



BIG DAY FOR BELLEVILLE

A proud day for Belleville hockey fans was the arrival home from British Columbia of their McFarlands, 1958 Allan Cup champions. A civic holiday was declared as the Ontario city staged the biggest parade and celebrations in its history. This novel float shows a manpower "hearse" with effigies of the teams which went down to defeat in McFarlands' march to the Allan Cup.

REMEMBER WHEN . . .

Murph Chamberlain, rugged hockey player of Toronto Maple Leafs, was sold to Montreal Canadiens 18 years ago today. Native

of Shawville, Que., he came up from amateur hockey in Sudbury and retired as a player in 1949 after 12 seasons in the NHL, during which he also played at times for New York Americans and Boston Bruins. Later he was coach of Buffalo Bisons in the AHL.

Hope To Be Back Again

TORONTO (CP)—The St. John's ladies bowling team "could have done better" in the Eastern Canada championships here, but they hope to be back for next year's competition, manager Mrs. Ellie Parsons said Monday.

The five-member team from the St. John's, Nfld., Hi-Flyers Bowling League scored 2,890 points in team competition, Saturday, somewhat lower than they've been shooting on home alleys, Mrs. Parsons said.

Only one member, Mrs. Lillian Thatcher, "kept up her good showing," with a score of 779 in the singles competition. The score was second highest after the first day's play, but final results won't be known until the tourney ends today.

The team returns home by air Thursday.

Fighters Chosen For July Games

VANCOUVER (CP)—Canada's boxing representatives to the British Empire Games next July at Cardiff, Wales were decided here Saturday night.

A crowd of only 500 fans turned out to see Canadian champions named in the 10 divisions. Ray Galante of Hamilton, the new light-welter champ, put on the most impressive show of the night while defeating Lt. Cpl. Leo McGrath of Campbellton, N.B.

Galante was chosen the most scientific boxer of the tournament.

The results (all fights scheduled

Several Major Leaguers Making Great Comebacks

NEW YORK (AP)—Mickey Vernon of Cleveland and Ted Kluszewski of Pittsburgh are heading an imposing list of major leaguers who are making spirited comebacks in the 1958 baseball season.

Vernon, 40-year-old first baseman, hit only .241 for Boston in 1957 and the two-time American League batting champ was expected to be used only as a pinch-hitter when the Indians acquired him during the winter.

But a broken leg suffered by

Vic Wertz, Cleveland's regular first sacker, thrust Vernon into the spotlight and the veteran has come through handsomely. Mickey is hitting .373 with two home runs and 10 runs batted in.

Kluszewski, who missed most of last season because of back trouble, has hit safely in his last seven games and walloped four homers in his last four games. He has lifted his average to .240 with 12 runs batted in.

Among the other players showing vast improvement over their 1957 performances are Harvey Kuenn of Detroit, Jack Harshman of Baltimore, Peter Rummels of Boston and Bobby Avila of Cleveland.

COMEBACK TRAIL
Kuenn slumped to .277 last year after winding up with a solid .332 average in 1956. His current percentage is .347.

Harshman compiled an 8-8 pitching mark for Chicago White Sox last season. But Baltimore manager Paul Richards decided to take a chance on the left-hander who has been plagued by a chronic back condition. And the gamble paid off. Harshman has won five games and has yet to be beaten.

Rummels, a .230 batter with Washington last year has come back to post a current .326 average with Boston.

Avila, the American League batting champion with a .341

average in 1954, has hit no higher than .272 since then. His 1958 figure is a neat .313.

Pitchers Red Garver of Kansas City and Billy Hoelt of Detroit also are moving smartly along the comeback trail. Each has won three games and lost one. Garver, a 20-game winner with St. Louis Browns in 1951, had a 6-13 record last season. Hoelt won 20 in 1956 but tailed off to a 9-11 mark in the following campaign.

