

IN THIS CORNER

DICK AVRES

Far be it from us to try to out-Gilmour Clyde as a movie reviewer, but we just have to recommend a film short presently showing at the Totem theatre, that every parent, in fact every adult in town should see.

It's called "This Is Little League" and the only resemblance it bears to a similar film shown at the Civic Centre by the local Little League association is the title. There are no film breaks, it's new and gives a perfect picture of the basic goodness that originated Little League and the fundamental benefits that accrue.

The founders of Little League aren't kidding when they say in their official handbook that "the character of an activity such as Little League must hold to the highest standards available. There can never be commercial taint attached to Little League. Its principal objective is for the good of the boys between 8 and 12 who play baseball on Little League teams."

It goes on to say that Little League contributes to the well being of the boys and their parents. It likewise offers a means through which parents and community leaders may foster in relation with their children a sanguine solution to many of the social problems of our youth, thus insuring better citizens of tomorrow.

That is why all help and support should be given those men and women who are giving up their time, to Little League and Pony League, in order to lay a firm foundation for the future of a large portion of the city's children.

Little League is a jealous taskmaster. It requires the support of the whole community. Manpower and womanpower too, is essential in every part of its operations. Service to Little League, or Pony League is a service to your community. There are no financial rewards to the persons who contribute their time and money to these great projects. But the workers do see the results of their efforts in the form of youngsters who are developing into real Canadians. They see the residents of their community being welded into a more tolerant understanding of each other's problems. This is the reward which comes to Little League and Pony League workers.

Last night at Algoma Park nearly 70 boys between the ages of 8 and 10 years turned out to be evaluated by the managers, coaches and the players' agent. With sneakers and gloves the youngsters arrived from all over town to be judged on their speed, ability and potentiality. It was such a terrific job that it will be continued again tonight and again tomorrow night until every last boy has been given a chance to show what he can do. From this bunch of boys only 20 will be chosen for the four major league teams, as each 15-man Little League major team has five players 12 years of age, five 11 and five between 10 and 8 years old.

The problem of organizing the many enthusiastic boys who attend the tryouts but don't make the "first" teams is solved by the minor leagues or farm system. These boys get valuable training in the farm system and when holiday trips and vacations away from Prince Rupert weaken the minor league players are able to step up the ladder as replacements.

The important factor of Little League is that every boy is given a chance to play.

And since Little League provides that opportunity and we know that Little League is well launched, we ask the same kind of support for the Pony League. That's for the lads too old to play Little League but too young to play senior. There's plenty of lads, the association has sponsors, all that is needed is more parents, more adults so that the same few people won't have to do all the work.

We urge you to go to see "This Is Little League" and marvel at the support given to the movement all over the United States and Canada. Then make a place in your time schedule for either Little League or Pony League. You won't regret it. In fact you'll probably feel pretty good about it and make a lot of new friends.

Record Hometown Crowds Expected As PCL Clubs Open Series at Home

By The Associated Press

The Seattle and Portland Pacific Coast League baseball clubs scheduled their first home games of 1954 Tuesday and counted on the weatherman for an assist that would bring record turnouts for day-night doubleheaders in both cities.

Seattle, with a youthful new manager plotting a squad of veterans, faced Lefty O'Doul's San Diego Padres. Portland tackled Sacramento for its home debut.

Seattle's fortunes are being directed this year by Gerry Priddy, ex-Detroit Tiger stand-out named to replace Bill Sweeney at the end of the 1953 season.

The Rainiers return to their home park with an 8-6 record, compiled against San Francisco and Sacramento. The Suds won their first six games against the Seals, then dropped six before

finding the winning combination.

