

Mickey Mantle Was Tops

By WHITEY MARTIN
 NEW YORK (AP)—Selection of Mickey Mantle as the American League's most valuable player for the year was easy. The Yankee outfielder stood out like pumpkin in a barrel of apples.

The Baseball Writers' Association committee making the choice might as well have been trying to pick a white marble out of a hat that contained only white marbles as far as the chance of going wrong was concerned.

But when it comes to the National League's most valuable, it may not be so easy. We could be wrong, of course. The committee members might look at Don Newcombe's 37-7 record for the season and look no further.

If the big Dodger pitcher had enjoyed a good winter series we don't believe there would be the slightest doubt about his choice.

FLOP IN SERIES

But he was pretty much of a flop in the big show and there are fans who would hold this against him. We say fans, not committee members, who we assume will appreciate that the award is based on the season's play, and not world series performance.

That the Dodgers would not have won the pennant without Newcombe is obvious. But the award isn't necessarily based on whether or not a man is responsible for his team winning a pennant.

For instance, Cincinnati fans could present a fair argument in behalf of Frank Robinson, the pre-

vious outfielder. The Redlegs were in the thick of the race practically down to the wire, and there is considerable doubt they would have been were it not for Robinson.

Milwaukee Braves also were contenders to the bitter end. Would they have been that close without Hank Aaron? We don't believe so.

REESE A SPARKPLUG

Newcombe might find competition even among his teammates. We don't believe the club could have won without that perennial kid, Peevée Reese. Junior Gilliam was the most consistent performer throughout the season, and take away the power hitting of such musclemen as Gil Hodges and Duke Snider and you are taking games out of the victory column.

In Mantle's case, it's highly probable the Yankees could have won without any other player with the possible exception of Yogi Berra, who finished second in the balloting. But without Mantle we doubt they could have come home first.

As previously mentioned, there are fans who soured on Newcombe after his world series flops. They rate him a front runner, a guy who chokes in the clutch.

We don't go for that. Anybody who wins 37 games is going to have some of them in there in which the heat was on.

He just got clobbered by the Yankees this year, that's all. They're liable to do that to any pitcher.



CANADA'S OLYMPIC BOXING HOPE

AT RIGHT: Sgt. Mason in his Olympic uniform waves farewell as he departs from Petawawa Military Camp where he completed his training.

UPPER LEFT: Mason in action in a winning effort over welterweight Clayton Kenney of Ottawa during the Olympic Trials in Montreal. Kenney was former Canadian champion and represented Canada in the Olympics of 1952.

LOWER LEFT: Mason winning a decision over highly touted Mickey Bergin of Montreal in the finals of the trials. Bergin won the championship in his class at the British Empire Games in Vancouver in 1954 and previous to his defeat by Mason was regarded as Canada's outstanding amateur fighter.

(National Defence Photos)

Hope Of Many Broken Records Brightens Olympic Officials

By JACK SULLIVAN
 Canadian Press Staff Writer
 MELBOURNE (CP)—The hope that a host of records will be broken brightens Tuesday for Olympic officials as a burst of sunshine promised good weather for the opening of the 16th Olympiad here.

The sun brought out crowds on gaily decorated Melbourne streets as an optimistic weatherman predicted temperatures of 70 or so when more than 500 athletes put on dress uniforms for the colorful opening ceremonies.

Only at Ballarat, some 70 miles west of Melbourne, was the weather outlook poor. The Lake Wendouree course, where rowing and canoeing events will be held, was a mass of whitecaps as bone-chilling winds hampered training.

A tougher hazard than the waves for Canadian rowing entries was the fact that both the four-man and eight-man teams drew tough Friday heats. Team officials, however, are confident that Canada will get into the semi-finals. The eight face Britain, Australia and the United States while the four-man entry races against Australia, Germany and Denmark. The first two teams in each heat advance to the semi-finals.

We can advance with them into the semi-finals," said manager Jack Guest.

As far as indoor sports are concerned, Canada's swimming team says Melbourne's indoor pool is "tremendous" and coach Tommy Walker predicted in an interview that "just about every record in the book will be wiped out."

The Canadian women's 400-metre freestyle relay team, he added, will consist of Helen Stewart, Sarah Barber, Gladys Priestley and Virginia Grant, in that order.

TRAINING INTERRUPTED

Hungary's track coach, Mihaly Igoi, said he is working hard to get Istvan Rozsavolgyi into shape. Rozsavolgyi, holder of the world 1,500-metre record, had a three-week interruption in training because of ice-over tracks in Europe, Igoi said.

The International Olympic Committee Tuesday expressed its "regret and concern" at the decision of several countries to withdraw from the Olympic Games, some in protest over Russian intervention in Hungary.

