Aches, pains predominant as baseball season opens

NEW YORK (AP)—Ted Williams has a pain in the neck; Red Schoendienst is recovering from tuberculosis; Clint Courtney has a hairline fracture of the left leg; Billy Klaus has a cracked rib and Curt Simmons is set to undergo an arm operation.

These and other highly-publicized baseball names will be missing from the opening day lineups when the 16 major league clubs launch the 1959 season today and Friday.

Roy McMillan, recuperating from a shoulder dislocation; Mel Roach still hobbling on a knee that underwent surgery; Gene Stephens, with a jammed right thumb; Bill Skowron, with a twisted back; Gene Baker, with a damaged knee; Billy O'Dell, with a muscle spasm in his side; George Witt, with an inflamed elbow; Frank Sullivan, with a pulled muscle; and Billy Loes, with a sore arm, may also be on the sidelines on opening day.

MANY MISSING

A check of the 1958 opening day lineups shows that at least 54 of the 128 players (excluding pitchers) who started in last year's inaugurals, will either be missing or playing on other teams.

Eight of last year's opening-day starters were expected to be back on the firing line in this year's inaugurals. They are Pete Ramos, Washington; Jim Bunning, Detroit; Billy Pierce, Chicago; Ned Garver, Kansas City; Don Drysdale, Los Angeles; Robin Roberts, Philadelphia; Bob Friend, Pittsburgh, and Warren Spahn, Milwaukee.

Ramos, 14-18 last year, has been selected by manager Cookie Lavagetto to hurl today's special American League opener in the capital where Vice-President Nixon, substituting for President Eisenhower, was slated to throw out the first ball. After that, it was to be up to Ramos and Baltimore's Jack Harshman (12-15).

The pitchers for the National League's sole game today, in Cincinnati, were expected to be Bob Purkey (17-11) for the Reds and Ronnie Kline (13-16) for Pittsburgh.

One victory

CLEVELAND (AP) — Hershey Bears need only one victory over Cleveland Barons to win a berth in the Calder Cup finals.

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ERROL CROSSAN, a native of New Westminster, B.C., is blocked in a scoring attempt during action in the Football Association Cup semi-final game at North London, England. Goalie Ron Baynham of Luton Town reaches high to deflect the shot by the Norwich City forward. Had Crossan scored he would have made English soccer history by sending Norwich City into the Cup finals to become the first Third Division team to reach that spot. Game ended 1-1 and Luton Town won the replay 1-0. —CP photo.

STAMPEDERS LEAD WINNIPEG 3-0

Seattle Totems coach happy man with thrilling overtime victory

By The Canadian Press

Coach Keith Allen of Seattle Totems is a happy man today and little wonder.

His Totems scored a thrilling 3-2 overtime victory over Vancouver Canucks at Vancouver Wednesday night to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven coast division final series.

His scoring ace, centre Guyle Fielder, broke a playoff scoring slump with a goal and an assist.

In addition, veteran Rudy Filion and rookies Marc Boileau and Bill MacFarland, continued their sizzling playoff pace with Boileau and Filion combining to score the second Seattle goal.

Walt Peacosh and Les Lilley each scored their fourth playoff markers to give Canucks a 2-1 lead in the first period and offset a goal by Fielder.

BOILEAU FORCED TIE

The margin held up until Boileau tapped in Filion's bouncing pass early in the third and the game went into overtime. It was Boileau's sixth playoff goal—league high.

Filion and Boileau also continued to pace playoff scorers with nine points each.

The Canucks held the territorial edge through the game but had trouble with Bev Bentley in the Totem's goal. Bentley robbed Peacosh, Ray Cyr and Danny Bellale of almost sure goals in the overtime before Fielder, the old master scorer, took the puck into the Vancouver end and sent a beautiful goal-mouth pass to Val Fonteyne for the winner.

Fielder, who scored a brilliant 119 points during the regular season, had been held to a goal and two assists prior to Wednesdays' game in the coast division playoffs.

He now has five points good for a ninth place tie with four other players.

Fourth game in the series is scheduled for Vancouver Friday.

The same night Calgary Stampeders and Winnipeg Warriors meet at Winnipeg in the fourth game of the prairie division best-of-seven final series. Calgary has a commanding 3-0 lead.

Bruce Gamble, Canucks' sensational rookie netminder is set to return to the Vancouver nets Friday. He suffered a broken nose in the third game of the semi-final series against Spokane Flyers and sat out four games.

The Canucks played to their third straight capacity crowd in the playoffs as more than 4,900 fans saw Wednesday night's game.

McMeekin leads team twin honors

Tommy McMeekin of Cooks Jewellers rolled high single and high triple for the evening in the Men's Bowling League last Monday night to help his team take double honors also.