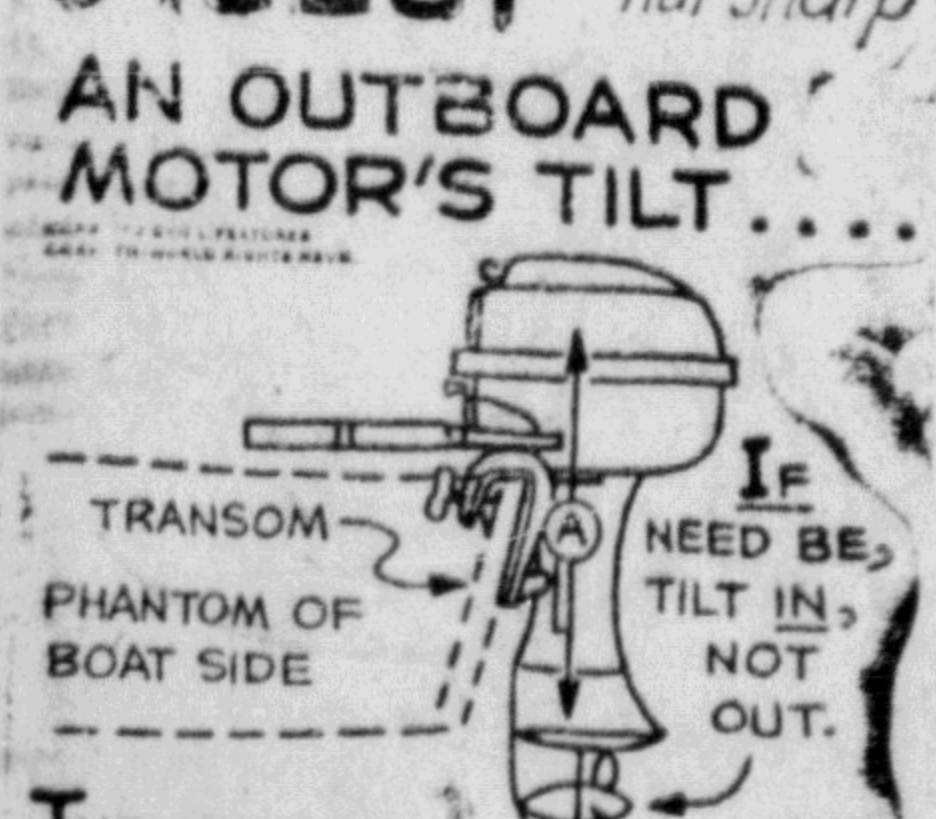
The 8-6 record is matched by Portland, Oakland and Sacramento, all bunched half a game behind San Diego and Los Angeles, knotted in first place.

Priddy's nom in a t e d veteran Gene Bearden to go against Bob Kennerly in the afternoon game and Tommy Byrne against Cliff Fannin in the nightcap.

Clay Hopper, starting his third year as manager of the Beavers, tapped southpaw Glenn Elliott to face Chet Johnson in the opener at Portland and Dick Waibel to go against either Emil Patrick or Charley Schanz in the afterpiece.

State and civic dignitaries were slated to take part in opening day ceremonies at both cities. Coast League president Clarence Rowland also was to watch the two games at Seattle.

SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST *By Hal Sharp*
AN OUTBOARD MOTOR'S TILT



TRANSOM PHANTOM OF BOAT SIDE

IF NEED BE, TILT IN, NOT OUT.

THE MOTOR'S SHAFT SHOULD BE STRAIGHT UP AND DOWN (A) TO GET THE BEST SPEED AND PERFORMANCE. AS A RULE, THE BOAT SHOULD RIDE FAIRLY LEVEL WITH ITS BOW JUST OUT OF THE WATER. YOU MAY NEED TO TILT THE SHAFT TOWARD THE TRANSOM OF SOME BOATS, ESPECIALLY WITH LOADS, TO RAISE BOAT SO IT "FLIES."

RIGHT WRONG

TILTING SHAFT BACKWARD IS WRONG. IT LIFTS BOAT TOO HIGH AND LOWERS STERN, CAUSING IT TO DRAG AND REDUCE SPEED.

Remember When

Clever Sencio, Philippine aspirant to the world bantamweight boxing championship, died in Milwaukee 28 years ago today from effects of a beating he suffered at the hands of Bud Taylor. Sencio suffered a cerebral hemorrhage after a 10-round bout with Taylor, who later held NBA recognition as world bantam champ from 1927 to 1928.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

LONDON—Monday soccer results:

Division I
Burnley 1, Bolton W 1.
Division II
Oldham A 0, Bristol R 0.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division A
Hibernian 3, Aberdeen 0.



TONY LESWICK (right) kisses the Stanley Cup after his overtime goal for Detroit Red Wings defeated Montreal Canadiens 2-1 in the seventh game of the best-of-seven series for the cup. Coach Tommy Ivan of Detroit looks on. Leswick's goal, at 4:20 of overtime, gave Detroit the championship for the sixth time. Defending champions, the Canadiens, also won six times.

