

Durelle Wins By Decision

MONTREAL (CP) — Yvon Durelle, the fighting fisherman from Baie Ste. Anne, New Brunswick, pounded out a 10-round unanimous decision over Germain Ballarin of France Wednesday night. Durelle outweighed his opponent 178½ to 171½ pounds.

Durelle, British Empire light-heavyweight champion made the fight all the way against the back-peddling Frenchman and scored a knockdown for a compulsory eight count in the 10th round.

The United States - televised fight drew a crowd of approximately 7,000 in the Montreal forum.

Ballarin had a clear-cut margin in only one round—the fifth—when his left caught Durelle over the right eye. Durelle was bleeding for the remainder of the round, but from then on Ballarin was unable to open up the cut again although he kept shooting with lefts.

Front Office Backs Tighe

DETROIT (AP) — Manager Jack Tighe had a vote of confidence from the front office Wednesday while his Detroit Tigers were in a six-game losing streak in the American League.

Club president Harvey E. Hansen declared: "Tighe is not going to be crucified by the fans and the Detroit Tiger management is not going to be influenced and pressured by fans and newspapers."

He said the talkative sophomore manager has done "a good job under the circumstances."

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Bill Rigney is a man who demands far more respect in baseball circles than he has the privilege of enjoying while piloting the New York Giants. Since the move to San Francisco, Rigney has his club really acting like Giants and they are making a better than fair job of overpowering everybody that they meet.

Another club that is showing surprising strength is Pittsburgh. The Pirates are performing at a sensational clip and it was only a disastrous weekend at Philadelphia that kept them from keeping step with Rigney's Giants. The Pirates dropped a four game set to the Phillies and at that were only 3½ games off the pace on Tuesday.

Quered about the feats of these Pirates, Bill Rigney had these remarks: "No, I don't necessarily think the Pirates have improved. But let me explain. I thought the Pirates were much better than their standing last season. After Danny Murtaugh took over, they played .512 ball. They're picking up where they left off."

And that's the ambition of Murtaugh. Mind you he won't be upset if his Buccaneers climb to very lofty heights but his goal for the 1958 season is to finish with at least as many wins as losses.

And that may not be too big a chore for those pesky Pirates.

Baseball postponements are caused by various things. Rain and wet grounds are the most common cause of cancellation. In early season we heard of games called off because of snow. Power failures have forced some night games to be wiped out. But this one is the very latest.

The Northern League baseball game between two North Dakota teams was postponed recently. The reason—a dust storm.

Negro baseball promoter Frank Forbes claims that more Negro youngsters are turning to baseball because there's a real future in it for them now.

Forbes states that the Negro colleges have a unique eligibility rule involving baseball so their diamond prospects can get ahead. If a boy plays pro baseball in the summer he can still play as an amateur in basketball, football or any other sport on the schedule. Forbes admits it's a gimmick, but adds that it helps the Negro colleges keep a lot of their fine athletes from drifting away to one of the big universities that can bid high for football or basketball players who might be good at baseball too.

The third hole at Ramsey Golf Country Club is going to be a little easier from now on—thanks to a court order. The superior court of New Jersey has upheld a lower court ruling that will shorten the hole from a par 4 to a par 3 and eliminate a drive across a water hole.

Something had to be done to provide some peace for the Ralph Sans family. They live just 50 feet from the third hole. Ralph complained because golfers continually tramped across his property.

In his judgment, one of the learned jurists said: "When the plaintiff's children play around the house, they are scolded by the golfers, who require absolute silence and immobility of everything in sight during the ritual of addressing the ball, and of course, during the critical moment of the swing itself."

"On one occasion, an irate golfer clubbed the plaintiff's dog unconscious for barking while on the plaintiff's own property when children could not quiet the animal."

Now that the golf course is shortened, the family's peace has once again been restored.

We believe we are expressing the opinion of every real fan when we state that one of the nicest things about this year's baseball activities is the apparent comeback of the great Robin Roberts.

Roberts won his third game last Saturday pitching the Phillies to a 4-3 win over the hard-hitting Pittsburgh Pirates. Robin's other two victories came at the expense of the world champion Braves.

Right now Roberts has only a 3-4 record but the suspicion is growing that the great Philadelphia hurler is going to win a lot of ball games for Mayo Smith this season. Pitching coach Whit Wyatt has the same idea.

Wyatt after the last Milwaukee contest claimed Roberts was throwing harder than he had seen him toss in a long while. But the Braves were more impressed by the hurler's control than by his improved fast ball. In that Brave-Phillies game, Roberts not only did not walk a batter but he never even had a three ball count on a hitter.

Robins has been a twenty game winner in six seasons. A guy like that certainly is deserving of real success with his attempted comeback.

