named the most valuable man in the National League.

Even time Robinson comes up as a third, where Ed Johnson outranks Johnny Spidery in the second round, and Jackie in the Brooklyn infield. Rookie not only punts his hungry-looking young rival, 288 to 273, but he has been around a good while longer and is a steeper fielder.

Rovers And Legion Resume Series Sunday

Rovers and Legionaires will meet in the third game of their City League baseball finals Sunday afternoon, president Sammy Doyle announced last night.

Fied with a game apiece as a result of splitting the first two encounters both squads will go all out for a victory Sunday and it is likely that Lefty McAleer will take the hill for the Legion with Elmer Larter opposing him in the Rovers' cause.

The game is scheduled to get underway at 2:30 sharp.

Intercollegiate Athletic Union Meeting Held

(By The Canadian Press) TRURO, N. S., Sept. 25—New Brunswick regional winners today at the convention of the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union and schedules for the coming season were planned.

Revisions in a rugby game instead of one and the use of the throw-in on balls bouncing out of bounds. The free kick was also altered and it now can be taken by any player of the team so awarded.

Delegates from the Nova Scotia Technical College in Halifax asked for a change in the regulations to permit five-year students to be eligible for competition for their entire teams instead of the previous four years. The change was granted. Otherwise the 1946 set of rules was retained.

Nine of the Union's 10 institutions will continue to play English rugby in the regional winners declared by Nov. 1 and the Maritime champions decided upon by the following Saturday.

Dalhousie University of Halifax, Acadia University in Wolfville, N. S., sometime in March. Canadian football this season, announced it would play its first game Oct. 27.

A boxing commission will be nominated to set up a new constitution especially suitable for boxing, it was announced. The new set of rules would tend to "level down" the sport, a spokesman said.

The annual two-day boxing meet will be at Nova Scotia Technical College March 19-20.

Regional hockey champions are to be introduced by the first Saturday in March. Basketball schedules will be run off parallel to the hockey outline and Maritime champions in both sports will be declared during the week following regional playoffs.

A track and field meet and a swimming match will be held at Acadia University in Wolfville, N. S., sometime in March.

New Brunswick's St. Joseph's College was the only missing member of the Union and now is considered inactive.

Next meeting of the Union will be at Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B., in April, 1948.

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanganyika—(CP)—The Tanganyika Territory government voted \$200,000 (800) to the forest department for stocking rivers with trout. Today, the rainbow trout, introduced in 1926 from Scotland, flourishes in many rivers in the country.

Cleveland Drops 4-3 Decision To St. Louis Browns

(By The Canadian Press)

Cleveland Indians, trying for second place in the coming division of World Series spots, ran into superb five-hit pitching by right-hander Jack Kramer yesterday and dropped a 4-3 decision to St. Louis Browns in their final American League clash of the season.

The defeat, witnessed by only 115 paying customers, the smallest turnout of the year in St. Louis, cost the Indians a chance to tie the third place Boston Red Sox and left the Indians two full games back of runner-up Detroit. The Boston at New York and Philadelphia at Washington games were both rained out.

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The recent announcement by the self-styled Canadian Boxing Federation that they would fail to recognize the forthcoming Ace McCloskey-Len Wadsworth scrap as a title affair drew a big laugh yesterday from local promoters of the event.

With articles signed, sealed and delivered from Wadsworth relative to laying his title on the line, promoter Archer announced that the winner would receive Dominion-wide recognition as the champion and take the usual "jump in the lake" as far as not recognizing the bout.

One thing the local promoter would like to know is where this Federation gets the authority to dictate on who fights who and what right they have in naming champions and contenders. They (the Federation) is not recognized outside of Quebec Province but men banded together in an effort to control Dominion boxing and force other provinces to affiliate with them.

Prince Edward Island, Archer stated, is not affiliated with the Federation and has no intention of doing so. He sees no sense in affiliating with a body that is not Dominion-wide and thereby carries no authority, and is well satisfied that, despite the recent announcement of the Federation, the winner of the McCloskey-Wadsworth scrap will be recognized as Canadian middleweight titleholder.

Archer concluded the interview with the question "who do the Federation think they are, trying to dictate who is champion and who is not. Wadsworth has long been recognized by the thousands of boxing fans as the champion and if McCloskey can defeat him he will automatically receive the recognition that is due him."

The local promoter summed the situation up pretty concisely in his statement. "There is a lot of food for thought in the remarks that the group represented only a small percentage of the Dominion and until such time as all the provinces are represented in such a body, situations such as cropped up in the middleweight division will continue."

