Teams close in to pennant

NFL opens 1960 season Friday

NEW YORK (AP)—The new-look National Football League, confronted with competition at the turnstiles for the first time in a decade, inaugurates its 41st season Friday night as St. Louis Cardinals invade Los Angeles for the official opener with the Rams.

Hopeful of cracking its attendance record for the ninth consecutive year despite the emergence of the competing American League, the NFL has expanded to 13 teams with the addition of the Dallas Cowboys, and shifted the Cardinals' franchise from Chicago in an attempt to strengthen the circuit.

Cowboys, coached by former New York assistant Tom Landry, will raise the curtain on their NFL-stocked club Saturday night in the Cotton Bowl against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The NFL pushes its main cast of stars on stage Sunday with a four-game program. Washington Redskins meet the defending champion Colts in Baltimore, eastern division titlist New York is at San Francisco, Cleveland tackles the Eagles at Philadelphia and Green Bay plays host to the Bears.

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Yanks need five, Bucs only four

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New York Yankees are within five victories of clinching the American League pennant with nine games to play—thanks to a little power, a lot of pitching and enough luck to break the bank in Las Vegas.

Since taking charge with their four-game, weekend sweep over Baltimore, the Yankees have rolled up 12 runs in two games and have won both. But only two of the runs, both homers by Mickey Mantle, were earned.

The Yankees will take them any way they can get them at this stage of the race, and they took a 10-3 victory over Washington Wednesday by scoring nine unearned runs on four Senator errors.

It was the Yank's 10th victory in 12 games, pushing them into a 4½-game lead over Chicago. The defending champion White Sox, who have eight games left, slipped into second place by beating Kansas City 7-2 after Boston had spilled Baltimore to third, beating the Orioles 4-1 behind Ike Delock's three-hit pitching, in the only other AL games scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh Pirates, who have been winning them two at a time, get a chance to eliminate the Milwaukee Braves and reduce their magic number over St. Louis to two today in a bid for their first National League pennant since 1927.

They play a doubleheader with the Chicago Cubs in the day's only major league action. The Bucs have won four in a row, sweeping twinbills from Cincinnati and Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh reduced its clinching combination to four although idle Wednesday when the Los Angeles Dodgers knocked off the second-place Cardinals 5-3 in 12 innings. Any combination of Pittsburgh victories and St. Louis defeats totaling four locks it up for the Bucs.

The number is two over the third place Braves, who delayed the inevitable as Warren Spahn won his 21st with a 3-1 decision over Cincinnati in the only other NL game scheduled.

Port Credit beats Nanaimo for Mann Cup

PORT CREDIT, Ont. (CP) — Champagne corks flew like lacrosse balls Wednesday night after Port Credit Sailors downed Nanaimo 9-7 to bring Eastern Canada its first Mann Cup since 1954.

Sailors took the best-of-seven Canadian senior lacrosse championship 4-1 from the team that was favored to capture the final in four straight.

Porky Russell, rotund Sailor goaltender, was voted by sports writers as the most valuable player in the series, picking up the Mike Kelly memorial medal.

Sailors came on stronger as the series progressed. They beat Nanaimo 10-9 in the first game and 12-11 in the second. Port Credit clipped the Westerners 17-13 in the third game and Nanaimo benched goalie Fred Fulla in favor of New Westminster's Les Norman.

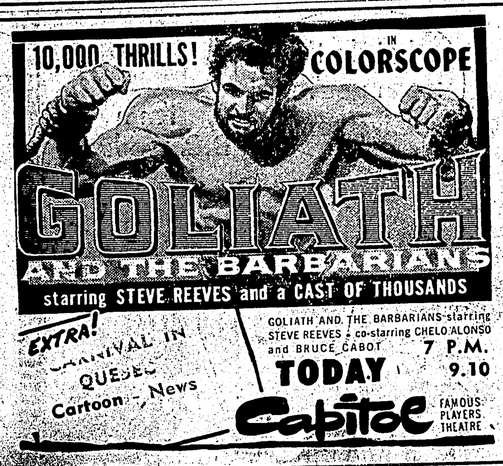
Norman held the Easterners out 11-4 in the fourth game but Wednesday night, despite a shooting edge enjoyed by his veteran teammates, he couldn't do it again.

