Dodgers Blank Cards 4-0; Roberts Pitches One-Hitter

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

St. Louis ,the team Brooklyn most likes to invite to Ebbets Field lost its 12th straight game on the Dodgers' home grounds Thursday, allowing Brooklyn to move into a virtual tie for first place in the National League.

Southpaw Johnny Podres ran his record to 4-0 as the Dodgers thumped the Cardinals 10-3.

Brooklyn trails Philadelphia by eight percentage points pending the outcome of Thursday night's game between the Phils and Cincinnati. Other night action calls for Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, the New York Yankees at Detroit and Boston at Baltimore.

Thursday's loss dropped the Cardinals out of the first division.

The New York Giants moved into third place with a 6-3 verdict over Chicago. The Giants gave the Cubs a taste of their own home run medicine, belting five out of the park. Their first four hits off Bubba Church were homers.

ROBINSON STARS

In the American League day games Cleveland beat Washington 8-7 in 11 innings and Philadelphia tripped the Chicago White Sox 3-2.

The Indians' victory came when Al Rosen doubled home a run in the 11th after igniting a six-run ninth inning rally with a home run. The triumph went to Hal Newhouser in relief, his 201st success in the American League and the first in his comeback after starring for Detroit.

The Athletics picked up their first victory in eight games on a two-run rally in the ninth against Virgil Trucks. Gus Zernial, one-time property of the White Sox, singled home the tying run and scored the winning tally when Pete Suder doubled.

The Dodgers banged Cardinal pitching for a dozen hits including a single, double and triple by Jackie Robinson. Leading 2 - 1, Brooklyn jumped on Gerry Staley and Mel Wright for five hits and six runs in the sixth.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) —

Robin Roberts, Philadelphia Phillies ace righthander , gave up a lead-off homer to Bobby Adams in the first inning Thursday night and then mowed down the next 27 batters to face him as the Phils trounced Cincinnati Reds 8-1.

Roberts missed a perfect no-hitter by just one pitch—the fourth he offered to Adams his first time up. Roberts pitched two strikes to the Cincinnati infielder, then a ball and the count was 1 and 2 when Adams homered.

After that the Reds could do no good against Roberts as he set them down in one-two-three order.

Yogi Berra clouted a two-run homer deep into the upper right field deck in the 10th inning Thursday night to give New York Yankees a 5-3 victory over the league-leading Detroit Tigers before 50,915—largest crowd of the major league season.

The squat Yankee catcher unloaded against relief pitcher Ray Herbert for his sixth home run, tops in the American League.

Hank Bauer had opened the inning with a single and rode home as Berra sailed the ball into the seats about 400 feet away.

Tom Morgan went all the way for the Yankees, spacing 10 hits for his third victory against no losses. Ned Garver, who had lost 11 straight times to the Yanks, pitched the first nine innings but tired and gave way to Herbert in the 10th.

Boston Red Sox, plagued by weak hitting up to now, exploded an 11-hit attack on Baltimore Orioles and trounced the Birds 9-1 Thursday night before 12,564 fans.

Bill Henry lefthanded his way to his second victory in limiting Baltimore to six scattered safeties. The only extra-base blow against him was Dick Kryhoski's third-inning double. Kryhoski singled in pinch-hitter Bob Kennedy with the Birds' lone run in the seventh.

Billy Goodman and Charley Maxwell led the Bosox assault with three hits apiece as the revved-up Red Sox drove Duane Pillette and Howie Fox to cover before reliefer Marlin Stuart finished up by twirling two scoreless frames.

The Legion may turn out to be the surprise package of the City Softball League. Legion representatives Harold Hennessey and Verne Blanchard were in fine fettle last night at the Softball League meeting. They had good reason to be in such fine humor. They had just come from the Basilica Youth Club softball diamond and a Legion practice. Working out with the Legion were Gus Gustaveson and Elwood Ritchie. In addition Joey LeClair is slated to join the club along with Junior MacLeod and possibly three or four other outstanding players.

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Evidently the Legion have beaten the other clubs to the punch in obtaining the services of Gustaveson and Ritchie. Big Gus is an outfielder and Ritchie an infielder. Doc Hennessey claims Gustaveson can peg the ball from the woods on the Knights Diamond direct in a line to first base. He says Gus can cover plenty ground in the outer gardens and powder that ball. Ritchie is reported to be a very fine infielder.

