

Walt Alston Named N.L. "Manager Of The Year"

By JOE REICHLER

NEW YORK (AP)—Walter Alston, first to bring a world championship to Brooklyn, was voted the National League's "manager-of-the-year" Monday by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

The 44-year-old Ohioan, who succeeded where 11 other managers failed, received 57 of the 99 votes cast by major league writers in an annual poll conducted by The Associated Press to lead the rest of the field by a comfortable margin.

Mayo Smith, who in his freshman season piloted Philadelphia into fourth place, was runner-up with 30 votes. Leo Duro-

cher, who resigned at the end of the season after his defending champion New York Giants wound up a poor third, was named on nine ballots to land third place.

One vote each went to Birdie Tebbets of the fifth-place Cincinnati Reds and Fred Haney of the last-place Pittsburgh Pirates. Haney was replaced by Bobby Bragan at the end of the season.

Somewhat of a "goat" in 1953 when the Dodgers, in their first year under his direction, finished a disappointing second, Alston is now one of Brooklyn's "heroes" as a result of the Dodgers' easy pennant victory and World Series triumph over their perennial tormentors, New York Yankees.

MORE CONFIDENT

Baseball writers who didn't take too kindly to him at first, agree last season that he was a better manager than in his freshman year when he was uncertain, unimaginative and too conservative. In 1955 he showed greater confidence, made bolder moves and acted more independently.

Many observers believed that Alston's managing had much to do with the team's great playing that paved the way for the Dodgers' brilliant getaway that produced 22 victories in the first 24 games.

There is one dissenter, however. His name is Walter Alston. The big, easy-going former teacher doesn't think he is a better manager now.

"I'm the same manager," he says. "I didn't get the club any differently this year than last year. Injuries hurt us in 1954, breaks helped us in 1955."

Although he is sitting on top of the world, Alston remains quiet and unassuming and given to talking himself down.

"I didn't do very much," he said, speaking of his performance. "I didn't pitch a ball and I didn't get a base hit. The players did all that. All of them. It was a 25-man job."

The six-foot Alston spent his entire playing career in the minors except for a brief fling with St. Louis Cardinals.

He turned to managing in 1940. He won the American Association pennant there in 1949. He also captured the International League pennant at Montreal in 1951, the playoff in 1952 and beat Kansas City in the junior world series in 1953.



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Mayor Stewart Officially Opens New Sports Arena

His Worship Mayor J. D. Stewart, Minister of Health and Welfare, officially opened the Sports Arena last evening and welcomed the opening night skating crowd to the newly renovated and repainted building.

In his brief remarks His Worship congratulated Mr. Carl Burke and his partner Mr. Fred Briggs for their initiative and public spirit shown in the purchase of the old Forum and commended them for their interest in the development of the youth of the city.

Other distinguished guests present at center ice for the opening ceremonies were His Honor Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse, the Governor's aide Lieut. Col. H.

Rogers, E.D., Earl MacDonald, Minister of Health and Welfare representing the province, Earl Nicholson, program director of the Sports Arena and Carl F. Burke.

Governor Prowse and Mr. MacDonald also spoke briefly and both congratulated Mr. Burke and his associates and wished them much success in their efforts to promote sport in Charlottetown.

Brigadier A. W. Reid acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Mr. Burke also spoke and in his remarks he said that he was happy to have the chance to be of service to the people of Charlottetown and hoped that the public would support the various sports events that will be taking place at the Forum.

Following the opening ceremonies a first night crowd of an estimated 1100 people swarmed on the ice surface to enjoy the first skating session held in Charlottetown since last spring.

P.E.I. Branch A.A.U. To Meet

The P. E. I. Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada will hold its postponed annual meeting in the offices of the Workmen's Compensation Board, Thursday evening at 8 p.m. This meeting was postponed from the spring to conform with the meetings of other branches of the Union.

