

SPORTS FRONT

Late Season Spoils Series

By CHRIS ANNETT

Well... for all intents and purposes the baseball season for 1965-66 ended Thursday afternoon with the completion of the World Series but it is still the same old story in the Maritime playoffs. They just aren't finished.

Why, year after year, do the playoffs have to run on so far into the fall that followers of the game have to bundle themselves into their winter apparel and shiver throughout a thrilling playoff game? One veteran observer of the local baseball scene whom I talked to can actually remember scoring a game while it was snowing at Memorial Field. There are not any Astrodomes situated in this area. Why do Maritime baseball officials persist in holding playoffs too late?

Geography you say? Quebec Provincial baseball playoffs were completed almost a month ago and they have to travel just as far from here to Halifax, Fredericton or Moncton to get to the grounds but Maritime players surely shouldn't get seasick.

These late playoffs not only deprive the fans of enjoying the game but also hinder the players. To begin with any team needs practice, and I feel that I can safely say that one could count the number of evenings that the Legion team has practiced in the past month on the fingers of one hand. Rain, wind, cold, early darkness, all conspire against ball practices in the fall and hence the lack of practices. That the Legion was not sharp was demonstrated only too vividly in the second game of the double header played last weekend. Remember it? The Legion took it's first loss ever in playoff competition. Then too, the fall is a time for football and how many members of a baseball team feel like taking off the pads at 5:45 and heading to go and practice ball until nightfall? Not too many I bet.

However enough complaining. Charlottetown Legion Juniors, Summerside Intermediate All-Stars and Borden Nationals all are slated for weekend games and none have an easy task at hand.

The surprising Nats in pursuit of the Maritime Intermediate 'C' softball title definitely have the upper hand in their series with Glace Bay. Borden won the first game of the best of three series 7-4 in Glace Bay last weekend and did it the hard way, coming back from a four run deficit. MacWilliams and Ramsay are the pitching stalwarts behind the Borden attack.

Summerside Intermediates certainly have reason to be optimistic about their rubber match for the Maritime Intermediate 'A' baseball crown. Donnie Schurman is finally coming back to his old form on the mound and although Gerald Smith has been steady for most of the season he seems to have lost his control when it counts the most... in the playoffs. A four hitter certainly sounds impressive but when eleven runners reach base on balls the performance dims considerably in luster. Schurman then should be the best bet for the Summerside starting pitcher, and, if the sometimes leaky infield should come up with a fair game, the All-Stars should bring home the marbles.

Finally comes Mike Kelly or rather the Charlottetown Legion Juniors who started in the Legions 1-0 victory over the Halifax Royals last weekend as he has all season, but should have a bad day on Sunday afternoon the Legion is in trouble. Although a win is a win the Legion won 'on breaks' to quote manager Charlie Ryan.

Why does everyone play solid ball behind Kelly and let Weatherdown? The team has been right in the game for all of Kelly's stints on the mound, but in the second game last weekend the Legion 'quit' according to Ryan. It was a revealing sight to say the least and a lot of people are wondering if the team as a whole can come back and play the great calibre of ball which it has displayed for the past five years.

RAMBLINGS...

Saint Dunstan's Varsity gridsters meet the SMU Huskies in a regular Bluenose Conference today and it will be interesting to see just how long the Saints can stay on the same turf with the Halifax crew. Desperately short on manpower, but high on spirit the Saints have put up a great showing in the first half of every encounter this season but have not had the personnel to stay with the bigger and more experienced clubs. The classic example is last week's tilt against Shearwater. I imagine the Flyers did a bit of soul searching when they left the field with only a 13-0 lead after the half. However they really pounded the locals physically in the second half and while the spirit was willing the flesh was weak. Hilton's club plays a very good brand of ball but they just cannot expect to win by trying to outpitch opposing clubs. MacAleer showed plenty of noise and accuracy with the passing attack against Dal and it is no secret that Driscoll can throw too. If only the club would put more emphasis on its short passing game I believe that it would give local fans some pleasant surprises before the season comes to end.