Is there nobody around the American League who can put a stop to the actions of those Yankees?

Right now the defending American League champions are making shambles of what was supposed to be a pennant race and the Yankees and the rest of the loop will suffer greatly as a result. The pitching presented to the opposition by Casey Stengel has awed the once-powerful bats of many great sluggers and fellows like Turley, Larsen, Shantz, Ford and Kucks are liable to end up with some fantastic earned run averages.

You do not need to be anti-Yankee to deplore the situation that one finds in the American League. While the National League has a terrific race going on, the junior circuit finds itself with no one near the front-running Yankees. True the season is early but there are no indications that anybody has intention of making a drive with sufficient steam to pull up alongside the Bombers from New York. Indeed the way things look now the Yankees will widen their already large margin and win the flag by about 25 games.

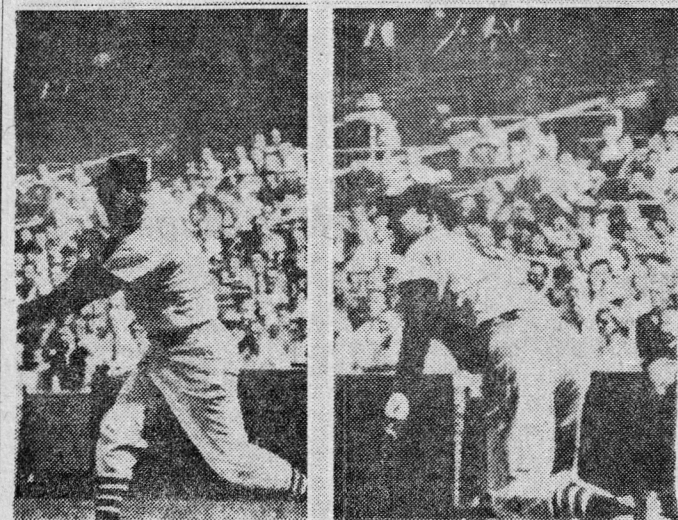
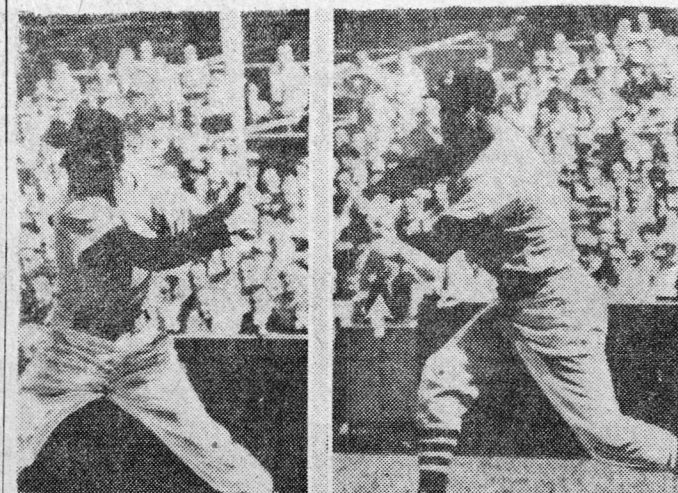
Meanwhile the champions of the World—the fellows who upset the men of Stengel—are not in any such predicament. They are playing good baseball but so are the San Francisco Giants, Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals. Even the other four League race a really hot one.

Time was when some fellows claimed the National Leaguers didn't belong in the same ball park with the American Leaguers. Times certainly have changed as evidenced by what's going on at present. Here's Milwaukee who took all the marbles last October fighting a grueling battle for the right to repeat as National League champions. And the Yankees whom they defeated are making a runaway in their division.

The question naturally arises. Where would the other American League teams fit if they were all thrown into the same loop. On performance this season most of them would certainly be trailing National League clubs.

Things we would like to forget: That we picked Los Angeles Dodgers and Detroit Tigers as possible world series opponents for next October.

Please don't rub it in.



PLAY-BY-PLAY OF HISTORIC HIT

Stan Musial shows the coiled stance which has made him modern baseball's most productive collector. The brilliant St. Louis Cardinal is shown in this sequence as he hits his 3,000th big league hit, a pinch-hit double in the sixth inning of the game in Chicago against Cubs. Stan crouches as he waits for the pitch (upper left), hits ball, (upper right), finishes follow through (lower left), and takes off (lower right): Musial, 38, now is aiming to eclipse the all-time National League hit total of 3,430 made by the late Honus Wagner.

Kelowna Packers To Tour Russia

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Staff Writer
TORONTO (CP) — Kelowna Packers, who lost to Belleville in a tough seven-game Allan Cup final this year, Wednesday were chosen to make an expenses-paid one-week tour of Russia next November.

