

Loop To Operate As Independent

HANTSPORT, N.S. (CP)—The Eastern Senior Baseball League decided at a weekend meeting here to operate as an independent league for a year. The decision means, in effect, that the league will operate without Nova Scotia Amateur Baseball Association jurisdiction. Team representatives from NSABA scheduled required the

league to cut its season play and enter playoffs at too early a date.

Officials said that although the league winner will not participate in Nova Scotia or Maritime playoffs this year it will likely meet post-season "challengers." Last year's champions, Hantsport Shamrocks, went on to win both the provincial and Maritime senior titles.

Hantsport, Halifax and Kentville are listed as definite starters and a Dartmouth entry is assured if it can find a suitable home playing field.

Swiss Seeking Canadian Coach

MONTREAL (CP)—Switzerland is looking for a Canadian coach for its national hockey team, Bob Label, president of the International Ice Hockey Federation, said Monday.

He said he has received a cable from the Swiss Hockey Federation asking for help in locating one. The season would run from September to March.

Milwaukee Has 'Power Failure'

MILWAUKEE (AP)—If Milwaukee Braves seem to be stumbling around like a fellow in a dark hallway full of roller skates, the reason may be a power failure—sort of a short circuit in the middle of the batting order.

Take Sunday's doubleheader with Houston, for instance. In the home eighth, Mack Jones led off with a triple—his fourth hit of the game. Then the power began its parade to the plate in a manner to warm manager Birdie Tebbett's heart and comfort Warren Spahn, who was driving hard to maintain a 3-2 lead.

But Henry Aaron lined softly to short Eddie Mathews popped to the second baseman, and Joe Adcock fouled out. Jones died on third.

Spahn took no chances the rest of the way. He struck out the last two men who faced him.

For another instance: In the fourth inning of the second game, there were runners on second and third, again with nobody out. This time Adcock, Frank Bolling and Joe

Torre duplicated the power blackout—a soft ball to short, then one to second, and finally a pop foul.

Tebbetts was still brooding about that second game (size Monday), even though his charges finally lost the contest, 9-1.

"They had a pitcher warming up and if we had got a couple of hits and a couple of runs when we had that chance in the fourth, we might have gotten rid of Dick Farrell. The score was only 3-1 at the time and they weren't at all sure how far Farrell could go as a starting pitcher."

Tebbetts' life was further complicated when "something popped" in Mathews' shoulder in the first inning of the second game. Although Mathews is batting a blistering .262—the same as Hank Aaron and 37 percentage points better than Adcock—he has hit six home runs.

Monday, the medical report on Mathews said he had a wrenched muscle and probably would be inactive for only a day or two. Meanwhile, only Del Crandall

LEADING AL BATTERS

Young Outfielder Proves Hot Item For Athletics

NEW YORK (AP)—Kansas City Athletics picked up a hot item last December when they obtained young Manny Jimenez from Milwaukee Braves in a five-player trade.

The 23-year-old outfielder from the Dominican Republic leads the American League in batting with a .391 average.

Jimenez took over the top spot when Floyd Robinson of Chicago White Sox tumbled from

of the high voltage veterans is keeping up the current of base hits—15 for 45, for a .33 average—and he is playing only about half the time as Tebbetts brings along his young catchers,

.441 to .381. Robinson collected only seven hits in 29 tries last week.

Jimenez, a .325 hitter for Vancouver of the Pacific Coast League last year, accompanied catcher Joe Azcue and infielder Ed Charles to A's in exchange for pitcher Bob Shaw and infielder Lou Klimchok.

In 21 games, Jimenez has collected 25 hits, including two doubles and four homers. He has driven in 11 runs.

MANTLE MOVES UP Mickey Mantle of New York Yankees moved from fifth to third in the batting order on the strength of an eight point advance to .367. Rich Rollins, Min-

nesota's rookie third baseman, also climbed two notches to fourth at .348. Jerry Lumpe of Kansas City is fifth at .343.

In the National League, Harvey Kuenn of San Francisco Giants, a former American League batting champion, is the No. 1 batsman with a .383 mark.

Kuenn was sidelined for a week with an injured toe, but returned to the regular lineup Sunday and had two hits, including a home run, in five times at bat.

Stan Musial, veteran St. Louis outfielder, and Tony Gonzalez of Philadelphia, are deadlocked for second place at .375. Curt Flood of Cardinals, the pace-

setter a week ago, dropped to fourth. He managed only six safeties in 32 trips and his average fell from .435 to .351.

Willie Mays of Giants slammed four home runs last week and took over the National League lead with 10. Lewon Wagner, a former teammate now with Los Angeles Angels, walked three circuit bloop and heads American League with nine.

Orlando Cepeda of San Francisco moved into the top position in the National League with 29 runs batted in. The slugging first baseman had 10 RBI last week. White Sox' Robinson tops the American with 27.