Probable Pitchers

NEW YORK (AP)—Probable pitchers for today's major league games (won-lost records in parentheses):

American League
Chicago at Kansas City (N)—Wynn (2-2) vs Burnette (1-0)
Cleveland at Detroit (N)—Grant (3-1) vs Lary (2-2)
Boston at Washington (N)—Smith (1-0) vs Ramos (2-1)
Baltimore at New York (N)—Johnson (1-2) vs Larsen (2-0)

National League
Milwaukee at Philadelphia (N)—Buhl (4-1) vs Roberts (1-4)

SPORT FORUM

Ramsay - Steele Meeting Is Almost A Certainty

Dear Sir,—The pungent odor of disinfectant, rubbing alcohol and ointment peculiar to a boxer's dressing room bit sharply at the nostrils as Bud Ramsay wearily pulled a sock from his foot. He breathed easily on the heels of chopping his way to a bloody ten round decision over rugged Albert MacKay on last Friday's Civic Stadium fight card.

It was indeed a bloody encounter with all of the blood contributed by MacKay who displayed plenty of courage but no defence

against his stiff-punching foe from Alberton. MacKay who is known as a "bleeder" in the rock-sock business suffered a cut over his upper lip and bled freely from the sixth round on.

Ramsay caught MacKay frequently during the fight, notably in the seventh round when he belted New Glasgow's Albert on the canvas with a right flush on the chin. It was free sailing from that point on.

The referee visited MacKay's corner at the end of the seventh round and though he didn't call a halt to the proceedings, could easily have done so without any one raising a murmur of protest. MacKay's face was a mask of blood at the end of each round. MacKay tried everything he knew, but Ramsay's dam-

ing right hook stopped him every time. MacKay seemed to hang suspended in the ring when Ramsay caught him with the hook during the ninth and tenth rounds MacKay was all but out on his feet but Ramsay just couldn't master the killer punch.

Ramsay has revived the hopes of his followers that he will be in line for bigger and better things. A match with Roy "Tiger" Steele practically a certainty for the near future may set him up. Steele has been campaigning in Pictou County rings of late, and a Ramsay win over him will give the Alberton born slugger added prestige.

"There is no one in these parts who can give Ramsay a fight" said one closely acquainted with the situation.

I am Sir, etc
WILFRED MCCLUSKEY

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

They'll do it every time. We had just sent Monday's column to press after laughing out loud at the Senators when we heard that Washington had not only beaten New York Yankees in the second half of Sunday's twin bill but they had hung a most humiliating 4-0 shut-out on the proud American League champions.

Cookie Lavegetto's wonders had opened the series just half a game back of the Yankees. They had high hopes of grabbing the lead in the New York series but they immediately proceeded to drop the first three encounters, giving Stengel and Company a three and a half game bulge. Chuck Stobbs had lost a heartbreaker, 4-3 in Sunday's opener and the natural thing for the Senators to do was throw in the towel as far as the second game was concerned.

But the Nationals showed they are made of sterner stuff this season. Lavegetto sent Pascual to the mound and he treated the Yankee power as Casey's hurlers were supposed to treat the Senators. He yielded only five base hits and went the distance for a most impressive 4-0 shutout. The win cut Yankees' first place margin back to two and a half games and let all other teams with pennant ambitions breathe a sigh of relief.

Before the New York series we came across a really smart article on the doings of the Washington club. It would be twice as good had the Nats won the New York series but even so it still, to our mind, is worthy of a repeat in part. So here goes:

"This is a city of surprising doings, but nothing in recent Washington history is more surprising than the success of the Senator. They have no visible means of support, either on the mound or at bat, but they are orbiting in the stratosphere with New York. It is an amazing thing: They can't hit, they can't field and they can't lose, unless of course they are playing Baltimore.

"What is even more astonishing than the Senators' lofty flight is the manner in which it was achieved. It must be attributed, in the first place, to the Calvinism of Calvin Griffith, SELF-DENIAL DOCTRINE

"Even since taking over from his famous father, Calvin has operated the front office in accordance with the Calvinistic doctrine of self-denial. While other teams were seeking good players, he denied himself this soft and easy procedure. When a player of big-league stature developed unexpectedly on the Senators' roster, Calvin did not hesitate. He traded him at once."

Speaking of the new-found joy in Washington these days, James Reston, the author, continues, "These events have led to several innovations at Griffith Stadium. For example, the Senators are now playing before people, and this is true not only in the evening, but sometimes in the afternoon.

At a matinee between the Senators and the Kansas City Athletics 15,895 customers appeared to watch two performances. Heretofore an afternoon game between these two clubs would have drawn no more of a congregation than a Senate debate on the price of lead and zinc."

