

# SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—More words have been written about Leo Durocher than any manager now active in the major leagues.

Many of them have been put down by working baseball writers—who actually know the Giants' controversial little pilot, but this is becoming the exception as the market for "inside" articles on him becomes ever more lucrative.

About the only facet of Leo's complex character we can't recall having seen touched upon is his amazing memory. There's nothing scandalous about it, nothing to merit hauling him up before the commissioner again.

Tell you what Durocher can do. Take any game his club has played in the last five or six years. Tell him what the situation was at any point in the contest—the inning, the number of men on base, the number of outs. Tell him what the last batter did. He'll then tell you precisely what happened on the next play.

A sports writer who follows the Giants caught up with them after having missed two of their games in Philadelphia. He told Leo he was looking for a fellow writer to help him fill in his score book, play-by-play, on the two contests.

GET OUT BOOK  
Get out your book, Leo told him. Then, fast as the fellow could take it down, he called off the two games, right to the final out. The writer, a trifle shaken, checked it with the official scorer. He needn't have bothered.

You may argue it out among yourselves whether there ever has been a double no-hitter pitched in the big leagues. It all depends upon the point of view—whether you consider nine innings of play a ball game. Some do.

The facts are these. May 2, 1917, Jim Vaughn of Chicago

Cubs and Fred Toney of Cincinnati hooked up in a homer duel in which neither permitted anything resembling a hit for the regulation distance. Each granted two walks.

The Reds put over the winning run in the top of the 10th on a hit through the infield, an outfield error and a scratchy infield hit by the late Jim Thorpe which Vaughn unexpectedly tried to nail the runner at home and threw the ball away. It would have been ruled an error.

Toney sailed safely through the last of the 10th for his no-hitter. Take the argument from there.

## Recreational Lack Scored At Meeting

Special to The Daily News

SMITHERS.—Accepting reelection as president of Smithers Athletic Association, J. F. MacDonald voiced amazement that the village had gone on all these years with so little to offer in recreation facilities for the children.

"Our finest and most valuable assets are in our children," Mr. MacDonald declared, "although there is more talk of the value of our natural resources." He hoped more active interest would be taken in children of the community and urged all get behind any effort to provide facilities for recreation for them.

Other officers elected were T. Price, vice-president; R. D. Whyte, secretary; A. C. Fowler, treasurer. Directors elected were Mrs. G. Young, Mrs. W. Bovill, Mrs. R. Wells, C. Nockley, F. Rosberg and G. Adornit.

G. Young, president of Bulkley Valley Community Association, reported plans had been drawn up for a community recreational centre. An early start is anticipated on clarification of details governing acquiring of use of the old fair grounds. In support of financing the project, it was moved the Athletic Association approach the provincial government for assistance. Coronation Day committees were re-appointed and a tentative sports program for June 2 was presented. Report by the baseball commission indicated an active season of boys' and girls', men's and ladies' softball and boys' and men's baseball. Condition of the present open-air ice rink was reported as "disgraceful for a community the size of Smithers." It is hoped to incorporate new rink facilities in connection with the planned recreation centre. Continuance of school board plans for a high school auditorium was also urged.



SQN.-LDR. J. D. DICKSON of Hammond River, N.B., is captain of the first RCAF Comet jet airliner making a test return flight from London, Eng., to Johannesburg, South Africa. The 26 aboard include an extra crew of six, RCAF engineers and mechanics and representatives of British Overseas Airways Corp. and DeHavilland Aircraft Co. The Comet is the first of two to be delivered to the RCAF.

## Noted Sprinter Suspended By Association

LONDON (AP)—E. McDonald Bailey, one of the world's top sprinters, has been suspended by the southern sub-committee of the British Amateur Athletic Association for using his name for advertising.

Bailey, co-holder of the world record for 100 metres of 10.2 seconds, appeared before the committee last week concerning an advertisement in an Oxford-Cambridge sports program which referred to a starting block "made to requirements of E. McDonald Bailey, Limited."

Bailey said he intended to appeal the decision and added: "I am the managing director of this company and my name must be used to make a success of it."

Bailey, a native of Trinidad, placed third in the 100-metre final in the 1952 Olympics and fourth in the 200-metre final.

La Paz, capital of Bolivia, lies 12,120 feet above the sea and has a short and cold summer season.

## Home Runs Play Big Part In Big Leagues

NEW YORK (AP)—Home runs played a big part in all major league baseball games Thursday. Two of the blasts came in the last of the ninth and brought victories to Pittsburgh Pirates and New York Giants while another one, by Bob Elliott, produced all of St. Louis Browns' runs in their 3-1 night triumph over Washington.

And in St. Louis, the Cardinals-Philadelphia Phillies night contest which was cut to a 1-1 five-inning tie by rain, the only St. Louis run came on a poke out of the park by Ray Jablonski.

Results:  
PCL—Seattle 4, San Francisco 8; Oakland 7, San Diego 4; Portland 0, Hollywood 5; Los Angeles 3, Sacramento 4.  
National—Chicago 2, Pittsburgh 4; Milwaukee 1, New York 0; Cincinnati 4, Brooklyn 7; St. Louis 1, Philadelphia 1 (5-inning tie).

American—New York 6, Chicago 1; Washington 1, St. Louis 3; Philadelphia at Detroit postponed.

WIL—Victoria 2-2, Yakima 5-6; Edmonton at Salem postponed; Wenatchee 2, Lewiston 5; Calgary 3, Tri-City 6.

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## General Motors Meets Battery

Tonight's football fixture brings the Heavy Battery into the picture when they meet the General Motors who lost their first game on Wednesday to the fast CYO.

The composition of the Battery eleven is uncertain yet. Some of last year's veterans say they have hung up their boots and Joe Georgeson is busy trying to build up a new team around a small nucleus. He will introduce some newcomers, and, at that, might well spring a surprise on the Motormen, who will still be without Bishop and Lee. Son is also a doubtful member.

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