On the other hand the Saints high school team has proven itself much too strong for both Montague and Summerside to handle. The fact that the club plans to play its defensive lineup in the place of the offense tomorrow in Montague points to this, but I feel that this is going a bit to extremes. It would be a lot more logical for coaches Parker Lund and Ian MacDonald to give the squad several new plays a game and let them perfect these rather than stick with the old attack which has proven itself more than adequate. In Souris, the real sleeper in the loop is going to give the Red and White a good tussle for its money and I am calling the rugged Easterners to win the Potato Bowl, emblematic of the P.E.I. High School Championship.

Eight Dash Card Set For Tonight

A race humdinger of a harness racing program is slated for Charlottetown Driving Park tonight at 7:30. This is an eight-dash affair and action is guaranteed in each and every one of the races. All dashes look mighty tough to pick and pays, like last Saturday, should surely be on the high side.

Last week those fortunate enough to pick the victors went away from the cashiers' windows with handsome returns. Chances are the payoffs will be even greater tonight.

That class with four horses should provide two great races. Fair Sail has the rail in the opening jaunt, with Mr. Charming scoring second, Nimble Knight third and Willard's Choice on the outside. Any one of these four has a perfect chance to head the parade to the wire.

Races four and eight seem action-packed. The trotter, Bitty Silver, leaves on the rail but even this advantage should be hardly enough. The competition is rugged in these dashes and is provided by Cyclone Kelly, Dennis Herbert, Rollomatic, Asket and Chuch H.

Getting the program underway will be Jolly Wayne, Knight Way, True Lady Lou, Dixie Lou, Keziah, Free Chance and Lucky Lark. They'll do a repeat performance in dash five.

The other class has a full field of eight. They go in races three, four, seven and eight. The first time out it will be the first quintella race. Picking a winner in this bunch should prove a financial success.

Patrons are reminded that tonight's races start at 7:30, that's one-half hour earlier than usual. Make it a point to take in this great harness racing action.

ENEMY BEAT NEWS Mackinac Island, Mich., was captured by the British during the War of 1812 before the Americans knew war had been declared.

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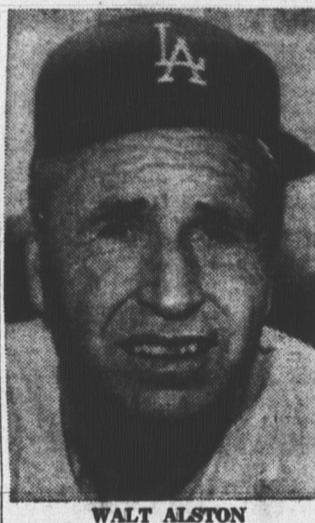


TORONTO TO SALUTE SHATTO

Halfback Dick Shatto winds up his professional football career Saturday when he plays his last game with Toronto Argonauts. And Saturday has been officially designated in Toronto as Dick Shatto Day. Shatto, who took out citizenship in May, 1962, is a retail salesman with a Toronto radio station.

Dodger Mentor Alston Voted Manager Of Year

By BEN OLAN NEW YORK (AP) Walter Alston, the quiet man who piloted Los Angeles Dodgers to a rousing seven-game World Series victory over Minnesota Twins, was named National League manager of the year for 1965 in the annual Associated Press poll Friday. Alston collected 171 votes in the balloting by 328 sports writers and sportscasters. Herman Franks of San Francisco Giants was second with 115 votes followed by Harry Walker of Pittsburgh Pirates with 31. The voting was based on regular season performances. This is the third time the 55-year-old Alston has been selected for the honor. He was named in 1955 and 1959, both times after the Dodgers won the pennant. Alston's managerial ability was put to a stiffer test this year than in any previous season. The Dodgers finished sixth in 1964 and few gave them a chance to win the flag, most selecting St. Louis, Cincinnati or Philadelphia. And when star outfielder Tommy Davis suffered a fractured left ankle May 1 the Dodgers had even fewer supporters.



WALT ALSTON

Early in September, though, the Dodgers slumped and on the 15th of the month dropped into third place, 4 1/2 games behind the leading Giants. They then won 13 in a row, and clinched first place on Oct. 2. Alston became the Dodgers' manager in 1954 while the club still was in Brooklyn. Before that, he managed Dodgers farm clubs in the International and New England leagues and the American Association.

