

Dodgers Voted Team Of Year

By HUGH FULLERTON JR., Associated Press Sports Writer

The 1963 baseball season was voted the best by fans in a poll conducted by the Los Angeles Dodgers and for a while looked as if the decision might go against them. But in the last run persistence and pitching paid off and the Dodgers became the team of the year.

The team of the year in the Associated Press year-end poll.

Sports writers and broadcasters voting in the AP poll picked the baseball champions as a team of the Year by a huge margin over the professional and college champions in basketball and football. On 181 ballots, the Dodgers received 94 first place votes, 21 for second and 11 for third. On a 324-point scoring basis, they had a total of 333 points.

Boston Celtics, who won their fifth straight National Basketball Association championship in the spring of 1963 and then went off to a swift start on the year campaign, placed second with 22 first-place votes and 133 points.

Chicago Bears, National Football League champions, were third with 11 first places. The voting was virtually completed before the Bears beat New York Giants in the NFL playoffs.

Other teams that placed high in the voting included the University of Texas, unbeaten champions of college football, with 46 points; Loyola of Chicago, National College basketball champion, with 37 points.

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Sark Suspended For One Year

Bob Schuman, president of the Prince County Hockey League, released the following statement today following a meeting of the executive on Tuesday evening:

"In adopting the report of referee-chief, 'Red' L. Gross, on the game of Wednesday, January 1st, between the Bordas National and the Junior A team, the executive of the P.C.H.L. held a special meeting on Friday evening and suspended Charlie Sark of the Nationals for a period of one year.

One year suspension was the minimum penalty for the match played by referee Gross. According to C.H.A. rule no. 67 B.

"At the same time Alan Gaudet of the Junior Legionaires was assessed a one-game suspension for a stick-throwing incident in a Junior-O'Leary game in O'Leary last Monday. Gaudet will miss the Junior-Bordas game this Thursday."

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Patterson Starts Return With Win Over Amonti

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Former world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson stopped Italian heavyweight King Santo Amonti, Monday night in Patterson's first comeback fight since he was knocked out by Sonny Liston last July.

The end — on a technical knockout — came at two minutes, 25 seconds of the eighth round while the sellout crowd of 10,700 at Johanneshov Stadium looked a deep roar.

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Hockey Scores

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Nova Scotia Senior Halifax 2 New Glasgow 9

Hockey Clinic Underway Soon

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Montague Curlers Have Practice

Montague school boys curling for this year is under the supervision of three high school lady teachers, Evelyn MacLure, Donna MacLeod, and Laurel Nelson. Seven girls and fourteen boys are taking part in the practice each Saturday morning from 11 to 12:30. The school boys curlers will be selected to represent the school in the provincial play-downs.

George Nicholson has coached the school team in their first year with the girls curl on the boys. It is feared he will not be available this year. Roger Cleary, a four year competitor, is presently giving instruction to the boys. Above is a copy of a letter from the girls curl on the boys. It is Margorie Clark, Steven Clarkson, Faisy Sinclair, and Maureen Sullivan.

Olympic team on way; Told watch the Russians

By JACK SULLIVAN, Canadian Press Sports Editor

TORONTO (CP) — The Canadian Olympic hockey team left by plane late Monday afternoon for a 10-game exhibition swing in Europe before it gets down to cases in the Jan. 28-Feb. 9 Olympics in Austria with the Russians.

Every responsible observer gathered in Toronto during the week-end for the semi-annual executive meeting of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association rounded the warning in interviews. All polled had seen the Reds in action in the last 15 months.

"The Canadians may have to worry about the Reds but the team youngest and possibly the best-conditioned club Canada has sent overseas in years, cleaned up—at least temporarily—a troublesome matter concerning the amateur status of its players. All have been declared eligible under Olympic rules by Canadian officials."

This was dealt with at a closed-door session early Monday morning between Rev. David Bauer, coach of the team, officers of the C.A.H.A. and Jim Worrall of Toronto, president of the Canadian Olympic Association. Bauer said he would back the C.A.H.A. if the eligibility of any player was questioned during the game.

"MUST QUALIFY FIRST"

There's another annoying matter to be looked after. Due to the opposition created by the four-place finish of the Trail Moosesters in the 1962 World Championships at Stockholm, the Canadians must win Yugoslavia in an Olympic qualifying round on Tuesday, Jan. 26, a day before the official opening of the games.

A win—and this is simply a matter of the Canadians putting on their gear—will put Canada in the championship round with Russia, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, the United States and one or two other countries. A loss, and no one is considering such a horror, would dump Canada in a lower bracket and out of contention for the title.

Teams in the lower brackets are there only for the prestige of playing in the Olympics. Father Bauer, who gathered players from various colleges and U.S. universities, said: "I have a world of respect for the Russians. They have got to finish either first or second and no worse than that. If they finish third, of course, from Canada, the Czechs and Swedes." He declined to say how his club would do against these teams.

