

Whitey Ford Captures 1st Earned Run Championship

By BEN OLAN
NEW YORK (AP)—Whitey Ford of the New York Yankees, who owns the majors' highest lifetime pitching percentage, has captured the American League earned run championship for the first time.

Figures compiled by The Associated Press show Ford gave up only 62 earned runs in 226 innings for an ERA of 2.47. He edged Cleveland's Herb Score, another brilliant left-hander, who finished with a 2.57 mark.

Lew Burdette of the Milwaukee Braves won the National League title in another tight competition. He beat out teammate Warren Spahn, who had the lowest earned run average in 1947 and 1953.

In 256 frames, Burdette yielded 77 earned tallies for a 2.71 ERA. Spahn, a 20-game winner, gave up 87 unearned runs in 281 innings for 2.78. Burdette wound up with a 19-10 won-lost mark.

Ford has put together a remarkable record in five big league seasons. The 27-year-old hurler, who divided two decisions in the

close third this year. The south-paw, who posted a 20-13 record, had an ERA of 2.86.

Sal Maglie of Brooklyn, one of the leading candidates for come-back-of-the-year honors, was fourth with 2.87. He was followed by Don Newcombe of the Dodgers, the majors' top winner with 37. Newk had an ERA of 3.09.

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Nomads, Ramblers Win Rugby Tilts In Q.C.H.S. Loop

The Nomads and Ramblers both won "must" games in the Q.C.H.S. Rugby League in a football doubleheader Monday afternoon.

The Nomads edged the Tigers 9-8 while the Ramblers defeated the Hatchmen 6-3 in the second game.

The Nomad-Tiger affair was a wide-open affair with both teams running hard and playing wide-open ball. Don Murray scored two tries for the Nomads while Maurice Wood scored the other. Ralph Russell scored a try and made a convert good for 5 points for the Tigers, and George Phillips scored the other. Ralph Russell scored a ringer to make the score read 9-8 for the Nomads.

The Ramblers-Hatchmen affair was a hard-fought, well-played game as both teams battled for the edge. Alan Bradley spearheaded the Ramblers attack scoring all six points on two tries. Stirling MacFayden scored for the losing in the first half.

The league semi-final series is now all tied up with each team having won and lost a game. The final game of the semi-finals will be played Wednesday afternoon with the league finals beginning next week.

IN THIS CORNER

Governing Body Needed For Maritime Baseball

Whether or not the Charlottetown Abbies win the Maritime Intermediate series with Memramcook Rovers they will at least have the distinction of being participants in one of the latest baseball seasons in Island history. We do not know whether or not the two teams will be setting an endurance record when and if they take to the field next Sunday at Memramcook but if October 21st is not the latest date for a baseball game then it must be mighty close.

Luckily Sunday was almost an ideal day for baseball. It was a little on the cool side at Memorial Field but there was little on the cool side at Memorial Field but there was little breeze and the fans just about the largest crowd to see a game here this year saw a fine game. It was nothing more than the good graces of Providence that gave us a good day though. Normally it is pretty cool this time of year and as a matter of fact only last Friday was the first snowfall in the season. If the two teams meet again Sunday at Memramcook they will be lucky indeed if they are not up to their knees in snow.

We have harped on this question before and we will harp on it again and again until someone tells us why there is no governing body for Maritime baseball to get these playoffs over and done with at a reasonable date. We know that Island baseball officials have made several overtures to baseball bodies on the mainland in the past and on each occasion have been met with a cold indifference. Just why N.S. and N.B. baseball men take this attitude is more than we can understand. There would be quite a bit of work attached to it but they must see the obvious advantages.

The first mess - we use the word "mess" for that is precisely what it is - is that this Maritime Junior baseball, at the moment we have age limits of 20 and 21 in the three Provinces

and the Junior Abbies did not partake in all junior playoffs this year at all simply because by the time the playoffs were decided in N.S. and N.B. the Abbies didn't have a team anymore. Last year it was the Intermediate Abbies who didn't get into any playoffs for the same reason.

The players themselves would certainly appreciate uniform playing dates set at a time when the weather is reasonably warm because cool weather can do terrible damage to a pitcher's or any other player's arm. It is almost cruel to have playoffs when the weather can do irreparable damage to the arms of the baseballers. Just because of one or two games when pitcher's spectators have to give that little extra for any pitch can mean the winning or losing of a Maritime title, a starry young hurler could possibly have his entire future ruined. If you think this is stretching things a little too far then you just don't know how it feels or what it means to throw your arm out. It is one of the most agonizing experiences imaginable and if every hour's sleep you lose with sore arm you could be a rich man.