By an overwhelming 19-4 secret vote, the British Columbia team received the nod at the concluding session of the five-day Canadian Amateur Hockey Association annual meeting. Thus the Packers will be the first Canadian hockey team to test the powerful Russians in Soviet territory.

At one time during the proceedings nine clubs were mentioned as possible candidates for the expedition. This eventually was trimmed to five and in the balloting only two teams received votes — the Packers and Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen.

The world champion Whitby Dunlops and Winnipeg Maroons officially tossed their bids into the pot Tuesday and Wednesday owner Ken Sobie of the Hamilton Tiger Cubs in the Ontario Hockey Association Junior A series appeared before the meeting to make application for his team. That started the ball rolling.

MORE APPLICATIONS
British Columbia delegates

This item finished, delegates whipped through remaining business. They received something of a jolt when secretary-manager George Dudley of Midland, Ont., reported that the CAHA received only \$10,790 from the Allan and Memorial Cup playoffs and the association must dig into its trust fund for a minimum of \$4,657 this year to meet operating expenses.

The CAHA's share after expenses was far short of the association's budget of \$30,950 but most of the deficit was made up by assessment of \$6,250 on the association's branches, \$2,525 on branch-to-branch transfer fees, \$1,650 for reinstatement of professionals to amateur ranks and about \$2,000 for radio rights for the playoffs.

HELPED DUTCHIES
This marked the second time in three years the CAHA has tapped its \$100,000 trust fund to meet current expenses. Two years ago, \$17,000 was used to send Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen to the winter Olympic games at Cortina, Italy.

"We must consider our financial situation very seriously," Dudley told the meeting. "The playoffs should be our big revenue producers but we are losing money on them."

In other business, the association endorsed the action of National Hockey League and Canadian National Exhibition officials to set up a hockey hall of fame at the CNE grounds in Toronto.

King's County Ball Schedule

The following is the schedule for the King's County Baseball League. All games commence at 2:15 sharp.

May 25th—Souris at Peakes.
May 25th—Morell at Georgetown.
June 1—Mount Stewart at Souris.
June 1—Peakes at Morell.
June 8—Morell at Mount Stewart.
June 8—Georgetown at Peakes.
June 15—Morell at Peakes.
June 15—Mt. Stewart at Georgetown.
June 22—Peakes at Georgetown.
June 22—Souris at Mt. Stewart.
June 29—Georgetown at Peakes.
June 29—Souris at Morell.
July 6—Georgetown at Morell.
July 6—Peakes at Mt. Stewart.
July 13—Mt. Stewart at Peakes.
July 13—Souris at Georgetown.
July 20—Peakes at Souris.
July 20—Mt. Stewart at Morell.
July 27—Morell at Souris.
July 27—Georgetown at Mt. Stewart.

10 Teams In Senior N.B. Ball League

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Senior baseball activity in New Brunswick this year will be headed by the New Brunswick-Maine League with 10 entries in two sections, scheduled to open June 1.

The northern section comprises Dalhousie, Grand Falls, Edmundston, Presque Isle Indians and Loring, Me. In the southern bracket are Woodstock, Marysville, Presque Isle Scorpians, Houlton, Me., and Mars Hill, Me.

The Miramichi loop, also opening June 1, takes in Chatham Town, Chatham RCAF, Chatham Head, Douglastown and Newcastle.

Opening of the Border League schedule has been set for June 8. Entries in this loop are St. Stephen, Black's Harbor, Princeton, Woodland Dana Point. The latter three are in Maine.

Playing in the Saint John District League will be St. Peter's, St. Martins and HMCS Bonaventura.

Old Case Isn't Sure

CHICAGO (AP) — Casey Stengel, professor of baseball, bank director and manager of New York Yankees, isn't sure what's what in the American League. But his club is on top, as expected, and there appears no immediate serious challengers.

Old Case held court Tuesday night before his Yankees bounced Chicago White Sox 5-1 for their seventh straight victory.

"Our pitching has been so good that I haven't seen half of my staff," Stengel said. "We haven't been hitting much but we've had good defence and those pitchers have been so good that I don't even walk out there anymore."

"Could be a bad situation. You know, when I'm not walking out there to lift my pitchers those guys on television aren't getting any shots of me. Who knows, they might not renew our contracts next year and that means no money."

Someone mentioned that Casey doesn't have to worry since he's a bank president. The old skipper blurted:

"You got that wrong son, I'm just a director. Haven't worked myself up that high as yet."

They Banned The Panties

QUESNEL, B.C. (CP)—The stage coach run in connection with British Columbia's centennial celebrations is proving that the good old days are really gone forever.

Why, people can't even hang a fellow nowadays without missing up the whole operation.

