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League's Leading Batters Experiencing Slow Start

NEW YORK (AP) — Tommy Davis of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Carl Yastrzemski of Boston Red Sox, the defending batting champions, head a celebrated group of major league ball players who've found rough going in the opening two weeks of the 1964 season.

Davis, the National League leader the last two years, was hitting only .209 with nine hits in 43 times at bat before he suffered an injury to his right shoulder Saturday.

Yastrzemski, the American League batting king of 1963, has only nine safeties in 40 tries for a .225 mark. The young outfielder's hit .321 last season.

Al Kaline of Detroit, Hank Aaron of Milwaukee and Dick Groat of St. Louis, other former batting titleholders, also are considerably below par. Kaline is hitting .212, Aaron .216 and Groat .188.

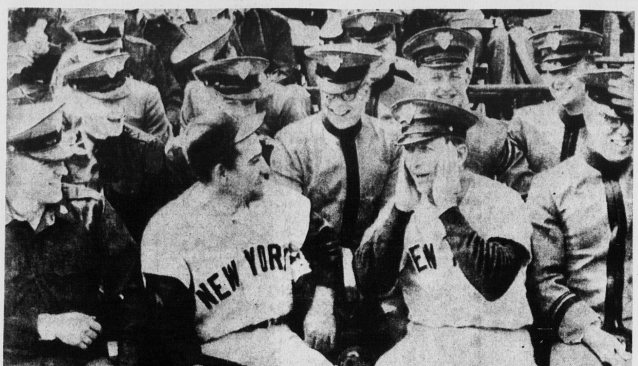
Kaline, the American League batting champ in 1955, finished at .312 in 1963. Aaron, twice a National League leader, and Groat, the top man in 1960, each finished at .319 in '63.

Other top players well behind their normal gaits are Felipe Alou of Milwaukee at .169, Frank Robinson, Cincinnati .196, Eddie Mathews, Milwaukee, .150 and Harmon Killebrew, Minnesota, .190.

Meanwhile, Willie Mays of San Francisco and Frank Malzone of Boston have taken early leads in the batting competition.

Mays heads the National League with a .474 mark on 18 hits in 38 attempts. The veteran outfielder also leads in home runs with seven and runs batted in, 18.

Malzone is No. 1 in the American League with .436. Bill Skowron of Washington has the most homers, four, while Bob Rodgers of Los Angeles Angels and Chuck Hinton, Washington, are setting the pace in the RBI department with eight.



MICKEY JOINS THE CORPS

New York Yankee centerfielder Mickey Mantle dons a cadet cap as manager Yogi Berra and members of the West Point corps laugh it up during byplay preceding the American leaguers' exhibition game yesterday with the Army team. The Yankees won, 8-2, in seven innings. (AP Wirephoto)

SPORTS FRONT

By NICK FILLMORE

A Fish Story

THE ODDS against catching a black large-mouth bass that would tip the scales at 15 pounds, or over, are roughly 12,000 to 1. If that lucky day ever dawned when you hooked one that big, the chances are they would plaster your face three columns wide on the sports page and nominate you for the fisherman's Hall of Fame. Yet the man who caught the biggest black bass in history—a 22 pound, four ounce monster, whose open mouth would fit around a small outboard motor—simply registered the fish and backed into obscurity for 20 years. All he netted for his grand catch was a fast $125.

Under the heading "Fresh Water" in any almanac or record book, this simple legend appears: "black bass — George W. Perry, June 2, 1932, Montgomery Lake, Ga., 22 lbs., 4 oz."

As early as 1940 the record became a standing joke among most fishermen. There was no George Perry, they scoffed; it was all a masterful hoax. A few wild-eyed neophytes, from California to Ontario bombarded the Georgia Game and Fish Commission with letters demanding the location of Montgomery Lake. The Commission couldn't tell them because there were three Montgomery Lakes in Georgia.

