

## Sport Shots

American League pitchers found the going unusually rough during the 1950 season, which produced only two 20-game winners in the junior loop and generally raised havoc with the hurler's earned run averages. Top man in the earned run average column for moundmen in 10 or more complete games was Cleveland's right-hander, Early Wynn, who captured 18 decisions and lost but eight. Early, enjoying his best year since 1943, allowed 3.20 earned runs per nine-inning game to top the ERA field, in which three flingers were below the three-run mark in 1949.

Ned Garver of St. Louis, though

his won-lost record was a negative 13-18, finished second in the earned run column with a 3.39 mark, followed by Bob Feller of Cleveland at 3.43. In all, for pitchers in 10 or more complete games, there were 15 who were under the four-duns per game level.

High winner for the season at 23 victories was Cleveland's right-handed ace Bob Lemon, who annexed other honors. Bob led in strikeouts, 170, pitched the most innings, 288, tied at 22 for most complete games pitched with Garver, and faced the most batters, 1,095. Lemon also allowed the most hits, 281.

Whereas the 1949 campaign saw five men win 20 or more games in the Will Harridge loop, the 1950 season had only two—Lemon had 23 wins and 11 losses,

and the New York Yankee's Vic Raschi, who won 21 and lost eight. Lemon finished 10th in the earned run column with a mark of 3.84, while Raschi was 14th with 3.99. Vic, however, was top man in the won-lost percentage ratings with his mark of .724.

Wildest of the hurlers again was New York's Tommy Byrne, whose total of 160 passes, however, was an improvement of 19 below his total of 1949. Alex Keller of Philadelphia allowed the most runs, 157, and also was beaten the most times, 20, in a sharp fall-off from his 1949 showing, when he was in the 20-win circle.

The pitcher who appeared in most games was Mickey Harris, the Washington left-handed reliever. Mickey got into 53 contests, winning 5 and losing 9. Detroit's Art Houtteman had the most annoying "gopher" ball allowing 29 homers, one more than the total made off Lemon and Keller.

For a third straight season, Cleveland was tops in the club earned run average department, the Indian collective mark being 3.75. Detroit was second best at 4.13, with the pennant-winning Yankees third with 4.15. Detroit's staff led in complete games pitched, with 72 while the Yankee moundmen struck out the largest number, 712. Detroit hurlers were nicked for the most homers, 141, with most bases on balls being allowed by Boston's hill staff, 748.

Filling out an application for a job, the chap answered "no" to a question as to whether he had dependents.

"Say you're married aren't you?" asked the clerk who knew him.

"Oh sure," came the answer, "but my wife ain't dependable."

The employer had lost his patience. "Look here Jones," he said, meeting the incoming employee, "how is it that you are never on time any more?"

The employee hung his head. "Well boss," he finally said, "it's really your fault in a way. You've drilled us so thoroughly on never watching the clock here, that I've lost the habit of watching it at home."

Mrs. K. How, school teacher at Kincolth on the Naas River, will be a passenger aboard the Camosun tomorrow going to Vancouver for the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

## Basketball— Comeback By Co-Ops

Gordon & Anderson Fade  
After Good Opening Start

Co-op made a strong comeback in the second period of Saturday night's basketball game and kept the pace from then on to win handily from Gordon & Anderson by a 46 to 36 margin and retain undisputed league leadership.

The Hardwaremen looked like sure winners in the first period in which they doubled the score 12 to 6. Their plays were clicking nicely and Co-op didn't seem to have any fight. In the remaining three periods Doc Montgomery's boys faded and Co-op became more aggressive.

Sid Scherk and Ted Arney potted some beauties to put the game on ice for the winners. They each scored ten points, Arney getting all his on swish shots from away out. Don MacDonald played his most effective game of the season, coming through with seven points, and doing some good work on the rebounds. Joe Davis had an off night, scoring only one point on a foul throw. Don Scherk fattened his season scoring total by 9 points with three field baskets and three successful foul throws. Co-op scored 50 percent of their 24 foul throw chances.

The Gordon & Anderson team fell down in the shooting department, scoring only 6 of 21 free throws. Bob Gill was away off in his shooting, getting just two in from the key where he has a big advantage. He made the most from off the backboards but they just wouldn't go in. Rupert Holkestad and Jim Flaten worked hard for a win and, along with Smith and Ciccone, provided plenty of drive but the rest of the team just didn't have it.

There was a flare-up in the final quarter when Flaten and Scherk squared off after a close check. It was all over in a moment as Referee Comadina took control.

(As far as this reporter is concerned the highlight of the game was Jimmy Flaten's gentlemanly action when he walked to the free throw line as Scherk was ready to shoot the foul and shook hands with his adversary of the moment before.)

