

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

ONE OF BASEBALL'S nicest guys, Al Lopez, has brought an American League pennant to Chicago after a long space of forty years.

The White Sox clinched the flag Tuesday night in Cleveland when they beat the Indians 4-2, thereby ousting from the league race the only team that then had a chance to beat them home. It was much nicer to win the pennant this way; much nicer to beat your toughest opposition than have the pennant come to Chicago by the "backing in" method.

And the Pale Hose put the final nail in the Tribe's coffin all by themselves.

NOW that the American race is over, just about everybody is happy that the Lopez crew will be representing the junior circuit in the world series which starts next week. It's been a mighty long time coming. The White Sox have played the role of runnerup on several occasions but they could never jump into that all-important slot, the front runner. The role of bridesmaid seemed to fit the Pale Hose perfectly and they were in that spot so often folks just about gave up on them ever becoming the bride.

But now the White Sox are the American League champions. Not this year do they have to be content with second place money. In October 1959 they will split the world series pool with the National League winners. It's quite a change but a change the Chicago club is glad to make.

AL LOPEZ is a fellow who doesn't make exceptionally good copy. He goes about his job quietly, doesn't get involved in battles with his players, is no great trouble to the American League umpires and all in all is a really top fellow.

Despite these things, Lopez is a keen student of the game and has certainly proved this by getting his team home in front in 1959. When you look at his Chicago lineup, you are amazed that Al got a pennant winner out of them. The White Sox have played the role of bridesmaid on several occasions but they could never jump into that all-important slot, the front runner. The role of bridesmaid seemed to fit the Pale Hose perfectly and they were in that spot so often folks just about gave up on them ever becoming the bride.

LOPEZ will not likely be the experts' selection to grab the world crown. Right now their opponents are not definitely known but the odds favour the men of Fred Haney. These Milwaukee Braves have the best chance for here in and only the lowly Philadelphia Phillies can stop them.

The Braves are playing great ball. They look like champions and the pressure appears to help them rather than give them the jitters. The Dodgers and Giants lost the toughest kind of ball games Tuesday. The Rigneymen had their apparently in the bag. They led the Cubs 4-3 with two out in the ninth. Then bang a home run with a man aboard gave the Bob Scheffing gang a 5-4 decision over San Francisco. It was the cruelest blow dealt the Giants this season.

OVER AT BUSCH STADIUM, the Cardinals were doing a job on the Dodgers. Walter Alston's boys got 10 big runs in this important battle but it wasn't enough. The Red Birds mustered eleven and pushed the Dodgers out of a first place tie with Milwaukee Braves. In the seventh with the Los Angeles team trailing 11-7, Don Demeter struck out with the bases loaded, ending a Dodger threat. In the eighth with two mates aboard, Murray Wilk ended the inning by popping up to the infield.

Came the ninth the Dodgers still needed four to tie. They got two but were out when Young Howard came up as a pinch hitter. He caught hold of one of Lindy McDaniel's pitches and blasted it for a three-run homer. That made it 11-10 but that's all the Dodgers could do and Howard's great effort was wasted.

AND SO IT LOOKS like we will be having a look once again at Milwaukee Braves in the world series. You certainly can't deny their greatness in view of the terrific last-ditch stand they've made when most of the experts figured they were to miss out on the National League flag this year. They've come a long, long way in the past three weeks and Philadelphia Phillies will have a big job on their hands stopping them. The Braves entertain the Philadelphia club twice on Saturday afternoon and close out the year with a single contest Sunday.

If the Phillies want to make a real name for themselves in this 1959 campaign all they have to do is sweep that series at County Stadium. If they did the club that would sneak in and grab the flag would probably cut the Phillies in on a share of the world series receipts.

We know talking about Philadelphia sweeping this series sounds ridiculous but every now and then the ridiculous does happen in the major league pennant races.

There is still a kick in the old race yet.

PHYSICAL FITNESS officials are staging the annual inter-school track and field meet Saturday afternoon at Memorial Field and those in charge are predicting the greatest meet yet held.

Young athletes from all over the province will be in Charlottetown for the big afternoon and each competitor will give everything in an effort to bring honor to his or her particular school.