And Perry himself? One fellow claimed to have attended his funeral. Repeated inquiries in magazines and newspapers failed to turn him up—until Georgia wildlife publicist Joe Stearns happened upon him on a Georgia coastal dock late in 1952, and then practically had to beat him over the head for the admission and proff that he was THE Perry.

Today George W. Perry is a very-much-alive, fiftyish native of Georgia., a boat builder by trade, father of a teenage boy and girl. Here is the story of his capture of history's biggest black bass.

The Actual Catch

AT THE peak of the Depression, George W. Perry lived on a farm near Helena, in southern Georgia. The boy saved pennies in an old tobacco can until he had enough to buy a cheap rod and reel. Then he hoarded for weeks more until he had $1.10 for an artifical lure. He spent two hours in a hardware store, carefully gauging the weight, size, shape and general appearance of every lure in the place before finally picking one. Perry next talked to a pal, J.E. Page of nearby MacRae, into a fishing expedition.

They drove an ancient Jalopy to Montgomery Lake, which emerges from the Ocmulgee River about five miles south of Jacksonville, Ga. It is about a mile long and 100 yards across at its widest point.

Perry and Page fished from a leaky rowboat all morning without getting a strike. Finally the disheartened Page began to paddle in. Suddenly Perry yelled: "Hold it!" His line went taut with a galvanic jerk. In a split-second, his rod bent double and 50 yards of line ripped from the reel.

The furious, splashing battle went on for 10 minutes. Perry's thumb was raw from braking the reel. His shoulders and back ached from the unremitting pressure. Page was thoroughly whipped from trying to keep the boat in deep water as the fish broke toward protective logs and weeds. But when the giant leaped with a silvry flash out of the water, writhing in an attempt to throw out the hooks, Perry and Page gasped at its size and hung on. The bass made one furious lunge for safety, and then turned limp.

Hooked Twice

Perry exultantly dragged him into the boat. There was a feeble hook in the bass' throat and a solid hook in his top jaw. They hauled him into the car and headed home. Perry was all for getting back to the farm and shoving the fish into the ice-box, but a friend saw him toting it and insisted Perry register it with a notary public.

Four hours out of the water, the bass weighted 22-4, was 32½ inches long and 28½ inches around. That's as heavy as a normal one-year-old child and nearly as long as a man's arm. The Perrys ate bass for three days.

A few months later, George won $100 as a contest prize. He also got $25 for an endorsment. And then the modest champion shoved the feat into the back of his mind and it faded into "hoax" status.

"I don't know," Perry said years later. "I guess it happened too quick for me to get a real thrill. I'd meant some day, I got a whole lot bigger kick out of a little five-five-and-a-half pound jackfish I caught a couple of years later."

Off The Cuff

WARREN SPAHN handed Los Angeles Dodgers more than a baseball loss Saturday as he clipped LA's only remaining ace pitcher, Johnny Podres, on the elbow with a fastball. Podres, making his first appearance of the season after experiencing arm trouble, was taken to hospital where x-rays revealed a severe bruise. Podres joins ace lefty **SANDY KOUFAX** on the injured list. ... One of the biggest disappointments to us in the NHL playoffs this year was **PARKER MACDONALD**, A Sydney native who plays good hockey by fits and starts, MacDonald seldom did anything smart with the puck in the final set against the Leafs. He didn't appear to be thinking. MacDonald scored three goals and three assists in the final 14 games ... For the first time since records were kept a negro has broken a South African athletics record. **HUMPHREY KHOSI**, 26-year-old welfare officer, ran 880 yards in 1:48.9 to better the old mark by 1.2 seconds. Previously, all records had been held by whites.

Soccer Scandal Continues

LONDON (AP) — A bookmaker's body was pulled out of a reservoir Monday and police immediately linked his death with the soccer scandal of alleged fixed matches in England.

The bookie was 52-year-old Bernard Hancock. Nottingham police said he had been interviewed a year ago about alleged bribery of players and once again only a few days ago.

