

# Mighty Mickey Mantle Leads Sluggers At .705

NEW YORK (AP) — Mighty Mickey Mantle, following in the tradition of former New York Yankee distance-sluggers, has added a second slugging championship to his imposing list of American League batting laurels.

The 24-year-old switch-hitting outfielder posted this year's highest slugging percentage in the majors at .705, figures compiled by The Associated Press disclosed yesterday. This was the best slugging mark since Boston's Ted Williams finished with .735 in 1941 while Williams was runner-up to Mantle this season with .603.

Mantle, who also won the league's batting, home runs and total bases in 1953 at bats. Included in his slugging list are 37 home runs, five triples and 52 home runs among his 188 hits were 22 doubles.

**WON LAST YEAR**

Slugging averages are determined by dividing the total bases of season's hits into the times at bat. This is in contrast to the batting averages where the number of hits is divided by the times at bat. Mantle's batting average was .353.

For Mantle, it marked the second straight year he captured slugging honors. He now joins such other famed Yankee power hitters as Lou Gehrig and Joe DiMaggio, who also wore the slugging crown twice in their illustrious careers.

The National League produced a close struggle with Brooklyn's Duke Snider edging Joe Adcock of Milwaukee, .598 to .597. The 30-year-old Dodger outfielder won the title on the final day of the season when he homered twice in Brooklyn's pennant-clinching victory.

Snider found the range for 324 total bases in 542 trips. His 158 hits included 33 doubles, two triples and 43 home runs—most in the league.

# Yankees' Share Of World Series Gate Nearly \$9,000

NEW YORK (AP) — Thirty-two members of New York Yankees will get \$8,714.76 each as their full series cut, approximately \$50 less than they would have received if they hadn't boosted Enos Slaughter's amount while the series was in progress, Commissioner Ford Frick's office announced Wednesday.

Twenty-eight full shares to the losing Brooklyn Dodgers were worth \$6,994.34 each.

Slaughter, veteran outfielder, joined the Yankees late in August. When the players cut up their share of the world series receipts, there. Then while the games were in progress they held another meeting and voted Slaughter a three-quarter share. It meant a \$2,000 hike.

From the net series receipts of \$2,183,254.59, the four first division clubs in each league shared in a players' pool of \$758,561.68, of which \$520,993.15 went to the two league champions and the rest to the first division finishers—Milwaukee, Cincinnati and St. Louis in the National League and Cleveland, Chicago and Boston in the American League.

The Yankees this year awarded 32 full shares, three shares of three-quarters, two half shares, one quarter share, four one-fifth shares and three cash grants totalling \$2,250.

The Dodgers made 37 awards worth \$212,397.00, including 28 full shares.

For the other teams sharing in the pool, a full share to Cleveland was worth \$1,649.05, to Chicago \$1,112.75 and to Boston \$605.71. In the National League, a full share was worth \$1,998.32 to Milwaukee Braves, \$1,185.25 to Cincinnati and \$602.03 to St. Louis.

## SPORTS TRAIL

### Abuse Worse Than Injury

By ED SIMON

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NEW YORK (CP) — The right of a customer to holler abuse at the paid athlete ranks close to the four freedoms in the democratic way of life. But the distinction with which is exercised sometimes gives rise to soul-searching debate.

Such discussions have reached major proportions at least three times in as many cities during the baseball season just concluded, the targets in question being Ted Williams of Boston Red Sox, Al Rosen of Cleveland Indians and Don Newcombe of Brooklyn Dodgers.

About the only thing the three cases have in common is that the victims are players of proven stature. Two have been named most valuable in their leagues in the past and the third is a top candidate for the award this season.

**INJURIES HARMFUL**

Rosen, once the terror of the Cleveland offence, has been robbed of his effectiveness by a succession of injuries and drew boos from some of the faithful for his decreasing output at the plate and increasing slowness at field.

Williams provoked jeers in Fenway Park with his eloquent public expression of contempt for sports writers who had attacked him in their columns. His spirited for a seventh batting championship did not earn the forgiveness of his critics for the spitting episodes.