Those responsible for this annual event are to be commended on their enterprise in reviving this great branch of sport. They deserve the support of all parents whose children will be taking part in Saturday's outing.

Let's see you at the meet which gets underway at 2.30.

THE BATTLE for Boston Bruins' netminding job has pretty well come down to a two-man fight, with veterans Harry Lumley and Don Simmons the principals.

The Bruins drafted Bruce Gamble from the New York Rangers last spring but it is felt he will start the season with Providence Reds.

Lumley who played brilliantly in the semi-final series with Maple Leafs last March makes his pre-season debut in exhibitions against Providence this coming weekend. Don Simmons, is at present on the injured list with a pulled muscle.

THIS IS THE DAY of the Little Brown Jug and Island racing fans will be awaiting the result with more than usual interest.

Joe O'Brien is driving Meadow Al in this great racing classic and Joe's charge is one of the ones given a good chance of getting a big slice of the money. And speaking of money, this year's purse is the largest in history, \$76,582.

Eighteen 3-year-old pacers have forced a two-division runoff in the Jug this September.

O'Brien didn't have any luck with the draw. He leaves in eighth position in the first division.

please the most exciting boxing fan. These boys fought in Charlottetown some time ago, and reports have it that the crowd in attendance were delighted with the close bruising contest. Boucher took the verdict on that occasion, but Arsenault will give his best to reverse the verdict on Friday night.

Carl "Agape" Arsenault, one of the most promising fighters to come up in Summerside for many years will be pitted against Milo Blizard of Fredericton, N.B. Through this boy has never performed in an Island ring advance notices give him quite a reputation as a pleasing boxer and damaging puncher combined. This semi-final might steal the show from the main event but it will have to be excitement-filled to do this. In any case, it's a safe bet that both major bouts will be crowd pleasers.

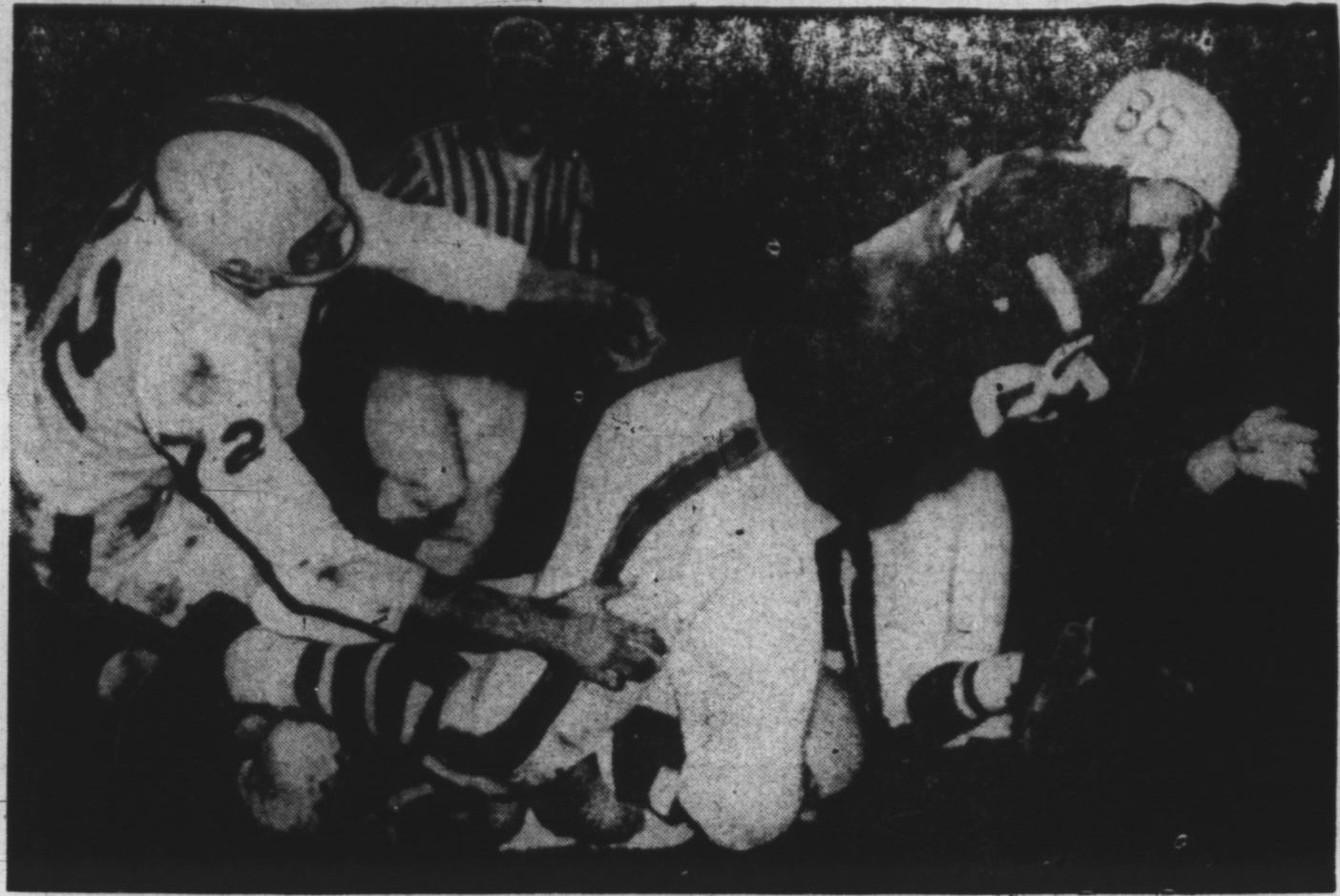
The remaining bouts on the card have Lloyd "Toy Toy" Gallant against Gumps Gay, the boy who won four straight fights at Sydney this summer, and Donnie "Peasants" Arsenault will exchange haymakers with a young Sonier Boy in Summerside. It's been a long time since there has been boxing in Summerside so a large crowd of fans are expected to pass through the Stadium doors on Friday night.