Hancock's body was found in a reservoir in Derbyshire. Police did not say whether foul play was suspected.

A British Sunday newspaper, The People, has alleged over the last three weeks that many players have been bribed to throw matches in the English Soccer League.

Soccer matches in England carry millions of pounds of betting. If players have been bribed then a lot of money could go to the people who knew about the fixed games.

Police have been called in to investigate the allegations. Football Associatin bosses in England also are investigating the charges.

Allegations of bribery would not end with simple expulsion of the players. They could also offenders found guilty of corruption.

Several players involved in the allegations of bribery did not attend Monday's Football Association inquiry.

Russia Blasts Canada's Squad

OTTAWA (CP) — Criticisms of the way the Canadian Olympic hockey team was treated in Moscow during its pre-Olympic tour last winter have been labelled "biased and entirely false" by a Russian hockey official.

Art Potter, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, made the criticisms in an interview at Innsbruck, Austria, during the Olympics. He said the Canadians received bad publicity in the Moscow press and were unable to rest before their first exhibition game with the Russian Olympic team. The Russians won 8-1.

Vladimir Yegorov, trainer of the Russian B team, replied to Mr. Potter in an interview carried by Novosti press agency and distributed here by the Soviet Embassy said:

"It's true they had no time to rest before coming out on the ice to face our Olympic team. This question was discussed with the Canadian team officials and suggested that the first game be held a day later, but they declined the offer."

The Russian trainer said it was duly reported in the Moscow newspapers that the Canadians had been unable to show their best because of the short interval between their arrival and the start of the game.

Potter also had said the Russians did not play as clean as the Canadians.

"As for the Canadians, we're used to seeing them in sharp body-checking play," Yegorov said in his reply. "As a matter of fact, we learned these tactics from them, realizing that without it there would be very little progress for our boys. Modern hockey is unconceivable without it."

Yerogov suggested that Canadians, in turn, study some of the Russians' better points.

There are more than 300 repertory theatres in the Soviet Union and each one presents Shakespearean plays.

Ball Meeting Is Scheduled

An attempt to get Charlottetown, and possibly the Island, off to a successful baseball season will be made at the city's first organizational baseball meeting, scheduled for City Hall, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

At the meeting it is hoped there will be sufficient interest for persons to look into the possibility of forming an Island Senior Baseball League. Either on an interlocking or exhibition basis.

No organizational baseball meeting have been held in Summerside so far this season, but it is believed persons in the western capital may consider forming an Island loop. It is also hoped that teams in Kings County would be interested.

If plans can not be arranged for the formation of an Island League, there will undoubtably be a Charlottetown loop formed of four or possibly five teams.

The meeting has been called by Jim Fox, Charlottetown recreation director. Interested persons are iccouraged to attend.

LUSAKA (AP)—The British governor of Northern Rhodesia handed over control of the police Thursday to the government of Prime Minister Kenneth Kaunda. The move was interpreted as an expression of confidence in Kaunda's regime, which was reduced violence since it was elected four months ago.

Prominent Sports Names Suffer Society Conflict

By WILL GRIMSLEY

NEW YORK (AP) — Ed Budde, a rookie guard of the American Football League's Kansas City Chiefs, had his skull creased last month by an 18-inch piece of pipe during a brawl in a Kansas City tavern.

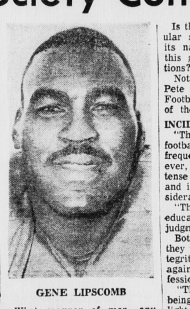
On New Year's Eve, Tony Parilli, a former member of Washington Redskins, was killed by a policeman when he, Parilli, was involved in a fight in a suburban Chicago bowling alley.

Two teammates of Philadelphia Eagles, halfback Ben Scotti and centre John Melleas, staged a vicious fight in a hotel room as the result of a derogatory remark.