"FEARS MISTAKES"

One of two little mistakes could cost us a game," he said. "We could have 10 real good scoring opportunities and not click against two or three of the other team but one or two errors will blow it. Of course, this works for the other teams, too. This isn't just and all."

The Czechs and Swedes have had completely beaten the Canadians and didn't scare many Canadians. The Czechs finished with five wins three losses and three ties and the Swedes were 3-3. Canada met Czechoslovakia three times and won twice and split a pair against Sweden.

Observers did not dismiss the teams in the Olympics, all figuring anything can happen in these pressure-packed games, but all believed Bauer's club will beat them.

Colonel Fleury of Quebec City, first vice-president of the C.A.H.A. who saw the Russian national team last year, said that "Russia definitely is the team to beat." If Canada hopes to regain the Olympic title it surrendered to the Reds in the 1954 games and to the U.S. in 1960.

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Canadians Are Catching Americans In Football

By LORNE BRUCE

EDMONTON (CP) — Canadian college football players could be as good as Americans within three to five years, says Gene Fracas, who in his rookie coaching year led University of Alberta Golden Bears to the unofficial 1963 national intercollegiate title.

"We're getting closer and closer," the 33-year-old former pro maintains.

The main advantage Americans have had, he says, is that they still learn the game early and get good coaching at the high school level.

"The main advantage Canadian high schools made first string in their freshman year with the Golden Bears. What's more, Fracas says, four or five players with the 1963 team are good enough to graduate to the Canadian professional league.

The explanation? "We're getting better coaching now at a lower level."

Fracas, a native of Windsor, Ont., who played fullback with the University of Western Ontario Mustangs, was converted to an inside linebacker when he played for Edmonton Eskimos of the Western Football Conference from 1953 to 1962.

He's in his fourth year at the University of Alberta as an assistant professor teaching physical education.

EAST NO BETTER

Fracas says the calibre of Eastern intercollegiate football hasn't improved since he played at Western Ontario from 1953 to 1962, but the West has improved greatly.

He figures two teams—Alberta and University of British Columbia—could play in the Eastern college circuit, and a third—Manitoba—is getting close to eastern standards.

Fracas mentioned that St. Francis Xavier University of Antigonish, N.S., might challenge Alberta's claim to the official national title by virtue of its post-season Atlantic Bowl victory over University of Toronto. But he draws attention to the fact that Queen's University, the Eastern champion, has the team Alberta defeated 25-17 in the East-West game, had beaten Toronto twice in league play.

As for the possibility of setting up a formal post-season arrangement for determining a national champion, Fracas says it's complicated by the fact there are four or five intercollegiate leagues in Canada.

There could be two post-season playoffs in which the winners of four leagues would compete, then a third game could be played between the two survivors. But it would involve a lot of expense and probably would be further handicapped by bad weather.

Eligibility would be another problem. Fracas says a man could play football for Alberta for eight years and for Queen's only five years.

Fort Augustus Beats Tracadie

Fort Augustus defeated Tracadie 7-4 Sunday night in CYO League action at St. Dunstan's University rink.

J. MacGowan and P. Tronier led Fort Augustus with two goals each, with singles going to G. MacGowan, D. MacEachern, and G. MacEachern.

Scoring singles for Tracadie were L. Fleming, G. MacInnis, J. MacInnis, and J. McNally.

CURLING DRAW FOR MONTAGUE

Following is the Montague Mens Curling Draw for January 7 P.M.

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7 P.M.

Ice 2 — Ladies curling — C. Stewart, L. Sinclair, L. Hooley, Leah MacDonald vs. L. McLeod, K. Hughes, C. Gordon, O. Bennett.

Kinsmen Lineups Are Released

The following are the line-ups for the three teams of the Summerside league organized by the Summerside Kinsmen: Combs—Bill Skerry, manager; Bill Comsau, coach; Paul Gallant, George McNeill, Whitmore, Mustard, Charlie Wedge, Wilbert MacKinnon, Steeling Turner, Warren Grant, Jim Arsenault, Dennis Arsenault, Paul Gaudet, David Holt, John MacDonald, and Eddie Richards.

Monarchs — Chester MacDonald, manager; Charles MacDonald, coach; Richard Gallant, Gary Bartlett, Paul Mulins, Boyd Bernard, Ralph Souler, Paul Heer, Everett Simmons, David Blaciere, Ron Hickey, Jerry Johnson, Tyson MacDonald, and Elmer Gallant.

Warriors — Cal Bungay, manager; Windsor Carney, coach; Dave Campbell, Richard Allen, Ken Arsenault, Kenneth Blaciere, Edward Hippenstall, David Matheson, Billy Martin, Brian Peters, Myles Arsenault, and George Soule.

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