

Mickey Mantle May Not Be Available For Opener Tmr.

By JACK HAND
NEW YORK (AP)—Carl Furillo rested with a cold and Mickey Mantle tenderly tested his injured right leg Monday as Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Yankees held final workouts in their own parks for Wednesday's world series opener at Yankee Stadium.

In This Corner

Well Old Case is once again a genius after a lapse of one year when he was reduced to the role of a jerk by the Cleveland Indians and Al Lopez, who was the genius for that season. A manager's life is a perilous one and has more ups and downs than the average roller coaster. Stengel was practically a disgrace to the proud Yankee grey when he failed to take the New Yorkers to the world series in '54 but now is again riding high with his sixth pennant in seven years tacked to the Yankee flag pole.

Of course there is still the Brooklyn Dodgers and the world series to contend with but Case probably isn't worried too much for in five trips to the post the Yanks have nipped the Brooks at the wire on every occasion. Of course the Dodgers have Snider, and Newcombe and Campanella and Hodges and Robinson and a host of other unbeatable who ran over all opposition in the National League without hardly working up a sweat. But then the Stengel has a few better than average players at his call also and even if Mickey (37 home runs) Mantle is unable to hobble out to centerfield he can always throw a bone to Irv Noren or Elston Howard or another member of the strongest bench corps in the majors.

It is no secret that Stengel is not a genius and never was. And neither was John McGraw, Connie Mack, Joe McCarthy, Leo Durocher or any other manager who ever lived. Powers of the occult and supernatural attributed to Casey during his tenure at Yankee Stadium are obviously so much eyewash for the main ingredient of pennant a-la-mode is first and foremost good players spiced with a lot of good luck and stirred well by a mentor who needs only a thorough knowledge of baseball.

A manager's value to his team has long been a matter of speculation by fans, writers and anyone connected in any way with baseball. As in everything else there are good managers and bad ones but when all is said and done there can be no doubt at all that players make the difference between a first and last place finish. A manager's shrewdness can possibly account for a first or second place in the standings in some isolated instances but not even a baseball man with the comparative brain powers of Albert Einstein could make a pennant winner out of the Baltimore Orioles.

Pennants will always be won or lost on the ball field even though some momentous decisions are made in the dugout and in the office of the general manager who is fast replacing the dugout manager as the driving force behind a contender. As for example take the case of Bob Turley. When Paul Richards dealt off Turley to the Yanks last winter just about everybody in the American League said that Richards has sold the pennant and a few "experts" in the National League cried "conspiracy" and brayed that the entire American League was in cahoots to insure a victory for the junior circuit in the world series - having already conceded the pennant to the Yanks without a fight.

As it turned out, who was it that won the important games for the Yanks coming down the stretch - Tommy Byrne, Don Larsen and Whitey Ford with considerable help from Konstanty Larsen was a sleeper. He was also involved in the Turley deal and at the time was supposedly sent to New York for another reason than to keep Turley company on the train. Even though Turley won 16 games for the Yanks it must be remembered that he lost almost as many and while that sort of record may be outstanding with the Orioles it doesn't make him candidate for the most valuable player award on a pennant winner.

Of course Bob was not a flop - not by any means. He kept the Yanks on top at the first of the season with his eight straight

but Mantle may not be ready. The final decision on the Yankee center fielder probably won't be made until shortly before game time Wednesday.

"It feels better," said Mantle after swinging away for about 10 minutes at the pitching of coach Frank Crosetti. Batting lefthanded, he smashed one pitch into the second deck in right field. However, he still couldn't run freely. Instead of going to the outfield, he fooled around with a first baseman's mitt, just to limber up.

FAVOR YANKEES

Despite the doubt about Mantle's status, the betting men stretched the odds favoring the Yankees to 13 to 10. The Yanks remained the 6 to 5 choice in the opener. As for a sweep, you could get 11 to 1 on the Yanks wouldn't do it and 19 to 1 that the Dodgers wouldn't win four at a time.