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There's talk that the Sunshine Dairy may not be able to field a team. The Dairymen, league leaders in other years, are having trouble securing players. They had counted on Laysh Schurman for catching chores but Laysh has trouble with his back and may not be able to play. Phil Jardine, hard hitting second baseman of last year's club, is interning in a Halifax medical hospital. If the Dairymen don't field a club it is very likely that the Ballem brothers will pitch for the Legion. Jack Hennessey of the Dairy is also ticketed for the Legion. It is also reported that the Legion are attempting to interest Buck Whitlock.

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When a sport fan hears the name George Mikan he automatically thinks of basketball. For the past half-dozen years George Mikan has been the leading professional basketball player in the United States. He has played with the Minneapolis Lakers for the past six years and in that time the Lakers have won the American professional championship on five occasions. Each time their big scorer has been Mikan.

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Strangly enough Mikan wasn't always the star basketball player that many of us in this country thought him to be. Mikan's rise to stardom is one of the best human interest stories we have come across for some time. The only difference between outstanding success and failure for Mikan was an understanding basketball coach. There was a time in Mikan's career when he was headed for obscurity and failure.

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Mikan is nearly seven feet tall. When he was 13 years old he was past the six foot, four inch mark. He was six feet tall when he was eleven and still wearing short pants. At that time his mother enrolled him in a music school and Mikan took quite a heckling from his neighborhood friends. When he won any laurels in music or school all he heard was remarks about the big kid taking advantage of the little kids.

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He entered high school when he was 13 and tried out for football but couldn't find a uniform large enought to fit him. He went out for basketball and when the coach learned he was near-sighted he ordered Mikan to turn in his suit. He played for a year with one of the Catholic Youth Organizations teams and his coach arranged for him to visit Notre Dame. The Notre Dame coach looked him over but couldn't see him as a prospect. "Your height is a fine asset and you've got the spirit but you're hopelessly clumsy,' he told Mikan.

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The next fall he enrolled at DePaul University where the basketball coach was Ray Meyer. At the first practice Mikan sprawled all over his size 16 feet. He tried to enlist in the Army and Navy during World War Two and was rejected on account of his abnormal height. During the war one of his former classmates was killed in action. Mikan visited the young man's mother to pay his respects. A relatives of the deceased glared at Mikan and muttered. "Our Mike was just a little fellow and yet he served." Sick with shame and humiliation I ran out of the house," relates Mikan.

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Then one day when things looked blackest Mikan's coach Ray Meyer took him out for a drive. As he drove Meyer spoke in a fatherly sort of way "You know I've always figured you had the makings of a great basketball player but you'll never make it as long as you're thin-skinned. Why don't you get wise and stop feeling sorry for yourself? People don't think of you as a freak unless you make them think so. What does it get you to carry a chip on your shoulder and act as if the whole world is your enemy? Can't you see that your height instead of being the handicap you seem to think it is, can be turned into a big advantage if you're willing to work at it? If you'll only stop taking yourself so seriously and learn to be a good sport you'll be surprised at what you can do."

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Mikan took Meyer's advice. He prepared for basketball with the training routine of a boxer. He skipped rope, did road work, shadow-boxed and spent countless hours punching the bag. Mikan worked hard all through his college years. At the end he won All-American honors and led DePaul to a National basketball championship. As he progressed in sport he also progressed in studjes and took a course in law.