This old Cariboo town was supposed to welcome the National League's centennial celebration by staging an old-fashioned hanging party.

Doug Davis, a horse-breeder and salesman, had volunteered for the job, and was supposed to be strung up from a tree in front of the historic Cariboo Hotel.

He was perched on a pony. The noise was put around his neck. The rope was tied to a tree branch. Then the pony was prodded out from beneath him.

That's when the hidden harness attached to the rope snapped. Doug fell flat on his face in the deep dust on the street.

The crowd roared happily but the hanging party wasn't much of a success.

Wednesday was the last day of the stagecoach's 500-mile run from Victoria to Barkerville, the fabulous gold-mining town of the 1860s.

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Practice Called

Barry's Lions will have a softball practice on the old Diamond this evening at 6.00 p.m. All team members are requested to attend.

SOFTBALL PRACTICE

There will be a practice for the Junior B. Y. C. softball team this evening at 5.30 at Victoria Park's Old Diamond. All players are requested to be on hand for this practice.

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Yankees Burn Up League, L. A. Again Beats Braves

New York Yankees continue to make a shambles of the American League baseball race.

Wednesday at Chicago, they showed the White Sox how a pair of home runs can win a game. They used them to score five runs in a 5-2 triumph over the Chicagoans.

It was the eighth-straight win for the Yankees.

Cleveland Indians outlasted Boston Red Sox 3-2 in 12 innings Wednesday as Minnie Minoso lashed his sixth homer of the season with two out in the bottom of that frame.

Kansas City's five-game winning streak came to an end when Washington Senator's fastballer Russ Kemmerer stopped them 6-1. The loss left the Athletics tied with Baltimore's seven-and-a-half game back of the Yankees.

The Orioles meanwhile belted Detroit Tigers 8-1 to gain that position.

In the National League, south-paw Taylor Phillips of Chicago Cubs turned on the pressure in the clutch to cool Pittsburgh's Pirates 5-1 on five singles.

A leadoff single followed by Gino Cimoli's home run was enough to give Los Angeles Dodgers a 2-1 decision over Milwaukee Wednesday even though Bob Rush yielded only two hits the rest of the way.

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The Yankees used Gil McDougald's three-run homer in the

sixth and a two-run homer by Elston Howard in the fifth to subdue the White Sox.

The Sox got a pair of round-trippers themselves, but with the bases empty Jim Landis connected off starter Whitey Ford in the second and Al Smith added the other off Ford in the third.

ENDS LOSING STREAK
Kemmerer's four hit performance for the Senators in Kansas City also ended a seven-game Washington losing streak. He probably would have had a shut-out if Albie Pearson had not lost Bill Tuttle's fly in the sun in the fourth inning. The ball fell for a triple and Woody Held's single brought Tuttle home.

Jim Lemon, Norm Zauchin and Ken Aspromonte homered for the winners.

Lefty Ken Lehman turned in nearly a full game of faultless relief pitching and Gus Triandos belted a pair of homers to give the Orioles their win over the Tigers. Lehman took over from Connie Johnson in the first and allowed the Tigers six hits: George Zverink took over to allow the Tiger run in the ninth. Cleveland collected a dozen hits off four Boston pitchers and appeared to have a 2-1 win until Jackie Jensen rocked Dick Tomaneck for a two-out homer in the ninth that tied the score. Came then Minoso's effort in

the 12th to win for the Tribe.

For Chicago Cubs, it was a three-run third inning which did the trick. The pinning blow was Walt Moryn's two-run homer. The Pirate run in the eighth was unearned.

At Milwaukee the only saving factor for the Braves was the hitting of Johnny Logan. He preserved his streak of games in which he has hit safely, to 14, with an eighth-inning single.

CINCINNATI (AP) — Willie Mays opened the 10th inning with a home run into the right field bleachers that gave San Francisco Giants a 5-4 victory over Cincinnati Redlegs Wednesday night.

The victory boosted the Giants' lead in the National League to 2½ games.

Mays' homer was his 12th of the season.

It was Mays who also came to the Giants' rescue in the last of the 10th when he made a great running catch of Ed Bailey's bid for a double with pinch runner Eddie Miksis on second.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Philadelphia Phillies beat St. Louis Cardinals 1-0 Wednesday night with Robin Roberts pitching the shutout and driving in the Phillie run with a double in the eighth.

Right-hander Sam Jones gave up only three hits, two of them in the eighth, and had a no-hitter

going until the sixth.

It was the 31st shutout of Roberts' major league career as the righthander boosted his record this season to 4-4 in his bid for a pitching comeback.

The victory put the Phillies back in fourth place after losing to the Cards Tuesday and dropping out of the first division.

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