PCL pennant chase tightens up

Mounties close in on Beavers

By The Canadian Press

Only 6½ games separate the first and eighth teams in the Pacific Coast League pennant chase today, after Seattle Rainiers won their eighth consecutive game while league leading Portland Beavers lost a double-header.

Seattle, hottest team in the league despite their last-place ranking, beat the crippled Phoenix Giants 4-3 in 11 innings Wednesday night as Portland lost 4-2 and 2-1 in 10 innings to Sacrameto Solons.

Vancouver Mounties took San Diego Padres 8-6 to move to within a game of the Beavers.

At Spokane, the Indians beat Salt Lake City Bees 12-7 in the completion of a protested game of Tuesday night, which was promptly re-protested, but the Bees came back for a 12-2 victory in the regular game.

TWO HOMERS

Power-hitting Joe Taylor won for the Mounties with a three-run homer in the last of the ninth. He had poled out a solo homer in the second inning. Billy Hunter got his eighth homer of the year, a solo affair, for San Diego in the first frame and Don Dillard got a two-run homer for the losers in the seventh inning.

Bob Mabe and Bill Kennedy gave the Giants only four hits with Kennedy picking up Seattle's victory after coming in in the ninth. Two singles, an error an intentional walk and a sacrifice produced Seattle's winning run.

Al Heist got Sacramento's first two runs in the opener at Portland with a two-run homer in the third after Jack Littrel clubbed a two-run homer for Portland in the second.

UPHOLDS PROTEST

Littrell's second homer of the night tied the second game at 1-1 in the last of the ninth, but Sacramento's Terry Fox banged out a triple and scored on Nippy Jones' single.

The protested Spokane-Salt Lake game was played from the last of the seventh, with Spokane at bat, two men out and the Indians leading 9-7. PCL President Leslie O'Connor upheld a Spokane protest that umpire Bob St. Clair should not have called Bob Lillis of the Indians out when he was blocked at home plate.

Dick Hall stopped the Indians on four hits in the regular game while his mates raked loser Chuck Churn and Pat Patrick for 10 hits including three-run homers by Carlos Bernier and Sam Mirey.

QUARTERBACK Randy Duncan, a highly-rated 21-year-old from Iowa, will play for British Columbia Lions of the Western Interprovincial Football Union in tonight's game at Vancouver.

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Speed, defence, ability keeps Chisox in top spot

By JOE REICHLER
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At the start of the year the Chicago White Sox were given an outside chance at the pennant because of only one thing—their strong pitching staff.

Today the same White Sox are a solid favorite to represent the American League in the world series. Because of their pitching? No sir, the Sox are in first place despite their pitching, not because of it.

Look at the figures. Only Early Wynn (15-7) of the highly touted big five—Billy Pierce, Dick Donovan, Ray Moore, Barry Latman and Wynn—has been pitching as advertised.

The highly touted Pierce is only 12-12; Donovan, plagued by arm miseries, is 7-5 and hasn't pitched since July 21; Moore is 2-6 and Latman 5-4.

What's keping them up there, then? The answer lies in their speed, their defence, their ability to win the close games—and their bullpen aces, Gerry Staley or Turk Lown.

Staley and Lown figured prominently in Wednesday's 11 - 6 triumph over Detroit which kept the Sox 2½ games ahead of Cleveland, a 9-4 winner over Kansas City. Boston defeated Baltimore 5-4 and Washington nipped New York 3-2.

Latman started for the White Sox but left under fire in the fourth when Detroit scored four times to overcome a 3-0 Chicago lead. Staley halted the Tigers and picked up his fifth relief victory, helped by Sherm Lollar's three-run homer.

Lown, who has won eight of 10 decisions in relief, also cemented the triumph, pitching the last three innings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee Braves may not be the all-conquering champions they were a year ago, but it hasn't been the fault of Eddie Mathews.

The slugging third baseman, a consistent performer all season, is making a determined effort to atone for last year's dismal showing, climaxed by a horrendous world series in which he batted a sickly 1.60 and fanned 11 times.

Mathews, only 27 although in his eighth big league season, is hitting an even .300 but he has slugged 33 home runs and has driven in 79 runs. He has exceeded his last year totals of 31 homers and 77 runs batted in when his average was only .271.

Eddie powered two home runs Wednesday night, each with a man on base to boost the Braves into second place with a 6-4 victory over Cincinnati. Henry Aaron added a home run, his 30th, and Frank Ripple and Joe Adcock hit safely in his 19th consecutive game. The Braves also got a fine pitching performance from veteran Bob Rush who hurled scoreless ball after relieving southpaw Juan Pizarro in the second.

Chicago Cubs dropped Los Angeles 3½ games behind the idle San Francisco Giants, by thrashing the Dodgers 11-8. Pittsburgh walloped Philadelphia 6-2.

Major League Standings

By The Canadian Press

National League

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
San Francisco	65	47	.580	-
Milwaukee	61	49	.555	3
Los Angeles	62	51	.549	3½
Pittsburgh	55	58	.487	10½
Chicago	54	57	.486	10½
Cincinnati	52	60	.464	13
St. Louis	53	62	.461	13½
Philadelphia	47	65	.420	18

American League

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Chicago	67	43	.609	-
Cleveland	66	47	.584	2½
New York	57	55	.509	11
Baltimore	56	56	.500	12
Detroit	55	59	.482	14
Kansas City	53	60	.469	15½
Boston	51	62	.451	17½
Washington	45	68	.398	23½

CATCHER WILBUR SHANTZ of Richmond Virginians argues nose-to-nose with plate umpire Pat D' Ambrosio about a run that gave Montreal Royals an extra-inning 6-5 win over Richmond recently in an International League game. Shantz was fined $50 for his excess affection. Umpire Cal Drummond and Richmond pitcher Johnny James look on. —CP photo.