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THIS WENT ON ALL NIGHT

Ottawa Roughriders finally hit their stride last week at Lansdowns Park before a standstill crowd of home supporters who had just about given up on

Frank Clair's squad. The Riders crushed the visiting Toronto Argonauts and then breezed into Molson Stadium in Montreal Saturday last and did a similar

job on the Alouettes. Right now they are a power to be reckoned with. Fullback Dave Thelen scored four touchdowns against Toronto, then followed

that great performance up with three majors against Montreal Thelen is shown here eluding a Toronto tackler.

Giants Are Virtually Dead; Lose Squeaker To Chicago

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

San Francisco Giants were virtually erased from the National League pennant race Wednesday by Carl Neeman's 10th inning solo home run which gave Chicago Cubs a 9-8 triumph in Chicago.

The game, punctuated by seven homers - including two by San Francisco's heroic Willie Mays - left the third-spot Giants 2 games behind first-place Milwaukee.

The Giants now have three games left to play, all at St. Louis.

Victim of Neeman's decisive blast was the seventh Giant pitcher, Eddie Fisher, who started the 10th. Giant starter Johnny Antonelli failed in his fourth try for his 20th victory.

Other Cub homers were hit by

Ernie Banks - major league leader in that department - with two on in the first, Lee Walls' none - on clutch in the third and George Altman's leadoff homer in the eighth.

ORIOLES LOSE
In afternoon American League games, Boston Red Sox shut out the Baltimore Orioles 4-0 at Boston and Kansas City Athletics defeated the Tigers at Detroit 7-6.

But it was the San Francisco-Chicago game that was the big one.

The Cubs dumped the fading Giants 5-4 Tuesday, with Altman clubbing a two-run clincher. Wednesday's game went into

extra innings after Mays' slammed his second homer leading off the ninth to tie the score at 8-8. In the previous inning, Altman's homer had given Chicago an 8-7 lead.

The winner was the third Cub pitcher, Don Elston, who entered the game in the ninth.

The game was watched by manager Al Lopez of Chicago's American League champion White Sox, scouting the Giants for possible world series purposes.

