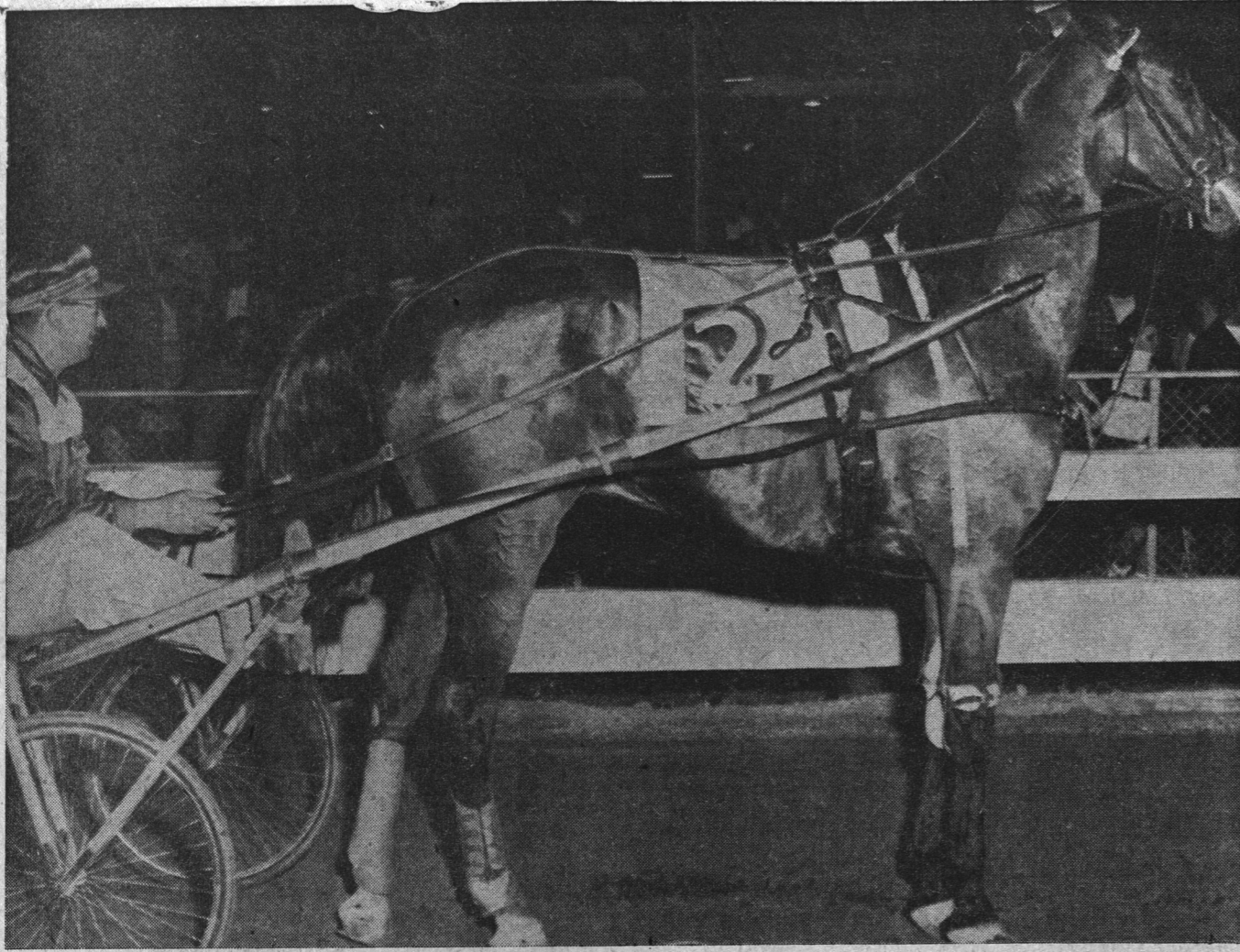


# Red Sox, A's Split Bill; Tigers Drop Yankees 5-2



### MAKING MARK IN U.S. RACING CIRCLES

Another Nova Scotian is making his mark in American harness racing circles. He is Alden Young, a native of New Glasgow

## Canadiens Sign Ralph Backstrom

MONTREAL (CP) — Ralph Backstrom, a centre, played with Ottawa-Hull Junior Canadiens last season. Whether he will stick with the NHL club or be farmed out in his first pro season was not indicated.

## SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

BOSTON RED SOX as usual aren't going anywhere. It was back in 1946 that the Beantowners last got into a world series and that one they lost four games to three to the St. Louis Cardinals.

In 1948 they finished in a flat-footed tie with Lou Boudreau's Cleveland Indians but in the one game playoff at Fenway Park, Boudreau and a pitcher named Gene Bearden made the Bostonians also-rans.

When we pounded out this column, the Mike Higgins managed gang was in a tie with Cleveland Indians for fourth place, 17 1/2 games of the pace of the pennant-winning New York Yankees. Again Mr. Yawkey, baseball's most likeable owner, must look ahead to next year and hope for much better things.

HOWEVER, IT MUST get tiresome for a fellow like Yawkey. He has spent his money lavishly in an effort to make the Red Sox the baseball champions of the world. Other fellows have got away with much less and accomplished a great deal more. Yawkey just keeps on giving but the Red Sox don't seem to respond.

It would appear that Boston needs a cleaning out in order to instill some pennant-winning ideas into the heads of the ball players. Perhaps the front office needs a big shakeup, perhaps Mike Higgins should walk the plank. Naturally we don't know where the fault lies, but we do know that Yawkey deserves better showings from his club than he has been receiving.

BOSTON IS SAID to be badly in need of a hard-hitting, smart fielding shortstop. They'd love to have their hands on Gil MacDougald but just try and get the Yankees to let him go. A fellow like MacDougald could just be the answer. He might put some life into the Red Sox infield, something that is now a bit conspicuous by its absence.

One thing is certain. Yawkey will keep trying, although by this time he must be growing a bit discouraged. Perhaps 1959 the Red Sox will grow up and give a repeat of their 1946 showing. Yawkey deserves such an occurrence.

HOWEVER, THERE'S one fellow on the Boston club who doesn't let his team's poor showing interfere with his own personal achievements. That's the Splendid Splinter, Ted Williams. Once again he's challenging for the American League batting championship and he's in a pretty fair spot to make good. Fan reaction to Williams is certainly not one-sided. Some love him, others hate him. But true baseball fans, regardless of their attitude of the Splinter, must admit he's one of the greatest ball players that ever lived. We bet even those who have no use for Mr. Williams are inclined to be pulling for him to again capture the batting crown.

AND SPEAKING OF Williams, the big man has some words to say in regards to what needs developing most in a baseball player. Williams doesn't sound off too often, so when he does make an utterance, it bears listening to.

Says Ted: "It's the arms, not the legs that need developing. All you hear is legs. Of course you need 'em for stamina but you've got to have strength. You can lose the strength in your arms as quickly as in your legs. If you don't have co-ordination in your arms you can't get the bat around. I was a very weak boy at 16. I was 6 ft. 3 in., and weighed 150. A big league scout, a good one, told my mother, 'If you let this youngster play ball, it'll kill him.' 'But I exercised and I still exercise.'"

Whatever Williams formula is, nobody will have the boldness to find much fault with it. It's worked not too badly for the big Red Sox slugger.

MILWAUKEE BRAVES and New York Yankees will be providing baseball fans all over the world with the greatest baseball entertainment possible in the world series which swings into action on Wednesday October 1.

Last year Milwaukee downed the favourite Yankees and this season the New Yorkers will be seeking their revenge. Nobody is supposed to beat those Yankees but Milwaukee and Brooklyn showed that it can be done.

Once again the experts have called the Stengelman to win the classic. That word will mean little to Fred Haney and his club who heard the same gossip this time last September. The Braves know they have a licence to repeat and they'll give it all they've got in an effort to do just that.

UNDOUBTEDLY THE YANKEES were surprised with the fight of the Braves last autumn. Now they know what to expect and there certainly will be no complacency in the Bombers' camp. Perhaps there was none last year but if there was a wee bit who could blame them.

That great player Gil MacDougald isn't the type of fellow who thinks the other fellow isn't in his class. Gil says: "I make a habit of never underestimating an opponent. Then you are never let down. I didn't underestimate the Braves, although we couldn't figure how any team could be as tough as the Dodgers. But the world series does something to you. Instinctively, you play better baseball cause of the crowd, the excitement and the people watching on television. You run faster, you throw harder, you swing harder."

