

Champagne, Telegram Add Drama To Tonight's Tilt

CLEVELAND (AP)—Unopened champagne bottles and an undelivered telegram symbolize the drama of tonight's game here between Chicago White Sox and Cleveland Indians.

The corked champagne was in the Chicago clubhouse Sunday, courtesy of owner Bill Veeck, for a pennant-clinching celebration.

The undelivered telegram was addressed to Cleveland Manager Joe Gordon at Kansas City and would have put Mel Harder, veteran pitching coach, in charge of the Indians for the rest of the season.

But the Indians beat the Athletics, and Detroit Tigers, fighting to take third from New York Yankees, handed Chicago its seventh defeat of the last 11 games.

A BIG GAME

Now, what looked as though it would be just another ball game has become a big one.

A Chicago victory tonight would set the cork-popping here and Gordon would be free to concentrate on next year's job. He says he hasn't had any bids or feelers so far, but a leading possibility appears to be in Detroit.

Gordon is going to stay on the job until Cleveland is mathematically eliminated from pennant contention, in spite of the feud with general manager Frank

Ottawa Fullback Captures Top Spot In Big 4 Race

TORONTO (CP)—Dave Thelen, 22-year-old American who couldn't place in the first 25 in the big 1958 Big Four football scoring race, has come out of near-obscure this year to take over the No. 1 spot. He did it with a seven-touchdown outburst in the last two games.

Thelen, a fair fullback with Ottawa Rough Riders in his Canadian debut last year and with a record of only one touchdown in the first five games this season, scored a record-tying four touchdowns last Wednesday and followed with three more as the Riders spilled Montreal Argonauts 43-6 Saturday. His four were scored against Toronto Argonauts. He came to the Riders from the University of Miami in Oxford, Ohio.

Statistics compiled by The Canadian Press show him with eight touchdowns for a 48-point total, six more than Hamilton Tiger-Cats' Canadian-born Ron Howell. The 23-year-old Howell, probably the fastest man in the league, galloped for three touchdowns—two on punt returns—as the Tiacs mauled Argonauts 34-17 Sunday.

Another six points behind is Ottawa's Bobby Simpson with 36. He scored two touchdowns against the Als Saturday. Gerry McDougall of Tiacs, who was in a three-way tie last week for fifth place, took over undisputed possession of the fourth spot with a touchdown against Argonauts. The six points gave him a total of 30, one more than Toronto's Cookie Gilchrist and Steve Oneschuk, placement-kicking specialist with the Tiger-Cats.

Terry Meyer, a halfback with Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen, retained his position at the top of the Senior Ontario Rugby Football Union scoring with 48 points.

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

CLEVELAND INDIANS refused to allow Chicago White Sox to back into the American League championship. The Tribe started action on Saturday trailing the Pale Hose by five and one-half games. Today that margin has been cut down to three and one-half by virtue of two Cleveland wins over the weekend and two Chicago defeats.

The Indians have five remaining as against four for the Sox but the 'magic' number has been reduced to two and the Indians' chances are very remote. The only hope the Tribe has is that the Pale Hose continue to drop all their remaining four games. The Indians can do something about one of these Chicago games because the Windy City's boys are at the Indians' ballpark for one game. That one is today and should the men of Al Lopez come through with a decision the excitement is all over in the junior circuit.

KNOWING THIS, the Indians will fire every ballplayer they can find into that game with the 'White Sox' if the need arise. This one must be won if the American League race is expected to continue for at least another day.

If the Indians can triumph over the visitors, then their remaining games (four of them) against Harry Craft's troublesome Kansas City Athletics mean a lot. This series begins Friday and concludes on the last day of the regular schedule, Sunday September 27. If the Indians are able to muster enough strength to win the entire four games, it still will not be enough unless Detroit Tigers get rough with the visiting Chicago White Sox. The Sox open a three-game stand at Briggs Stadium and they would just as soon have the flag all wrapped up before such a visit takes place. The Lopez crew knows what happened on Saturday and Sunday in Chicago when Jimmy Dykes invaded Comiskey Park with his Bengals. The Detroiters won both contests by one run margins and kept the Indians' pennant hopes alive.

IT DOESN'T APPEAR likely that the White Sox will falter in the last few days of the race. They have played great ball all season and are richly deserving of bringing an American League pennant to Chicago after an absence of 40 years.

