



GOALMOUTH SCRAMBLE

Jacques Plante of Montreal Canadiens and Rudy Migay of Toronto Maple Leafs scrape the ice in a scramble in a National Hockey League game at Toronto. Montreal won 3-1 Doug Harvey, Donnie Marshall and an unidentified Canadian are seen moving in on Migay while Toronto's Sid Smith looks on.

CP Photo

National Soccer Team of Hungary To Visit Canada

TORONTO (CP)—Hungary's national soccer team has been invited to tour Canada next summer, William Simpson, council member of the Football Association of Canada, said Thursday. The Canadian-Hungarian Federation is planning the tour. He said the team would be welcome to join the National League if it decides to stay in Canada. The Hungarian team, composed of members of two other teams touring Western Europe, is reported here to have decided not to return to Hungary. Simpson also announced that the Football Association probably will accept an offer by Hearts of the Scottish League to tour with the Hungarians if Tottenham Hotspur of the English League declines an earlier invitation.

Quits Bombers After 15 Years As Club Member

WINNIPEG (CP)—Ralph Misener has severed his connection with Winnipeg Blue Bombers after being a member of the football club for the last 15 years. Members at the club's annual meeting Wednesday night heard President J. T. Russell read a formal letter of resignation from Misener, who served as club president in 1950, 1951, 1954 and 1955. The letter drew no comment and the resignation was apparently accepted. Misener, who did not attend the meeting, indicated in his letter that he was not satisfied with the operation of the club during the last season but did not elaborate. The club also reported an estimated profit of \$3,239 for the 1956 season. Russell told the meeting he "feels sure the announcement of a new coach will be made immediately after the new year." Al Sherman, who coached the club the last three years, will not be back in 1957. Ralph Parilament, chairman of

SPORTS TRAIL

Has Nicest Job In Baseball

By WHITNEY MARTIN
NEW YORK (AP)—Frequently during the last few years we have written rather enviously about a fellow who had about the nicest job in baseball. The young fellow's name is Charley Silvera, and for eight full seasons he has been carried on the New York roster as a catcher, although it's not improbable that he has caught more colds than he has baseballs in games. Until this year he was the Yankees' No. 2 catcher, and inasmuch as the No. 1 catcher is a cast iron, indestructible machine answering to the tag of Yogi Berra, there wasn't much work for his understudy.

BULL PEN CATCHER
Consequently, Charley spent most of his time as a bullpen catcher. His busiest year behind the plate was 1949, his first full season, when he participated in 58 games. Since then the highest number of games he has been in is 42, with the usual total around 18 or 20. Last season he was called on only seven times. Called on, but never found wanting, Silvera is a first-class catcher, and were it not for the shadow cast by the stocky figure of Berra he probably would have been No. 1. Defensively he is excellent. He just doesn't have the power at the plate of Yogi.

He's been a hard worker, one of these eager athletes always looking for something to do, working with rookies in spring training, grabbing a mitt for batting practice or prodding pitchers to better efforts in the bullpen during the season. The Cubs have him now, buying him from the Yankees in one of those mysterious deals in which a good player is waived out of the league. It's difficult to imagine no other American League club wanting him. He'll take the switch in stride, although he knows his days of cashing world series' checks probably are over. He collected seven full series' cuts with the Yankees, probably around \$50,000 in all, and appeared in only one game.

Bob Kuntz Says East Team "Didn't Take Game Seriously"
TORONTO (CP)—Halfback Bobby Kuntz of Toronto Argonauts said Thursday his teammates in the East-West all-star football game at Vancouver "didn't take the game seriously." But he and two other eastern all-stars denied that the eastern team quit or threatened to go on strike. The West won the game last Saturday 35-0. The eastern players said team members were unhappy because they were refused \$50 apiece for cab fares and other incidental expenses, and were to be paid only \$250 each if they lost or \$350 if they won. Said Kuntz: "We were poor in the game and all of us knew it. The player committee, said the Blue Bombers have four quarterbacks on its negotiation list. Eagle Day, who quarterbacked the club in 1956, will be out of football next year due to a kidney injury. We didn't take the game seriously. I wouldn't say the team quit but our attitude could have been a lot better." Reports that players threatened to go on strike were "overrated." **WERENT HAPPY** Vince Scott of Hamilton Tiger-Cats said: "That strike and quit talk is a lot of nonsense although our boys weren't happy with the money being cut." Steve Oneschuk of Hamilton said that "some of the boys were unhappy over money" when they found they would be paid less this year. "Most of us lost money by playing the game," Oneschuk said. "I know I gave up my salary from my job to go out for the game. The players didn't mind that since it was for the crippled children's hospitals but they were unhappy when they discovered the game pay had been reduced."