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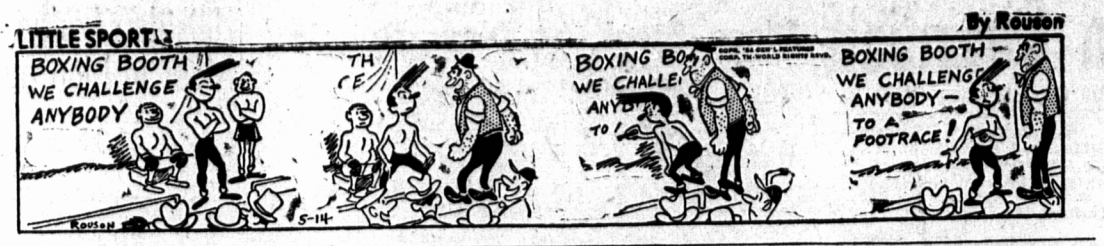
It was in law that he found one big advantage to his height. People who see him don't forget him. One of his most lucrative cases came to him because a wealthy businessman was struck by his size when he saw him in a courtroom. Because of Mikan's size the businessman stayed to watch. When that businessman later became involved in a $100,000 damage suit he remembered Mikan and hired him as his attorney. Mikan says he was so anxious to prove he wasn't a freak that he worked harder at becoming a top-notch basketball player and lawyer than he would have had he been born average-sized. "I'm still in there trying to grow up my physical stature," says Mikan. "I hope I never stop growing."



City Volleyball League Champions

The members of the Basilica Youth Club volleyball team, winners of the City League volleyball championship, are pictured above.

Front row left to right: Joe Thistle, Alf Coady (coach), Jim Coady.

Back row: Wendell Murphy, Ralph Pineau, Ray MacCloskey, Wendell Gillis, Leo Doyle, Des Burge.

The B.Y.C. will meet the Air Force for the Island title in a home and home series next week.

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Volleyball League Finalists

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police volleyball team, finalists in the City Volleyball League, are pictured above.

Front row, left to right: Bill Martin, Doug George (coach).

Back row: Joe Vetesi, Art Monsebraaten, Gordie Coutts, Chuck Walepr.

The Mounties finished third in the league standings and advanced to the finals by eliminating the B. Y. C. Second Team in the semi-finals.

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Softball League Opening Postponed Until May 25

The opening of the City Softball League schedule was postponed for one week on account of the cold and wet weather by the softball league executive at a meeting last night in the City Hall.

The weather has prevented the teams from holding regular practice sessions. Rather than start the league on only two or three practices the executive voted to postpone the opening until Tuesday, May 25.

On that date the Sunshine Island Dairy will meet the Parkdale Lions; the Liguorian Youth Club will play the Basilica Youth Club and the Bike Shop will play Canada Packers.

The matter of diamonds was discussed and it was decided to get the diamonds into shape as quickly as possible.

Rather than hold practice sessions it was decided to play exhibition games until the league opens. These games will commence this evening. An exhibition schedule will be drawn up for next week by the league secretary.

A tentative schedule was submitted by the league secretary last night and approved. The schedule will conclude on the week following Old Home Week. A total of 135 games will be played with each team taking to the diamond 27 times.

Old Timers Set New Mar. Five Pin Bowling Record

The Old Timers set a new Maritime five pin bowling record at the Rollaway Alleys last night as they racked up a match score of 4256 to defeat the Alerts five points to none.

Irving MacKinnon of the Old Timers set a Rollaway Alley record with a high three of 1080. MacKinnon bowled games of 320, 378 and 382.

The Old Timers led the Alerts ten points to five in the City League bowling play-offs.

Following are the scores of last night's match:—

Old Timers:				
W. Shephard	221	220	228—	669
I. MacKinnon	320	378	382—1080	
V. Williams	238	306	211—	755
J. MacDonald	269	309	299—	877
G. Schleyer	297	283	295—	875
	1346	1496	1415—4256	
Alerts:				
Dr. L. Duffy	235	282	231—	748
Fr. P. McMahon	249	238	235—	722
F. McTague	286	251	257—	794
M. MacKenzie	191	248	199—	638
D. MacDonald	360	294	333—	987
	1321	1313	1255—3889	

Annual Meeting Is. Branch AAU

It was announced last evening by W.W. Reid, president of the Island branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada that the annual meeting of the Island branch will be held in the offices of the Physical Fitness Division, 123 Euston Street, City, next Thursday, May 20th at 8.00 p.m. All clubs which affiliated with the branch are allowed to send official delegates to this meeting on the basis of one for membership up to fifty and two for membership over fifty.

At this meeting reports of various officers and committees will be heard, officers and committees appointed for the current year and plans will be made to promote and foster branches of amateur sport under jurisdiction of the Island branch, including baseball.