Gil should know all about the world series. He's performed in that great fall show many times now. By the way he performed this season, he intends to strut his stuff in a few more yet.

Quite a ball player.

A COUPLE OF OBSERVERS (chances are they are a bit prejudiced) think the Braves have no chance to win again this October.

One of these is Mickey Mantle. Yankee outfielder and home run king. Mickey flatly says that Burdette couldn't win three games again. He doesn't care how good the fellow is. But then Mickey, there's plenty of other good hurlers on that Braves staff. Perhaps it won't be necessary for Lew to overwork himself like last fall.

The other talkative guy is Joe Collins, former Yankee outfielder and first baseman. Joe thinks the Yankees' pride was hurt so much last year that the Bombers will win in five games this fall. And Collins adds, he wouldn't be surprised if the Yankees swept the series in four straight?

Would you?

## Cardinals Fire Fred Hutchinson

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Fred Hutchinson was fired Wednesday as manager of the sagging St. Louis Cardinals, after mounting reports for two weeks that he was through.

General manager Bing Devine read a brief statement at a press conference announcing that Hutchinson would be relieved of his managerial responsibilities for the rest of the season and that his contract would not be renewed.

## Hawks Suffer First Casualty

ST. CATHARINES (CP)—The first casualty of the National Hockey League training camp and the brilliant play of last year's Ontario Junior A scoring champion featured the third day of training by the Chicago Black Hawks here Wednesday.

Defence candidate Merv Kuryluk was the casualty, suffering a seven-stitch cut over his right eye during the morning scrimmage of the A squad.

Kuryluk was patched up and returned to the ice during the afternoon session.

## Kings County Midget Ball Players Entertained At Morell

Last evening at Morell all players of this year's Kings County Midget Baseball League were entertained at a special party to conclude what was a most successful season for the five teams which stayed in the league.

Boys were on hand from Mount Stewart, Morell, Peakes, Georgetown and St. Peter's as well as coaches and other interested adults and parents of the Mount Stewart boys—this year's winners of the League and the Bike Shop Trophy.

Before the evening's festivities opened, photos were taken of the League-winning Mount Stewart team who were seated as guests of honor at tables specially set up for a delicious lunch.

Rev. Eric Robin acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. He paid tribute to the winning team, players of other teams, coaches and all interested in promoting the League.

## Miss Tom Scott In Fastest Mile, Takes New Mark 2:13-2

Miss Tom Scott stepped the fastest mile of an eight dash card at the Charlottetown Driving Park last evening, doing the twice-around the oval in 2:13-2 in the eighth and final dash of the night.

This was also a new mark for the 4-year-old brown mare owned by Andrew Perry of Summerside. Her old mark was 2:14.

Vivien M. a long shot in the first dash of the C Pace came through to pay lucky ticket holders \$25.20 to win and \$15.10 to place.

There were no double winners on the card. Other dash winners included Lucky Logan, Brian's Dream, Jean Clegg, Gay Spirit, Jolly Bud and Connie French.

The highest pay of the night was on the first quinella which took the tidy sum of \$76.80 on a combination of Vivien M. and Morell Woodpe. The first daily double paid \$27.40 on a combination ticket of Brian's Dream and big event.

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Kahla Byrd, a six-year-old brown mare, recorded a double harness racing win Wednesday night in pacing the fastest miles of the program, 2:10 4/5 and 2:11 3/5.

Single dashes were won by Little Bob E. Ruby's Jest, Times Boy, C. B. L., Bonnie Michael and True Captain.

HALIFAX (CP) — Charlottetown and Lincoln, N.B. horses were double winners at a harness racing card at nearby Sackville Downs here Wednesday night.

They were Waychamp, owned by James MacGregor of Charlottetown and Slicker Tass, owned by Bruce MacDonald of Lincoln. The daily double paid \$68.00, the quinella \$36.20 and the exactor \$170.50.

Another winner was Ellen Joyce of O'Leary, P.E.I. TRURO (CP) — Moncton's Touli Boy and Atta Girl combined Wednesday night to return an exactor of \$252.50 at a harness racing card here.

L. G. Hal, owned by E. C. Haley of Antigonish, N.S., and My Clegg were double winners. Single winners included Robert, owned by W. E. Piers of Pugwash, N.S., and Amherst's Busy Lady.