And Newcombe, who won more victories than any other major league pitcher this season, was hauled from Ebbets Field in the final game of the world series when the Yankees' Yogi Berra reached far out of the strike zone to hit two of his waste pitches for home runs.

The practice is not confined to baseball nor to the United States. Tennis crowds indulge in it at Forest Hills and Sydney. The abuse of Montreal hockey fans drove Bill Durnan, perhaps the greatest goalie the Canadiens ever had, out of the forum into premature retirement.

**HIGH SALARIES CITED**

Discarding the archaic theory that sportsmanship has anything to do with sport, defenders of the grandstand wolf pack argue that the athletes are paid handsomely for the way they play. The implication is that the customers provide the players' salary and are entitled to sound off.

Accepting their view of themselves as investors in an athletic enterprise, one can only conclude that the business sense of the members of the anvil chorus is even worse than their temper.

Rosen, Williams and Newcombe are expensive employees. Breaking down their morale is unlikely to increase their value to the firm.

Some of the same fans complain they're paying too much for their tickets. They wouldn't annoy too many of their neighbors if they decided to save their money and stay home.

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# Red Athlete-Shoplifter Gets Off With Light Fine

By LEONARD LEDDINGTON

LONDON (AP) — A British court Friday convicted Nina Ponomareva of shoplifting—then let the Soviet woman discuss champion go home on payment of three guineas (\$8.82).

Her court appearance was a triumph for the British stand that the government could not stop the process of the courts. The Russians had said the charge she stole five cheap hats was a vile and trumped up "provocation" and had asked the foreign office to have the case dropped.

The 168-pound, 27-year-old athlete, who had been in hiding 44 days in the Soviet Embassy, emerged unexpectedly this afternoon and stood trial at Marlborough Street magistrate's court. She pleaded not guilty, saying she bought the hats.

But Magistrate Clyde Wilson found the case against her proved. Peering over his spectacles, he told her she could be released on payment of the costs. A Soviet Embassy representative paid the guineas in her behalf and she slipped out through a side door, eluding several hundred curious bystanders.

**LEAVES FOR RUSSIA**

Nina boarded the Soviet steamship Vyacheslav Molotov Friday to Russia. The young woman, a Moscow doctor's wife, is expected to compete in the Olympic Games opening in Melbourne next month.

"It is up to anybody to form their opinion but as far as my personal opinion goes I do not believe she was guilty," George Modin, Soviet Embassy press attache, told reporters.

Modin said the sudden decision to bring Nina out of hiding was "the result of negotiations between the Soviet Embassy and the foreign office."

He did not elaborate. But reporters who sat in on the trial agreed no special consideration appeared to have been given Nina. She was whisked quietly into court wearing the same tan gabardine coat she had the day she was arrested. Close to the magistrate were the five hats—two berets, a red woolen cap and two feminine wisps made of gay feathers.

**NINA "DISTRESSED"**

Through her translator, Nina said she picked out first the two berets and then the two feathered hats.

"I gave the cashier £1 and was given change," Nina said.

But the prosecutor said those hats would have cost an even £1 and, if Nina had paid for them, there would have been no change.

The magistrate said he found the case proved against Nina.

Nina came to London with a team of Soviet athletes for a two-day track meet. When her case became an international tug-of-war, the indignant Russians called off the meet. Members of the Moscow Bolshoi Theatre Ballet Company

# Horseplayers' Last Chance To Make Killing Coming Up

By ALAN HARVEY

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LONDON (CP) — The horseplayer's last chance to make a real killing is coming up. If he can click on the "autumn double" he can toss his bookmaking bills into the window.

The double looks easy and pays fantastic prices. All they have to do is pick the winner of the Cesarewitch, run at 2 1/2 miles at Newmarket Oct. 17, and couple it in a parlay on the winner of the Cambridgehire at the same track Oct. 31.