The Dodgers, of course, never have won a series. This will be their eighth try. The Yanks hold

the record with a 16-4 record for 20 previous series and five straight under Stengel from 1949 through 1953.

Stengel confirmed his earlier announcement that Whitey Ford (18-7) will work the opener and Tommy Byrne (16-5) the second, on the theory that his lefthanders would be more effective at the stadium than at Brooklyn with its convenient fences for righthanded hitters.

LOES FOR SECOND TILT

Walter Alston, Dodger manager, said Billy Loes (10-4) probably will start the second game at New York. He has listed Don Newcombe (20-5) as his opening day pitcher. Carl Erskine (11-8), another

righthander who struck out 14 Yanks for a series record in 1953, probably will work the Friday game with either Johnny Pridemore (10-10) or Karl Spooner (8-6) going Saturday. Newcombe probably would be able to come back Sunday with three days rest, provided the best-of-seven series goes to a fifth game. Clem Labine (13-5) and Don Bessent (8-1) will be the relievers.

A sellout crowd of close to 70,000 is due to jam the stadium Wednesday.

If Mantle plays, the Yankee lineup is pretty well set with Irv Noren in left, Mantle in center and Hank Bauer in right. Joe Collins will be on first, Billy Martin on third and Gil McDougald on fourth. Stengel is torn between Rizzuto and Gerry Coleman for short but is expected to lean toward the veteran scorer.

Sport Forum

BOXING GOSSIP

Sir.—If the price was right, Coby McCluskey would fight biggers, his only reservation would probably be that they come one at a time.

On Friday, September 30 at Fredericton, N. B.: Coby gets his long awaited chance at the Canadian middleweight crown. His opponent will be a husky negro lad known to the fight fancy as Lou Lawrence, the Western Canadian middleweight champion.

Lawrence is no Johnny-come-lately to the fight game. He is an experienced battler, having begun his career in amateur ranks back in 1946 in his home town. After 4 years in that category he entered the punch-for-pay ranks June 5th in Vancouver against Jackie Clark of Washington. Since that time he has gone to the ring wars 24 times and has put the sleeper on ten of his mittmen he has met and defeated are Harry Poulton, Jimmy Nolan, Bill Brennan, D. Wolf, E. Durrelle and B. Nunn.

McCluskey too has an impressive record since he first began to swap punches. He began in this city back in 1943 and in his first appearance he fought Kid Tierney to a draw.

He won the Maritime Amateur middleweight championship in Oct. 1946 at St. John. The period between 1943-46 he took part in 27 fights without a defeat chalked up against him.

McCluskey turned professional in 1947 under the managerial reins of his older brother Tom who still handles his affairs.

Coby hit out for Boston in 1950 and after having three fights in that city he returned to the Maritimes and it was no time until the promoters signed him for a title fight with Yvon Durrelle and Coby walked off with the title after cuffing out an easy 10-round decision.

Prince Edward Island boxing fans love a puncher. The way Gaston Roy and Earle MacDonald tore into each other Saturday night in Summerside at the Raceway Stadium one would think they were fighting for a world's title. It was a terrific fight from the first to the tenth round and it was probably the best fight Gaston ever fought in his short but spectacular career.

Some of the credit must be given to Roy's chief second Harry Poulton who guided the young battler through some rough periods with a bit of timely advice. On several occasions Gaston was in difficulty and it looked for awhile that Roy

was fighting for a world's title. It was a terrific fight from the first to the tenth round and it was probably the best fight Gaston ever fought in his short but spectacular career.

The Yanks are the favorites to take the world's title from the Dodgers and although this is seemingly unwarranted judging from the comparative season's performances of the two teams, we will have to go along with the general consensus and take the Bombers to win in no less than six.

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Passador New Coach For Montreal Jr. Canadians

MONTREAL, (CP)—Louis Passador, 33-year-old assistant scout with the Montreal Canadiens hockey organization and a native of Fort William, Ont., has been

named coach of the Montreal Junior Canadiens, it was announced Sunday.