In addition to the usual routine business of the Branch there will be a special meeting to discuss plans for the next year's promotion of the game. There will also be a discussion on the jurisdiction of hockey in the Province not presently under control of the M. A. H. A.

Suspended For Drugging Horses

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York State Harness Racing Commission Monday suspended Fred Gromberg of St. Albans, N.Y., his wife, Gertrude M. Gromberg Jr., for one year for administering a drug to a horse in a race at Yonkers Raceway, Nov. 1.

JR. CANADIENS MAY PLAY HERE

Earl Nicholson, program director of the Sports Arena announced last night that the Montreal Junior Canadiens may be making an appearance here. Negotiations have not as yet been completed with the junior club but if they come it will be one week from tonight, Nov. 22.

Eleven players from intermediate and junior ranks from Charlottetown together with a forward line and two defencemen of Canadians will make up the opposing team.



LEADS N.H.L. SCORING

Jean Beliveau, Montreal Canadiens' great centre, is the National Hockey League's top scorer. He leads the points parade with 10 goals and 12 assists for 22 points. His 10 goals are matched by Ted Lindsay and Tod Sloan. Big Bill Gadsby is followed in points by teammate Bert Olmstead (20), Dave Creighton, N. Y. (17), Ron Murphy, Y. (16), Rocket Richard (16), Alex Delvecchio of Detroit (14), and Andy Bathgate of Rangers (14).

T.D. Morrison New Pres. Of S'side Curling Club

Mr. Theron D. Morrison will open for curling on Saturday, December 3rd. The full slate of officers elected last night is as follows: president - J. K. Curran; vice president - Theron D. Morrison; treasurer - G. J. Hayes; secretary - T. Earle Hickey; directors - Roy Grant and Cliff Ramsay.

CORRECTION

SKATING HOURS SPORTS ARENA
 Mon-Wed-Friday nights 8-10
 Mon-Wed afternoons 4 to 5:30
 Saturday 2.30 to 4.30



OPENING OF SPORTS ARENA

Above Mr. Carl F. Burke, one of the owners of the Charlottetown Sports Arena, addresses the audience at the official opening of the arena last night. Also in the picture are (l-r) Earl Nicholson, program director of the arena, Lieut. Col. H. Rogers, Earl MacDonald, Minister of Health and Welfare, Mayor J. D. Stewart, Brig. W. W. Reid and Lieut. Governor T. W. L. Prowse. (Barter's Film Lab)

In This Corner Nomads Proved They Are Best Senior Rugby Team

This is about as good a time as any to give the Nomads a great pat on the back. Whether they will emerge as McCurdy Cup champions or not the Nomads under the leadership of Dr. Frank Jelks have proved themselves the best senior team in the Maritimes and we would be the last to be surprised if they were the new holders of that old cup come Sunday next Saturday.

They have done a long way since they dropped their first game of the season to the even then well conditioned St. Dunstan's squad. As they picked up speed following their loss to the New Glasgow Grads in the league opener they steamrollered over every team that has faced them. Not one of the games they have played since the first has been even remotely close. Never content with merely a win the Nomads never stop trying to push across for extra points whether they have a 5 or 50 point lead.

This is known as spirit. The Nomads have plenty of it and this is just a little surprising when it is considered that they are not doing or dying for any dear old alma mater. The players on the Nomad team have nothing to win but a little glory. They haven't the incentive of monetary gain nor pride in any ivy-walled institution spur them on, yet they played Saturday as if the world's championship and a million dollars rested on the outcome of every encounter.

They play hard yet they play fair and clean. They have received the plaudits of fans in Amherst and in other centres for their clean play. Not a player on the team would go out of his way to deliberately put an opposing player out of the game. They hit hard and they play rough in spots. But then rugby is a rough game.

There is probably no other sport in which teamwork is so important as it is in rugby. When a player emerges as a star it is not only due to his own ability but also to the ability of his teammates. Such is the case with the Nomads and Dave MacLeod. Dave has a world of football ability; there is no doubt about that. He is running something to see. He has speed, all kinds of it and what is even more important he knows how to run. If an opponent gets the idea that he can tackle Dave after letting him get a little steam up he usually ends up with his nose in the turf, quite sad, but a little wiser.

