SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Ageless Johnny Back

GEORGE 'Punch' Imlach isn't worried about Johnny Bower's age.

'Punch' couldn't care less whether Bower poses as "38 or 50. Imlach is only interested in one thing about Bower—can he stop rubber fired his way.

The great veteran who was so outstanding in last year's Stanley Cup playoffs has signed again with the Leafs and according to reports from the Leafs' camp Johnny looks as good as ever in the Toronto cage. The first day he was out to practice, the railbirds maintained you would have thought Johnny was playing hockey all summer long.

Of course, Johnny will be spelled by Don Simmons just as he was last winter. The 70-game grind is too much for Bower but the old fellow will likely get into at least 50 games. Leafs undoubtedly are again counting heavily on him and it's quite probable Johnny will have another banner season.

His acrobatics are tremendous for a fellow his years and 'Punch' must think he's the man for the job, otherwise he wouldn't be so anxious to get him signed.

When Bower inked his contact, another great veteran, 'Red' Kelly was doing the same thing.

There was much speculation about Red and a lot of folks figured he would call it quits after his hard season of hockey and parliament. However Kelly intends to play again the dual role of hockey player and parliamentarian this winter. It's a hard life but the capable redhead made a pretty fair job of both last season. Leafs were pleased with his contribution and his electors thought enough of him to re-elect him on April 8 in the federal election.

Geoffrion With Habs

DESPITE many rumors to the contrary, Bernie 'Boom Boom' Geoffrion will be back with Montreal Canadiens.

'Boom Boom' signed Thursday and then proceeded to be the first casualty. He got a two-stitch cut over the right eye. But that was nothing new for Geoffrion. Every season he gets plenty of the same.

Milt Schmidt has announced that veteran defenceman, Doug Mohns, will be used up front this season. He will be one of the centres for the team that many folks expect will show loads of improvement. Chicago Black Hawks have strange fellows as teammates, Reg. Fleming and Howie Young. In a recent workout, goalie Glen Hall and Fleming began to go at each other and in jumped Howie as a peacemaker.

Detroit, a promising club in playoffs last season, are hard at work and the great Gordie Howe continues to look as good as ever.

New York Rangers, with Jacques Plante, Donnie Marshall and Phil Goyette wearing Rangers' uniforms, began practice sessions this Sunday in Winnipeg. It would appear that Rangers could indeed be the team to watch this season as they present several new faces to the customers.

The National Hockey League should surely enjoy one of its greatest seasons. Gone are the days of one team showing a marked superiority over the others. The Stanley Cup is really up for grabs and some club that didn't make the playoffs in 1962-63 season may eventually wind up with the mug this season.

The outlook is bright for an interesting hockey season.

That Big Series

ST. Louis Cardinals will undoubtedly start Ernie Broglio against Los Angeles Dodgers in the opener of that three-game series Monday night.

Right now we'd say that Walter Alston will throw the responsibility on the shoulders of veteran Johnny Podres who got the win over Pittsburgh Pirates Thursday night.

Curt Simmons should be Johnny Keane's choice in the second game and it's pretty well established that Sandy Koufax, the strikeout artist, will toe the slab for the Dodgers. Wednesday the Cards will throw either Gibson or Sadecki at the Dodgers who probably will counter with Don Drysdale or Bob Miller.

Both bullpens will be kept busy throughout the series and Alston and Keane will not wait until the horse is stolen to lock the barn.

How the teams will stand entering the series depends entirely on how each fares out today and Sunday. The Dodgers are at Philadelphia and Cardinals are entertaining the Milwaukee Braves.

Both should have two busy afternoons.

Parisian Works Out With Habs

MONTREAL (CP) —It was a big day for Jean Paupardin. The husky Parisian was having his first hockey workout with Montreal Canadiens and it was also his 23rd birthday.

"My legs" he sighed. "The play is fast and my turn on the ice comes around often."

The enthusiasm of the young Frenchman and his heppiness at being in the training camp are related by Andre Trudelle in his sports - page column in La Presse.

Paupardin was invited to the camp through a report from Bob LeBel of Montreal, former president of the International Ice Hockey Federation, who learned about Paupardin while visiting France.