Tee Pees Within Single Game Of Memorial Cup

TORONTO (CP) — Powerful St. Catharine TeePees, polished around the net, whipped a ragged-looking band of Edmonton Oil Kings 4-1 Thursday night before a meagre 3,030 fans to move within a single game of the Memorial Cup hockey championship.

Brian Cullen, TeePees No. 1 professional prospect, scored three times for St. Catharines, who need only to win here Saturday night to take their first Canadian junior hockey title — in four straight games.

Hughie Barlow added the other TeePee goal on a play with Brian Cullen as the St. Catharines machine made it look easy for a third straight time in the best-of-seven playoff.

Highly-touted Oil Kings scored the first goal, Ray Kinasewich the trigger man, but a penalty to the same Edmonton player soon cost the margin.

Play was ragged and rough. Eleven penalties, including a 10-minute misconduct to Hank Ciesla of Teeps for talking back to the officials, were handed out, Oil Kings taking four.

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Baseball Results

American League

Philadelphia	000 010 002—3	5 0
Chicago	100 010 000—2	10 2

Martin, Burtschy (8) W. Shantz; Trucks and Lollar. W-Burtschy.

Washington	100 031 200 00—7	12 0
Cleveland	010 000 006 01—8	7 2

McDermott, Dixon (9) Schmitz (9) and Tipton; Houtteman, Hooper (6) Mossi (7) Narleski (8) Newhouser (10) and Hegan, Naragon (10). W-Newhouser; L-Schmitz HRs: Cle-Regalado, Rosen; Was-Busby.

Boston	006 001 200—9	11 1
Baltimore	000 000 100—1	6 3

Henry and White; Pillette, Fox (3) Stuart (8) and Moss. L-Pillette.

New York	000 100 020 2—5	12 0
Detroit	030 000 000 0—3	10 0

Morgan and Berra; Garver, Herbert (10) and House. L-Herbert. HRs: NY-Noren, Berra.

National League

Chicago	100 002 000—3	9 0
New York	230 000 10x—6	10 2

Church, Lown (2) Davis (5) Jeffcoat (7) and Tappe; Jansen, Grissom (7) and St. Claire. W-Jansen; L-Church. HRs: NY-Thompson, Irvin (2) Mays, St. Claire.

St. Louis	000 001 020—	3 10 1
Brooklyn	110 006 02x—10	12 0

Staley, Wright (6) Deal (7) and Rice; Podres and Walker. L-Staley.

Cincinnati	100 000 000—1	1 3
Philadelphia	021 050 00x—8	11 0

Valentine, Podbielan (5) Savransky (6) and Bailey; Roberts and Burgess. L-Valentine. HR: Cin: Adams.

Milwaukee	100 300 000—4	9 2
Pittsburgh	100 001 000—2	8 0

Nichols and Swhite; Purkey, Page (8) and Shepard. L-Purkey.

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Montreal	000 001 000—1	8 3
Ottawa	010 400 00x—5	5 1

Roebuck, Rutherford (4), Cox (6) and Howell; Gohl and Watlington. L-Roebuck.

Toronto	005 010 000—6	10 3
Rochester	100 030 001—5	9 0

Blake and Howard, Griffen (5); Blaylock, Rubert (3) Boyer (5) Crimian (5) Connelly (6) and Burbrink.

Syracuse at Havana postponed, rain.

Buffalo at Richmond postponed, rain.

Orioles Square Player Mix-up

BALTIMORE, (AP) — Outfielder Jim Fridley of Baltimore Orioles was sent to Richmond of the International League Wednesday night to square away a mix-up involving pitcher Mike Blyzka.

The Orioles Wednesday announced they had optioned righthander Blyzka and catcher Darrel Johnson to Richmond. Later Will Harridge, American League president, said Blyzka couldn't be optioned without waivers from all major league clubs because he is credited with three years in the majors.

To get down to the 26 - man limit by midnight, Art Ehlerts, Orioles general manager, sent Fridley to Richmond on a recall basis instead of Blyzka. Ehlers, meanwhile, will try to get waivers on Blyzka.

RECEIVES LENIN AWARD

MOSCOW, (AP) — Tass news agency announced the award of the Order of Lenin by the presidium of the Supreme Soviet to Vilis T. Latsis, chairman of the council of ministers of the Latvian republic. The occasion was his 50th birthday.