Dave has been quite a star with the Nomads all season long. How ever he has gotten some tremendous help from such players as Dave Nicholson, who has to scoop

Gary Simon KO's Elois Durelle

NEW GLASGOW (CP)—Gary Simon, 159½, New Glasgow, scored a seventh-round knockout over middleweight Elois Durelle, 155, of Baie Ste. Anne, N.B., in a scheduled 10-round Saturday night fight. Simon had Durelle on the canvas twice in the fifth round for nine counts. The brother of Canadian lightweight champion Yvon Durelle, held on the sixth but was felled for the full count after 29 seconds of the seventh. He needed help to reach his corner.

It was the third meeting for the pair this year. Each won a decision.

RECORD PAY

LAUREL, Md., (AP)—Richard B. Pond's Stepage and Robert Leapley's Hunter's Run returned \$1,446 in the daily double on Laurel's first two races Saturday. Bettors held 87 \$2 tickets on the combination.

Is Suspended

SYDNEY (CP)—Notice of suspension of forward Don Rubie of Saint John Beavers, Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League team was received Monday by secretary-registrar C. E. Campbell of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association from George E. Dudley, secretary-manager of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. The notice said the suspension was imposed by the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States, which is affiliated with the C. A. H. A., because he left Saint John, Marie Indians without permission and without release. Saint John officials are endeavoring to get Rubie cleared.

Beavers Edge Hawks 6-5 To Tie For First Place

SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP)—Saint John Beavers edged Moncton Hawks 6-5 Monday night and rose to a first place tie with the idle Amherst Ramblers in the Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League while Hawks stayed in the cellar two points under Fredericton Capitals.

A 3-0 first period lead gave Beavers enough momentum for the win. Hawks outscored the flattails 3-2 in the second and 2-1 in the third. With 33 seconds to go, Moncton took out goalie Nick Pidsodny for a fruitless six-man attack.

Ron Rubie and Frank Kuzma scored two each for Beavers, with Nick Nicolle and Wally Kullman also counting. Kullman was in on three other scoring plays. Orin Carver set up two Moncton tallies by Ray Leduc in the middle frame. Bob Bonness, Ron Dorrington and Lorne Pirie fired singles.

The Beavers lineup included forward Rubie despite an unofficial report that he had been suspended for allegedly leaving Sault Ste. Marie Indians without permission and without release. Officials said between periods that no official notice of such suspension had been received.

Summary:—
 First period: 1. Saint John, Kuzma (Puddicombe, Kullman) 2:30; 2. Saint John, Rubie (Jones, Palladino) 5:38; 3. Saint John, Rubie (Kullman, Hinchberger) 9:07.
 Penalty: White 7:02.
 Second period: 4. Saint John, Nicolle (Brklacich) 3:14; 5. Moncton, Leduc (Carver) 7:22; 6. Saint John, Kullman (Hamilton, Brklacich) 9:40; 7. Moncton, Bonness (Hennessy, Dorrington) 16:32; 8. Moncton, Leduc (Carver) 19:33.
 Penalties: Kuzma :30, 10:59, Maceoed major 3:42, Palladino major 3:42, White 5:58, Kullman 18:33.
 Third period: 9. Saint John, Kuzma (Puddicombe, Kullman) :58; 10. Moncton, Dorrington (Hennessy, Bonness) 6:14; 11. Moncton, Pirie (Leduc, Houle) 17:34.
 Penalty: White 8:20.

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Whether or not the Nomads capture the McCurdy Cup they have done themselves and Charlottetown real proud. They deserve the official Centennial year celebrations are over but it is still 1955 and the Nomads are one of the two teams in the 100 year history of the city to ever win the Maritime Senior Rugby Championship.

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