The daily double returned \$56.20 and the quinella \$24.20.

## BASEBALL

American League  
Boston 000 000 000—3 8 2  
Kansas City 000 10x—6 10 0  
Detroit, Yankees (6) White (8) and Daley; Herbert and Chitt. L. DeLoock, HRS—Boston, Williams (22) Runnels (7), Kan-City, Chitt (6).

Second  
Boston 000 210 010—4 6 0  
Kansas City 000 100 001—2 6 1  
Monbouquette and Berberet; Garver, Gorman (9) and House, L-Garver, HRS: Bos—Renna (3), Buddin (12), Malzone (18).

Baltimore at Chicago ppd, rain.  
New York 002 000 000—2 7 0  
Detroit 020 000 12x—5 6 0  
Turley, Dittmar (8) and Howard; Bunning and Wilson. L-Turley, HRS: N.Y., Mantle (41) Detroit 2 (6).

National League  
Milwaukee 000 200 001—3 9 0  
St. Louis 200 102 00x—5 8 0  
Spahn, Jay (7) McMahon (8) and Crandall; Jackson, Bronsan (9) and Green, W-Jackson, L-Spahn, HR: StL—Green (12), Chicago 210 200 1—6 9 0  
Philadelphia 000 000 2—5 1 1  
R. Anderson and Neenan; Semproch, Meyer (8), Sanford (7) and L. O. L. Semproch, HRS—Chi, Banks (47).

International League  
Toronto at Montreal ppd, rain.

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
While the American League's three leading hitters fought it out in the batters box, Kansas City's Harry Chiti stole the spotlight Wednesday with a grand slam home run as Boston Red Sox split a doubleheader with the Athletics in Kansas City.

Chiti's blast won the first game 6-3. The Red Sox took the second 4-2 as Bill Renna, Frank Malzone and Don Buddin all slapped out homers. The Sox victory ended an eight-game losing streak.

In the only other AL game scheduled, Detroit's Jim Bunning survived a monumental Mickey Mantle blast that towered out of Briggs Stadium to collect a 5-2 win for the Tigers.

Two games were scheduled in the National League at night. Chicago was at Philadelphia and Milwaukee at St. Louis.

RAISES AVERAGE  
Boston's Pete Runnels, who went into the double-bill at Kansas City leading the league's hitters with a .319 average, smacked four hits, including a homer, in eight at bats, to raise his average to .322.

Ted Williams of the Sox tied with Bob Cerv of the As for second place with .316, got two for four in the first game, to raise his average to .320. One of those hits was also a homer. He didn't play in the second contest.

Cerv went hitless in four tries in the first game, but had two for four in the second and sank to .315 and a tie with Vic Power of Cleveland and Harvey Kuenn of Detroit.

Chiti's homer came off Ike DeLoock in the fourth inning of the first game. For all practical purposes, that was it.

The second game was a pitching duel between rookie Bill Monbouquette of the Sox and the A's Ned Garver. Monbouquette went all the way to win his third as against four losses.

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## Arrows Capture Opener; Swamp Bombers 12-2

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Shepherd, who pitched for the Rollaway Aces all season in the City Softball League, just recently turned his hand to pitching a baseball. He was very impressive in his first big game, holding the Bombers hitless and scoreless till the final frame when he gave up two hits and two runs. He also struck out thirteen and walked none.

Jack Hughes started for the Bombers but the Arrows started to hit him in the third when they scored their first run. They scored four runs in the fourth and another four in the fifth to take a 9-0 lead.

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Mr. Francis in a few well-chosen remarks, complimented one and all and gave the young players present some splendid advice on how to play the game of baseball.

The chairman then called on Mr. Arthur Burns who with a few timely words presented the Bike Shop Trophy to the captain of the Mount Stewart team, Mr. Ed Crane, coach of the winning squad thanked Mr. Burns on behalf of his club for his generosity in awarding the trophy and Mr. Louis McGuire congratulated Mount Stewart team on behalf of the other coaches and players in the league.

Father Robin then introduced Brig. Bill Reid, Provincial Physical Fitness Director who paid tribute to the Ladies for the delicious lunch they had provided, thanked the adults present for their support, complimented the organizers of the league and pointed out to the players how fortunate they were to have such splendid support in their area.