

SPORTS FRONT



Hitting Spots Take Thought

By CHRIS ANNETT

Have had a few letters from interested baseball fans in the past few weeks asking a number of questions about the various teams and strategy in the game...

One of the most interesting questions that was asked was "Why do coaches of the batters bat where they do in the line-up?"

A manager must spend long hours in figuring out just where he is playing nine of the 25 players he has on his roster...

The first man in the batting order is one of the most important positions to fill in that he will more than likely bat once more than all the other members on the team...

It is no accident that the Dodgers have the best lead-off man in baseball and are also the defending champions.

SECOND SPOT

The number two batter's most important ability must be that he can hit the ball to right field, behind the man running from first...

The third, fourth and fifth batters on any team form a slugging unit within the team for ideally they are supposed to overpower the other team when the first two batters have managed to get on the bases.

The number three man should hardly dip below a .300 average and he should have speed to burn and an eye to put the ball out of the park.

The fourth batter, or more commonly known as cleanup man, is the home run man on any club. He is there to wipe the base paths clean by way of a homer or long ball...

The fifth batter, or more commonly known as cleanup man, is the home run man on any club.

PIVOT MAN

In this day and age when a crushing number five hitter is not generally available to the majority of clubs, the emphasis has shifted to the batter who has power but also a good average.

Number six must be a lot like number five but he will often be the forgotten man in the batting order.

At this point the lineup is not like the first half in that (if it is possible) a weak hitting, hit and run expert will be asked to be number seven in the lineup.

The final batter is universally the pitcher for they are not really noted as being the best of hitters and often think of hitting as taking three quick swings at the ball.

Well this explanation has run a bit longer than I had expected it to and there are still a lot of factors left. Perhaps I will be able to cover those in the next column.



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SOURIS WINNERS

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Rain Abbreviates Card At Summerside Raceway

SUMMERSIDE - Rain cut short the scheduled nine dash harness racing program scheduled for the local oval last night. Having raced four dashes in constant rain, track officials and horsemen alike were ready to call it quits.

A total of six dashes were held and the fastest time on the program came in the final event with Yankee Blaze doing the twice around the oval in 2:11.1.

Elmer Clow's White Choice was the only double dash winner on the card, capturing both the first and fourth dashes in times of 2:13.2 and 2:15.4.

The Clow, owned entry also combined with Adiwaiy Logan in the first daily double on the first and second dashes to return a triple figure pay, \$152.

The quinella on the third paid \$17.30 on a combination of Doc Wilson and Gary T. Adios.

Other winners on the program were Tennessee Riley and Doc Wilson.

Table with columns for DASHES 1 AND 4, listing winners like White Choice, Grant Abbe, Concept, Rudy Frisco, and Pine Ridge.

PRACTICE

There will be an important baseball practice this evening for all Midget, Juvenile and Junior players who wish to play in the proposed league.

Indians Shade Yankees; Chicago Cubs Nip Dodgers

CLEVELAND (AP)—Sam McDowell, making his first appearance in two weeks, cut short a ninth inning New York Yankees Wednesday night as Cleveland defeated the Yankees 2-1.

McDowell, who had been sidelined with a sore arm, relieved starter Gary Bell after Mickey Mantle opened the ninth with a single. The fireballing southpaw retired the next three batters on fly balls.

CHICAGO (AP)—Rookie catcher Randy Hundley hit his

GOLF DRAW

The following are the first draws for the Dowling Handicap competition to be played at the Belvedere Golf and Winter Club.

Deadline, June 18th:

M. McKenzie vs. W. MacLean; M. Pineau vs. R. Carr; A. MacRae vs. I. Cudmore; R. Henry vs. L. Melsae; D.V. MacDonald vs. G. Barrett; B. Bantz vs. G. Houston; F. Corrigan vs. A. Harte; R. Hilt vs. G. C. Moore; A. McKenzie vs. D. Ross; B. Moreside vs. P. Perry; B. Giggie vs. J. Mulligan; W. Reddin vs. G. Scott; R. Boyles vs. R. MacDonald; D. Maund vs. T. Hooper; C. Conady vs. D. MacMillan; R. Storey vs. R. Birt; Deadline, June 12th:

D. Huestis vs. J. Morris; B. McGee vs. A. MacEachern; T. Miller vs. G. Fichaud; Bob Giggie vs. J. Vautour; K. MacDonald vs. M. Kennedy; R. Manning vs. D. McCormack; G. Bourgeois vs. H. Carmichael; R. Gentry vs. R. Ewing; D. Saunders vs. J. MacKinnon; M. McQuig vs. E. Buchanan; G. Carr vs. D. Birt; J. Matheson vs. L. MacKinnon; K. Carmichael vs. C. Heald; A. Rogerson vs. B. O'Meara; J. Miller vs. A. McCurdy; R. Atkinson vs. L. Cox; T. Rogers vs. D. Hill; L. Grant vs. L. Monkley; T. Laidlaw vs. H. Dobson; S. Weir vs. M. Kays; E. Waters vs. D. Boswell.

both the second and fourth innings.

NEW YORK (AP)—Hank Aaron drove in six runs Wednesday night with a double and two homers, including a grand slam, leading Atlanta Braves to a 7-6 victory over New York Mets.

Aaron opened the scoring in the first inning with his 19th homer.

Pinch hitter Chuck Hiller homered for the Mets in the ninth.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Philadelphia Phillies slammed 14 hits including home runs by Tony Gonzalez, Rich Allen and Clay Dalrymple, and defeated Cincinnati 10-6 Wednesday night.

Gonzalez, homer with two on highlighted a four-run first inning, and the Phillies wrapped it up with five more in the fourth.

The Reds got homers from Jim Coker, Deron Johnson and Dick Simpson. Simpson's drive climaxed a four-run uprising which drove starter and winner Chris Short, 64, from the mound in the eighth.

Sammy Ellis was tagged with his ninth loss in 11 decisions.

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Pittsburgh Pirates hit a two-run double in a four-run Kansas City rally in the sixth inning, lifting the Athletics to a 5-4 victory over Minnesota Wednesday night.

Talbot delivered the blow which finished Jim (Mudcat) Grant. His drive produced the final two runs in the rally.

Minnesota led 2-0 after Don Mincher doubled and scored in

the second and fourth innings.

Some 1,000 auto racing fans were treated to an eight race program of thrills and spills at the Covehead Raceway last night.

Highlight of the evening was a rough and tumble free-for-all. The field of 15 starters was whittled to seven before the midpoint of the race with most of the eliminations coming from two major multi-car pileups.

Winner of the free-for-all was Des Driscoll driving a 1954 Ford with the hot '57 Dodge of Dave Constable finishing second.

The 18 cars present were classed in six cylinder, flathead eight and overhead valve eight brackets. A Queens County Auto Racing spokesman said that a great number of cars are now nearing completion and should be ready for next week's event.

The fifth race also proved to be one of the best of the evening. The field of six was whittled to four and all four cars fought neck and neck down to the checkered flag. Winner was Melvin Fraser driving his number 13 Ford, with a 1941 Ford driven by "Duck" Woolridge placing second.

National, American Teams Unite In Football League

By WILL GRIMSLEY

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Football League and American Football League announced plans Wednesday for an expanded professional league of 26 teams in 25 cities under the supervision of Pete Rozelle, NFL commissioner.

The plans call for the retention of all existing franchises and a world championship game at the end of the season between the two circuits.

Other points of the agreement, announced jointly by the two leagues, were:

—No franchises transferred from present locations.

—Two new franchises no later than 1968.

—Two more teams as soon thereafter as practical.

—Inter league pre-season games in 1967.

—Single league schedule in 1970.

—A common draft next January.

—Continued two-network TV coverage.

The agreement brings to an end the costly money war that erupted with the formation of the AFL in 1960 as a rival to the NFL.

The joint statement said that discussions began as early as last March after contacts were renewed by the AFL following the 1965 season.

END BIG BONUSES

The agreement is expected to bring to an end the practice of tremendous bonuses ranging up to \$450,000 for college players.

Talks between the rival leagues were intensified after the NFL's New York Giants signed Pete Gogolak—a talented place-kicker who had played out his option with Buffalo Bills of the AFL.

The signing was technically legal but violated an unwritten agreement between the two circuits not to tamper with the other's talent.