You can bet your life that the forgotten men of baseball, the umpires, would like a head office to appeal to when things get rough on the ball field. Just ask any hockey referee who works with the M.A.H.A. in his corner. Hockey players usually show a good deal more respect for a referee's authority when he has that wicked left of the M.A.H.A. behind him - a punch that can knock a player out of hockey for years or life.

The Maritimes need a governing baseball body modelled along the lines of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association and it needs it now. It needs it to set playing dates, uniform age limits, to settle disputes and as an appeal board for players and umpires.

Singing Sword Race Winner

MONTREAL (CP)—The Halifax Bay Singing Sword won the 700 B. and B.B. mile trot at Richeheu Park Saturday night in the fastest time of 2:08 5/8. Driven by Lloyd Walker, Singing Sword paid \$12, \$6.80 and \$8.20, defeating Laddie Hanover and Maine Song.

Harness Races

Results of horse races held at Hazelbrook Saturday, Oct. 13th, were as follows:

Class A.
Buddy Watson (E. Clow) . . . 11 dh
Laddie (C. Birt) . . . 3 3 d
Southport's Pride (J. Smallwood) . . . 2 2 dr
Thorndale (L. Young) . . . 4 4 2
Time: 2:22, 2:20, 2:26.

Class B.
Bob Budlong (E. Murphy) . . . 1 1 1
Lee's Pride (W. Smallwood) 2 2 2
Jean Yorke (E. McMurrer) 3 3 3
Real Pal (S. White) . . . 4 4 2
Money Adds (C. Wood) . . . 4 4 3
Time: 2:24, 2:24, 2:25.

Class C.
Bob Carter (H. Mulhreed) . . . 1 1 1
Miss Federal (E. Jones) . . . 3 3 1
Black Beauty (C. Birt) . . . 2 2 3
Bethel Boy (S. Driscoll) . . . 4 4 dr
Time: 2:36, 2:33, 2:37.

Starter: J. Thomas McKenna.
Timer: S. Cutcliffe.
Judges: J. J. Melnick, James Rankin, H. H. Jenkins.

SPORT ECHOES

Picks Yankees In Six; Reputation As Seer Tinged

Our reputation as a prophet has suffered a slight setback—nothing serious, just a faint trace of tarnish around the edges—. Last year if you remember and if you don't we'll keep reminding you we picked the Dodgers to win in seven. That was really hitting ze eye of ze bull as they say in French. The best we could do this year was score an inner. We picked the Yankees to win in six, and they made it in seven. We're not sure just what went wrong, but think Jackie Robinson's hit in the tenth inning of the sixth game must have been a fluke. Slaughter was so excited about discovering that life began at forty he thought that ball was a lollipop and tried to grab the stick.

Don Nicholson, Summerside boy and now studying medicine at Dalhousie and starting on their football team, has been bothered with a sore leg this fall, but is doing pretty well in spite of this and the fact of his team's collapse. Against St. F. X. his run to the seven wickets saved the way for Wickwire to go over for Dal's only major score, and against Stadacona he scored the only touchdown for the black and gold.

Coke Grady, Summerside's migratory athlete—every fall he's been going south with the big boys—is seriously considering spending the winter season in his home town. We hope Coke really means this. The Aces can use a hockey player of his ability, and the more

Browns Find Electronic Football Has Drawbacks

NEW YORK (AP)—Electronic football, the new gimmick of wiring the quarterback for sound, backfired Sunday on the pro championship Cleveland Browns—the New York Giants swiped their signals.

The Giants chortled Monday, telling how they tuned in on the Browns' radio wavelength, intercepted instructions from the bench and came off with an upset 21-9 victory.

"We were able to get the Browns' signals better than they could," Ray Walsh, general manager of the Giants, told the weekly meeting of New York football writers. "Finally, after three unsuccessful series of plays, they gave it up."

Paul Brown, Cleveland coach, this year instituted the device whereby his offensive and defensive quarterbacks were equipped with small radio receiving sets in their helmets to get orders from the sidelines.

There's no law in the rule book of the National Football League to prevent it.

But the Giants concocted their own measures, as described gleefully by Walsh.

They had a red receiving set on the bench tuned to the Browns' wavelength and could hear Brown's instructions to his quarterback, George Ratterman, very clearly while Ratterman, with only a little gadget in his helmet, seemed to be having trouble hearing over the roar of the crowd.

