

Braves Still Ignoring Dodger Bid for Pennant

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The handwriting is on the wall, but all of a sudden Milwaukee Braves can't read.

The stubborn Braves still seem to be operating on the theory that the National League pennant race is a two-team affair. And they're ready to smack down anyone who says it isn't.

Brooklyn Dodgers descended upon the brewing centre last night, primed to wrap up their second straight flag. They needed just one more victory. The celebration was arranged and the brass flew in from Brooklyn headquarters for the wing-ding.

They're still waiting for the party.

At Milwaukee County Stadium Friday night Andy Pafko hit a home run with a man on base in the sixth inning and he won the game for the Braves with a 10th-inning homer after two were out. The score was 9-8.

With 13 games to play, the Braves now trail the Dodgers by 12. They meet for the final time today.

The game was a thriller from the start as the Braves jumped away to a 5-0 lead. The Dodgers went ahead, 6-5, after 5½ innings, trailed again after six when Pafko hit his first homer, then tied it again in the seventh. Milwaukee also scored in the seventh and Brooklyn knotted the count in the ninth, setting the stage for the extra-inning excitement.

TOP TEAMS LOSE

In the American League the top two teams both lost. New York Yankees went to Detroit 3-2 in 10 innings and Cleveland lost to Washington 6-4. Chicago kept its mathematical pennant chances alive with a 9-4 verdict over Philadelphia Athletics.

The Yankees lead the Indians by 10 games and the White Sox by 13. Any combination of six New York victories and Cleveland losses will give the Yankees their fifth straight pennant. In other games Friday, St. Louis Cardinals assured Pittsburgh of a last-place finish with a 5-3 decision. Cincinnati edged Philadelphia 6-5, and Chicago won its seventh straight, 5-2, over New York Giants. The lowly St. Louis Browns stopped Boston, 2-0.

Argentina Holds Lead In Tuna Derby

By KINGSLEY BROWN, Jr.
WEDGEPORT, N.S. (CP)—The 10th international tuna tournament entered its final round today with Argentina leading on the strength of a baby tuna caught less than two hours after the opening Thursday.

The 153-pounder reeled in by Pablo Bardin, team captain from Buenos Aires, was the only fish caught that day and the next. It gave Argentina a 558-point lead over nine other teams representing 12 countries.

A hurricane Monday ruined the fishing at this world's tuna capital as it did three years ago by stampeding schools of herding and mackerel from the turbulent waters.

When they left the Rip, the great bluefin chased them for food. The tournament, postponed one day because of this, is expected to be held in August next year instead of the hurricane month of September.

There were indications Friday that the tuna, capable of 60-mile-an-hour speeds and claimed to be most streamlined of fishes, were coming back. One made three passes at the herding-baited hook of Mexico's Miguel Barrenechea, but each time the scythe-like dorsal wavered and disappeared in a spray of water at the last second. Several others were sighted by other boats.

Senators Even WIL Play-off

SPOKANE (AP)—The Salem Senators evened their best-of-seven series with Spokane for the Western International League baseball crown at one-all Friday night, tripping the Indians 4-3.

The Senators won the game in the eighth frame when Bob Nemes, who took over from Art Worth in the sixth, issued four singles, good for two Salem runs.

Spokane rallied briefly in the ninth, scoring one run before Gene Tansell snagged Bob Donkersley's liner to end the game.

The Indians put together three twin killings to make up for the five bobbles they made afield.

The Senators will start Gene Roenspie on the mound in the third game of the playoff Saturday night, with Jack Spring taking over the pitching chores for the Tribe.

ROBERT LEE TRICE GETS DOUBLE BASEBALL AWARD

MONTREAL (CP)—Robert Lee Trice, Philadelphia-bound Ottawa righthander, today gained double distinction by winning the International Baseball League's most valuable pitcher award as well as being voted rookie of the year for 1953.

Vic Wall of the Springfield Union, president of the circuit's Baseball Writers' Association, announced the choice.

Trice, with a 21-10 mound record, was first choice with 23 of 27 sports writers in the eight cities with International teams. The 25-year-old Negro ran up a total of 211 points while Tom La-Sorda, Montreal southpaw, was second with 162. Milt Jordan, Buffalo, was third with 145.

For rookie honors, Trice received 10 of 25 votes to top Tom Burgess, a London, Ont., player with Rochester, who got six votes.

Canadians Handed Drubbing By Top American Netters

MONTREAL (CP)—Canada's Davis Cup tennis team, smarting under a 2-0 defeat at the hands of the powerful United States squad, today faces the Americans in the crucial doubles match of the Canada-U.S. cup tie.

If the Americans, victors in six straight sets in yesterday's singles matches, win the doubles, they will take the North American zone final and go to meet the European finalists, Belgium, at Melbourne. Winner of that match wins the right to challenge Australia, present Davis Cup holder.

The United States captain, Lawrence Baker, put his two top men—Tony Trabert of Cincinnati and Vic Seixas of Philadelphia—into the singles. The competition proved too tough for Henri Rochon of Montreal and Lorne Main of Toronto and Vancouver.

Trabert, U.S. national singles champion, defeated Rochon 6-2, 6-3, 8-6, while Seixas disposed of Main, Canada's No. 1 player, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4.

Laird Watt, Canada's non-playing captain, said after the

matches he thought both his players had done well.

"I'm quite satisfied with the way they both played," he said. "They were up against some of the toughest competition in the world. They did as well as could be expected."

This afternoon, Main and Paul Willey of Vancouver face Trabert and Seixas in the doubles at the Mount Royal Tennis Club, unless there is a last-minute change of plans by Baker or Watt.