The question of Roger Whynot also comes into the picture. Recognized in the Maritimes as the present champion, the Mahone Bay socker's ten-round victory over Wadsworth has been the cause of much controversy ever since. The technicality of the bout, not being a 12-round affair was overlooked, the time the match was made, and evidently on the strength of that Wadsworth hung on to his crown. But should McCloskey be able to defeat Wadsworth he will definitely give Whynot a run for his money and at this pair should ultimately tangle for the crown over the required distance, the title question should be settled once and for all.

By the way things are shaping up at present it now appears as if Promoter Archer will make application to have a Prince Edward Island Boxing Commission formed early in 1948. The need for such a body is quite evident and it would definitely help put the game on a more solid footing and at the same time give wide protection both for the fans and promoters alike. It would do away with untoward events which have marred boxing cards here in the past and would guarantee the fans witnessing well matched fighters in action at all times. There would be no stalling tactics employed, for immediately any were noticed the commission would step in and forfeit the purses of offending mitaltellers, and that is one way of curing that ill in the boxing game.

SAINT JOHN, N. B.—(CP)—More than 250 pheasants will be released this fall by the South Bay pheasantry of the Saint John branch of the New Brunswick Fish and Game Association probably after the hunting season in order to avoid casualties among female pheasants who closely resemble ruffed grouse or partridge.

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Presented With Trophy



Winner of the recent ten-mile bicycle road race, Lloyd Larter, young Charlottetown cyclist, is shown receiving the silver trophy from Bill Bevin, Jr., sponsor of the event. Larter covered the course in slightly over 35 minutes, finishing about 300 yards in front of the second place rider after taking the lead during the third mile of the grind.

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Bonus For Goals Is Good Idea For Player But Is Bit Expensive

MONTREAL, Sept. 25 (CP)—The grant system did baffle Michael McMahon think up all by himself but, alas, not a hockey club could survive, to say nothing of the Canadian mint.

It's like this. The portly Michael, who bears a remarkable resemblance to the Empress of Canada on skates when he launches himself on the Buffalo defence, figured his contract should provide some kind of bonus.

Mike pondered long and deeply. Why not for goals scored? And the big idea was born.

One cent for the first goal Mike scored, two cents for the second, four cents for the third and so on, doubling up.

Swell, eh? A little pocket money, maybe, for the end of the season. He said he would take a little time on it. He did: also four notebooks and two pencils.

Of course Mike's 12 goals last year wouldn't have earned him much, then Baz O'Meara of the Montreal Star went to work and figured if McMahon got 20 goals his earnings would be more than \$2,000.

Baz should have kept right on going. What about Maurice Richard's 45 goals for Canadiens last year?

Under McMahon's system, the Canadiens' management might just as well have handed over to Richard the club franchise, the Forum and the whole island of Montreal, including all monies in vaults and piggy banks.

To be precise—go ahead and figure it out; we did—M. Richard would have received \$87,322,372.015.68—and don't forget, his billing is not millions or thousands, but tens of millions.

Back to Chapman. When he came safely out of his swoon he countered with a proposition that just about rates with McMahon's impossibility of fulfillment.

To fit Michael, who literally outgrew the National Hockey League, Chapman has offered \$50 for each pound the ex-Canadian sheds under 250.

With a flock of new players Chapman left Montreal for the Bisons' training camp at Barrie, Ont., reasonably sure he won't be out of cent. As last reports were bike-peddling, plus the aid of a rubber shirt, had cut Mike's summer weight of 278 by exactly three pounds.

Training Camp Notes

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Sept. 25 (AP)—Manager Frank Boucher of the National Hockey League New York Rangers turned his attention today to filling the left wing position as his squad went through its fourth day of drill at the Olympia Arena.

El Slowinski appears to have the inside track for the spot, working along with Bryan Hextall at right wing and Buddy O'Connor at centre.

Boucher continues to be impressed with the work at defence of Frank Eddolls, who joined the Rangers from Canadiens.

SASKATOON, Sept. 25 (CP)—Eddie Shore, boss man of three of the four hockey teams now training at Saskatoon, chopped seven players from his retinue today and the procedure was followed by Lester Goldsworthy, coach of the Buffalo Bisons, who dropped five. Rights on the dropped players will be retained and they will be asked to return next year for further trials.

Boston Red Sox Buy Outfielder

BOSTON, Sept. 25 (AP)—Boston Red Sox today bought Nellie Fox, 26-year-old hard-hitting outfielder, from San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League. Sheridan, a right-hander, had a batting average of .295 for the Seals.