Well the Senators are making good copy—for a while at least.

Remember when Fred Haney was doing time with the St. Louis Browns and the Pittsburgh Pirates? One of his chief worries in those dark days was to find a pitcher that could start a ball game. He has those troubles no more.

As boss man of the world champion Milwaukee Braves, Haney's problems are of a different nature. He has strong armed young men hanging from the clubhouse rafters, some of them in danger of drying up due to inactivity.

The proper rotation of a well balanced staff is most important. Too many pitchers can complicate matters just as too few can. But it's a definite truth that any other National League manager would welcome such a problem.

So far Burdette, Buhl and Spahn have been the only pitchers enjoying full-time employment. Conley, Rush and Trowbridge started games just often enough to give the Big Three three days rest.

Haney feels that these top three need only three days between games at this stage of the race. However he adds that when the weather gets warmer he will have to work in another starter.

Poor Haney. Everyone should shed a few tears for him.

If anybody should know what the various pitchers throw, it's the umpires.

The men in black are a most competent lot and a glimpse at their background might indeed be in order. So here goes for a peek at the boys in the National League.

Ken Burkhardt pitched for the Cardinals and the Redlegs winning 18 games as a major league freshman in 1945.

Jocko Conlan was formerly a White Sox outfielder.

Vin Smith caught for the Pirates. Tom Gorman pitched for the Giants. Frank Secory served briefly with the Redlegs and Cubs. Dusty Boggess, an all-around athlete in Texas, was in the Cardinals' organization for 12 years, including time spent as a minor league club owner. Ed Sugol got as far as Baltimore in Triple A. Stan Landes, the Bronx native, who now lives in Milwaukee. Vic Delmore, Hal Dixon and Augie Donatelli all played in lower minor leagues. Bill Jackowski was a basketball star.

Al Barlick is the dean of the staff but Conlan has put in more time. Barlick started in 1940, served till the end of 1955 when sickness sidelined him for the next two seasons. He returned this year. Conlan started in 1941 and has been on the job ever since. Boggess and Dascoli are next in line as far as seniority goes.

Here are the 16 officials with their date of commencement: Barlick—1940; Conlan—1941; Boggess—1944; Dascoli—1948; Donatelli—1950; Gorman—1951; Secory—1952; Jackowski—1952; Dixon—1953; Landes—1955; Crawford—1956; Delmore—1956; Burkhardt—1957; Venzon—1957; Smith—1957; Sudol—1957.

These guys always win the arguments.

And the umpire with the most experience in the senior loop, Jocko Conlan, is not perturbed over that short left field in Los Angeles Coliseum. Conlan's ideas on the matter are as follows:

"Good pitching will cure all those home runs being hit in Los Angeles. Good pitching will cure almost anything and good pitching will take care of those pop fly homers, too. I've seen worse ball parks than the Coliseum. The Polo Grounds was a shooting gallery but when you had a good pitcher working, he was in charge. And I remember old Baker Bowl in Philadelphia. This was the ball park they said a nine run lead was a tie score. Yet Grover Cleveland Alexander ran up a lot of shutouts there."

Well there you have another side to this never-ending Coliseum argument.

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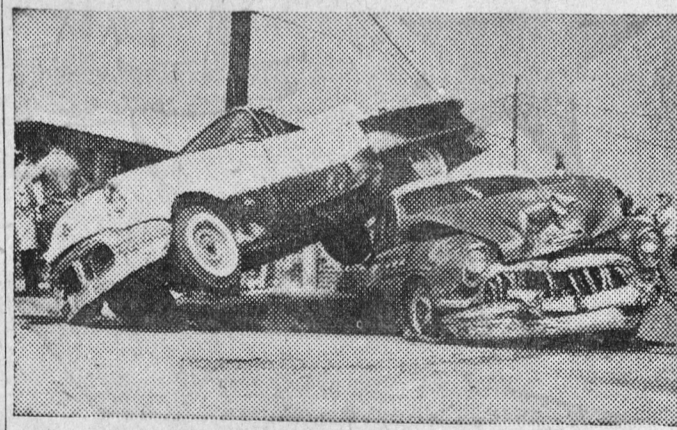
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