Probable Pitchers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Probable pitchers for today's major league games, won and lost records in parentheses: American League

Boston (Munbouquette 2-2) at New York (Ford 2-1) (N). Detroit (Moss 3-3) at Los Angeles (Grba 1-0) (N).

Cleveland (Donovan 4-0) at Minnesota (Kaat 1-3) (N). Kansas City (Rakow 3-1) at Baltimore (Pappas 2-1) (N). Chicago (Buzhardt 4-1) at Washington (Rudolph 0-0) (N).

National League San Francisco (Marshall 4-3) at St. Louis (Jackson 3-2) (N). Los Angeles (Koufax 4-2) at Houston (Woodeshick 2-1 or Johnson 0-4) (N).

Philadelphia (Mahaffey 2-3) at Cincinnati (O'Toole 2-3) (N). New York (Hook 1-1 or Craig 1-3) at Chicago (Cardwell 0-4 or Ellsworth 2-3).

Pittsburgh (Francis 1-2) at Milwaukee (Piche 1-0) (N).

Decidedly Not At Peak Yet Says Trainer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Decidedly won't the Kentucky Derby in record-shattering time but his trainer feels the grey colt still hasn't hit his peak.

"He will be at the best in July or August," said trainer Horatio Luro before the El Peco Ranch's champion headed east Monday for Baltimore and the Preakness.

Luro said Decidedly has a "beautiful co-ordination in his movements. It enables him to handle any kind of track."

This, he added, should give Decidedly a good chance to pick up racing's triple crown.

The last derby winner to capture the Preakness and the Belmont was Calumet Farm's Citation in 1948.

From all indications, Decidedly came out of Saturday's race in fine fettle after stepping the 1 1/4 miles in 2:00 2/5 to shave one second off Whirlaway's 1941 record.

Roman Line, who finished second in the derby, leaves today or Wednesday for the Preakness.

Barney Hartman Heads Qualifiers

ST. JANVIER, Que. (CP)—Squadron Leader Barney Hartman, a peerless sharpshooter from Ottawa, headed a group of four men who qualified Monday for positions on the national skeet-shooting team.

The team will participate in the 1962 world shooting championships in Cairo in October. Hugh Garland and Eddy Turve, both of Montreal, finished second and third.

Hartman scored 197 out of a possible 200 to win by a decisive margin, thus continuing his domination of Canadian skeet-shooting.

Garland finished with 189, Turve with 187.

A shoot-off was necessary to decide fourth spot, when Les Clegg of Montreal and Air Commodore Peter Gilchrist of St. Hubert RCAF Station tied at 158.

Clegg grabbed the spot when the air force officer missed the 25th bird in the shoot-off.

Italy, Russia Meet In May

ROME (AP)—Italy and Russia will meet in their second round European zone Davis Cup encounter at Florence, Italy, May 18-20.

Russia, in its debut in the Davis Cup tournament, qualified for the second round by eliminating Holland. Italy drew a bye.

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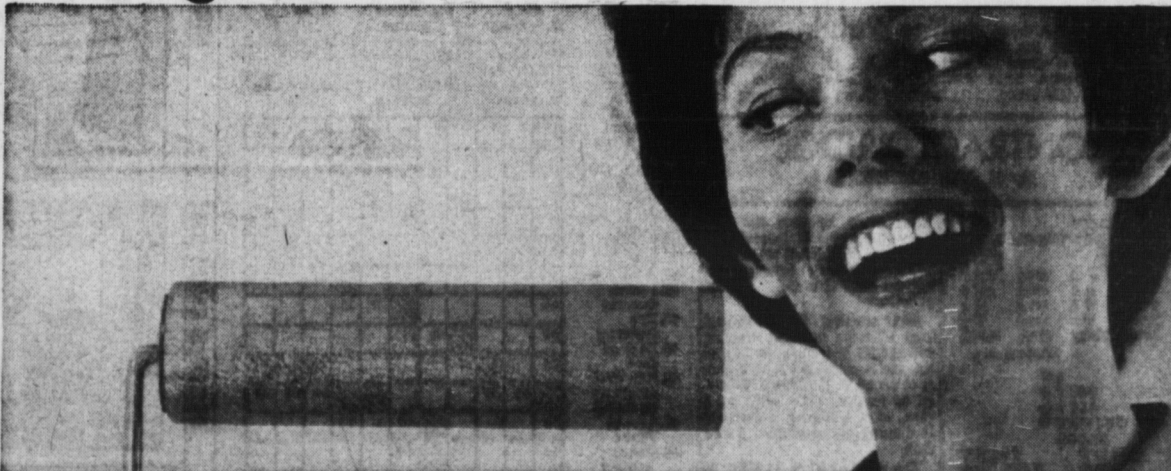
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