President Opens Series

'Glamor Boy' Knox Signs Contract With Calgary

CALGARY (CP)—Football's glamor boy Ronnie Knox is due to sign today with his second Canadian team this season.

The flashy, former UCLA quarterback, who left Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Big Four last week in a huff, Tuesday agreed to join the lowly Calgary Stampeders of the Western Interprovincial Football Union.

The six-foot-one-inch, 200-pound star, who is under contract to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, came to terms with the Stampeders only hours after arriving from the East with his father, Harvey. Within 15 minutes of the agreement, he was on the field and taking part in Stampeders' regular workout at Buffalo Stadium.

Because the necessary papers had to be drawn up by lawyers, the official signing was deferred to today. Details of the contract were not disclosed.

Coach Otis Douglas wasted little time in getting Knox, who earned $1,000-a-game with the Hamilton club, into action. He had him calling the signals on several passing formations.

The 21-year-old player's throwing ability—he completed 41 of 48 passes in seven games with Hamilton—and his deception in the backfield seemed to impress the railbirds.

Knox, a great crowd-puller during his brief career in eastern football, split with the Ti-Cats following a reported demand by his father that coach Jim Trimble make him first-string quarterback and play at least 30 minutes in each game.

"Tiger-Cats used Ronnie as a glamor attraction at the gate, not as a football player," said Harvey Knox last week. "We'll go down to Hollywood where glamor really pays off."

Now, Harvey says it's up to Calgary's fans to decide about his son.

"I don't want to say whether he's a good football player or a lousy one—we may as well let the Calgary fans decide on his ability, for you know you can't fool the fans."

JOHNNY LONGDEN, world-champion jockey, holds a silver tray presented to him at Old Woodbine track in Toronto by the Ontario Jockey Club. Longden scored with his 4,873rd winner at the track on his way home to California after winning the race in Edinburgh earlier. (CP Photo).

World Series Information

By The Associated Press

Contestants—New York Yankees, American League vs. Brooklyn Dodgers, National League.

Length—Best-of-seven games.

Dates and Sites—First game, today October 3, Ebbets Field; second game, Thursday, Ebbets Field; third game, Friday, Yankee Stadium; fourth game, Saturday, Yankee Stadium; fifth game, if necessary, Sunday, Yankee Stadium; sixth game if necessary, Monday, Ebbets Field; seventh game if necessary, Tuesday, Ebbets Field.

Starting Time—Noon, EST; 10 a.m. MST, daily except Sunday when it will start at 1:05 p.m. EST; 11:05 a.m. MST.

Probably crowd—34,000 opening day Ebbets Field.

Television — Coast to coast NBC network.

Radio—Coast to Coast NBC network.

Opening day pitchers — Lefthander Whitey Ford, Yankees, 19-3 vs. righthander, Sal Maglie, Dodgers, 13-5.

Odds—Yankees 8-5 favorites to win series; first game, even money, 6-5 and take your pick.

Weather Outlook—Fair with temperature about 65 for opening game; fair and seasonably cool on Thursday.

Postponement Sites—In case of weather postponement teams will play at original site next day; games 1 and 2 must be played at Ebbets Field, 3, 4, 5 at Yankee Stadium, and 6, 7, if necessary, at Ebbets Field.

Odds on Yankees Boosted 8 to 5

By JOE REICHLER

BROOKLYN (AP)—Either out of force of habit or because of their past winning ways in this sort of competition, New York ruled a solid 8-to-5 favorite to defeat Brooklyn in the 1956 world series but was only a 6-to-5 choice to win today as the Yankees' Whitey Ford and the Dodgers' Sal Maglie squared off in the opener at Ebbets Field.

A crowd of about 35,000 jammed the ancient Flatbush ball park with Dwight D. Eisenhower, the first president to attend a world series game in 20 years, scheduled to throw out the first ball.

Sunny skies and cool weather was forecast.

PITCHERS ODD CONTRAST

The pitting of Maglie against Ford makes a strange contrast and not only because 39-year-old Sal is righthanded and 28-year-old Ford throws from the left side. Maglie, the oldest pitcher ever to open a world series, has never won a world series, has never won a post-season game although he has started two. Ford has won three, two over the Dodgers, but in his only series start at Ebbets Field, he lasted only one inning.

Maglie, the elder, was working with only three days rest. Ford, the junior, had not pitched since he failed in his bid for victory No. 20 last Wednesday.

Yankee manager Casey Stengel's explanation for nominating Ford over his three starting right handers in a park considered a southpaw's graveyard, was simple:

"Ford is my best pitcher," he said, "and I can't afford to hold him out until the third game."