"You know, this is all a dream come true," said Paupardin. "To take part at the training camp of a professional Canadian team is a great ambition of European hockey players."

HAS NO ILLUSIONS

He has no illusions about making the team. He is simply thrilled at having the opportunity to play with many stars he has read about.

Coach Toe Blake and such players as Henri Richard and Jean Beliveau said frankly they hadn't expected Paupardin to do so well. He is not used to the solid checking but skates well. At the same time he is inclined to get out of position by chasing the puck.

Paupardin began skating when he was 15 years old. Since then he has played on France's teams in three world championship series in Europe and the United States. He is six feet tall and weighs 180 pounds.

In Paris he is an industrial draftsman and plays hockey only in his free time.

Game Site Is Montague

The AAU of C baseball committee has announced that the third game of the provincial bantam 'B' baseball championships will be played at Montague.

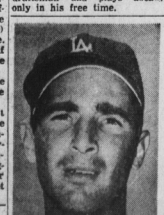
This is based on the constitution which states "in a best-of-three series the team with the choice (Souris in this case) names location of first game. The second game and third, if necessary, will be played on the alternate ground."

Souris had the choice and the first game was played there. The second one was in Montague.

The committee reports that both Montague and Souris have excellent registrations this season. Monague registered players for Little League and Bantam playdowns and Souris registered a total of 52 players for Little League, Bantam Midget and Junior playdowns.

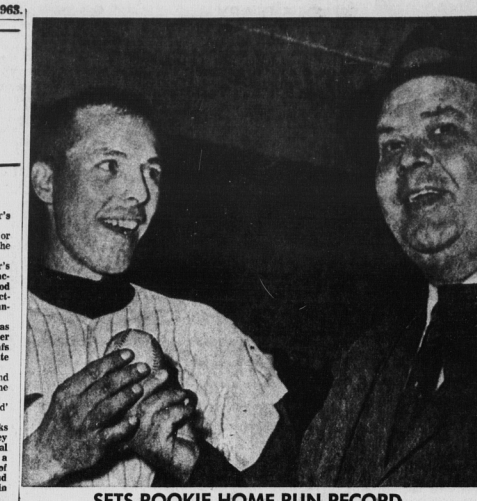
Baseball Team To Meet At Bus

The Charlottetown Junior baseball team travels to Summerside today to clash with the Summerside Juniors. There will be a bus leaving the bus stop for Summerside at two o'clock sharp and the following players are asked to be on hand, Walsh, McIsaac, Rice, Goss, Whitlock, Power, Breedon, Weatherbie, Duffy, F. MacDonald, K. Doyle, Handrahan, McQuaid, Larter, L. Ellsworth and W. McDougall.



FAILS IN BID

Sandy Koufax, above, star pitcher of the Los Angeles Dodgers failed in his attempt to win his 24th game last night as the Phillies took a 3-2 decision. Koufax wasn't around at the end as Larry Sherry was charged with the loss.



SETS ROOKIE HOME RUN RECORD

Minnesota Twins president Calvin Griffith (right) hands over the ball and congratulates Twins rookie outfielder Jimmie Hall who hit his 32nd home run Thursday to set an American League record for number of homers in first year. Hall's homer came in eighth inning against Cleveland at the Twin Cities. His homer is one more than Ted Williams hit in his rookie year at Boston in 1939. Griffith was standing near right field and retrieved the ball for Hall. Twins beat Cleveland 3-2 in 10 innings.

(AP Wirephoto).

Argonauts & Tiger Cats Do Battle This Weekend

TORONTO (CP)—Transportation companies should be able to declare handsome dividends this year if they do, look to the itinerant American football player as a big source of the revenue.

Canadian football clubs are still bringing in likely prospects in bids to build championship teams. They've been doing it since the 1963 season started when most of them found their off - season shopping didn't measure up to expectations. As a result, scores of United States players have been airlifted into the country, then jumping from one Canadian team to another in an effort to get employment.

Chief among clubs that have pushed the panic button are Toronto Argonauts. It is generally conceded they are poor bets to struggle out of last place in the Eastern Conference unless they get some good reinforcements in a hurry.