The score was 3-3 coming out of the first period and 4-3 for Sailors at the half-way mark. They stretched it to 7-5 by the end of the third.

Jack Bionda played himself into exhaustion, scoring three times and assisting once. Don Sherry, Bill Chisholm, Skip MacKay, and Fred Usselman got the other goals.

Larry Ruse was high man on the night—scoring four for Sailors. Florian Tomchishen, Ken Crawford, Bill Allan, George Kapasky and Brian Aherne got the others.

Nanaimo drew seven of the 10 penalties, but coach Red MacMillan declined to comment on the officiating, saying: "How would that sound now?"



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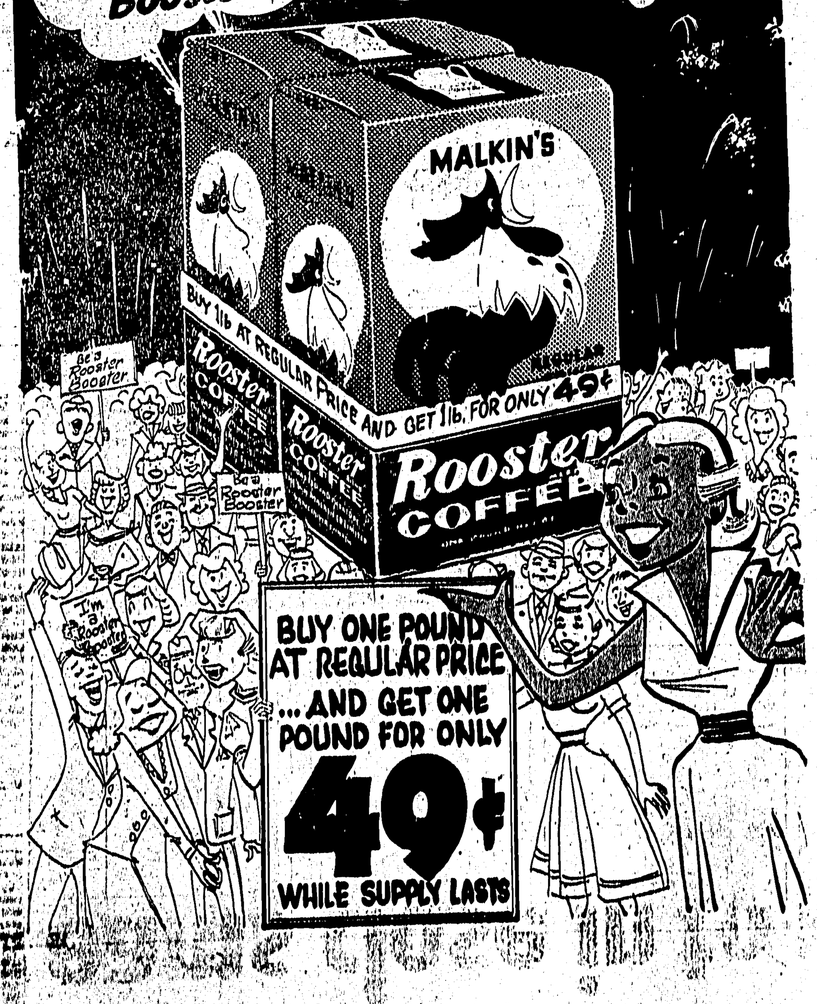

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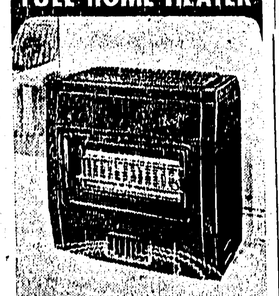
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