Mantle Hits Record Homer in Yankee Win

By The Canadian Press

NEW YORK.—A 562-foot home run Friday signalled the end of Mickey Mantle's springtime miseries and the start of summertime miseries for the rest of the American League.

The New York Yankee centrefielder unloaded the longest clout ever seen in Washington's Griffith Stadium to lead the world champions to a 7-3 victory over the Senators.

With one blow he dispelled the dreams of seven American League clubs that assorted physical ailments would keep Mantle from being a power in the Yankee cause this season.

Results of other games:

National

New York 6-4, Brooklyn 3-12.
Cincinnati 10, Milwaukee 9.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh postponed.

American

Philadelphia 5, Boston 0.
Detroit 6, Cleveland 5.
New York 7, Washington 3.
St. Louis 6, Chicago 4.

Pacific Coast League

San Diego 1, Portland 2.
Los Angeles 4, Hollywood 3.
San Francisco 0, Oakland 3.
Sacramento 4-1, Seattle 8-3.

Harold Winch Saves Ticket By Talking

VANCOUVER (CP)—Former CCF leader Harold Winch put on a good old-fashioned filibuster here—to kill a parking bill.

He put his 20 years of experience in parliamentary oratory to good stead when he found policemen and wreckers all set to tow away and impound the Winch auto for being parked within 20 feet of a corner.

Winch talked. And talked. And talked.

The officers eventually climbed into their squad car, the wreckers drifted off and Winch drove away . . . without a ticket.

Wenatchee Has Top Rookie Prospects

By JOHN RICHARDSON

LINDSAY, Calif. (AP) — A young ball club bolstered by highly regarded rookies from Oakland of the Pacific Coast League will wear the Wenatchee label in the Western International Baseball League this year.

Babe Herman, a scout for the New York Yankees, said during a visit to the Wenatchee Chiefs' training camp here that Oakland has the top rookie prospects in the west coast circuit. Seven of these are slated to play for the Chiefs.

They include pitchers Charley Beamon, Art Amaya, Jack Klein and Rick Bothel, third baseman Babe Fuhrman and catchers Art Cuitti and Harry Botholomei.

Mike McCormick, the veteran guiding Wenatchee's 1953 destiny, will himself patrol the centre field pasture. The rest of the backyard will be guarded by Ross McCormack, back for his third year with Chiefs, and Shelly Edwards, a youngster out of California semi-pro ranks.

Infield-wise, says big Mike Chiefs are set, Husky Charley Neal will be posted at first base, Chuck Malmberg at second and Don Stanford at short.

Neal was in the WIL briefly in 1951 with Yakima and last year batted .314 for Bisbee-Douglas in the Arizona-Texas League. Malmberg, a good glove man and highly rated as a lead-off hitter, was picked up in an off-season trade with Yakima, which got infielder Buddy Hjelmaa in the deal.

Frank Dasso, who will be one of the league's three pitching general managers, is getting into shape for a regular turn on the hill. Dewey Soriano of Vancouver and Bill Brenner of Lewiston are the other front-office flingers in the circuit.

Laurie Monroe is back from the 1952 outfit as general utility man—which includes pitching.

McCormick thinks the training here in the 80-degree weather will give him a jump on the clubs that took their spring tonic at home.

Wenatchee opens at home April 24 against Yakima and then moves to Lewiston, both of which were stay-at-homes during the get-ready season.

Speedier Action Sought For Impounded Cars

SMITHERS.— Representation will be made to the B.C. Motor Vehicles Branch by Smithers District Senior Chamber of Commerce for quicker release of impounded vehicles following minor accidents.

Two examples of excessive delay were voiced at the chamber's tri-monthly dinner meeting at Telkwa. Local official authority to act will be pressed for.

It was felt there was too much departmental delay at Victoria following establishment of financial responsibility by those lacking pink slips.

Conference To Decide Games Site

By GORDON TAIT

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—You can expect the Australians to say plenty—including some critical things about Avery Brundage, international Olympic committee president—at the IOC meeting which started in Mexico City Friday.

That was the mood of Australia's chief delegate, Hugh R. Weir, as he got his brief together before leaving for the meeting.

This is the conference that will decide whether Melbourne is to retain the right to stage the 1956 Oylmpic Games. After many ups and downs, Melbourne is confident it can made a good job of the games.