Sure, you have to admire the persistent stand of the Indians but most folks figure it's high time for Chicago to get back into world series competition. Of course, the Indians are hoping that the White Sox miss the boat and will have to wait another year at least for that pennant.

Right now it appears very much like the White Sox can't be stopped but you can't go doing any cheering until the Tribe's last hope has faded.

It may all end today. Pale Hose supporters, who are getting a wee bit nervous, are indeed hoping so.

TY COBB, one of baseball's all-time greats, isn't worried about the White Sox winning the pennant. Cobb thinks that's in the bag. However, he has gone farther than picking a pennant winner. He claims the White Sox will beat the National League opposition in the world series.

"Chicago will win the series," shouts Ty. "They are going to revolutionize baseball. You'll find more emphasis will be placed on getting that one big run like we used to and less on the long-ball hitters. You can't stay with that team if they get a run on you in the fourth or fifth inning."

Cobb had a few special words for some particular members of Al Lopez's gang. "They've got that youngster Luis Aparicio who can run. They've got that centerfielder, Jim Landis and O'Neil Fox."

We can't start disagreeing with such a great authority as Mr. Cobb. However, he may be a little prejudiced toward the American League and the Pale Hose hustling type of play. If the White Sox make the series, it will be because they will be hoping will carry them to a world series championship.

But remember Chicago must win the American League pennant before they get into the series. And Cleveland is doing its damndest to spoil all this.

WE OMITTED a presentation at Saturday's softball game between Rollway Aces and the New Brunswick champions from Minto.

Ralph Pineau, who starred for the City League champions all season long, was presented with the E.F. Acorn Memorial trophy by Keith Acorn.

Ralph was indeed happy about being chosen to receive the award. It wasn't an easy job for those given the task of selecting the most valuable player but the naming of Pineau met with wholehearted approval.

The trophy is donated in memory of one of the greatest sportsmen this province has ever known. Ed Acorn interested himself in every branch of sport and he gave generously of his time, talent and money to boost athletics in this province.

Ralph Pineau should indeed be a proud gentleman to capture a trophy presented in memory of the genial Ed Acorn.

DANNY MURTAUGH insists he is going to make the road a rough one for Fred Haney and his Milwaukee Braves. When you read this column the Braves will either be tied with the Los Angeles for first or deadlocked with the San Francisco Giants for second, one game back of the front runners.

There are still two games left in this Pittsburgh-Milwaukee affair and the Pirates intend to extend last year's champions to the very limit. Murtaugh says all his top hurlers will see action, if necessary, and if the Braves come out of the whole affair better off than when they started, they will have really earned their games.

The Braves' close out the year's work on Saturday and Sunday with the Philadelphia Phillies who haven't proved too troublesome in the past. However, the very time you expect a team like the Phillies to be pushovers, they suddenly get hot and blast your pennant hopes.

Two of these games are slated for Saturday afternoon. The Braves are idle Thursday and Friday and that idleness will not help the nerves. Winning a twin bill is tough at any time but it's a whole lot tougher on the second last day of the schedule with the pennant up for grabs.

Most folks insist the Braves have the schedule definitely in their favor. Those last three games set for among friends at County Stadium. However, we would like to remind those who figure on home grounds helping quite a bit that the recent three-game series between the Dodgers and Giants was played on the Giants' own diamond.

The San Francisco club couldn't have done worse in any other National League ball park. The Dodgers swept the three battles and gave the Giants' pennant hopes the cruelest jolt of the 1959 season.

So what's the use of trying to figure out what's going to happen. All three contenders have the biggest week of their baseball lives going at present. Perhaps when Sunday night arrives a playoff will be necessary.

Then and only then can we start discussing the chances of the National League in this year's world series.



IT'S RICHARD ALL THE WAY

Montreal Canadiens are experimenting with some thing new at their training camp. Claude Richard, left, Maurice (Rocket), centre, and Henri (Pocket Rocket) to form all-brother Richard line for Habs. Rocket is starting his 17th season in the big league.

'Rocket' Richard Inks Pact For 18th Year With Habs

By W. R. WHEATLEY

Canadian Press Staff Writer.

MONTREAL (CP)—Maurice (rocket) Richard signed a contract Monday for his 18th season with Montreal Canadiens.

The terms were not disclosed but managing director Frank Selke said the new one-year contract "is the same as last season."