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The Terrace squad will now play Gordon and Anderson Sunday at Terrace in the first tilt of the finals.

George Haugland was winning pitcher in last night's fixture. Chenosky was the loser.

Old Archie to continue

MONTREAL (AP) — How much longer will Archie Moore continue fighting?

The light heavyweight champion, who says he will be 43, Dec. 13, and has been fighting pro 23 years, put it this way today:

"My wife has presented me with two girls. I want a boy. She has promised me a boy. When we get that boy, and when he reaches 16, then I think I'll hang up the gloves." He grinned and added:

"Maybe."

Kelowna beats Americans 7-2

KELOWNA (CP) — A beefed-up Kelowna Packers team beat the Americans, an all-star side, 7-2 Tuesday night in the annual all-star hockey game here in conjunction with the Kelowna International Regatta.

Only 1,800 fans braved heavy showers to see the game at Memorial Arena, almost half the number who turned up the last two years.

Andy Bathgate and Bill Gadsby of New York Rangers were added to the Kelowna side. Bathgate getting a goal and an assist and Gadsby two assists.

Phil Maloney, former Vancouver ace in the Western Hockey League sent to Chicago last season, scored both goals for the Americans.

The Packers went ahead 2-1 in the first period, scored four unanswered goals in the second and matched single goals with the Americans in the third.

Bathgate and Gadsby got the only two penalties of the game.

Andy McCallum, Harry Smith, Wayne North, Mike Durban, Bugs Jones and Russ Kowalchuk scored for the Packers.

Daily News Classified Ads

Kinsmen set for Little loop finals after forcing out Sea Kings 8-3

Sea King were forced out of the Prince Rupert Little League semi-finals last night when they suffered an 8-3 drubbing at the hands of a rallying Kinsmen crew.

Kinsmen will now meet the winner of the North Star-Shop Easy game which is set for 7:00 o'clock tonight. First game of the finals will be played Monday.

Sea Kings opened the scoring in the first frame when they tallied two counters.

The second inning saw the Sea Kings squad drop behind as Kinsmen burst open with five runs. The Kinsmes crew notched two more in the third and one in the fifth.

Sta Kings attempted a comeback in the final frame with one tally.

Big man behind the bat for the evening was Sea Kings pitcher Sven Rasmussen with a pair of doubles. Larry Gordon led Kinsmen at the plate with two singles.

Winner Jim Greer struck out 11 allowed three hits and walked four.

Howe signed

DETROIT (AP)—The Detroit Red Wings today signed Gordie Howe for his 14th season in the National Hockey League.

The 31-year-old all-star right winger ranks second only to Montreal's Maurice Richard in career scoring with 418 goals. Richard has 525 goals in 17 seasons.

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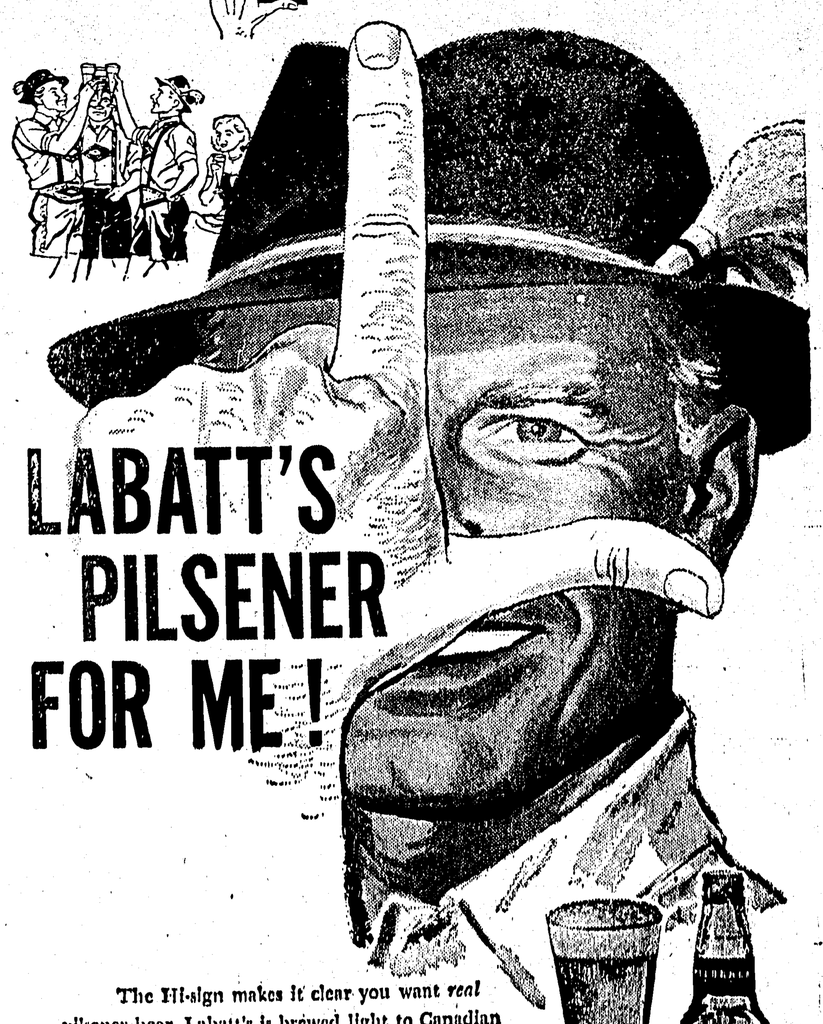

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