Avery Brundage of the United States, IOC president, refused to make any comment to reporters after Tuesday's session. He said he would prefer to wait until the committee's sessions had ended, probably today.

Scores 1,023 In 3 Games—No Legs

WINNIPEG (CP)—At a bowling alley here recently Ted Elliott put together games of 393, 385 and 245 for a triple of 1,023, the highest three-game total marked up in the city so far this year. This is a new figure in any major league, but it was a standstill for Elliott—he has artificial legs.

Elliott lost both legs below the knee during the Second World War. He was wounded early in 1945 when in Italy with Lord Strathcona's Horse, a tank unit with the 5th Armored Division.

Elliott and his unit were to be relieved of duty for rest in Rome. Just before they were due to leave word came that enemy forces had broken through Allied lines and every available man was needed to stop them.

Elliott and his tank crew headed for the trouble spot but before they reached it an enemy shell knocked the tank out of action.

None of the crew was injured but as they ran for shelter Elliott was struck in the legs by a battery bomb.

The husky six-footer in his 30s, he refused to let the handicap stop him from continuing an active life when he returned to civilian life.

He is a business machine mechanic for a Winnipeg department store. He was married in 1949 and has one daughter.

"Elliott's artificial limbs did not permit him to go on playing hockey baseball and softball. Prior to the war he had bowled a little but in 1947 he took it up seriously. Since 1949 his average has never slipped below 200.

Now one of the top bowlers in Winnipeg he takes part in all events sponsored by the city five pin bowling association.

Bobby Bragan Is Rehired

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Bobby Bragan, fiery field manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Wednesday was rehired for the 1957 season.

In making the announcement, Pirate general manager Joe L. Brown revealed no terms. Only Tuesday Brown himself was rehired as general manager.

Brown and Bragan took over the Pirate reins last season from general manager Branch Rickey Sr. and field manager Fred Haney.

For the first time since the 1951 season, the Pirates finished out the National League cellar, ending up in seventh after a terrific start that saw them challenging the leaders.

Try For Uniform Daylight Time

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Saint John may get another month of daylight saving time next year. The common council decided Monday that fast time will be in effect from the last Sunday in April until the last Saturday in October—providing most centres in eastern Canada observe the dates.

The decision stemmed from a letter by general secretary W. G. Scott of the Railway Association of Canada. It contained a resolution from the Montreal metropolitan commission on behalf of Montreal and other communities that daylight saving time should be extended.

ANCIENT ISLAND

Mauritius, big island off East Africa, was probably known to Arab navigators as early as the 10th century.

S. D. U. CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Above is the S.D.U. cross country team which finished second in a cross country race held here Saturday. Front row (l-r): M. Clooney (assistant coach), J. Bouchard, Ray Bryant, and in Minto Memorial High (l-r): Frank Gillis, Dick Aye, Ed LeClair, Rollie Sullivan. Back row (l-r): M. Clooney (assistant coach), J. Bouchard, Ray Bryant, Bill Phillips coach.

NOVA SCOTIAN REGARDED AS CANADA'S BEST MEDAL HOPE

Regarded as Canada's best hope for a gold medal in the Olympic Games boxing competitions, Sgt. Leslie Mason of Stellarton, N. S., is now in Australia with other members of Canada's Olympic Team. Sgt. Mason, a member of the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, is the first soldier to compete in the Olympics as an official Army representative.

At the Olympic trials in Montreal last September, Mason was named in the Canadian Press report as "Canada's No. 1 boxer for the Olympic Games," and No. 1 choice of the Canadian Olympic Association. His fighting record stands at 25 wins, 16 knockouts, 27 fights.

Since last June he has been in almost constant training under the coaching of WO2 Terry Weatherall, former European and Irish National bantamweight champion. Weatherall holds a decision over the late Marcel Cerdan, former world champion, won in a service bout in North Africa during the Second World War.

In his last six bouts Mason has been named the "outstanding boxer of the night" or has been winner in the "outstanding bout of the night." At 139 lbs., the 22 year old Army Sergeant is noted for a two fist attack, emphasized by a devastating right.

REPORTS ILLEGAL DEER ACTIVITIES BROKEN OPEN

MONTEPELIER, Vt. (AP)—The law enforcement division of the Vermont fish and game service said Monday it has "cracked wide open" a case involving taking, possessing and transporting illegal deer.

Fined \$300 each plus \$8.20 costs on charges of possession and transportation of illegal deer were: Odney Drown, 20, of Charlestown, Vt.; Clarence Lacass 40, of Wallingford, Conn., and Claude Daigneault, 27, of Orleans, Vt.

