

# Sideline Experts May Well Decide Cricket Championship

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LONDON (CP)—A group of experts on the sidelines may decide the first class county cricket championship this year.

Surrey, bidding for an unprecedented fifth straight crown, faces one of its biggest threats from the selectors—the men who choose the players to represent England in international test matches.

Key to Surrey's strength lies in the potent bat of Peter May—easily the best in England—and the fearsome bowling spearhead of Tony Lock, Jim Laker, Peter Loader and Alec Bedser.

Surrey's main worry is that the selectors will call on this powerful quartet with the possible exception of Loader, for test matches against the Australians this summer.

Despite strong alternates like Eric Bedser and Stuart Surridge, the loss of even two top bowlers for 10 or more county matches could end Surrey's string of triumphs that started in 1952.

**YORKSHIRE IS THREAT**  
Yorkshire, runner-up last season for the second year in a row, again looms as Surrey's closest rival.

Led by fast bowlers Freddie Trueman and Mike Cowan, the Yorkshire attack provides a dangerous contrast in style. Johnny Ward is a fine left-arm spinner and Bob Appleyard is one of the country's most difficult off-spinners to score against.

Hampshire, which finished in third place last season largely on the strength of outstanding fielding, and strong-hitting Northamptonshire appear to have the best chance of breaking the top-of-the-table monopoly enjoyed by Surrey

and Yorkshire. Derbyshire has a fine attack but doubtful batting strength.

Sussex will field a young, virile team with all-round batting bowling and fielding ability that would ensure the county finishing well up in the standings along with Leicestershire, which also appears to have a well-balanced eleven.

But once again, it looks like Surrey and Yorkshire battling it out for the number one spot.

**FINE TEAMS**  
Surrey appears to have a considerable edge in bowling strength and Yorkshire, despite the retirement of Len Hutton, to be the stronger at bat.

Frank Lowson, Vic Wilson, Brian Close and Billy Sutcliffe are all experienced batsmen in the Yorkshire lineup. And in Willie Watson the northern country probably has the best left-hand batsman in the country.

But like Surrey, Yorkshire can expect calls on their players for test service.

Only two other counties have matched Surrey's feat of four consecutive championships. Nottinghamshire pulled off the feat between 1883 and 1886, while Yorkshire won in 1937-38-39 and completed the run in 1946 after suspension of play during the Second World War.



## LINING UP FOR 10-MILER

Waiting the starter's signal, eight cyclists are seen with officials at Kensington yesterday morning, seconds before the start of a ten-mile bike race from Kensington to Summerside. The race was won by Jim Fardy (extreme right) of Charlottetown, who, despite a strong head-wind, beat the previous record by crossing the spectator-packed finish line in front of Victory Cleaners, sponsors of the race, in 30 minutes and 10 seconds.

Left to right in photo above (front row) are: Norman MacDonald, timer; Bob Schurman, judge; John MacNeill, judge; Allie Harris, timer; Carl Hunter, John Brown, Ken Ramsay, Gordon Forbes, Roy Wilson, Don MacEachern, Dennis Arsenault, Jim Fardy, cyclists; Russ Kelly, co-sponsor; Wallace Moose of P. E. I. Motorcycle Club; and Carl Ray Lively, starter.

**RECORD SHATTERED**  
VIENNA (AP)—The 13-year unbeaten home record of the Hungarian national soccer team was shattered Sunday when it lost 4-2 to Czechoslovakia before 95,000 fans in Budapest's Net Stadium. The Hungarian radio reported Hungary's last defeat at home was in 1943, 7-2 by Sweden.

# Horace Stoneham Admits He's Thinking Of Moving Giants

NEW YORK (AP)—President Horace Stoneham of New York Giants Saturday admitted he has been thinking for more than a year about shifting the National League club to Minneapolis. At the same time he said he is interested in New York City's plans for erecting a huge stadium on Manhattan's west side which would house the Giants.

"We've been thinking of that (moving to Minneapolis) for a year and a half and I thought everybody knew it," Stoneham said in an interview with baseball writer Barney Kremenko of the Journal-American. "It's no secret."

There has been much speculation over a possible Giants shift to Minneapolis, where the club owns the American Association franchise, but not until now has Stoneham personally conceded that such a move was being contemplated, said Kremenko.

Stoneham will meet with Mayor Robert F. Wagner and other city officials Thursday to discuss the new stadium. Plans are to build a sports and television centre with a stadium seating more than 100,000.

# Air Grievances Over Luke Sewell

SEATTLE (AP)—The Seattle Rainier baseball team met Tuesday night with Dewey Soriano, general manager of the Pacific Coast League club, to air grievances by the players over the managing of Luke Sewell, who last year piloted Toronto Maple Leafs of the International circuit.

The meeting, second blow-up by players this year, ended after a 75-minute discussion. Soriano said the grievances "were small things, although taken by themselves they mean a lot to the individual." He said he felt the problems could be "worked out amicably."

# Dozen Horses Destroyed In Stable Fire

QUEBEC (CP)—A dozen race horses were destroyed Friday in a two-alarm blaze that swept through a stable on the provincial exposition grounds in the north end of the city. All were owned by Quebecers.

One horse owner, Edmond Deschamps, suffered face and hand burns while attempting to save some of the animals. He was taken to hospital.

The stable housed about 15 horses, pacers and trotters. Origin of the blaze, which broke out shortly before noon, was not immediately known. Damage was unofficially estimated at \$29,000.

# Acquisition Of Maglie Assure Another Pennant

BROOKLYN (AP)—Sal Maglie wasn't to report to his new bosses, the Brooklyn Dodgers, until today and will make his first pitching appearance in Sunday's double-header against the Chicago Cubs. He'll wear his old number "35."

The veteran righthander will meet his old teammates, the New York Giants, in a series opening May 25.

Billy Loes, the lame-armed pitcher sold this week by the Dodgers to Baltimore, predicted that the addition of Maglie would assure Brooklyn the pennant.

"It means the pennant for the Brooks," Loes said before departing to join his new teammates at Detroit. The Dodgers bought Maglie, their old nemesis, from the Cleveland Indians.

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