Later, Rochon and Bob Bedard of Sherbrooke, Que., will meet Bernard Bartzen of San Angelo, Tex., and Straight Clark of Pasadena, Calif., in an exhibition match.

Remember When

By The Canadian Press

Fred Perry of England won the U.S. men's tennis championship for the third time at Forest Hills, N.Y., 17 years ago today. The black-haired Briton, who later turned professional, had won in 1933 and 1934. In the 1936 final he beat Don Budge in a gruelling struggle, 2-6, 6-2, 8-6, 1-6, 10-8.

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SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—It's been two days now, and we've yet to hear or read our first complaint about the bare-faced boost in the price of world series box seats from \$8 to \$10.

Our favorite neighbor apparently reflected the popular attitude as his dog pulled him past the house.

"That's great," he said cheerily. "Now I can sit in my favorite bar and watch it on TV while the suckers from out-of-town carry the freight."

Whom did he think he was kidding? We recall that that is the way he watched at least the last two playoffs here since we advised him with great regret that there were no free passes even for the dependents of baseball writers, much less for neighbors.

The truth is that over the years we have known personally of few citizens who witnessed a world series game from inside the park unless they had a fine connection somewhere or else stood in line at the bleacher gate.

They could have doubled the jolt and it would have made no appreciable difference in a series to be played at Yankee Stadium and Ebbets Field. Both sheds would have been sold out just the same, though that is not to say that every seat would have been filled.

The trend toward making the big event exclusive began when Larry McPhail, the red-haired genius then running the Yankees right after the war, installed a sumptuous saloon and dining room inside his stadium and threw it open to a selected membership composed exclusively of individuals and firms who could write a cheque for one or more season boxes.

There turned out to be an amazing number of these from the start and, once it became generally known that such a "business expense" was deductible from income tax, there was a virtual stampede to enroll.

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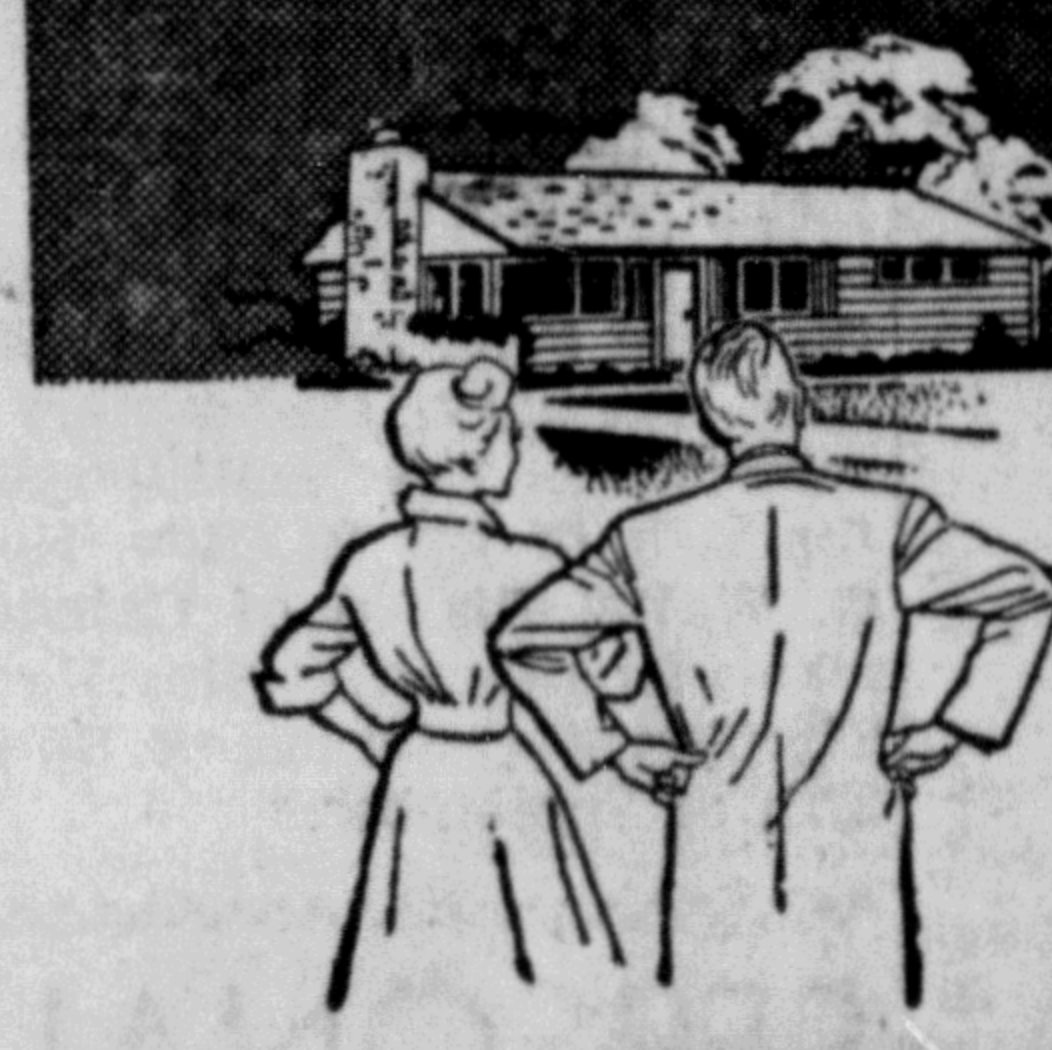
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