The Red Sox said they gave up an unannounced sum of cash and two players, whose names will be made known later.

Baseball Results

AMERICAN

Cleveland 200 010 000—3 5 0
St. Louis 301 000 000—4 7 1
Kuevas, Gettel, Stephens, Cronk and Regan; Kramer and Moss.

NATIONAL

First.
St. Louis 241 312 200—15 22 1
Pittsburgh 020 010 000—3 8 1
Dickson and Garagola; Higbe, Howard, Bagby, Strinevich, Singleton, Roe and Howell, Salkeld.

St. Louis 101 000 010—3 10 1
Pittsburgh 100 000 000—1 8 1
Staley and Rice, Nagy, Gosham and Salkeld.

Second.
Brooklyn 211 000 111—7 13 0
Philadelphia 001 030 010—5 10 1
Gregg, Behrman, Casey, Lombardi and Bragan; Heintzelman, Juris, Schanz, Donnelly and Padgett, Semick.

Third.
Brooklyn 100 001 000—2 5 8 0
Philadelphia 010 000 010—2 10 2
(10 Innings)
Branca, Taylor, Behrman, Ramsdell and Hodges; Leonard.

Sport Echoes from Prince County

The sport echoes in Prince County just now are all jubilant and hilarious. In spite of the packing houses strike the boys have brought home the bacon. We are now proud possessors of both the intermediate and junior crowns of Prince Edward Island.

And although the juniors more or less romped away with their title, the intermediates, in championship, the intermediates surely won their hard way. Their 5 to 3 victory in Summerside Wednesday culminated as close and thrilling a baseball series as has ever been witnessed in the Garden Province.

Two very smart ball clubs, the Charlottetown Abbies and the Summerside All-Stars waged a nip-and-tuck struggle which took six games to decide a best-of-five series, and neither ball club won a nine-inning game in this series by a larger margin than two runs. Summerside was awarded the first when the score was 4 to 0 in the sixth inning. Charlottetown took the second, 7 to 4, and Summerside the third, 3 to 1. The fourth ended in a tie, 3 to 3, and Charlottetown won the fifth, 3 to 2. Then Summerside came through with the clincher, 5 to 3.

"Joe" Bernard has emerged from the grinding series as the most important factor in the Summerside victory. Bernard won all three games for his club and lost one. Four runs were scored in the inside track for the spot, and Bernard was followed by Bryan Hextall at right wing and Buddy O'Connor at centre.

Cece Powell, the number 2 pitcher, though not fortunate enough to chalk up a win for his club, pitched two fine ball games, drawing one and losing the other by the narrowest of margins. The players, with whom Powell is very popular, would have liked to see the big right hander turn in at least one victory, but the breaks just didn't come his way. Perhaps he will have better luck in the games with mainland teams.

Russ Phaneuf has definitely shown that he is a "money" player. Russ's record for the season is not particularly impressive, but this is the second time that the Sox second baseman has delivered when the chips are down. In a game against Amherst last year, Phaneuf stole the show with some lusty clouting, in the decisive game Wednesday his contribution towards victory was very large. Robbing Higson of a hit that would have scored at least one and perhaps two runs, Phaneuf was also prominent with the hickory, laying down a perfect bunt which sent Morrison scampering home with the winning run. Phaneuf took his turn at the plate four times but had no official hits, as he getting three walks and a sacrifice.

And now a tribute to a great Charlottetown player in few words from the port side—"Lefty" McAleer. "Lefty" didn't win a game in his three starts, but his pitching on every occasion was gilt-edged—each bit of his slants were almost as scarce as bananas in Baffinland.

We've heard that the age limit for junior baseball players in New Brunswick is 21 compared to 20 in the rest of the Provinces of Canada. We've been unable to get exact information concerning this matter from the hickory laying Charlie Hogan and his kind champions don't want anyone to dig up any alibis for their defeat at the hands of the New Brunswick winners and so were non-committal when we approached them, but there are rumors circulating to the effect that New Brunswick's age-limit is a year higher than is the case in other provinces. If this is so, something should be done about it. What regulations New Brunswick makes for junior games within her borders is her own business, but when she starts to engage in inter-provincial play against juniors from Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia it is utterly absurd that her playing age should be a year older than theirs. A 21-year limit would have enabled Summerside to play at least two of her star intermediate players in the series with Saint John. The kind men here are not raising any objections because of their desire to accept defeat like sportsmen, but at least the matter should be investigated. Will Nova Scotia with an age limit of 20 be willing to play the Saint John aggregation if their age limit is 21, as reported?