Police said the three were arrested after three deer without antlers were found in their car. Lacass was arrested again and jailed, police said, after three more illegal deer were found in a house he occupies in Charlestown.

Campbell Says Leafs Should Have Had Tie With Detroit

MONTREAL (CP)—President Clarence Campbell of the National Hockey League said Wednesday a goal scored by Toronto Maple Leafs in the final seconds of a Nov. 3 game against Detroit should have been allowed.

The goal would have given the Leafs a 2-2 tie with the Red Wings in the game played in Toronto.

However, Mr. Campbell said the disallowing of the goal was "an error of judgment" on the part of the referee and under league by-laws no protests against such errors can be entertained.

He made the statement in rejecting a Toronto protest against the action of referee Frank Udvari in disallowing the goal.

RED LIGHT FLASHED

Mr. Campbell said motion pictures showed the goal was scored a split second before the end of the game. The red light which indicates a goal has been scored was visible for 1.5th of a second. A blue light, connected with the time clock, then came on and automatically shut off the red light.

The referee and the linesmen had not noticed the brief flash of the red light and disallowed the goal.

Mr. Campbell added: "This decision of the referee as demonstrated by the motion pictures, was an error. In my opinion, it was an error in judgment—as to the precise time when the puck entered the net—and not an error in the interpretation or application of a playing rule. As such it cannot be entertained as a grounds for protest."

GREAT ARTERY

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Harassed Football Executives To Set Up Shop In Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—Canada's football executives, some of them harassed by ticket-seekers for Saturday's Grey Cup final between Edmonton Eskimos and Montreal Alouettes, began setting up shop here Wednesday.

They arrived early for a meeting today of the Canadian Football Council to discuss a standard contract form for all top professional clubs and possibly touch on the question of an East-West interlocking schedule.

The carnival-like football spirit usually associated with a Grey Cup final still was not apparent, but it's expected to come off with a bang when fans from the West and the Montreal area stream in Friday.

POLISH UP PLAYS

The teams are training out of town for their third straight meeting in the final, polishing up on their plays and nuzzling relatively minor bumps and bruises.

The twice-champion Eskimos are in London, Ont., and the twice-also-ran Alouettes are in Montreal. Both are expected here Friday.

Meanwhile, Toronto hotels are operating in a normal way, but they are bracing themselves for the boisterous arrival of out-of-town fans.

A heavy rain that started late Tuesday afternoon and topped about noon Wednesday left the

field at Varsity Stadium soggy, but stadium superintendent Charles McElroy said strong winds are helping drain the field quickly.

TARP NOT DOWN

The huge tarpaulin purchased several years ago by the Canadian Rugby Union to help protect the field during the week preceding the game has not been laid out.

McElroy said it will not be used as long as the temperature remains in the 40s.

W. E. (Fred) Turnbull, chief forecaster for Ontario at the Dominion weather office, predicted cold, cloudy weather for the game, with no rain or snow. The temperature will be about 40.

The closed council meeting will afford some of the more harassed executives some protection against pestering fans who are still without one of the 26,485 tickets to Saturday's game.

Ralph Cooper of Hamilton, chairman of the council, said the major topic of discussion will deal with a standard contract form for all nine pro football clubs—five in the Western Interprovincial Football Union and four in the Interprovincial Rugby Football Union. Jake Gaudaur, president of Hamilton Tiger-Cats and chairman of a sub-committee of the council, may report on the possibility of setting up a long-dreamed of interlocking schedule between the WIFU and the Big Four.



COVERS OLYMPICS

Jack Sullivan, Canadian Press sports editor, has been assigned to cover the Olympic Games at Melbourne Nov. 22-Dec. 8. Sullivan covered the winter and summer Olympics in 1948 at Davos, Switzerland, and London and the 1952 games at Oslo and Helsinki. (CP Photo).

Shorter Cast On Swaps' Leg

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP)—A shorter cast was placed on the fractured left hind leg of Swaps Monday, the California thoroughbred who was injured while training at Garden State Park Oct. 9.

Remember When

Pittsburgh's Billy Conn, in his second defence of the world light-heavyweight title, gave a 15-round boxing lesson to Gus Lesnevich 17 years ago today. Conn abandoned the title in 1941 to try for the heavyweight crown. Champion Joe Louis knocked him out in 13 rounds in 1941 and again, in eight rounds, on Conn's second try in 1946.

Vic Janowicz To Quit Football

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Vic Janowicz, one of Ohio State University's all-time football greats, has reached the end of the gridiron glory trail.

He has been advised by his physicians that he must never participate in any contact sport again.

Janowicz, 1950 All-American half back and later a professional star with Washington Redskins, suffered a brain injury several months ago in an automobile accident.

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