CORNER



By GEOFF AYRES

The curtain came down on the 1954 major league baseball. world abruptly Saturday-much more abruptly than several million people ever though. It was merciful, too, for several thousand sports columnists whose paper don't publish Sunday, "The outcome of the series gave them a day's grace to figure out

where they were wrong. For Senor Lopez, the short series was probably a blessing as well. After the second appearance of James Rhodes in the Giant lineup he probably wished he had stood in bed, gone tuna fishing or come down with a virus infection the day after the Indians cinched the pennant. His feelings in geofing the two final games before the home-town

fans must, to say the least, have been mixed. Far better that this sort of thing should happen in the Polo Gounds.

The short series also is an extremely good argument against those of the misguided fan who proclaims that the series will nearly always go six or seven games "because they play for the gates."

However, short though the championship might have been, there's no doubt that Joe Fan got his money's worth all along the line. Alfred Hitchcock, master of suspense in movieland, couldn't have dreamed up more thrilling action in any one of

The one point that stays uppermost in our mind about the series, is what would Leo Durocher have done if Mr. Antonelli -had proved ineffective and a fifth game had had to be played?

In the hullaballoo over the series, it was still comforting to see that Earl Walls has disposed of the ambling Argentinan, Edgardo Romero, in their re-match. According to all reports, although Walls didn't KO the walking mountain, he at least made his win decisive enough by seating Edgardo on his patio in the third round.

The win won't probably do much to enhance Walls' chances to climb up the list of contenders, but at least the Edmontonian's feelings in the matter must be eased considerably. Probably more recognition for the Canadian champ can be expected, either up or down the ladder, depending on the results of his fight with Jim Parker in Toronto October 25. Parker although he hails from Barrie, Ontario way, has had himself some fights out of Patterson N.J., so may have come to the notice of some sharpie from below the vast unguarded border.

On the local boxing scene, Martin Saunders has had six lads turn out so far this season for instruction up at Annunciation School. Last year, he tells us, he schooled some 16 lads of lighter weights and he expects to have his classes build up again in the not teo distant future.

Martin was enthusiastic about the six boys who had turned out so far who included Art Turcotte, Boh Dumas, Billy and Bobby Smith, Bobby Good as well as his own son Billy, just 11 years old and 78 pounds of trouble for any one he meets in the

Mr. Saunders indicated that after the season has progressed somewhat, there is talk of a card between his charges and a Naas River club. Also he expected that sometime this winter Brother O'Grady of Vancouver College will likely be bringing up five or six lads for competition.

Workouts are also continuing down at the Civic Centre where Joe Ward's charges are turning out three times a week. Back again for instruction this year was Neil Foreman and putting in a first appearance Friday night was Ray Windle, son of Benny Windle. Benny showed that he has lost little of the rip which used to help pay for the biscuits a few years back by going a couple of fast rounds with bantam Donnie Tasaka. Fast though young Tasaka is, Benny appeared to have little trouble laying on the leather.

Also down to shed a few pounds in workouts was Bll Sundberg as well as regulars Chuck Place, Billy Tsuchiya, Jim Briggs, Wilf Valpy and Joe Stegar.

After their performance of Saturday night against the NHL All-Stars, the Detroit Red Wings would appear to be a good solid team again this year. We hope that the Red Wings, favorites of ours for a good many years now, can continue in their present vein throughout regular season play.

Editor's Note---This is another in

a Canadian Press series on pre-sea-

son prospects in the National Hock-

cy League. Today's story is about

By MEL MORRIS

Canadian Fress, Staff Writer -

tre that Montreal Canadiens!

didn't even bother protecting

from the National Hockey

League draft may fill the spot

vacated by Elmer Lach, one of

hockey's all-time greats, when

The rookle discovery is 25-year

old Jackie Leclair, a Quebec City

product who played last season

with Ottawa Senators of the!

Quebec Hockey League, He was

obtained by Montreal in an off-

season trade that gave Toronto

Maple Leafs playing rights to

Couch Dick Irvin tossed Le-

elair in between Maurice (Roc-

Richard and Bert Olmstead

on a sink-or-swim basis shortly

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and, And the grey-haired men-

." for of the Canadiens now con-

bedee that the 160-pound play-

* makers has kept his head well

"""above water, –

"" GREAT PLAYMAKER

junior star Brian Cullen.

the season opens here Oct. 7.

Montreal Canadiens

Rookie Discovery May Fill Lach's Spot

To Solve Big Problem Facing Canadiens



UNDER HAPPIER CIRCUMSTANCES two of Cleveland Indian's top hurlers discuss pitching prowess prior to the disastrous World Series. Shown at left is opening Indian hurler, Bob Lemon while his laughing companion is Rapid Robert Feller who did not make Series' appearance. Highly rated, Cleveland's many pitchers failed to impress National League Giants who scored Series sweep for one of the biggest upsets in the annual classic.

ling in the series, a feeling that

Rupert and Skeena All-Stars

Durocher Says He'll Be Back To Lead Series Champs in '55

By JOE REICHLER

New York (A) — Leo Durocher, was shared by all baseball manager of the world cham-people. back at the helm in 1955.