Kansas City erupted for five runs in the seventh inning, three of them scoring on Roger Maris' 16th home run, for their win at Detroit.

At Boston, rookie Jerry Casale spread out nine hits as well as possible to pitch the Red Sox into a tie with the Orioles for fifth place in the American League standings.

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The Los Angeles Dodgers scrambled back into a first place tie with Milwaukee in the frantic National League race Wednesday night on Roger Craig's five-hit 3-0 shutout over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Both the leaders have just three games left.

The defending champion Braves, knocked off by Pittsburgh 5-4, and the surprising Dodgers have identical 84-67 records.

The Braves close at home with three games with last-place Philadelphia.

The Dodgers play a closing three-game set at Chicago.

San Francisco, beaten again by the Cubs, are two games behind with only a slim mathematical chance for the pennant.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Milwaukee stumbled over the Pittsburgh Pirates Wednesday night, losing 5-4 on Bob Skinner's eighth inning single after Eddie Mathews' 44th homer with a man on had tied the score.

Ronnie Kline, usually a soft touch for the Braves, was credited with the victory although he left the game for a pinchhitter with the score tied in the eighth.

Ladies Golf Union Meets

The annual meeting of the provincial branch of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union took place at a dinner meeting held last night at Caroma Lodge in Charlottetown.

The president Miss Sally Basler presided.

Reports were heard from the chairman of the various committees and all showed a very successful year. The highlight of the season was the Maritime Ladies' Golf meet held at Belvedere course with the largest entry list on record.

This past season a senior ladies golf meet was organized and proved decidedly popular.

It was generally agreed that the calibre of golf had improved to the degree that plans are made for sending a Junior and senior team to the Canadian Ladies Open at Riverside Club in Saint John in 1960.

It was decided to send the retiring president Miss Basler to the fall executive meeting of the Canadian Ladies Golf Union in Toronto.

The following is the slate of officers for the coming year: Honorary president—Miss Sally Basler, Summerside; president—Mrs. J.W. MacKenzie Charlotte; vice-president—Miss Christine MacDonald, Summerside; secretary—Mrs. Stuart Weir, Charlottetown; handicapper manager—Mrs. Harold McIver, Summerside; par manager—Miss Blanche Hogg, Summerside; Teams manager Mrs. Donald Campbell, Charlottetown; Junior development Mrs. J. Mulloy, Charlottetown and Mrs. Norman MacLeod, Summerside.

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Joe Gordon Gets Post Back Again

CLEVELAND (AP)—Joe Gordon, relieved as manager of the Cleveland Indians just Tuesday night, got his job back Wednesday—with a two-year contract and a raise in pay.

Frank Lane, Indians general manager who had publicly berated Gordon for his handling of the team, told a startled press conference: "The best man to succeed Joe Gordon, I thought, was Joe Gordon."

The announcement was a complete switch — speculation was that former National League manager Leo Durocher would pilot the Indians next season.

When Lane leaned back in his chair at the start of the press conference and shouted to an aide to "bring in Leo," Durocher was expected to step through the door.

IN COMES JOE
But in stride a smiling Joe Gordon, who shook hands with the boss and said the feud was over.

It wasn't too long ago that the 44-year-old manager was blasting Lane for second-guessing him in public.

Gordon dismissed the bitter exchanges as the actions of "two hotheads in a pennant chase."

Until Tuesday night the second-place Indians could have copped the American League flag. But they fell before the Chicago White Sox, 4-2, and were eliminated from the race.

Gordon said the two-year contract at an annual salary of \$40,000 shows that Lane "thinks I'm a better manager than he sometimes says I am."

Lane admitted meeting Durocher in Pittsburgh after Gordon resigned last Friday. However, he added, he started looking for a manager only after he was hoistly convinced Joe wanted out.

AFTER TALK
The two met Wednesday, talked the situation over and agreed on the new contract.

Since taking over the Indians on June 27, 1958, Gordon has managed a winning team. When Bobby Bragan was fired the Indians were in sixth place. They were 12 games behind the first-place Yankees with a 31-36 record.

CARS IN SWEDEN
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