A Giant listener yelled to a defensive man on the field and the word was passed all along the line.

Walsh representing NFL Commissioner Bert Bell at the meeting, said Bell expected some action on the electronic devices at a next meeting of the league's legislative committee.

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Nimble Colley Trots World Record Mile

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—Nimble Colley, Kentucky Futurity winner, trotted a mile in 1:59 Monday for a world's record for a three-year-old filly.

The daughter of Colby Hanover was driven by Ralph Baldwin a time trial at the Lexington trots track as she erased the 1:59 1/8 held by Stenographer, also against time.

The intruder, upset winner in the Hambletonian, trotted a mile in 1:59 1/8, the season's fastest mile for a sophomore colt. In a third time trial, Tilly's Filly, driven by Frank Ervin, paced a mile in 1:59 5/8 to bring the number of two-minute miles at Lexington to a record 25 in races and trials. The old high was 26 in 1952.

Pat Abruzzi All But Wraps Up Scoring Crown

of Montreal Alouettes has just about wrapped up the 1956 Big Four Football Union scoring title. Abruzzi scored his 14th touchdown of the season last Saturday to raise his point-total to 94, a whopping 3-point advantage over team-mate Hal Patterson. Al Patterson of Toronto Argonauts, the 1955 scoring leader with 96 points, has scored only 24 in 11 games so far this year and he's well down the list.

Statistics compiled by The Canadian Press show Don St. John of Ottawa Rough Riders in third place with 83 points and the Air' Bill Bewley in fourth with 44.

Bill Graham of the league-leading Kitchener Waterloos Dutchmen in the Senior Ontario Rugby Football Union, added seven points last week to raise his total to 118.

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SOME RUGGED LINE PLAY
Players tumble better skelter as Toronto Argonauts (dark sweaters) tangle with Montreal Alouettes during rugged line play in Big Four Football Union game at Toronto. Montreal won 28-13.

N.W.A. Agrees To End Practices

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Wrestling Alliance, accused by the government of monopolizing the booking of wrestlers for professional exhibitions, Monday agreed to end practices which Attorney-General Robert Brownell announced a formal anti-trust action was filed in the federal district court at Des Moines, Iowa.

He said that as a result of advance conferences between counsel for the government and the alliance, the court simultaneously entered a consent decree, accepted by both sides, terminating alleged restrictive practices in the wrestling match field, and closing the case.

The department said the decree which the NWA and its members signed puts an end to a system which allegedly "prevented independent promoters from obtaining adequate bookings and denied to professional wrestlers their right freely to obtain engagements, particularly for studio (TV) exhibitions."

Pat Abruzzi Leads Big Four In Ground Gaining

TORONTO (CP)—Pat Abruzzi of Montreal Alouettes is the leading ground gainer in the Big Four football union, league statistics showed Monday night.

He has carried the ball 894 yards in 167 carries for an average distance of 5.3 yards. O. K. Ferguson of Toronto Argonauts has gained 698 yards in 126 carries for an average of 5.5 yards. The next-best showing is that of Cookie Gilchrist of Hamilton, in 93 carries he has gained 668 yards, an average of 7.2 yards. Sam Echeverry of Montreal is tops in the league in the passing department. He has completed 294 of 382 pass attempts for an average gain of 10.5 yards. Arnie Galiffa of the Argonauts has completed 179 of 309 pass attempts for an average gain of 8.5 yards. Hal Patterson of the Alouettes dominates the pass receivers. He has received 77 passes and gained 1,664 yards.

The league's leading punter is Cam Fraser of Hamilton Tiger-Cats. He has kicked 100 punts for a distance of 4,530 yards and an average of 45.3 yards.

Churchill To Enter Horse In Rich Race

LAUREL, Md. (AP)—The Laurel International race, which has been graced with horses of a queen and a president, had promise Monday of one from a knight. Sir Winston Churchill said in transatlantic exchange he'd "be delighted" to send his three-year-old Le Pretendant to the \$100,000 race Nov. 12.

Queen Elizabeth sent Landau to the race in 1954 and Panasilper ran last year in the colors of Sean T. O'Kelly, president of Ireland.

Landau finished seventh and last while Panasilper was fourth among 18 starters.

The Pretendant's invitation was cabled Saturday by John Schapiro, president of Laurel, shortly after the bay son of 1944 English Derby winner Ocean Swell, won the Cumberland lodge stakes.