Passador succeeds Elmer Lach, former Canadiens centre in the NHL and now coach of Montreal Royals of the QHL.

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SPORTS

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Glydon Willis Wins Trap And Skeet Championships

Glydon Willis of Kensington won both the club trap Championship and the skeet championship at the Charlottetown Gun Club on Saturday afternoon. Breaking 45 birds out of 50 to take the skeet championship Willis hit 20 his first round and 25 his second, runner-up in skeet with 43 was Ron Atkinson. In the trap, out of 50 birds, Wil-

lis broke 41 to stand well ahead of his closest rival Lloyd McCallum with 36. The annual banquet of the club was held following the shoot.

Following are the complete results of the days shooting.

Caroline Talks With Alouettes

MONTREAL, (CP)—J. C. Caroline, the fleet-footed halfback dropped by Toronto Argonauts, came to Montreal Monday to talk things over with general manager Vic Obeck of Montreal Alouettes.

Waivers asked by Argos on the former Illinois star do not expire until Wednesday, and Hamilton Tiger-Cats are in line in that order—ahead of Alouettes to grab Caroline if they wish.

Caroline indicated he would like to hook up with Alouettes, but even if he is not claimed by the Riders or Cats Caroline will have to talk salary in terms of Alouette money.

When Caroline's release was announced in Toronto Friday, newspaper reports said his Argos salary was \$15,000.

Speculation That Frank Lane Bound For Pirates

CHICAGO (AP)—Frank Lane aimed some criticism Monday at Branch Rickey and past operations of the Pittsburgh baseball club to lend support to speculation that he will be named the Pirates' boss.

The dynamic 58-year-old executive, whose resignation as general manager of Chicago White Sox is effective Oct. 15, may have tipped his hand about joining the Bucs during a question-answer series as guest speaker at the Chicago American Quarterback luncheon.

Lane first was asked about Paul Richards' youth movement at Baltimore. After observing that "Bal. may have bitten off a little more than he could chew," Lane spontaneously took off on the Pirates.

Fred Haney was fired as Pittsburgh manager Sunday and there were hints that Rickey's five-year

contract as general manager would not be renewed.

"The trouble in Pittsburgh," said Lane, "is that Rickey has been charging major league prices for minor league baseball. You just can't foist minor league baseball on the public by having boys pull on a major league uniform."

"No one officially has talked to me about going to Pittsburgh, or to the St. Louis Cardinals, or anywhere else. It is well known that I have been a close friend of Mr. Galbreath (Pirate president John Galbreath) for years."

"Maybe, in two or three weeks I'll get a job. Right now I'm going to leave for the world series."

Joe Krol Back In Football; Will Do Kicking For Argos

TORONTO (CP)—Joe Krol, once the magic man of Canadian football, is back.

Swivel-hipped Joe, called the greatest running halfback in Canadian football when he was only 19 and who was voted second to Lionel Ball player of the outstanding football player of the half-century in a Canadian Press poll, agreed to come out of retirement to do the kicking for Toronto Argonauts. He is 35.

Krol said he will put on his cleats after a year's layoff at the request of Argo team manager Harry Sonshine.

Argos need a kicker. Regular kicker Alex Ponto hasn't been doing well at all. On Saturday his kicks averaged 15 yards shorter than Ottawa's Avatus Stone.

MR. FOOTBALL

Krol's kicking, his passing and his open field running earned him six Grey Cup victories and

himself the title "Mr. Football." He retired midway through the 1953 season with a knee injury. So popular was he with Argo fans that they held a "Joe Krol Day" and gave him a car and other gifts.

"The king of them all," they called him.

Krol began his big-time career with the University of Western Ontario Mustangs in 1939. Before that he had a year with Western's intermediate C.O.I.s where he earned acclaim as the greatest halfback and most deceptive runner in Canadian football.

REGULAR ALL-STAR

In the years that followed he won all-star rating in every league in which he played. His brilliant playing carried him to Grey Cup championships with Hamilton Wildcats in 1943 and with Argos in 1945, '46, '47, '50 and '52.