ALSTON CONFIDENT

Dodger manager Walter Alston's reason for going with Maglie in preference to his younger starters was equally as simple.

"Sal has been the club's best pitcher over the past two months," he said. "He's won our clutch games and there is no one I'd like better to pitch such an important game as this one."

Alston's only concern has been whether Maglie's ancient arm could stand the strain of working with so short a rest. Maglie dispelled his manager's doubts Tuesday when he assured him:

"The arm is all right. I'll be ready to go tomorrow."

With due respect to the proven ability of Maglie and Ford, this does not figure to be a pitching series. In fact, it looks very much like the hitters, led by the Yankees' Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra and Hank Bauar and the Dodger's Duke Snider, Jackie Robinson and Carl Furillo, will take charge.

The world championship may very well go to the team which receives the stoutest relief pitching. That's one department where the Dodgers hold the edge over the Yankees. The American League champs, who whipped the Dodgers five straight times in world series competition until they were beaten last year, don't have anyone to match bullpen aces Clem Labine and Don Bessent.

The Yankees in the last 35 years have won 22 pennants and their world series record consists of 16 series victories and only five defeats. The Dodgers lost seven consecutive fall classics until they upset the Yankees last October.

Alston does not consider the exhausting National League pennant race a disadvantage for the present classic.

"I'm counting on the momentum to carry us through," he said. "This plus the fact that we should have more confidence since we've beaten them once in a series."

BOTH TEAMS EXPERIENCED

Stengel's only comment was: "I expect to win every game I play, but I don't see how anyone can win this in four straight. Both teams have experienced, able men."

Alston, who at first had intended to bench the southpaw hitting Sandy Amoros against left-handed pitching changed his mind.

"I thought it over," explained Alston, "and decided to stick with Amoros because he's hot. When Sandy is hot, he can hit anyone."

Don Larsen is expected to go for the Yankees against Brooklyn's Don Newcombe in the second game. The Yankees' fourth and fifth game pitchers figure to be lefthander Tommy Byrne and Tom Sturdivant. Clem Labine will pitch the third game for the Dodgers unless he is needed in relief in either of the first two games. Either Carl Erskine or Roger Craig will pitch the fourth game for Brooklyn.

Basilio Named Boxer of Month

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Carmen Basilio, who recently regained the world welterweight championship by stopping Johnny Saxton, today was named boxer of the month by the National Boxing Association.

Basilio recaptured the title Sept. 12 when he scored a ninth-round technical knockout over N.Y., the new champ's home town.

The NBA, which now plans to issue its rating monthly instead of quarterly and also pick the fighter of the month, dropped Saxton into the No. 2 spot below Basilio in the October list. Tony Demarco of Boston, Mass., a former champion, was ranked No. 1 contender.

Archie Moore of California was rated No. 1 contender for the vacant world heavyweight crown, followed by Floyd Patterson of New York. Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson of Far Rockaway, New York, was placed in the No. 8 slot.

Only Canadian in the lists is Gordon Wallace of Brantford, Ont., rated No. 5 among contenders for Moore's light heavyweight title.

Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Eng. — Dick Richardson, 203¼, London, awarded decision over Ezzard Charles, 202, Cincinnati. Charles disqualified in second round for "persistent holding."

HOUSTON, Tex. — Roy Harris 185, Conroe, Texas, outpointed Charlie Norkus, 196, Port Washington, New York, (10).

PHILADELPHIA—Jimmy Soo, 136½, Philadelphia, outpointed Edgar Stover, 138½, New York, (8).

Remember When

By The Canadian Press

Young Stribling died at Macon, Ga., 21 years ago today, three days after he lost a leg in a motorcycle crash. He had fought almost every boxing champion of the previous decade, from middleweight to heavy, but never copped a title.

ONLY WHEN THE PLAYERS CLEAR will the identity of the owner of those legs be known in this pileup during the Edmonton Eskimos-Calgary Stampeders Western Interprovincial Football Union game at Calgary. Somewhere amid the wreckage Calgary's Earl Lunsford has scored a touchdown. Eskimos won 21-15 with a rally in the final quarter. Only player identified is Eskimos' Art Walker (50). (CP Photo).

AIM TO KILL, NOT MAIM

Wildlife Officials Caution Hunters on Shooting Hazards

By COLIN MacDONALD
Canadian Press Staff Writer

EDMONTON. (CP)—When Canadian hunting seasons close this year, wildlife officials across the country will buckle down to their annual job of sifting out licence returns and tallying up their recorded kill.