Tommy came up with a single of 329 and bowled 764 for three while Cooks took team high single and triple with 1202 and 3407.

In B League, Armando DeRae of Spero's chalked up high single game with 303 and assisted his crew in taking high three with their 2856.

Stan Birkland on Tony's Drive-In tallied 712 for high triple.

Rupert Radio won team high single game with 1093.

Results

A League—Cooks Jewellers 4, Paramounts 0, Howe and McNulty 3, Esso Fuel Service 1; Empress Luckies 3, Electricians 1, Neal Evans 4, Skeena Beverages 0, Malkins 3, Grotto Cigar Store 1.

B League—Rupert Radio 4, Stromdahl's Service 0; Tony's Drive-In 4, Babcock Fisheries 0; Spero's Foods 3, Bulgers 1; Post Office 3, Kelly Douglas 1; Legion 3, Co-Op Centre 1.

Standings

A League—Skeena Beverage 55, Howe & McNulty 54, Cooks Jewellers 53, Esso Fuel Service 50, Malkins 50, Paramounts 49, Grotto Cigar Store 42, Empress Luckies 38, Neal Evans 37, Electricians 30.

B League—Post Office 57, Stromdahls 51, Bulgers 51, Rupert Radio 50, Babcock 49, Spero's Food 43, Canadian Legion 48, Kelly Douglas 42, Tony's Drive In 40, Co-Op Centre 34.

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Regina edges Vernon 3-2 to deadlock Allan Cup

REGINA (CP)—Pete Petrovitch flipped in the winning goal as Regina Caps edged Vernon Canadians 3-2 in overtime to deadlock their Western Canada Allan Cup finls at a win apiece.

Third game of the best-of-seven series will be played here Friday night.

Other Regina scorers were Elmer Schwartz and Bud Rogers. Merv Bidoski and Russ Kowalchuk tallied for Vernon.

A crowd of 2,500 saw the clubs each score once in the first period. Caps jumped into a 2-1 lead in the second but Vernon counted the only goal of the third.

Goalie Ed Babluk of Regina, a pickup from Melville Millionaires of the Saskatchewan Junior League, blocked 42 shots and netminder Hal Gordon of Vernon stopped 38.

Vernon dominated play in the early minutes of the opening period, but were unable to score until 7:10. Bidoski was triggerman, beating Babluk from a scramble in front.

TIED IT UP

Caps came on in the last half of the period and tied the count just before the period ended.

Whittal's pass put Schwartz in the clear at mid-ice. Schwartz walked in and pulled Gordon before sliding the puck into the corner of the net.

Frank King had just returned to the ice after serving a hooking penalty in the second period when Rogers sent Regina in front at 4:18. He deflected George Hunchuk's shot into the top of the Vernon net.

Vernon took control in the third period and finally got the equalizer at 11:03 when Kowalchuk batted a loose puck into the net from a scramble. Regina had some good chances late in the period, but Gordon was unbeatable.

Both clubs played cautiously in the extra session. Petrovich scored the winner at 7:50 when he picked up Rusnell's rebound and picked the short side of the Vernon net.

Dominoes hold semi final lead

Led by Don Hartwig, Dominoes, captured team high single and three in the mixed ten-pin bowling league Sunday to take top spot in the semi-finals.

Hartwig rolled 197 for single and a three of 545 while his team came through with team single of 846 and triple of 2385.

Also taking honors for the teams was Jakes with a total of 2135 to down Sport Shop who rolled 1942.

Dominoes won over Happy Ones by 69 pins.

Pearl Nicoll also of Dominoes rolled women's high single of 178 and Bessie Ing of Dominoes tallied 453 for three.

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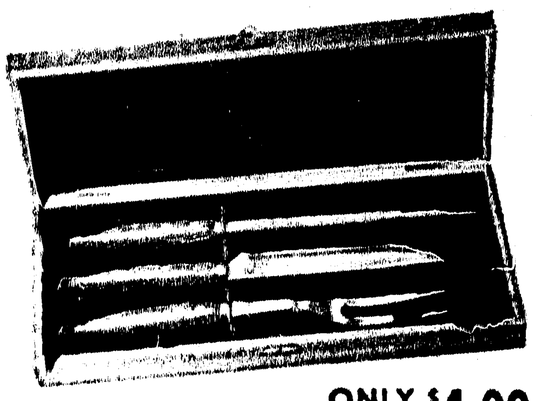

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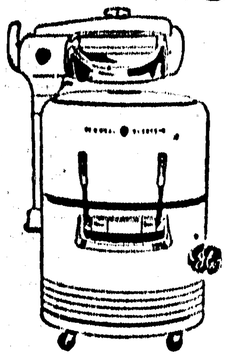

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