Birdie Tebbetts Is Given New 3-year Contract

CINCINNATI (AP)—George (Birdie) Tebbetts Thursday was signed to a new three-year contract as manager of Cincinnati Redlegs of the National League. General manager Gabe Paul said Tebbetts was given an increase in pay, but no figures were disclosed. Tebbetts became manager of the Redlegs Sept. 29, 1953. The club finished third in the National League last season, barely nosed out by Brooklyn, which won the pennant, and Milwaukee, which finished second. Tebbetts' old contract would have expired at the end of the 1957 season.

Coach Thinks Canada's Track Future Is Dim

TORONTO (CP)—Canada's track and field future is "really dim" unless high schools start cooperating, Olympic coach Fred Foot said Thursday. Just back from Australia, he blamed the schools for Canada's poor showing against world competition in the 1956 Olympics. "Physical education teachers think only of school participation," he said in an interview. "Unless they start encouraging youngsters to compete for Canada by working at track all summer we will continue to be also-rans." Foot said Canada can win just as many gold medals as Australia, "providing we're willing to work." Mass participation is the answer, he said. Melbourne alone had 2,200 members in 44 track clubs. Toronto had 200 in four clubs. "No Percy Williams is going to appear and make us feel better for a while," the coach said. "World competition is too tough to expect a sprinter to emerge as a champion with the little encouragement he receives here, and the lack of good competition." (Williams won both the 100 and 200 meters for Canada in the 1928 Olympics.)

"BASEBALL IS LIKE THAT"; JACKIE

Robinson Sold To Giants For \$30,000 And Pitcher

By JACK HAND
NEW YORK (AP)—Jackie Robinson was sold to the rival New York Giants by Brooklyn Dodgers Thursday—for a reported \$30,000 and pitcher Dick Littlefield—in a deal that startled everybody including Robinson. Robinson, who will be 38 on Jan. 31, has talked often of retiring. Uncertain about his status in 1957, he asked the Giants for a few days to think it over. Obviously shocked by the news, first relayed to him Wednesday night by telephone from both Dodger and Giant officials, Robinson said he realizes that "baseball is like that."



JACKIE ROBINSON

"I really haven't had a chance to give it much thought," Robinson said by phone from his Stamford, Conn., home. "I want to get away and relax with a chance to think it over." "Naturally I'm disappointed to leave Brooklyn," said Robinson. "I've had wonderful years in

Brooklyn, received wonderful treatment from the fans and made lasting friendships with the players. "I have no hard feelings for the Brooklyn organization." **FIRST NEGRO TO PLAY** Since joining Brooklyn in 1947—the first Negro ever to play in the

major—Robinson has compiled a lifetime batting average of .309. He started his Brooklyn career at first base and has played second, third and the outfield. Billy Rigney, manager of the Giants, said in Walnut Creek, California, he planned to play Robinson at first base in place of Bill White, the 1956 regular who now is in the army. Bavaši explained the Brooklyn side of the transaction in this fashion: "We made the deal because we want to play one of our youngsters. As long as Jackie was on the club, the manager was going to play him and you couldn't blame him."



THE KICK COMES BACK

Halfback Lynn Bottoms of Calgary, a West all star runs back Toronto's Bucky Curtis, playing a kick at Saturday's empire stadium shrine football game played in the rain. West beat East 35-0 at end and representing east in CP Photo

Doctors Say Terry Sawchuk Will Be Back In Two Weeks

BOSTON (AP)—Boston Bruins received better than expected news Thursday when doctors reported ailing goalie Terry Sawchuk will be able to play National League hockey in two weeks. Sawchuk entered hospital Wednesday with infectious mononucleosis, a blood disease affecting spleen and reducing energy. At that time doctors feared Sawchuk, 26, a principal cog in

the Bruins unexpected drive to first place in the major hockey league, might be out of action two months. But Thursday doctors said Terry should be able to play against Detroit Red Wings, his former teammates, Dec. 27. Norm Defelice, spare goalie for Hershey in the American Hockey League, has been called to take Sawchuk's place in goal.



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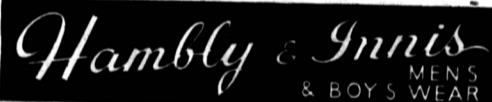
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