There is no suggestion the Rocket won't be playing the full season, barring injuries, of course," said Selke.

The 38-year-old Rocket emerged shilling from Selke's office after a conference of about 20 minutes. It followed a training-camp workout.

Richard, leading all-time goalgetter in the National Hockey League, has been with the club since he moved up to pro company at the start of the 1942-43 season.

Serious injuries sidelined him for long periods the last two seasons. First it was an almost-severed achilles tendon, then the fracture of a leg bone where it joins the ankle. The Rocket seems to have shaken off the injuries. He has been skating freely since the training camp opened a week ago and has taken part regularly in scrimmage sessions and exhibition games.

HARVEY WAITS

Defenceman Doug Harvey also talked with Selke but didn't sign. Harvey said emphatically he is not a holdout; that he wanted to have a general talk first, and also wants to look over last year's contract. He expects to see Selke again this week.

Meanwhile, the axe fell and Canadiens now have little more than half of the original camp squad of 54.

One of those cut loose was Claude Richard, younger brother of the Rocket and Henri (the Pocket Rocket), Claude, a left-winger, has been assigned to the Hull-Ottawa club of the new Eastern Professional Hockey League.

One of our Manitoba youngsters was retained. He is centre Cliff Pennington, 19, from the Cliff Flon Junior Bombers. He scored three goals in the two exhibition games.

Defencemen Ted Green and Gary Bergman and left-winger Wayne Larkin, all of whom have played junior hockey in Winnipeg, have been sent along to the Winnipeg Warriors of the Western Hockey League.

Four players with Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League last season were returned to that club. They are Cee Hoekstra, Guy Rousseau, Reg Fleming and Claude Labrosse.

LACAGE RELEASED

Mike Lagace, a centre, was released so he can attend Laval University in Quebec City.

Several players from the minor-league Montreal Royals will re-join that club. Among newcomers assigned to Royals are defencemen Tom Thurlby from Peterborough Juniors, Lou Kazowski from Fort William and Andre Tardif, last season with Hull-Ottawa Canadiens.

No addition to last season's regulars, rookies still with Canadiens are:

Billy Carter, Rochester; Bill Sutherland, Royals; Al Johnson, Spokane; Wayne Connelly, Peterborough Juniors; J. C. Tremblay, Hull-Ottawa Juniors; Gilles Tremblay, Hull-Ottawa, and Pennington. Also retained is Bill Hicke, who joined Canadiens for the playoffs last spring after winning the AHL scoring title while with Rochester.

SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

It may be a mystery who killed cock-robin, but it is quite plain who killed the Summerside Pontiacs, and it wasn't Black's Harbour. The boys committed hari-kari with their own little throwing arms. During four hectic innings, two in each game, they threw the ball and the games away with some of the wildest heave-hos we've seen in baseball.

Frankly, the Black's Harbour boys were not particularly impressive in victory. They were a pretty steady fielding club, but when you take away Dick McGee, their husky catcher, who belted three home runs in three games, their hitting was just so-so. All our pitchers had fair success with them, and their stick work against Garth Harris was particularly feeble. Off Harris they garnered just two hits in 8 1-3 innings. But Garth was passing out free tickets to first like a newsboy passing out bargain sale handbills, and this nullified his good work considerably.

Harris has a bewildering assortment of stuff, and if he could practice throwing at a knot hole in the back fence long enough, he might develop into one of Summerside's best all-time pitchers. All he needs is control, but he needs this like a sea-sick sailor needs an island.

Alan Stewart pitches fairly good ball considering big lay-off. We think Stewart could have gone far as a pitching prospect a decade ago. With more work he might still do a pretty good job, but comebacks require a lot of hard, unremitting toil, and it's probable Dr. Alan hasn't the time for it. Johnny Bethel's fast ball which bowled over bantams like ten-pins isn't quite enough for intermediate competition. Bethel is still young, and it may be wise not to experiment with curves too much, but he needs

more than the rifle to get by among the older batters. Hugh Spicer pitched surprisingly well in the second game. His delivery is peculiar, as if he were using a sling-shot, but it kept the Brunswicks pretty well in subjection until that seventh inning. Oops!