George Halas, owner and coach of Chicago Bears, termed the incident as "unfortunate" and said the Giants' action was unwise.

Halas was instrumental in the peace talks which also included three AFL owners—George Wilson of Buffalo, Lamar Hunt of Kansas City Chiefs and Billy Sullivan of Boston Patriots.

The 15 teams in the National League now are: New York, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Atlanta, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Green Bay, Minnesota and Cleveland.

The teams in the American League are Miami, Kansas City,



PETE ROZELLE

New York, Boston, Houston, San Diego, Oakland, Denver and Buffalo.

There was no immediate indication which two cities would be given franchises in the next two years. New Orleans, Cincinnati and Seattle frequently have been mentioned as possible sites.

There was no immediate comment from Al Davis, the AFL commissioner who recently left his post as coach and general manager of Oakland Chargers to take over the reins of the younger circuit.

Friends said, however, that Davis was expected to go back to coaching.

One report by Jimmy Cannon of the Hearst Headline Service, was that each AFL club would be forced to pay \$1,500,000 indemnity to the NFL over a period of years.

MARITIME RACING

MONCTON (CP)—Onaway, the leading money winner in the Maritime harness racing circuit so far this season, won the \$300 Atlantic early closer at Brunswick Downs Wednesday night in a racing card cut short by rain.

Onaway, owned by R.R. Driscoll of Halifax, paced the mile in 2:11 3-5.

Other winners were Frisco Hanover (2:12), Golden Dart (2:15 2-5), Hollybud (2:19 2-5), and Lady Tipton (2:15 1-5).

Four races were cancelled.

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Starburn, making his first start of the season, paced the fastest mile of the night Wednesday on a nine-dash harness racing card.

The slick six-year-old bay, owned by E.R. Williamson of Fredericton and driven by Bob Stevenson, reeled off a 2:09 1-5 trip in winning the sixth dash invitational. Starburn beat out four other starters: Ukon King, Plymouth Rock, Burgess Express and Bad News.

Two horses lowered their lifetime records: Janet Byrd to 2:13 and Sugar Trick to 2:15 2-5. Operator (2:13), Scrap Metal (2:14), Borderview Dee Ann (2:16 2-5), Becky's Prince (2:12 4-5), Borderview Dixie (2:11 4-5) and Tarr's Council (2:16) were other dash winners.

The daily double combination of Borderview Dixie and Tarr's Council paid \$171 in the eighth and ninth dashes.

SACKVILLE DOWNS, N.S.—(CP)—Borderview Renown, owned by the Wheby Stable of Dartmouth, N.S., was the lone double winner on an eight-dash harness racing program here Wednesday night.

Borderview Renown also stepped the fastest mile of the night—2:06 3-5 in the third race. His time in the seventh race was 2:07 2-5. Queen's Newton was second in both heats.

Other winners were Phyllis Sign, owned by P.J. LeBlanc of Rogersville, N.B.; Borderview Beauty, owned by the Wheby Stable; Bonny's Adios, owned by Robert E. Lee of Lower Sackville, N.S.; D. Do Direct, owned by P.J. and Lucie LeBlanc of Rogersville; Sandy Slaton, owned by Mrs. Dorothy Walker of Halifax; and Midnight Bold, owned by Everett Shea of Alberton, P.E.I.

Times were: Phyllis Sign 2:09 4-5, Borderview Beauty 2:07 2-5, Bonny's Adios 2:12 2-5; D. Do Direct 2:13 4-5; Sandy Slaton 2:08 1-5; Midnight Bold 2:11.

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BASEBALL RESULTS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Table with columns for National League, American League, and Probable Pitchers, listing teams and scores.

Souris Bowlers Hold Banquet

SOURIS—A bowling banquet was held recently at the St. Mary's Parish Hall and the winners of various trophies in the three bowling leagues were presented their trophies by Rev. J. J. Dingwell. The winners were as follows:

High Average: Men — Cliff Ford, 194; Women — Anne Poole, 178.

High Triple: Men — John McLean, 782; Women — Rita Doocette, 661.

High Single: Men — Cliff Ford, 325; Women — Cecilia Walsh, 277.

Postponed

The scheduled stock car races for Thursday, June 9th, at the Carleton Speedway have been cancelled due to a death in the community.

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