Their figures; as they would be the first to admit, will tell only half the story. The number of wounded, unrecovered birds and animals, many to be found rotting along forest trails and woodland lakes, may never be known.

The percentage of unrecovered game can only be guessed at. Some game experts whisper the figure at 30 per cent. A few claim that, especially in the cases of the more hardy and elusive birds such as pheasants and ducks, as many as 75 per cent of those hit and mortally wounded do not end up in the game bag.

EXPECT TOO MUCH

This loss, officials say, is sometimes produced by poor shooting but more often by trigger-happy hunters who don't realize the limitations of the family musket, especially if it's a shotgun.

Al Oeming, president of the Edmonton Zoological Society and a noted naturalist, says some gunners are apt to take advertisements for high-powered loads too literally.

"Ammunition libled as long range often tempts inexperienced hunters to shoot at distances too great for clean kills."

Other authorities agree that too few hunters ever fire their shotguns at a target at their normal shooting ranges to see whether the pellet pattern is sufficiently dense at that distance to guarantee sure kills.

And then there's the age-old problem of range estimation in the field. A duck that would be dropped like a stone at 50 yards might fly away and die a slow death in the reeds if hit at 60.

And as any gunner will verify, he who can invariably distinguish between 50 and 60 yards in the dim light of dawn is a keen-eyed individual indeed.

DOG VALUABLE AID

Mr. Oeming suggests the best way to reduce the number of escaping wounded birds is to use a good dog. "This is not as expensive now as formerly because the number of good breeds available has increased, reducing the cost accordingly," he said.

City dwellers who find it difficult to keep dogs often hunt in groups when they go into the field and could economically engage a trained dog for the party, he said.

Another factor — much less controllable—in the killing of ducks is lead poisoning from spent shot the birds often pick up from the bottoms of heavily shot-over marshes. Some places are like "a grave pit of shot pellets," Mr. Oeming says.

While the game suffers during the hunting season, the hunter does not escape unscathed. Game and police authorities say often hunting accidents are as much the fault of the injured persons as they are of the shooters. Frequently adequate precautions are not taken, hunters are careless and don't wear suitable clothing.

One authority here says only two per cent of hunters in the field wear the recommended red cap and jacket.

The greatest hunting hazard, however, is still the hunter who fires at a rustle in the bushes, thinking it is an animal.

About 90,000 hunters will go out in Alberta this fall.

B.C. Golfer's Criticism Gets Action

LONDON (CP)—A veteran British sports writer says his country's golf officials would be wise advised to study criticism levelled by Stan Leonard against this year's British Open.

Writing in World Sport, official magazine of the British Olympic Association, Henry Longhurst says the Vancouver golfer may have been "ill-mannered" in his remarks about the tournament held last July at Liverpool's Hoy Lake course. Then he adds:

"Leonard was only reflecting the sort of thing which I heard ventilated a good deal, if more politely, by others."

On his return to Canada after competing in the Open, Leonard said that playing the Open was a place like Hoy lake was like holding a big Canadian tournament in the backwoods. He also criticized lack of hot luncheons for players, lying accomodation and arrangements for controlling the crowds.

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TWO FROM B. C.

Canadian Imports Star In U.K. Hockey Games

By KEN METHERAP
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP)—The British Ice Hockey League, still struggling for a firm foothold on the British sports scene, open a gruelling 120-game schedule next month.

Aside from a lengthy list of new Canadian faces, the league is virtually unchanged from last year. Entered are the same five teams as last season—Brighton Tigers, Harringay Racers, Nottingham Panthers, Wembley Lions and the lone Scottish entry, Paisley Pirates.

The Canadian game that was imported to Britain commercially in the mid-1930s again faces its old bugbear—inability to keep such non-hockey activities as ice shows and horse shows out of London's big ice rinks.

Two British Columbians will make their British hockey debut with Brighton—Jack Macdonald, 26-year-old centre from Penticton and winger Ron Hemmerling of Vancouver. Macdonald played for Penticton Vs when they won the World Hockey Championship two years ago.

Pay for the Canadian imports—about 10 to a team is expected to continue at about 20 pounds ($58) a week and the calibre of competition is accordingly expected to continue to rate with good Canadian Senior B.

Adding flavor to the season is a heavy international schedule. A Swedish team will arrive in Britain late next month for a series of games against the five clubs and teams from both Czechoslovakia and Russia are expected later in the year. Canadian and United States teams are also expected to play one or two games in Britain enroute to the world hockey championships in Moscow early next year.

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