Paul Schurman, who has also been out of ball for a while, led all the Summerside batters with five hits in seven at-bats for a .714 average. On the bases he carried around a newly acquired deck-load of excess poundage with amazing speed. Grant Grady, always a threat with the budgeon, had 5 singles in 10 tries for a .500 average. Hugh Spicer ended with .375, getting 3 hits in 8 trips, and Dave Brophy, who made the trip from Antigonish (he's teaching at St. F.X.) to help his buddies, was the only .300 hitter, cracking out 3 singles, including a grand-slam homer, in 9 appearances for .333.

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Department of Provincial Treasurer, Province of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, September 18, 1959.

Ralph Pineau Is Awarded MVP Trophy

Ralph Pineau has been named most valuable player on the Rollaway team. Pineau, a regular pitcher with the City Softball League champ, was presented with the E.F. Acorn Memorial trophy by Keith Acorn following Saturday's game with Minto Miners.

S'ide Golfer Cops Low Net In Tournament

L. Arsenault of the Summerside Golf Club captured the low net in the N.B.-P.E.I. division of the 5th Bois hole-in-one tournament. Arsenault's net was 62.

Doug Saunders of Belvedere was second with 83.

John Sears of Fredericton, N. B. won the low gross with a 68.

Dominion winner of the low gross was Garry Cowen of Kitchener Ontario with a 64.

BASEBALL

National League

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Pittsburgh 001 101 003-4 13 2

Spahn 20-15 McMahon (9) and Crandall; Friend 8-19 Porterfield (5); Gross (6); Daniels (8) and Burgess, HR: Mil - Mathews 2 (43).

SPAHN TIES RECORD

Braves Defeat Pittsburg 8-6

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Milwaukee charged into a first place tie with idle Los Angeles in the wild National League race Monday night as 38-year-old Warren Spahn won his 20th game, beating Pittsburgh 8-6 on Eddie Mathews' two home runs that drove in five runs.

The important game was enlivened by some fisticuffs in the fourth inning.

Spahn tied old Eppa Rixey's record of 266 victories, the most even won by a left hander in National League history as he hit the 20-mark for the 19th time, another record. When he walked in the ninth, Don McMahon ended it after a Pirate rally netted three runs.

The big blow for the Braves was Mathews' 42nd homer with two men on and the score tied in the fifth, a long drive that bounced on the roof of the right field stands and sailed out of the park.

It was only the sixth ball ever hit on the roof, which is 90 feet high and 300 feet from the plate near the foul line where the ball hit. Other men to hit the roof were Babe Ruth, Ted Beard, Mickey Mantle, Wally Moon and Bob Skinner.

It was the first time Milwaukee had been in first place since Aug. 4 when they enjoyed a brief stay on top of the heap. They have won 12 of their last 15 in a furious stretch drive. The Dodgers, Braves and the idle San Francisco Giants, one game back, each have five to play.

The Braves continue their night series in Pittsburgh today and Wednesday while Los Angeles plays night games at St. Louis and San Francisco plays two day games at Chicago.

TERRORISTS STRIKE

BONE, Algeria (Reuters)—One woman was killed and 12 other persons were injured Saturday night when terrorists with machine-guns, rifles and grenades attacked a restaurant at Chapuis, a beach resort near here.

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B.C. Lions Find Out Success Has Its Price

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia Lions and the Pacific National Exhibition are finding out that success has its price.

Since Lions started their climb to the top of the Western Interprovincial Football Union standings for the first time since they entered the league five years ago, there's been a high mortality rate in crossbars at the PNE's Empire Stadium.

On top of that, PNE officials are having a pay dispute with the city police union which says that the stadium wouldn't be losing crossbars if the PNE would give each off-duty policeman it hires for the game a \$5-a-night increase.

The 32,000 fans who braved pouring rain Saturday night to see Lions defeat Winnipeg Blue Bombers 17-6 were the happiest in Lions' mostly unsuccessful history as the B.C. team moved into a first-place tie with the Bombers.

STADIUM MANAGER Dave Dauphinee and 32 PNE police held them off to 15 minutes, then retreated in the face of a shower of turf ripped up from the field.

Dauphinee said: "We weren't trying to save the expense of the goal posts but trying to protect the kids. One of these days a jagged piece of crossbar is going to come down on someone and really hurt him."

No off-duty city policemen were on hand because of the pay dispute. They want an increase to \$15 a game from \$10. The PNE refuses to pay it.

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