Argos have kept a close watch on late cuts in the U.S. National Football League and figure this is their make-or-break week.

"If we don't get them (suitable players) this week, we'll have to get along with what we've got now," Argonaut coach Nobby Wirkowski said Friday.

HAVE BUT ONE WIN

Argonauts have lost five of their six games this season and there is little in camp to cheer Wirkowski as he prepares Argos for their battle here Sunday against Hamilton Tiger - Cats who have split their six games. It is the only Canadian Football League game scheduled in the East this weekend and marks the halfway mark in the 14-game schedule for the two clubs.

Wirkowski intends to juggle his lineup from the one that was beaten 7-1 by the Ticats in their first skirmish this season. But he's not saying where the changes will be made.

One this is certain. Quarterback Sandy Stephens, picked up on waivers last week when he fell into disfavor with Montreal Alouettes, will be in an Argo uniform Sunday. Wirkowski won't say whether Stephens will play at quarterback, halfback or fullback.

And he declines to say whether Jackie Parker will be at quarter, where he has performed thus far in the campaign.

The latest arrival to Argo headquarters was Ron Hatcher, 215-pound halfback chopped recently from Washington Redskins of the NFL. He will not play Sunday, but is expected to be ready for Argos' game against Calgary Stampeders of the Western Conference Sunday, Sept. 22.

Another newcomer, halfback Jackie Simpson from the NFL Pittsburgh Steelers, is being prepared for offensive duties against the Ticats. He was a defensive half in the NFL.

Mt. Stewart Meets Morell

Two important ball games will take place at Queen Elizabeth Park in Summerside today. At 1:30 the Bonshaw Bearcats will take on the Enman Drug softball team in the second game of their Intermediate "C" series for the championship of the Island. Enman Drug won the first one at Bonshaw, 4-1, and another win will give them the crown. Should Enman's lose the first game, another game will be played immediately afterwards, and this will be the match that will decide the provincial champions.

At 3:30 the Charlottetown baseball team will be playing their second game with the Summerside Juniors, Summerside won the first one in Charlottetown 8-0, and so the situation in this play-off is similar to the one in the softball play-offs in Summerside wins the first game, it is all over. If Charlottetown wins, another game will have to be played in Charlottetown. It may be possible for fans to see both these initial contests as there is a two hour span between the two games.

Action Galore In Summerside

Mt. Stewart and Morell clash today in Mt. Stewart in the second game of their best of five Kings County playoff series.

Morell is leading the series by virtue of a 4-3 extra-inning victory in the first game at Morell.

Today's game is scheduled to get underway at 2.30 p.m.

Lucky Patron Gets Horses Earnings

Somebody could win himself or herself a juicy bit of money at tonight's harness racing card at Charlottetown Driving Park.

Before the sixth dash, a number will be drawn and the customer holding that number will go to the judges stand where he will draw from the 'pill box' which will contain numbers 1 to 8. Whatever number that party will draw will be the horse he will have in that race. Suppose it's number 4. He will receive the same amount of money that the horse wins in that dash. If the horse finishes out of the money, a consolation prize of five dollars will be given.

Of course, the person drawing the number from the pill box will be hoping to draw the favorite. If that occurs and the favorite romps home a winner, that lucky person will have a worthwhile evening financially.

And now to the races themselves. That fast class is a thrilling looking affair. Five starters are going to fight it out and it indeed should be quite a fight. Ralph MacFadyen has the rail with his good pacer, Elmer C. This will mean plenty to Elmer and the other four have their work cut out beating him to the wire.

But the opposition is excellent. The opposing quartet is made up of Armond's Buddy, Duration, Simcoe's Magic and Just Gary. That indeed should be a honey of a horse race.

Races three and seven also look great. Helen's Dream has the number one spot in the third dash but the gelding will have trouble conquering the others. The five other starters are Slippy Queen, Jolly Abb, Sky Prince, Lizzie Clegg and Dunlop B.

Two other classes, both double dash affairs, round out this great program which gets going promptly at 8 o'clock.

And by the way. There's no need to be cold. Propane heating is in operation at the local track and you can be snug as a bug in a rug.