Weir has not made any public attack on Brundage, but people close to him say he is saving up his verbal thunder for Mexico City.

Weir is annoyed because Brundage has circulated letters from Australians who claimed Melbourne doesn't want the games. Copies of some of these letters that have reached Australia are unsigned, and some seem to indicate the writers know nothing about Melbourne's plans.

The Australians have with them a long report on which is planned and what has been done to make a go of the 1956 games. They also have pictures.

Weir will say that Melbourne now has all the sites fixed for the different sporting events, and that funds for the estimated cost of putting on the games have been guaranteed.

He probably will also say that Melbourne now will be able to put on as good a show, if not better, than either London or Helsinki.

The opening ceremony is planned for Thursday, Nov. 22, with relays of runners bringing the Olympic torch 1,200 miles from Brisbane.

The games would begin that evening with football and basketball.

OLD COUNTRY

FOOTBALL

LONDON (Reuters) — Arsenal Wednesday climbed to the top of the English Soccer League with a 4-1 victory over Bolton Wanderers at Highbury.

The Gunners have the same won-lost record as Wolverhampton Wanderers, but have a better goal average and also two games in hand. Preston North End, idle with the Wolves, now are a single point behind in third place.

Other games had no effect on league standing.

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I

Arsenal 4, Bolton Wanderers 1.
Blackpool 1, Stoke City 1.

Division II

Southampton 1, Birmingham 1.

Division III—Southern

Bournemouth 2, Shrewsbury Town 0.
Crystal Palace 1, Swindon Town 1.
Torquay United 4, Norwich City 1.
Brighton 1, Millwall 0.

Division III—Northern

Chester 1, Wrexham 2.
Gateshead 1, Workington 1.

Other Match

Notts Forest 6, Clyde 0.

International Match

Ireland 2, Wales 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Division A

Celtic 1, Aberdeen 3.
Rangers 8, Airdrie 2.

BOUNCING BUSTER is the 24-year-old pride of dairyman Gord Williamson of Brandon, Man., and his Lilla Gord stable of jumpers and show horses. Bought for $75 when he was considered washed up at 10, Bouncing Buster has won more than $1,000 a year in prizes on the western circuit of horse shows since Williamson bought him.

Britain Begins Crusade To Regain Tennis Crown

LONDON (CP)—Sparked by enthusiasm and determination, the Big Crusade is in full swing to restore Britain's prestige in international lawn tennis.

For years—in fact since the halcyon era of 1933-36 when Fred Perry ruled the roost—the country's tennis representatives have been in partial eclipse. The shadow descended after Perry joined the professionals in 1937.

The planners of the new crusade appreciate the magnitude of their task, but are confident the raw material is there. The immediate target is a higher standard of individual play with the ultimate objective the Davis Cup.

Britain's leading tennis authorities agree there is nothing wrong with the calibre of the game played by the present generation that cannot be remedied by hard work. Tennis is played more widely in the United Kingdom today than ever before. More assistance and free coaching is extended to players. But the product has remained just average.

The war and economics have been advanced as chief reasons for the protracted drought. Talented youngsters have lost some of their keenness through interruption of tennis careers by compulsory army service. Returning to civilian life, few have had the financial means to pursue the sport as a full-time career.

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SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—We have talked in recent days with several leading golf writers who saw Ben Hogan shoot parts of those superlative four rounds which won the Masters tournament at Augusta, Fla., and they feel they witnessed the most brilliant exhibition in the history of the game.

They do not think that any player living or dead ever mastered a tough course to the extend that the dead-panned little Texan did in registering his amazing 70-69-66-69—274 and winning the event by five strokes over an all-star field.

Asked if they are willing to come out boldly and proclaim Hogan the best of them all, superior to Bobby Jones, Walt Hagen, Gene Sarazen and other greats of the past, they hedged only to the extent of saying the comparison is not entirely fair because of the improvement in equipment.

Aside from pure mechanics of the game, there is no question in their minds.

"Ben is much smarter than any of the old-timers was," said one expert who has seen them all for some 30 years. "I mean, of course, that he is smarter in the way he studies a course and decides exactly how to play each hole before a tournament begins. Ben said after winning this one that he considered hitting the ball right only 30 per cent of the game.