Chester (Cookie) Gilchrist, Buffalo Bills slashing runner, and a former star of the Canadian football league, was arrested on charges of resisting and assaulting an officer. The giant NFL tackle, Gene (Big Daddy) Lipscomb, died of an overdose of narcotics.

STARS SUSPENDED

Two of the NFL's brightest stars, halfback Paul Hornung, Golden Boy of Green Bay, and defensive tackle Alex Karras of Detroit, were suspended a year for betting on games. Other players have been disciplined and warned about association with unsavory characters.



GENE LIPSCOMB

What manner of men, anyway, are these muscular young stalwarts who play their bone-rattling trade on Sunday afternoon before packed renas and millions of television viewers?

Are they carrying the vicious violence of the football field into their daily lives?

Is the prosperous, widely popular sport in danger of losing its national image because of this growing wave of indiscretions?

Not at all, say Commissioners Pete Rozelle of the National Football League and Joe Foss of the American League.

INCIDENTS INFREQUENT

"The incidents involving pro football players are rather infrequent," Rozelle said. "However, when they occur, the intense popularity of the sport and its participants incurs considerable publicity.

"The typical pro is well-educated and exercises good judgment."

Both Rozelle and Foss said they would stack the general integrity of pro football players against that of any other profession, inside or outside sports.

"They pay the penalty of being in the national limelight," Foss said.

"No matter where they go, even in respectable places, they are in danger of meeting some nut who wants to make a name for himself. It's like the old Wild West. They were always trying to beat the fastest gun.

Many Turn Out, Few Are Chosen

By MICHAEL BLAIR

VANCOUVER (CP) — Alfred Lord Tennyson was right about a lot of things but in the spring around these parts many a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of bashing a tackling dummy.

The cause of such an unseasonable preoccupation is the annual spring development camp held here for the last 14 years by British Columbia Lions of the Western Football Conference to test the home-grown talent.

This April 62 youths, the pick of last fall's crop in 31 high school teams and nine juvenile squads, thawed out their ligaments in 12 days of training and scrimmages under the expert eyes of Lions coaches and scouts from U.S. colleges.

Originally a straight tryout stint for the Lions, the development camp has become a shopping centre for the college scouts as well as a place where Lions brass can mark a potential pro for tracking through his college years.

Many of the 62 turned out with dreams of earning a football scholarship to an American university or college. But by past averages only about eight will find the dream comes true.

SOME MAKE GRADE

Eight scouts came shopping this year, including agents from the universities of Oregon and Colorado.

Among the fortunate few to get the nod or a nibble this year were giant Jordan Ellis, six-foot-four and 230 pounds of tackle, and a pair of 200-pound striplings, Rick McHale and Roy Borthwick.

Jordan, one of 11 development campers from outside Vancouver, is a Grade 12 pupil from Penticton who has been crunching enemy halfbacks in the Okanagan - Mainline high school circuit for three years. He hopes to be playing next year for Wenatchee, Wash., Junior College on a football scholarship.

Rick McHale, came here five years ago from London, Ont., and has played junior and senior ball since for Vancouver College, the all - boy Roman Catholic school where he is now in Grade 12.

"I've had an offer from Colorado scouts at the camp and they've offered me a full four-year scholarship if I'll play football for them," says Rick. "The University of Oregon also wants to talk to me and others say they are interested."

ROOKIE MAKES GOOD

Roy Borthwick is a prodigy in demand south of the border after only a single season's football. He excelled at rugger, basketball and track before trying football at Magee High School here. He joined the junior Meralomas, practised nightly from August to October with a game every Sunday in the Junior Big Four League and was picked for the Lions camp.

"I've had scholarship offers from several universities, including Oregon, and some junior colleges," Roy says. "I plan to become a professional football player after I get a business administration degree."

"They're top prospects and have a reasonable chance of going through college into professional ball," says Lions Coach Dave Skrien of the scholarship candidates.