In the Cambridgehire the distance is mere nine furlongs, but the process of selection calls for just as much clairvoyance as the Cesarewitch. Along about October many horses tend to show startling reversals of form, and the fact that the entries for the two events usually number 30 or more apiece means that anything can happen.

**FEW CLICK**

Between the wars, one lucky client cleaned up £50,000 by coupling Forest and Masked Marvel in the elusive double. Ever since then, bettors with sporting blood in their veins have been unable to resist the lure of a parlay that can pay up to 50,000 to one. Few click, though the turnover is tremendous.

The Cesarewitch, inaugurated in the days when Britain's relations with Russia were cordial, is named for the son of a Czar of Russia in the time when the Soviet still had a monarchy. Competition is so close that the winner seldom pays less than 10-1.

Among the favorites in early betting have been Papilio, a patched-up seven-year-old owned by Sir Humphrey de Trafford; Lady Irwin's Lovely Vatel, which couldn't raise a gallop when used as a lead horse for a starchy stable companion named Acropolis but has come into its own now that Acropolis has retired; French Design, a nine-year-old which has cut a fairly successful

figure in previous Cesarewitch runnings and True Cavalier, owned by Greek shipping magnate Stavros Niarchos.

**CAMBRIDGEHIRE HOPES**

The Cambridgehire, which usually attracts a slightly better class of thoroughbreds, perhaps because of its more conventional distance, may see a top-ranking horse made favorite in Hafiz II, a four-year-old slated to carry top weight of 133 pounds. Hafiz II is owned by Larry MacPhail, the American sportsman, and has been a disappointment in most of his races this year.

In the north of England, stable hands are convinced the race is a cinch for Money To Burn, a neatly named three-year-old by The Phoenix out of Grandad's Will. A month ago Lady Belinda Dugdale's entry was 40-1 and no takers. Then the money started rolling in and the price dropped steadily to 12-1. Money to burn is trained by Pat Beasley, who has an outstanding record in the Cambridgehire. Beasley will also run

Pierian Springs, another strong early choice.

Other fancied candidates include J. S. Gerber's Nicholas Nickleby, Lady Zia Werther's Retrial and Mrs. Elizabeth Graham's Mamounia.

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# Great Horse Swaps Reported "Not In Immediate Danger"

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — Meshack Tenney, trainer of Swaps, said Wednesday the record-breaking thoroughbred is "not in any immediate danger" but that "nobody knows if he'll ever race again."

Tenney's statement followed one issued Tuesday night by a Garden State spokesman which said: "A crack team of four veterinarians are working around the clock tonight at Garden State Park in an effort to save the life of the valuable thoroughbred."

Tenney described this as a "wild and unfounded rumor." He said Swaps "is 50 per cent better" than he was Sunday when the four-year-old colt fractured the left hind leg he fractured in a workout Oct. 9.

Swaps suffered the leg fracture while taking a six-furlong workout. He re-injured the leg while trying to get up in his stall Sunday, breaking the cast.

Swaps, winner of the 1955 Kentucky Derby and the fourth leading money winner of all-time with over \$800,000, holds four world records and has tied one.

also threatened to cancel their London engagement, but later re-lented.

# Halfback Leake Loses Lead In Individual Scoring Race

WINNIPEG (CP) — Halfback Buddy Leake of Winnipeg Blue Bombers lost his lead in the individual scoring race in one Western Interprovincial Football Union weekend game but regained it in the second.

Team mate Bob McNamara scored a record-tying six touchdowns Saturday as Bombers downed B.C. Lions 40-8 to push his total points for the season to 78 while Leake picked up four converts to drop to the runner-up spot with 76. But in Monday's losing 21-11 effort against Edmonton Es-

kimos, Leake scored a touchdown and a convert while McNamara went pointless.

Statistics compiled by The Canadian Press for games including Oct. 15 show that Leake now has 83 points on eight touchdowns, 25 converts, three field goals and one single.

McNamara, jumping from eighth place to second, has scored 13 touchdowns—tops in the league—for his 78 points, six better than Ed Vereb of the Lions, who has one touchdown less.

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