Stamps Tounce Flyers 8-0 To Enter Western Finals

By The Canadian Press

Hockey fans on the West Coast were hoping the battle between Edmonton Flyers and Calgary Stampeders for the right to enter the Western Hockey League finals would wear the contestants out.

One of the contestants wore out Monday night but the other one will be playing Vancouver in the finals.

Calgary Stampeders, who tolerated their northern cousins for six games, turned on the Flyers last night and cuffed them aside with an 8-0 shutout in the final set-to of the best-of-seven semi-final series.

The Stampeders, who waited almost until time ran out before they clinched their play-off berth, will meet Vancouver in the first of a best-of-seven series in the coast city Wednesday.

An all-time high of 8,905 fans turned out to watch the slaughter in Calgary. Each team had

won its previous three home games, a contrast to last year's series between the two when visiting clubs won all their games.

Vancouver defencemen will have their eyes on Sid Finney and Pat Lundy who sparked for Edmonton Monday with three goals and two goals, respectively. Canuck goalie Lorne Worsley will be watching carefully such gentlemen as Steve Black, Frank Ashworth and defenceman Bill Quackenbush who nailed up the other Stampeder markers.

The Cowboys took an early lead with two goals in the opening frame, four more in the second and outshot the Edmonton team for two more in the last period.

Edmonton came close in the final canto when Calgary's Gus Kyle took a penalty and their failure to score sent tempers rocketing. Flyers' Jim Uniack went off next and then Marcel Bonin tangled with Stamp net-minder Bill Brennan.

Bonin shifted his lack of affection to Ashworth, tongue-lashed an official, and drew a minor, a major, and a 10-minute misconduct.

Warwick Boys Keep Penticton In Cup Finals

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP)—The Warwick brothers picked up the slack for the short-handed Penticton V's here Monday night to thrash Winnipeg Maroons 7-1 in the third game of the western Canada Allan Cup finals.

Playing coach Grant Warwick and brothers Bill and Dick accounted for the powerful Manitoba sextet's lopsided defeat almost by themselves as they scored five goals, assisted in another and checked Winnipeg mercilessly.

Penticton's victory tied the best-of-seven series at one game apiece with one game tied. The clubs meet for the fourth time Wednesday night at Vernon, B.C. V's, who dressed only 11 men, learned shortly before game time that the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association had turned down their request for permission to use replacements for four injured players.

The Warwick trio more than shouldered the burden. Bill and Dick scored two goals apiece. Grant added another and among them they picked up eight assists. Kevin Conway and Jack McIntyre added the others.

Playing coach Odie Lowe scored Winnipeg's lone goal late in the final period on a three-way passing play that went from Gary Aldcorn to Bill Robinson to Lowe.

Penticton's margin of play was reflected by the shots on goal with V's sending 45 drives at the Winnipeg net to Maroon's 26.

Young Oxford Grad Happily Awaits Time For British Empire Games in Vancouver

By ARCH MACKENZIE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP)—A young Oxford graduate with a shock of auburn hair and a quarter-interest in a world running record is happily contemplating the Empire Games at Vancouver this summer. He says he will run "any event they ask me to."

The easy-to-please chap is Christopher Chataway, apprentice brewer formerly known as the "Red Fox of Oxford," and regarded as one of the best of England's running aces.

He was one of the four athletes who last year set a world-beating time of 13:47 in the four-mile relay, in which each ran one mile. His best time in the mile is a highly respectable 4:08.2, and he's prepared to run anything up to six miles.

CASUAL ATTITUDE

He has a relaxed attitude to running, which extends to his training habits. He may, like a lot of Britons, be deceptively casual about it all.

"The attraction in this running game is the time just around the corner—in the next performance. You may come up with a time a lot better than you have ever done before," said Chataway in an interview at a Thames-side track while waiting for his good friend Roger Bannister to appear for a practice canter.

Is there a special diet, extra sleep or just plain hard work in this running game?

"Oh no," said Chataway. "Nothing like that for me. I may run several times a week for several weeks and then not see a track for two weeks or more. I

just do what I can."

The Chataway formula contrasts with the sweat-and-strain routines followed by such English track notables as Gordon Pirie and Jim Peters, the marathoner, who may gallop miles a day. Yet Chataway—whose leisurely attitude corresponds to the training habits of mile king Gundar Haegg, the retired Swede

who last year asked Chataway to visit him—gets results.