Come out and see the setup.

Alberton Nips Tignish Team

ALBERTON — Alberton Legion softball team edged Tignish Athletic Association 7-6 in Alberton last evening to tie their best of five West Prince semi-final at two games each. Vic Cameron was the winning pitcher and Aubin Gallant was on the mound for Tignish. The final game in Tignish next Tuesday promises to be an exciting one as both teams strive to reach the finals against the winner of O'Leary Legion vs West Prince Juniors. The Legion team is ahead two games to none in this series.

Ball Action Scheduled

Rovers and Stars, tied 1-1 in their best-of-five series for The City Baseball League crown, renew their feud Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Memorial Field. The teams will play a double-header if Charlottetown Juniors, playing today at Summerside, are eliminated by the westerners. The Summerside lads beat Charlottetown here last Sunday in the first game of a best of-three series for the provincial baseball crown.

However, if Charlottetown wins at Summerside today the final game in that series will be played following the Rovers-Stars clash Sunday afternoon. But if no junior game is necessary, the Rovers and Stars will provide folks with a twin bill.

Canadian Born Pete Ward Could Grab Rookie Award

By PAUL RIMSTEAD

Pete Ward of Chicago White Sox is being hailed as the hottest baseball prospect ever to come out of the north.

But before Canadians swell with pride over the chances of a native son being named Rookie of the Year in the American League, there are a few things worth noting.

It's true that Pete was born in Montreal. It's also true that his father is Jimmy Ward, the old National Hockey League star.

But the young third baseman is hardly in a class with the Mountie or birch bark canoe as a symbol of canadianism. Indeed, Pete speaks with a broad American accent.

It's hardly likely he picked up any baseball knowledge in Canada en route to the major leagues. He was only six when his father moved to Portland, Ore., to manage that city's team in the Western Hockey League.

As for stories that Pete gave up a hockey career to concentrate on baseball, the fact is he hasn't played hockey since he was 14.

"But I still skate quite a bit." Pete offered hopefully in a telephone interview from Cleveland where the White Sox were playing the Indians.

"What are your real recollections of Canada?" he was asked. "Do you still visit here and do you have many Canadian friends?"

Pete hesitated. "Well," he said, "I have some relatives."

Jimmy Ward gained fame with the old Montreal Maroons on a forward line with the late Hooley Smith and Baldy Northcott. He still makes his home in Portland but now is involved in hockey only to the extent of picking the three stars at Buckaroos home games.

He's proud of Pete's baseball prowess, but there's a feeling that he would have been even prouder if his son had made the National Hockey League.

"He's still a hockey fan," said Pete. "He and Mom saw me play ball for the first time just a couple of weeks ago. He'd never seen me even in college or the minors."

One story had it that Jimmy, on seeing Pete let a grand ball bounce off his chest, said: "He should have been a goaltender."

Pete's prospects of being named Rookie of the Year aren't exactly based on his fielding talents. White Sox officials have said he can make the big play but that he sometimes messes up the soft ones.

At the plate, however, it's a different story. Pete will finish among the top 10 hitters. He's batting in the 290s, has reached the 20-mark for homers and is second in doubles.

"But Gary Peters (a teammate) should win the rookie title," said Ward. "His pitching has been fantastic."

Despite Ward's modesty, he seems to have a decided edge over Peters at this stage.

Just how good was Pete at hockey?

"Well, Dad says I might have made it. But I gave it up pretty young. He organized a hockey program in the Portland high schools but by the time I got there it folded."

Pete hastened to add, however, that his older brother, Jimmy Sr., set a scoring record in 1955 at Michigan State University.

"And I'm still a season ticket holder for games at Portland," Pete says. "I almost saw my first NHL game last season in the playoffs but we got to Detroit an hour too late."

When Ward first attended the White Sox camp this year, he was pictured as a brash young man who said: "I hit in the minors and I'll hit up here."

"But I didn't say anything like that," he protests. "I said that Al Lopez (manager of the White Sox) wouldn't have me up here if he didn't think I could hit."

Pete has proved to everyone that he can hit — for average and with power.

And though Canada has little claim on him, the records will always read that he is from Montreal, even if he does speak with that American accent.