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Halifax Arrows Shut Out Marysville 6-0

MARYSVILLE, N. B., Sept. 25 (CP)—Halifax Arrows lengthened their long, unbroken string of victories when Lou Moulaison shut out Marysville Royals 6-0 late today for a second straight Halifax win in the Maritime senior baseball final.

Arrows took yesterday's opener 12-6 with a 10-1/2 inning batting spree. Remainder of the best-of-five series will be played at Halifax starting tomorrow.

In making it two straight, after five scoreless innings, the Nova Scotia champs gained a brace in the sixth, another two more in the eighth and two more in the ninth. Moulaison was stoney with six hits. Lefty Neill also went the route but yielded 12 hits, and not an inning ended without Arrows leaving someone on base. The invaders were guilty of the only error committed.

Until the dangerous Halifax batters caught Neill in a hole during the sixth, it was a tight contest. Then Royals faltered against a heads-up brand of ball.

First baseman Brother MacDonald laid the groundwork for initial scoring by making first on a bunt. He stole second, Buddy Condy grounded safely, and a throw to third was too late. Joe Breen's hard grounder scored MacDonald, and Condy counted on a hit by Bill Hannon.

Condy opened the eighth by singling to right field. After Breen doubled, he and Condy scored on Hammon's second hit of the afternoon.

The ninth inning brace came after two outs. MacDonald lashed a base hit to centre field and Condy and Breen followed with hard grounders. Breen's scored his two mates. Ralph Savage made a bad throw to first after the hard infield hits but it was ruled no error. Cool weather gave the hurler little chance to get really warmed up. Overcast skies threatened rain but it held off.

Score by Innings:
Halifax..... 000 002 022—6 12 1
Marysville..... 000 000 000—0 6 0

MacPhail Sees Tough Series

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (AP)—Larry MacPhail had just casually announced, in a voice which seemed to emerge from a gravel pit, that Bucky Harris had been elected to manage the Yankees again next year and that an offer of \$3,000,000 for a half interest in the club had been snubbed, and the talk became ruckus, veering from one subject to another.

"How are you predicting the series?" a reporter asked.

"I don't predict," MacPhail replied. "I think it will be a tough series, and that it will narrow down to pitching. I was worried about the pitching 30 days ago, and Harris said: 'Well, maybe we won't need anybody but Page.' He was half kidding and half serious. Now, with five guys who look like they might be ready to start, and Page, it looks encouraging."

Mize Ties Kiner For Major League Home Run Title

By The Canadian Press
Johnny Mize tied Ralph Kiner of Pittsburgh Pirates for the major league home run lead yesterday when he belted his 51st four-bagger of the year to lead New York Giants to a 3-1 victory over Boston Braves.

Mize also smashed two singles and scored two runs to help rookie right-hander Larry Jansen register his 21st victory against five defeats. Jansen led off only seven hits and lost his shutout in the ninth when the Braves scored their lone run on his own error.

Mize's homer came off St. Johnson in the ninth.

St. Louis Cardinals, beaten in their attempt to retain the National League championship, assured themselves of second-place money by defeating Pittsburgh Pirates 15-3 and 3-1 before a ladies day crowd of 12,584.

The Cardinals now have a four-game lead over Boston Braves who just to New York. Both teams have three to play.

In the playoff of a game halted by the Philadelphia curfew Aug. 17 at the end of 6 1/2 innings, Brooklyn Dodgers finished 2-1-2 innings last night to win from the Phillies 7-5.

The score at the time the game was halted was Brooklyn 5, Philadelphia 4. The completion was ordered by Ford Frick, National League president, who charged both teams "stalled" as the game neared the deadline under Pennsylvania's Sunday curfew.

Dodgers grabbed both ends of the synthetic "doubleheader" by taking the nightcap 5-2 on Gil Hodges' 10th inning triple with two mates aboard.

Pirates' Manager Tenders Resignation

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 25 (AP)—President Frank McKinney of Pittsburgh Pirates announced tonight that Billy Herman has resigned as manager of the team.

The announcement was made at a press conference of the Pittsburgh Pirate owners. Herman also was present but did not comment.

Herman's contract calls for him to manage the Pirates next year. In this connection, McKinney said:

"Herman is remaining with our organization. What his future will be we have not decided. We have no immediate plans for a successor."

McKinney, commenting on the Pirates' last-place finish, said: "We have talked to Billy as some length. He is not apologizing and we are criticizing him, but we felt that some changes should be made."

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