He expects to run the three-mile event at Vancouver. The distance he says he runs best—two miles—isn't a common one competitively.

Chataway, now 23, came into the 1952 Olympic Games, when he paced Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia to one of his three victories. Chataway was ahead when he stumbled and fell, finishing fifth.

ADMIRE ZATOEK

"It wouldn't have made any difference," said Chataway, a medium-sized, deep-chested boy. "I was beaten." He may meet Zatopek again at the Bern, Switzerland European games in August.

He holds the Iron Czech in high regard. "A wonderful chap with a wonderful sense of humor."

Chataway thinks Zatopek might be able to smash the four-minute mile if so minded. And he thinks the long-sought mark will be reached this year, by any one of six runners including Bannister, Australian John Landy and American Wes Santee.

"But everything must be right—the weather, competition, the track and the athlete's mind and body." Would Chataway settle for the four-minute mile himself? "Wouldn't you," retorted the red-head.

Thistles Back

VANCOUVER (CP)—Kenora Thistles arrived back in Canada today after playing a tough schedule of 10 games in 12 nights. They won all 10—the easiest by a 23-1 margin and the closest a 4-2 affair.



CHRISTOPHER CHATAWAY
... "Red Fox" of Oxford

Detroit Leads American Loop; Cincinnati and Phillies Tied

By BEN PHILGAR
Associated Press Sports Writer

The major league pennant races are away to one of the closest starts in recent seasons. No team has jumped off to a winning streak. No team has fallen far behind.

Compared with the first week of the 1953 season the standings have undergone considerable juggling, particularly in the American League.

Detroit is leading the American by half a game over Washington. A year ago the Tigers were last, four games behind the old St. Louis Browns, and Washington was seventh. Cincinnati, co-leader with Philadelphia in the National, as seventh last year at the end of the first week while the Phils were tied for third.

Neither Brooklyn nor New York Yankees, top-heavy choices to repeat their 1953 triumphs, have been able to match their first-week pace of last season.

LEADERS LOSE

The leaders all lost yesterday. Detroit was toppled by Chicago White Sox 5-1, Cincinnati bowed to St. Louis 6-3 and the Phils were clubbed by Brooklyn, 9-7.

In other action the Yankees split a pair with the Red Sox in Boston, losing 2-1 in the morning and winning 5-0 in the afternoon on a brilliant one-hitter by Jim

McDonald. Washington shaded Philadelphia Athletics 4-3 on Eddie Yost's ninth-inning home run. Pittsburgh beat New York Giants 7-5. Baltimore and Cleveland in the American League and Milwaukee and Chicago Cubs in the National weren't scheduled.

Jim McDonald's performance against the Red Sox was the best of his career. He walked five but struck out four and the only safety he allowed was a second-inning single by rookie Harry Agganis. Mickey Mantle struck out four times in the morning contest, batting left-handed but hit a home run right-handed, his first of the season, in the afterpiece.

Jackie Robinson was the hitting star in Brooklyn's triumph over the Phils. He broke a 5-5 tie with a home run in the seventh inning and finished the night with a four-for-four performance.

Successful homers by Stan Musial and Ray Jablonski in the sixth inning helped Harvey Haddix win his first game for St. Louis, though he needed help in the ninth.

Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press

BROOKLYN—Floyd Patterson, 167 Brooklyn, outpointed Alvin Williams, 172 1/2, Oklahoma City 8.

DETROIT—Gene Parker, 149, Indianapolis, outpointed Chuck Price, 150, Detroit 8.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Ramon Fuentes, 153, Los Angeles, outpointed Jim Martinez, 154 1/2, Ellendale, Ariz. 10.

Winnipeg Wins

TORONTO (CP)—Blair McLeod's four goals gave Vince Leah's Winnipeg Minor League Bantam All-Stars a 5-1 victory over East York All-Stars here Monday night.



LT.-CMD. Bob Pearce, 49, former Olympic sculling champion, has visited his native Australia as lieutenant-commander on the Canadian cruiser Ontario, flagship of Pacific fleet. Now a resident of Hamilton, Ont., Pearce left Australia in 1930. In 1928 and 1932 he won the world Olympic sculling title. In 1927 he broke the world sculling record on the Yarra river and a year later broke his own record.

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