Tomorrow night should bring the big game of the season, when Brownwoods and Gordon & Anderson, each with one win over the league leaders, get together in a crucial one.

Hi-Greens, getting all set for their Ketchikan junket on Wednesday, looked as though they were just having another practice session as they won easily over the Merchants by an overwhelming 9 to 18 score.

During the first quarter the Golds ran up a 17 to 6 lead on some spectacular shooting by Henry Blackaby and Freddie Simonson who shared 12 points.

The Golds shooting was tops a 1 night with 40 percent of their tries successful. Bud Ratchford was back in the line-up and he played a hustling game to score 10. Blackaby's sensational shooting netted him 12. For the losers, Christoff and Wesch were the only players with any fight. The rest of the team just weren't in the game.

Rupert Hotel had an easy time with Manson's although the jewellers were able to hold even with them in the first and third periods. Mackay was top man for the winners scoring 14. MacFarlane scored 6 in the first two periods before getting banned after a very robust check. Experience and drive gives Rupert Hotel the edge in the junior division. The Manson entry was able to get control of the ball just as often as their opponents, but they were unable to decide what to do with it when they did get it. They have some big, but very inexperienced players, who, one of these days will respond to the coaching they are receiving, and then this team will definitely be heard from.

Individual scoring:  
Junior  
Manson's—Anderson 4, Antrobus, Davidson 5, Webber, Pedersen, MacKenzie, Quast, Scherk 5, Barnes, Feness, Total 49.  
Rupert Hotel—McFarlane 6, McIntosh, Smith 2, Parnell 2, Sankey 2, McKay 14, Helin, Donaldson, Leighton, Total 23.  
Referees—Forward and Spring, Intermediate  
High School Gold—McChesney 7, Ratchford 10, Tait 1, Sedgewick, Kristmanson 7, Simonson 3, Letourneau, Nickerson, Morrison, Young 4, Blackaby 12, Total 49.  
Merchants—Wesch 6, Place, Jordan 2, Christoff 4, J. Parnell, Dumas, E. Parnell 6, Total 18.  
Referees—Carlson & Caderoni.

Senior  
Co-op—Hokestad 1, MacDonald 7, S. Scherk 10, Arney 10, Webster 6, D. Scherk 9, Davis 1, Beynon 2, Total 46.  
Gordon & Anderson—Ciccone 3, Dumas 4, Marshall 2, Holkestad 9, Gill 4, Currie 1, Flaten 9, Smith 3, Matthews 1, Total 36.  
Referees—Comadina & Gurych.

## Communists Slay Innocent Priest

DUBLIN @—Details of cold-blooded slaying of civilians and wanton destruction of property by Communist forces in the Korean war, are related in a report received here by Catholic missionary officials.

The report, from Very Rev. Brian Geraghty, superior of the Maynooth Catholic Mission in Korea, tells of the execution of a Catholic priest on a street in Chunchon, the arrest of eight others and widespread damage to mission property.

The dead priest is Father Peter Collier, of Clogherhead, Ireland, who had been in charge of a newly-created parish in Chunchon city.

Here is the story as told by Father Geraghty:

When the Red army over-ran Chunchon, Father Collier decided to remain in his parish. He was making his rounds, accompanied by a native, Gabriel Kim, when Communist soldiers spotted them. They were arrested and taken to the commander of the occupying forces.

After being searched and deprived of his personal belongings, including his rosary, Father Collier was subjected to a severe grilling. Suspected of being an American, he was ordered to give a truthful account of the nature of his work in Korea.

The priest replied that he was an Irishman, solely occupied in the spread of the Catholic faith. But the Communist officer was not satisfied.

MARCHED TO RIVER

He ordered the two prisoners to be tied together, hands behind their backs. They were then marched toward the river. The priest was questioned again and promised that his life would be spared if he told the truth about the military and political work he had done.

When the priest repeated his previous reply, the two were ordered to turn their backs. A few minutes later they were felled by a burst from a sub-machine gun. Father Collier was killed, but Kim, shot through the shoulder and throat, feigned death.

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The soldiers covered the bodies with a rice sack and left them on the street.

Later, under cover of darkness, Kim escaped and made his way to officials connected with the mission.

Father Geraghty said the fate of the eight other priests was still unknown. He believed, however, they were forced to march north with other prisoners.

"If the full story of this Korean war is ever written," the report concluded, "it will include many accounts of men escaping from the very jaws of death. It was common to line those about to die along a trench or drain and shoot them into it. But some saved their lives by falling into the pit as the shots were fired and waiting there among the dead."

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The late Mrs. Gratton arrived in Prince Rupert in 1911 and resided here until 1939, when she moved south to live in Vancouver. About six months ago she left the west coast to make her home with relatives in Ottawa.

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