Softball Games This Evening

The following exhibition softball games were scheduled last night at the City Softball League meeting. The games will be played this evening at six o'clock.

Legion vs. Sunshine Dairy—Parkdale Diamond.

B. Y. C. vs. L. Y. C. — Knights Diamond.

Keefe Drug Co. vs. City — Old Diamond.

On Sunday afternoon the Bike Shop will play the Parkdale Lions on the Parkdale Diamond. The Recce will hold a practice at two o'clock on the Knights Diamond and Canada Packers will play on the Old Diamond.

City Bowling Team To Compete In N.S. P.E.I. Tournament

A seven man team of City bowlers named the Charlottetown All Stars, will compete in the Nova Scotia - Prince Edward Island Candlepin Tournament at Halifax next week. The tournament opens on Monday, May 17 and runs through until Saturday.

The City bowlers distinguished themselves last year in the tournament. They placed well up in the standings and earned the admiration of mainland bowlers for their spirited and friendly competition.

The bowlers making the trip next week are Wilf Shepard, Jimmy Williams, Roy MacDonald, Joey MacDonald, George Kays, Bob Cameron and Vic Williams.

Ticket Sale For Circus Opens Today

With the appearance of Garden Bros. Indoor Circus at the Forum on Monday and Tuesday next much interest is being shown. To make seat sale more convenient for the public an advance disposal of tickets is being held today and Saturday. All tickets for the night shows are reserved.

Matinee tickets are obtainable at the Forum box office on the afternoon of the show from 2 o'clock on.

There are outstanding attractions in the rings with novelty, trapeze, acrobatic, and clown acts —in all fast, clean and thrilling performances

The animal acts also are of a high order of excellence. The Nubian lions do wonderful feats under their trainer Prince El Kigordo.

The public will enjoy the circus in a building completely clean and bright.

Amateur Fights Underway Last Night At Toronto

TORONTO, (CP) — Lloyd Lawrence of Toronto, defeated by Paul Chizy of Winnipeg in a disputed decision at Montreal last year, turned the tables and gained a split decision over Chizy as the Canadian amateur boxing championships and the British Empire Games trials got under way here Thursday night.

Both boxers fought in the 156-pound class.

Eight provinces are represented in the championships with a total of 78 boxers. Newfoundland and New Brunswick are the only provinces not represented.

The trials will continue today and Saturday and the winners in each weight division will represent Canada at the B. E. games in Vancouver this summer.

In the 133-pound class Clayton Kenny of Ottawa was awarded a unanimous decision over Bill Adams of Vancouver.

Hugh Lindsay of Toronto took a unanimous decision over Sam Hope of Niagara Falls in the 140-pound division and Willie Barbole of Toronto won a unanimous decosion over Gord McDonald of Vancouver in another bout in the same section.

Dick Goulet of Montreal outpunched Lem Johnston of Victoria for a unanimous decision in a 119-pound class bout. The fight was the fifth of the night and Goulet had little trouble picking up the win. Johnson gamely fought back against the more-polished Goulet.

Pat Supple of Montreal scored a technical knockout for the first knockout of the finals when he stopped Al Roloson of Simcoe, Ont., at 1:27 of the second round in the sixth fight. Roloson offered little resistance as Supple defended his flyweight title.

A Toronto boy, Ray Shanks, gave Novia Scotia its first winner of the finals with a split decision over Earl Vance of Vancouver. Shanks is part of the 13 - man Royal Canadian Navy team taking part in the games from the HMCS Cornwallis.

Bud Palmer almost scored the first knockout of the night when he crashed Jerry Daley of Montreal to the floor with a stiff left hook after punching him along the ropes. Daley was down for a six count when the bell ended the fight. Palmer, formerly of Vancouver, is Alberta's featherweight champion.

round TKO over K. O. O'Malley of Chatham, N.B.

Referee Pordena Smith stopped the fight at 1:53 of the seventh round when O'Malley began to show signs of wear.

MacKinnon Wins Over O'Malley

SYDNEY (CP)—Ernie MacKinnon of Sydney dusted off his 17th straight ring victory here Wednesday night by winning a seventh-

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