Scotching all rumors he inten- of managing. He copped penuded to quit the Giants and leave ants in 1941 with Brooklyn, and baseball entirley. Durocher in 1951 with New York, but jost jum. promises he'll be back seeking a the world series each time to this second straight pennant next Yankees.

The triumphant manager, whe did a more thorough joy of rout-ing the Indians that such old Rupert-Skeend Redskin fighters such as Daniel Boone, Davey Crockett and Wild A Star Game Bill Cody combined, left Sunday night for his Beverley Hills California, home for a well deserved rest.

"I have absolutely no plans of [doing anything other than hold-lended up in a 2-2 tie yesterday!" ing the job I have" he said be- in an exhibition soccer match an fore leaving. I expect to be in played at Terrace. Phoenix, Ariz., next spring."

A GOOD REST

"I don't know how those ru- goal by Adrian Tambourini at Hamilton. mors started. I am not consider- the 10 minute mark only to have ing any other offers. Right now J. Morgan of Skeena equalize

ace Stoneham of the Giants, two incidents. One saw Frank terms. But they were Saturday edly over a player substitution, to three. when Stoneham embraced Leo in to leave his team short handed. the clubhouse after the Giants The other over a disputed call had applied the crusher.

In between imgs and kisses, the elated Giant owner lauded Leo for his brilliant mastermind-

goal minding duties for his team 'mutual aid fund. and Wally Danes substituted for! The ECBE voted to increase Westra in the second half arbit- the maximum benefit per player ing duties.

ahead 2-1 four minutes after der the fund. the second half whistle and Approximately 3,000 registered during the scramble to get a goal players in B.C, are covered by the keeper in Rutten's place, Skeena fund. All-Stars evened the score again on a shot by George Williams province has affiliated with which was deflected in the Ru- the association again this year. were injured in practice but are nert and by Maurice Bishen Poll The Prince Rupert teams, how-

old Eddie Litzenberger, up from Ten-Pin Horsors the only rookle given a chance Won By Luckies

Star Cabs and Luckies shared wing with centre Ken Mosdell honors in high single scores in and rightwinger Calum MacKay, the Mixed Ter.-Pin League Sun-Jean Beliveau, top goal-get- dy with a tie core of 791 but ter in practice with 14, has been Luckies emerged the leaders on centreing a line of Bernie (Boom team high three by posting a

Men's high single and highbeen working between Paul Mas- | three were taken by Bob Rudderham with scores of 231 and 574, while Ladies high single and high three went to Jean Sharpe

Results of Sunday's play: Star Cabs 2, Dominoes'2; Tinymites 4, Servico 1,

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... back again to spark Habs. Weekend Fights Plante played 17 league games '

HOLLYWOOD-Willie Vaughn, 160, Los Angeles, outpointed Goan Small, 15514, Hayward, Cal., was the biggest problem Boston twice in the Stanley Cup [1

outpointed Lester Felton, 140, become coach of the Junior Mon- He was replaced by McNell be. Detroit, 10,

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DETROIT (A)—Gus Mortson

pion New York Giants, will be The world championship was troit Red Wings in the eighth the first for Durocher in 15 years annual National Hockey League

> Smith of Edmonton Oil Kings Junior Hockey League champ- place tie with Riders. ions during the coming season. About 10,000 shivering fans Neither wants to leave his off- watched at snow-swept Mewata

> season job, Jacobson in Edmon-Stadium as Eskimos scored the ton and Smith at his home in one-noint victory. Both teams Trail, B.C. Jacobson may play and the margin of victory was a home games for Oil Kings but rouge scored by Eskimos after a Smith likely will not appear at kick by fullback Rod Pantages of

The game saw Rupert take the lead in the first half on a clean goaltender and a centre from converted by Bob Dean.

all I'm interested in is to take a the tally at the 27 minute point. Chiefs, who squeezed into the were converted by end Tom 200d rest and se with my fam- Close checking by Skeena's Zim- playoffs after a sudden-death Miner, a Tulsa University grad aro kept the fleet-footed Tam- games with: Havana; pushed who leads the WIFU in scoring. Rumors throughout the reg-bourini from increasing Rupert's across an unearned run in the Approximately 12,000 fans jamular season persisted that Duro-lead in the first half. ninth inning Saturday night to cher and his boss, president Hor- The second half was marred by defeat Montreal Royals 7-6 and win the International League weren't exactly on chummy Rutten walk off the field, report- Governor's Cup finals four games

The northern section of the expected back in action in time Foreman refereed the first half, ever, will not participate in playoff games due to heavy transportation costs,

long second-period goals Satur- against both clubs. all-star game in Olympic Stad-

EDMONTON (Pi-Goalkeeper Al

Manager Chrence Moher said

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Coby second half referee Carl Wes- lumbia Amateur Basketball Astra saw the game interrupted sociation Saturday re-elected when spectators invaded the Harry Johnson of Vancouver for another three-year term as Louis Boltong took over the chairman of the association's