"It was the best camp I've taken," adds Skrien, now in his fifth year with the Lions. "The leaguers' calibre of the youngsters shows an improvement in the abilities of high school coaches."

While many of the boys, who average 18 years old, are too light to be regarded as potential pros and even the standouts are "green material," in the words of Assistant Coach Jim Champion, "they have physical ability and what else do you need?"

If memories stay green while talent ripens, the Lions organization can count on future dividends.

Both McHale and Borthwick, grateful for the breaks the development camp created, say they want to return to Vancouver and play for the Lions when they finish college.

Rifle Club Holding Shoot

The Charlottetown Rifle Club will hold their championship shoot at the RCMP - rifle range tonight, beginning at 7.00 p.m.

Each shooter will fire two targets for an aggregate of 200 points. The winner will be presented the Williams Trophy, emblamatic of the club championship.

The shoot will be classified and prizes will be presented in each division.

PROBABLE PITCHERS

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

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

National League

San Francisco, Marichal (2-0) at Chicago, Ellsworth (1-1).

Los Angeles, Podres (0-1) at Houston, Johnson (2-1), (N).

Philadelphia, Mahaffey (0-0) at Cincinnati, O'Toole (2-0), (N).

Pittsburgh, Friend (2-0) at Milwaukee, Lemaster (1 - 1), (N).

New York, Jackson (1-2) at St. Louis Broglio (1-1), (N).

American League

Cleveland, Donovan (1-0) at Minnesota, Roland (0-1).

Chicago, Pizarro (1-0) at New York, Downing (0-0).

Baltimore, Roberts (1-0) at Boston, Lamabe (2-0).

Washington, Osteen (1-2) at Los Angeles, Latman (0-1), (N).

Detroit Lary (0-1) at Kansas City, Segui (0-2), (N).

Kentucky Derby Drawing Near

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Come mud or high water, Kentucky Derby favorite Hill Rise races over the rain - soaked Churchill Downs strip today as the outstanding choice to whip six other three-year-olds in the one-mile of the $153,000-added Derby trial.

The West Coast champion from George Pope's El Peco ranch, 8-5 choice to take down the major share of the $125,000-added run for the Roses Saturday, never has tested his speed and stamina on an off track.

Hill Rise, winner of the Santa Anita Derby, has not raced since taking the forerunner at Keeneland April 17 with a performance that failed to impress horsemen. Willie Shoemaker will be in the saddle.

For at least three of the trial starters the race is a must. trainers of Mr. Moonlight, winner of the Gotham at Aqueduct, Clem Pac and the Canadian entry, Grand Garcon, said the result will determine whether their hopefuls run Saturday in the United States most glamorous horse race.

If Grand Garcon owned by Frank Sherman of Hamilton, Ont., faces the starter late Saturday afternoon before the expected crowd of 100,000, he'll give Canada two representatives.

Northern Dancer, owned by Toronto Industrialist E. P. Taylor who also bred Grand Garcon, is the 2-1 second choice after his victories in the Flamingo at Hialeah Park, the Florida Derby at Gulf-Stream and a top-drawer performance in last week's Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland.

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Drysdale (1-1), and Roseboro, Camilli (8); Brown (0-2), Giusti (4), Hoerner (6), Yellen (8) and Bateman. HRs: Fairly (2), W. Davis (2), Howard (6).

PROCESSED MORE OIL

After 101 days of the 1963-64 Antarctic whaling season, Norway's four expeditions had processed 232,525 barrels of oil.

GRENADE INJURES MEN

SAIGON (AP) — A terrorist tossed a grenade Sunday night into a civilian recreation club at Rach Gia, 120 miles southwest of Saigon, and injured four South Vietnamese and three American military personnel. Witnesses said the tosser appeared at the open door of the club, threw the smoking grenade, then vanished. The explosion shattered the clubroom.

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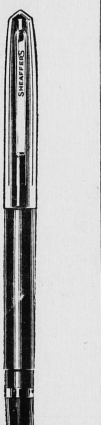

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