He won the eastern Canada scoring title twice—in 1944 when

he scored 48 points with Wildcats and in 1946, when he got 63 points with Argos. In 10 seasons he scored 400 points in scheduled play.

Sonshine said Krol will do the kicking in Saturday's Big Four game against the league-leading Montreal Alouettes.

Phillips Wins Shoe Ch'ship

Len Phillips, a one-time Island horseshoe champ, won the single title of the Brighton Club last evening by defeating Jack McCourt 3 games to 1.

Bad Weather has again forced postponement of the doubles tournament until this coming weekend and all players wishing to take part are to have their entries in by Saturday, October 1st. The draw for the doubles will be made at 1.30 Sunday afternoon.

Canadian-Born Footballer Proving One Of Finest

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bobby Simpson, the man with baskets for hands, is providing solid proof that he's just about the finest Canadian-born football player in the country. Nearly every pass thrown at him, or near him this season has been turned into a touchdown.

Gus Ryder Says He May Retire

TORONTO, (CP)—Swimming coach Gus Ryder said Monday he is thinking of giving up the strenuous task of coaching marathon swimmers. But he denied a report that he might move to England.

"I'll make up my mind about marathon coaching shortly," said the 57-year-old coach of Marilyn Bell and Cliff Lumsden. "You can't keep on forever. But I'll never give up my work with crippled kids and I won't leave Canada—it's the No. 1 country for me."

Ryder was commenting on a report in the Kent Messenger, an English newspaper, that he might retire to England.

He coached Marilyn Bell in her swim across Lake Ontario last year and across the English channel this year. He also coached Lumsden to victory in a 32-mile marathon swim off the Toronto waterfront this year. He says he doesn't feel he has entirely recovered from the effects of the Lumsden swim when he collapsed after the finish.

Statistics compiled by the Canadian Press show Abruzzi and Simpson well ahead of the field for honors taken by Montreal's Alex Webster in 1954. Tom Tracy, also of Ottawa, is in third place with 28 points and Bucky McElroy, hard-driving Hamilton back, follows with 25.

Halfback Bill Graham of the league-leading Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen leads the Ontario Rugby Football Union scoring parade with 37 points, two more than Sarnia's Gino Cappelle.

Kid Howard Wins Decision

HALIFAX (CP)—Richard (Kid) Howard of Halifax scored an unanimous 10-round decision over Philadelphia's Basil Marie in the feature bout here Monday.

Howard, the Canadian lightweight champion, showed the slashing attack that carried him to the Canadian title as he got the nod from the referee and two judges in all but two rounds.

Howard weighed 140, Marie 140½.

For Howard it was his best performance this year.

Marie gamely met the Halifax boxer in the centre of the ring but was forced to back away time and again from his opponents stinging blows.

There were no knockdowns but Howard staggered Marie in the ninth and had him hanging on the ropes at the final bell.

Referee Jack Delaney gave Howard six rounds, three even and one to Marie; Judge Harold Johnson had Howard 8-1-1, and Bill Walker 6-2-2.

In a special six-round match Bob Hanson, 180, Stratford, Ont. and Halifax, won a 2-1 decision over Cecil Gray, 190½, Halifax.

Ladies Golf

The eighteen hole division of Lady Golfers of the Belvedere Links finished the season last Friday, playing the final round of the Alex Webster match, sponsored by Brig. G. G. Peake. The winner of this event was Mrs. Ron Parker, with Mrs. G. G. Wood the runner-up.

The play-off for the Goodwill Medl for the year was won by Mrs. J. Mustard.

Mrs. G. G. Wood posted the low gross Ringer score for the year, with the low net going to Mrs. J. Mustard.

Soccer Results

- ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division III (Northern)
Accrington 3 5 Bradford 0
Gateshead 3 Chesterfield 3
Halifax 1 Wrexham 1
Mansfield 0 Bradford 6
Stockport 0 3 Scunthorpe 0
GLASGOW CUP FINAL
Celtic 1 Rangers 1
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