Franks and Walker both directed big league ball clubs for the first time this past season. The Giants finished second with a 95-67 record, two games behind Los Angeles; while the Pirates, after a dismal start, wound up in the No. 3 position, seven games out. Bobby Bragan of the fifth-place Milwaukee Braves and Dick Sisler, deposed manager of fourth-place Cincinnati Reds, also received votes. Bragan had seven and Sisler four.

Full NFL Slate Is Scheduled

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Minnesota gets a chance this weekend to get back some of its lost sports prestige. Hard on the heels of the Twins' loss to Los Angeles Dodgers in baseball's World Series, Minnesota Vikings play host Sunday to Chicago Bears in one of the top tests of a full weekend of U.S. professional football.

If the up-and-coming Bears pull an upset it would undoubtedly mean an end to the Vikings' dream of the National Football League Western title. The Vikings are 2-2 and the Bears 1-3 in win-loss records.

The improving Bears put things together last week for their first victory, 31-6 over Los Angeles Rams. But the Vikings also pulled out of a spin, mangling New York Giants 40-14. In another Western division match Sunday, Green Bay Packers, the league's only unbeaten team with a 4-0 record, meet Detroit Lions, 3-1.

Baltimore Colts, also 3-1, are at Washington Redskins, Dallas Cowboys are at Cleveland Browns, St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Steelers, Philadelphia Eagles at New York Giants and San Francisco at Los Angeles Rams in other Sunday contests.

Ch'town Juniors Play On Sunday

The Charlottetown Legion Juniors take to the field this Sunday afternoon at Memorial Field when they meet the Halifax Orioles in the final game of the best two out of three for the Maritime Junior Championship. The game is slated to start at 2 o'clock.

Last weekend, at Memorial Field, the Legionaires, behind the two hit pitching of Mike Kelly and the golden gloves of the fielders, sneaked by the Nova Scotia champs 1-0. However disaster struck in the second game of the double header when the locals lost their first game in series play, since the aggregation was formed in the midget ranks, 6-4. Mike Kelly will be on the mound again this weekend for the locals and the other positions will be tended to by the regular gang.

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Canada's Losingest Team Puts Record On The Line

By THE CANADIAN PRESS The only team with nothing to gain in Canadian Football League action in the east this weekend is Toronto Argonauts. But this has been the case with Argos practically all season. Sporting an embarrassing 1-10 record, the Argos play host today to Montreal Alouettes. The Alouettes, four points back of the idle Ottawa Rough Riders in Eastern Football Conference standings, are still in position to make second spot although the odds aren't in their favor. The only other game in the east has first-place Hamilton Tiger-Cats taking on British Columbia Lions in an interlocking game at Hamilton Sunday.

Triple Boxing Ch'ship Set To Go Tonight

By DON LeBLANC SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—National champions in two divisions lay their titles on the line here tonight while a Nova Scotian and New Brunswicker battle for the vacant flyweight championship in the first triple-crown card in Canadian professional boxing. Peter Schmidt of Toronto, 29-year-old Canadian welter weight champion who has won and lost the title four times, meets tough Lennie Sparks of Halifax in the 12-round main event. Sparks, 25, is making his first shot at the title. Schmidt was making no predictions Friday night but he said if there is a chance for a knock-out "I'll be there. If not, I'm ready for 12 rounds."

Bantamweight champion Jackie Burke of Saint John makes his first title defense against Jo Jo Jackson of New Glasgow, N.S., the only man to defeat Burke as a professional. In the other championship match, Alex Martin of Trenton, N.S., and Dickie Peterson of Saint John meet in a scheduled 12-rounder for the flyweight crown vacant since 1959. SPARKS CONFIDENT Sparks, who turned professional after two amateur fights, said he will carry the fight to Schmidt and predicted a knock-out victory in the early rounds. "I can beat him and I THINK I can knock him out in eight rounds," said Sparks who has won 19 of 36 fights by knock-

outs. His record is 31-1-4. Schmidt regained the title by defeating Armand Savoie of Montreal in a match arranged after champion Joey Durelle was dethroned for refusing to fight on a contracted date. Durelle took the title from Schmidt earlier. In his last fight, Schmidt dropped a unanimous 10-round decision to former world champion Sugar Ray Robinson two weeks ago in Johnstown, Pa. He said he will meet Robinson again Nov. 1 at Toronto "if I get through this one without any cuts." The Schmidt-Robinson rematch would be the semi-final to the Ernie Terrell - George Chavalu world heavyweight title bout at Maple Leaf Gardens.