Final Game Goes Today

Johnny's Kingfishers and The Guardian Angels clash this afternoon in the seventh and deciding game of their Commercial League series. Both teams have picked up three victories in the series so far so today's winner will be declared the league champion.

The game will be played at the Old Diamond and is scheduled to get underway at four o'clock and softball fans should get there early so as not to miss any of the action.

BASEBALL RESULTS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati	010 000 100—	2 8 0
Chicago	001 010 01x—	3 11 1

Nuxhall (13-8) and Edwards; Toth, McDaniel (12-6) (7) and Schaffer. HR: Chi — Williams (22).

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Houston	000 000 001—	1 7 0
New York	000 000 000—	0 2 0

Nottebart (10-7) and Bateman; Craig (5-21) and Cannizaro.

First		
Los Angeles	000 000 002—	2 4 1
Phila.	000 000 102—	3 5 0

Koufax, Sherry (2-6) (8), Perranoski (9) and Roseboro; Short (7-11) and Oldis. HR: LA—Howard (26).

Second		
Los Angeles	000 010 010—	2 7 1
Phila.	100 000 000—	1 11 2

Miller, Perranoski (15-3) (7) and Camilli; Bennett (8-4) and Dalrymple, Averill (9).

Milwaukee	000 000 000—	0 5 1
St. Louis	200 000 00x—	2 7 1

Spahn, (20-6) Fischer (2), Schneider (2), Piche (3), Funk (5) IINGER (7) and Torre; Simmons (15-7) and McCarver. HR: StL—Boyer (22).

American League

Chicago	000 104 000—	5 11 0
Washington	000 10⁹ 100—	2 8 0

Herbert (12-10) and Carreon; Osteen, (8-13) Hobaugh (6), Jenkins (8) and Retzer.

Baltimore	001 000 100—	2 5 0
Detroit	000 110 001—	3 9 1

Barber, (19-12) Miller (9) and Orsino; Regan (13-7) and Triandos. HR: Blt—Robinson (10).

Probable Pitchers

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Probable pitchers for today's major league games, won and lost records in parentheses:

American League

Baltimore, Roberts (13-12) at Detroit, Bunning (11-13).

Chicago, Peters (18-6) at Washington, Baird (0-0).

Cleveland, Grant (10-14) at Los Angeles, Chance (12-17) (N)

Boston, Monbouquette (19-9) at Kansas City Pena (11-19) (N)

New York, Terry (16-14) and Stafford (4-7) at Minnesota, Stigman (14-14) and Arrigo (1-0) (Day-Night)

National League

Los Angeles, Richert (4-1) at Philadelphia, Green (5-4) or Boozer (2-3).

San Francisco, O'Dell (12-8) at Pittsburgh, Cardwell (13-14)

Cincinnati, O'Toole (17-13) or Zanni (1-1), at Chicago, Koonce (1-5).

Houston, Farrell (12-13) at New York, Willey (9-12)

Milwaukee, Sadowski (5-5) at St. Louis, Gibson (17-8).

Gonzalez led off the bottom of the ninth with a single to centre and Roy Sievers was hit by a pitch. Manager Walt Alston then lifted Sherry and brought in Ron Perranoski.

Phils Take First Game

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A wild throw by shortstop Maury Wills enabled Philadelphia to score two runs in the last of the ninth inning, whip Los Angeles 3-2 in the first game of a twi-night doubleheader Friday.

The end came with dramatic suddenness after the Dodgers had taken command in the top half of the ninth on Frank Howard's two-run homer, only the fourth hit off Philadelphia starter Chris Short.

With reliever Larry Sherry working for the Dodgers, Tony

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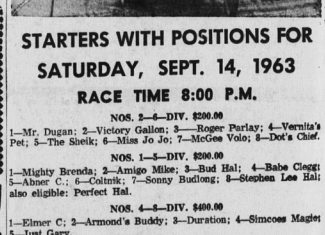

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NOS. 4—8—DIV. $400.00

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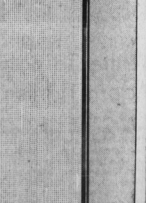

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