The race, in which Queen Elizabeth's High Veldt was second, was the same 1 1/2-mile distance as the International.

Le Pretendant's invitation includes Sir Winston, of course, but Schapiro said he hasn't heard yet whether the 82-year-old owner, who is vacationing in southern France now, will make the trip.

Richard Out For 3 Weeks

MONTREAL (CP)—Henri (Pocket Rocket) Richard, injured when checked heavily by Leo Labine of Boston in a National Hockey League game here Saturday, will be lost to Canadiens for at least three weeks, a club spokesman said Monday.

The young centre suffered torn ligaments in his knee. He left hospital Monday with the knee in a cast which will stay on for at least 10 days.

Canadiens coach Toe Blake is expected to call up a replacement from one of the club's farm teams.

Paul Richards Gets Extended Oriole Contract

BALTIMORE (AP)—Baltimore Orioles Monday gave Paul Richards a two-year extension of his contract through 1958, a full vote of confidence and promise of administrative help with no interference.

The acts sought to still rumors the Oriole brass hadn't been happy with Richards serving for the last two years with titles of both manager on the field and in the office, an unusual set-up in major league baseball.

Richards was hired two years ago after the Orioles assumed St. Louis Browns' franchise and finished last as usual under manager Jimmy Dykes. Richards got them to seventh in 1955 and sixth this year.

Wings Bring Up Billy MacNeill

DETROIT (AP)—In an effort to bolster their injury-stricken front line, Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League Monday recalled Billy MacNeill from their Edmonton farm club in the Western Hockey League. The Wings shipped Murray Costello to the Flyers.

A Critical Self-Appraisal Released By Football Big 10

CHICAGO (AP)—A critical self-appraisal of western conference athletics, charging that the work-aid program for athletes is "an invitation to hypocrisy and deceit," was released Monday by the Big Ten in the form of a 24-page report.

The strongly-worded analysis of the trends of recruiting and financial aid was drafted by a conference committee set up on Dec. 9, 1955, "to study the overall problems and position of the conference in the conduct of intercollegiate athletics."

"Each conference school is on a definite 'off' basis, meaning that the recruitment activity is accompanied by the tender of financial assistance (promised work and/or scholarships)," the report said.

"The work-aid program has developed purposefully as a subsidization device under the 'offer system' and limitations upon unearned aid. As such it is an invitation to hypocrisy and deceit unless there is complete insistence upon full work for compensation received, and there is not."

Larsen's Wife Withdraws Action

NEW YORK (AP)—Mrs. Vivian Larsen, estranged wife of Don Larsen, has withdrawn her action in trying to stop world series payments to the New York Yankees' perfect-game pitcher.

The hearing in a Bronx Supreme Court Monday on a charge of non-support was wiped off the calendar. Shortly after the action was filed, Larsen sent his wife the \$420 she demanded.

Patterson-Moore Agree To 15-Round Title Bout Nov. 30

CHICAGO (AP)—Floyd Patterson and Archie Moore have agreed to meet in a 15-round heavyweight title fight in Chicago Stadium Friday, Nov. 30, the International Boxing Club announced Monday.

The contract signing will be in Chicago next week and terms will be announced at this time, the IBC said.

Moore was knocked out in the 11th round of his heavyweight title attempt by champion Rocky Marciano, now retired, in September of last year.

Patterson hasn't fought since June 8 when he defeated Hurricane Jackson in 12 rounds. He came Jackson a hand in that fight but has been working back into shape.

In New York, Jim Norris, president of the IBC, said negotiations on home television and theatre television are going on now. The fight of the two days a week in which the IBC broadcasts and telecasts network fights, indicates the 15-round will be telecast.

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Argos Have No Trouble Cutting To Import Limit

TORONTO (CP)—Toronto Argonauts had no problem in getting down to the 15-man import limit Monday for the remainder of the Big Four football season.

The only import Argos have above the quota is the injured Tom Dubinski. The star quarterback from Detroit Lions of the National Football League has not played since he injured a knee in a pre-season exhibition game.

The import deadline was midnight Monday night and Argo officials announced that the following Americans are being retained:

Arnold Galiffa, quarterback; Dick Shatto and O. K. Ferguson, halfbacks; Al Pfeiffer, Bucky Curtis, Menan Schriever, Al Romine, ends; Hardiman Cureton and Ben Marciniak, guards; Bill Albright, Francis Machinsky, Bill Lucky, tackles.

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