HAS WEIGHT EDGE Sparks, who has sparred about 150 rounds in training for the fight, is expected to hold a four-pound weight advantage over the taller Schmidt, a 148-pounder. Burke, who won his bantamweight crown by beating Johnny Devision of Glace Bay, N.S., a year ago at New Glasgow, was undefeated until he met Jackson three weeks ago. He refused to answer the bell for the third round of their 10-round non-title match at Shediac, N.B., after a six-stitch cut was opened over his eye. Jackson said he will finish the champion in seven rounds. Both fighters are expected to tip the scales at 117. Both are 22.

Gary Player, Thompson To Compete In Playoff

VIRGINIA WATER, England (AP)—Gary Player, U.S. open golf champion from South Africa, and Australia's Peter Thomson, the British open king, survived two thrilling matches Friday and reached the final of the Piccadilly world professional match play tournament. They tee off today as sole survivors of the invited field of eight for the first prize of \$14,000 and the runner's purse of \$8,400. Thomson eliminated the defender, Arnold Palmer of LeRocbe, Pa., 1 up. Player defeated Tony Lema of San Leandro, Calif. after 37 holes. Thompson was 4 up on Palmer at one time and Lema 7 up at the second hole of the 36-hole semi-finals came down the stretch.

STAYED BEHIND Palmer never led the quiet, imperturbable Thompson. The best he managed was to be all square at the ninth in the morning and again at the 33rd in the afternoon. The American star went to lunch three down but fought back and shot an afternoon four-under-par 70 on the 6,997-yard par - 74 Wentworth course. Palmer lost his greatest chance at the 556-yard par five 17th in the afternoon. One down, he hit the green in two, only 20 feet away. However, he three putted the second from only two feet. That got him a half when he needed the win. At the 18th, he holed a 12-footer for a birdie four but Thomson two-putted for a matching birdie and the decision.

The Player-Lema match was a study in contrasts. Lema shot a seven-under-par 67 in the morning and went 6-up. He had six birdies on the back nine, five of them in a row. Player came out after lunch to lose the first hole and go 7-down.

John Carr, of the Charlottetown Rural, led the pack with teammate Kenny Rodd coming in second, Eric Chandler of Birchwood High School placed third. Since Prince of Wales College was the only institute entered in the senior division, 2 1/2 miles. However they face competition in the Provincial meet to be held next Friday at Kensington Regional High School. The field is scheduled to start at 5 o'clock.

Int. 'C' Finals Set To Go Today

The Maritime Intermediate 'C' softball final will be played this afternoon at the Borden ball diamond beginning at 2:00. A second game, if necessary will be played immediately following the first encounter.

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RACING MARITIME

Seven single and one double dash constitute the nine dash card running at Brunswick Downs, Moncton, today; the double dash makes up the Acadia Series. Included in the entries are three horses from the Island. Mountain Marie, owned by George Powers of Miscouche, Jolly Dick, owned by Mrs. A. Poulton of Charlottetown, and North Field, owned by Andrew Perry of Summerside will be looking to head the field of speedy trotters and pacers. In all, nineteen horses are entered in the events.



CHARLOTTETOWN DRIVING PARK Saturday, Oct. 16 7:30 P.M. DASHES 1 AND 5 1-Jolly Wayne 2-Knight Way 3-True Lady Lou 4-Dixie Lou 5-Keziah 6-Free Chance 7-Lucky Lark DASHES 2 AND 6 1-Fair Sail 2-Mr. Charming 3-Nimble Knight 4-Willard's Choice DASHES 3 AND 7 1-True Hero 2-Broom Grattan 3-Rustice Bay 4-Halle J. 5-Lady Gallon C. 6-Shadydale Tonette 7-Bold Debby 8-Miss Lucky Belle DASHES 4 AND 8 1-Bitty Silver 2-Cyclone Kelly 3-Dennis Herbert 4-Rollomatic 5-Asket 6-Chuck H

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