"He didn't hit a bad shot in the four rounds, but that was only part of it. Following him you could see plainly that he always was planning a shot ahead. He knew precisely where he wanted his drive to go on each hole to give him the most advantageous shot at the green, and he was good enough to put it there every time, varying by a matter of feet.

"He had been there practicing longer than any of them, and he knew those greens . . . We did a breakdown on his four rounds and found that he averaged 34 shots per round from tee to green. He averaged 24½ putts per round."

Some of these who talked with the great little competitor gained the impression that, at 40, he is thinking of quitting competitive golf. They believe he will announce his retirement if he wins his fourth open championship in June. That would tie him with Jones in open victories, a goal some had thought was beyond reach in these times.

Queen Mary's Will To Remain Secret

LONDON (CP)—The will of the late Queen Mary will remain a family secret.

It will be admitted to probate and kept in a special strong room at Somerset House, but will not be published.

Royal wills are kept under the probate seal and cannot be opened except on instructions. In the case of a reigning monarch, the will is not even admitted to probate.

This is a break with tradition. Until about 300 years ago, royal wills were made known to the public. Some can still be inspected, including those of Henry VIII, William the Conquerer and Alfred the Great.

William the Conquerer left countries to his sons as freely as money. He left £5,000 in silver to his youngest son, Henry, the province of Normandy in France to Robert and England to William.

Bears Defeat Toronto 76-65 To Even Series

EDMONTON (CP)— University of Alberta Golden Bears defeated Toronto Nortown Tri-Bells 76-65 Friday night to square their best-of-five Canadian senior men's basketball championship series at one game each.

Third game will be played here tonight.

HAMILTON BLIND BOWLERS WIN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

TORONTO (CP) — A team of blind bowlers from Hamilton won the annual national bowling tournament of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Five-man teams in 20 Canadian cities were entered in the competition. Each team played on its home alley and scores were telegraphed to CNIB headquarters in Toronto for compilation.

The Hamilton team scored 2,892 points in three games. Regina was second with 2,572 and Toronto was third with 2,542.

Vancouver won the ladies competition with a three-game score of 2,814. Toronto was second with 1,919.

The blind bowlers are guided by a hand rail at the foul line and play under the direction of a sighted coach.

Telkwa Wants New Post Office

SMITHERS.—The village of Telkwa is seeking new quarters for its post office.

The Smithers District Senior Chamber of Commerce will write post office authorities requesting consideration.

Present 33-year-old facilities are said to be inadequate to handle the increased growth of population and business. There have been no improvements or enlargements to the quarters in the 33 years.

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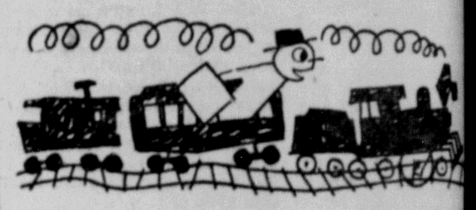
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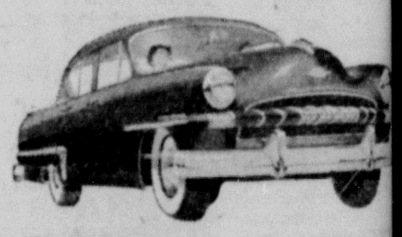
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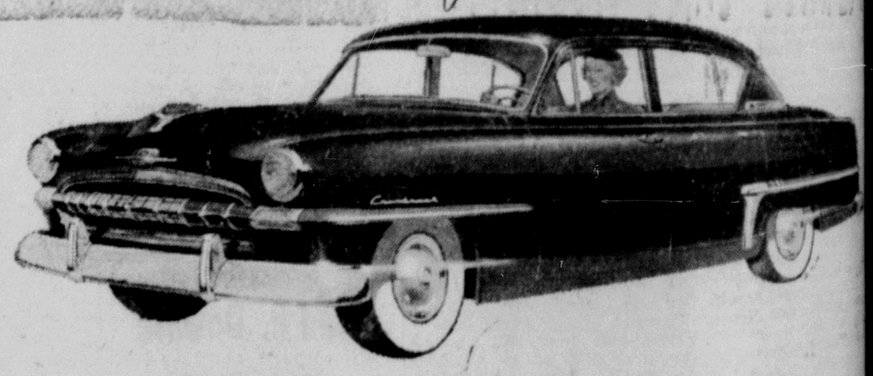

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