🧓 👉 to \$75, 50 per cent increase over ' Tambourini put his team last year's maximum benefit un-

> Final signing date for players has been moved ahead to Jan. 21, instead of Jan. 31 as origin-

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Stamps Need Win Tonight To Retain Playoff Spot Calgary Stampeders, figured med Taylor Field and saw end

in pre-season dope as the prob- Mac Speedle tally two touchable dark horse of the Western downs for Riders and halfbacks Interprovincial Football Union, Bob McMillan, Sully Glasser and must beat the Eskimos in Ed- Ken Carpenter and end Harry monton tonight to prevent al- Lampman count one apiece. Ridmost certain elimination from ers' other points came on a rouge post-season playoffs.

The Stampeders were edged Isbell. 13-12 by Edmonton in Calgary | British Columbia counted on Saturday night, a loss that en- touchdowns scored by two castabled the in-and-out Eskimos to off Canadian halfbacks—Ray climb into a third-place tie with Enright from Edmonton and Len

that for Larry Siemerling's char- Pollard. ges who once this season scored 1099 points against Saskatch- Free Book on Arthritis ewan Roughriders, Winnipeg And Rheymatism Blue Bombers and British Columbia Lions while holding their opponents scoreless for the three straight games.

ed two games fewer than the anvoice who will write for it. Calgarians so Stamps need a vic- It reveals why drugs and medoff spot.

While Stamps' outlook is treatment which has proven gloomy. Eskimos still have a good successful for the past 35 years. chance of overtaking the front- You incur no obligation in This adventisement is not public running Riders and Bombers, sending for this instructive the Liquor Control Board of SPORTS They are four points behind book. It may be the means of of British Columbia.

Winning and six behind Sas- saving you years of unfold mice of British Columbia. katchewan, but have two and Clinic, Dept. 5217, Excelsion Use Will Ads Winnipeg and six behind Sas- saving you years of unfold misthree games in hand, respect- Springs, Missouri. and Doug Molins drilled in two lively. Esks have two games left

Neither Stamps nor Eskimos day night to give the All-Stars a have better than a slim mathe-2-2 tie with the champion De- matical chance of overtaking Saskatchewan or Winnipeg.

In the other game Saturday, [the Riders smothered British Columbia Lions 43-12 at Regina | 1 and moved into sole possession of first place.

Lions, who have won only once Jacobson and defenceman Harry in nine starts, invade Winnipeg F for a tilt with Blue Bombers totoday were ported doubtful night. A win would put Al Sherstarters for the Western Canada man's Bombers back into a first-

Edmonton.

Touchdown scorers for Esks he hopes to bring in two out-of-were fullback. Normie Kwong province transfers, possibly a and Jackie Parker. Both were

Calgary's major scores were counted by halfback Eddie Ma-MONTREAL (CP) — Syracuse con and Rupe Andrews. Both

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Irvin moved Jacques Plante into operation for the removal of a the first-string goalle's spot, carillage from his right knee.

in there,"

playmaking total complied in the! Also missing from the Montreal roster this year are centre "I think Lechir is the man we John (Goose) McCormack, 20. "need to centre that line," Trvin year-old penalty-killing expert says. "He plays like he belongs bicked up by Chicago in the draft, and leftwinger Dick Gam-But Irvin, never an optimist, ble sold to New York Rangers, so says Leclair is the only bit of Two other players, rookle I food news he's had all training centre. Don Marshall and left.

When the players reported this brilliant goals-against average

Jear, Irvin said filling Lach's of 1.59 a game, After blanking

as after 14 years with the Habs to ing six playoff games he played.

a mark of 408 assists -- the top against Detroit.

treal Canadiens, left behind him fore the close of the finals

Beason. On top of Lach's retire- winger Ed Mazur-will be out of ! Inent came a surprise amiounce- the lineup with injuries when ... ment by goalle Gerry McNell the season opens. Marshall that he was giving up hockey eracked a log bone in practice because of a bad case of nerves, and Mazur is undergoing an

BERNIE GEOFFRION

with Canadiens when McNell was '

injured last year and turned in a

Both may miss the first five weeks of the season. EXPECTED BACK Right-winger Lorne Davis and defenceman Pud McPherson also MONTREAL () -- A rookie cen-Apart from Leclair, 22-year-Montreal Royals of the QHL, Is to break into the starting lineup.

He has been working out atright Boom) Geoffrion and Dickie Moore, while Floyd Curry has

nick and Paul Moger. Doug Harvey will team with Dollard St. Laurent to form one defence pair, with veteran Butch, with scores of 200 and 479. Bouchard and Tom Johnson combining on the other. Mac-

Pherson will be the extra rear- M. and M's 0; Luckles 3, Pats

By The Associated Press

The be faced by Canadiens. The semi-finals he faded, however, Bobby Rosado, 150, Puerto Rico,

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