Sports Trail

By Whitney Martin

NEW YORK (AP)— Either Brooklyn Dodger baseball players have an unusual sympathy concerning the problems of their employers, or some of the mesmeric qualities of Branch Ricky rubbed off on Buzzy Bavasi.

Whatever the reason, the bums are signing their 1957 contracts with greater alacrity than might be expected of a pennant winning ball club.

It would seem that Bavasi, vice-president in charge of keeping players happy, merely dangles a contract in front of an athlete, or casts it in his vicinity, and he strikes like a hungry bass.

In one day three players accepted terms. Gil Hodges, the first baseman who may have to catch if Roy Campanella's hand doesn't improve, is the stand-patter. He was reported to have signed for $35,000 last year, and will get the same in 1957. Clem Labine was reported raised from $20,000 to $24,500 and Junior Gilliam from $16,000 to $19,500.

SALARIES SECRET

We keep repeating "reported" as it is traditional that athletes and the clubs keep their negotiations secret.

Many persons believe that since the ball players are public figures and their salaries indirectly paid by the fans that the fans are entitled to know how much the athletes are paid.

Personally, we are as curious as the next one, but we don't feel it is anybody's business but that of those directly involved.

Anyway, concerning the sympathy and understanding of the players, Jackie Robinson, following the announcement of his retirement, said that he didn't press the Dodgers for as much money as he thought he was worth because the capacity of Ebbets Field is only 32,000, and the club couldn't afford to pay him more.

Jackie also said his top salary was "about $42,000."

Whether other Brooklyn players are as considerate we wouldn't know. Usually an athlete is out to get as much as he can, and let the boss worry about where the money is coming from.

Bavasi remarked that the Brooklyn payroll for 1957 will be about the same as last year, even with Robinson's salary knocked off.

What? They didn't cut wages because the Bums lost the world series?

Half-season All-Star Spots Dominated by Wings, Habs

MONTREAL (CP)—Three members of Detroit Red Wings, two of Montreal Canadiens and goalie Terry Sawchuk of Boston Bruins were selected for the National Hockey League No. 1 all-star team in the voting, announced today, for the first half of the season.

Three players were unanimous choices of the hockey writers, broadcasters and telecasters from the six NHL cities. Centre Jean Beliveau and defenceman Doug Harvey of Montreal and right-winger Gordie Howe of Detroit received the 90 possible points.

Others voted to the first all-star team were defenceman Red Kelly and left-winger Ted Lindsay of Detroit.

Points were awarded on the basis of five for a first choice, three for a second and one for a third. A second poll will be taken at the end of the season. The combined points will decide the first and second teams.

ULLMAN ON 2ND TEAM

Make-up of the second team, based on the first-half voting is: Goal, Glenn Hall, Detroit; defence: Doug Mohns, Boston, and Bill Gadsby, New York; centre, Norm Ullman, Detroit; right wing, Maurice Richard, Montreal; left wing, Dickie Moore, Montreal.

Kelly nosed out Mohns for a defence place on the first team; 46 points to 43. For left wing, Lindsay had 73 points to Moore's 38. For goal, Sawchuk had 67 and Hall 45.

Harvey, Beliveau and Lindsay were on last season's first all-star team. Others were goalie Jacques Plante, in third place with 23 points for the first half this season, and Maurice Richard and Gadsby.

Selection of Mohns, Ullman and Moore marked the first time they have been voted to either the first or second team.

Holyoke, Mass. (AP)—Jeff Dyer, 211½, Springfield, Mass., outpointed Ewart Potgieter, 332, South Africa, (10).

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Giant Fighter Drops Decision To Dyer Due To Inexperience

Shows Endurance But Lacks Skill

By DAVE O'HARA

HOLYOKE, Mass. (AP) — Ewart Potgieter, seven-foot-two, 332-pound giant from South Africa, is the biggest fighter in boxing history, but until he acquires punch and skill to go with his size the current heavyweight contenders are in no danger.

The 24-year-old former farmhand, appeared willing but very much inexperienced in dropping a 10-round decision to Jeff Dyer of Springfield, Mass., Monday night in his U.S. debut at the Valley Arena.

Potgieter moved surprisingly well for such a big man and showed endurance and ability to take a punch. But his offence left much to be desired—showing him to be the novice he is.

120-POUND ADVANTAGE

Dyer, outweighed by 120½ pounds and giving away 11½ inches in height, crouched low and waded into Potgieter with hard rights and lefts to the body in registering his 14th victory in 16 pro bouts.

Obviously, the big fighter needs experience in the ring. Even that may not be enough. He won 11 straight bouts, nine by knockouts before drawing with James J. Parker of Toronto in London in May, 1955.

He came to the United States in search of fights—and medical advice—last fall, and underwent an operation for removal of a tumor behind the pituitary gland.

DOCTORS INTERESTED

Massachusetts boxing commissioner Henry Lamar said Potgieter's career will be discussed at a commission meeting.

"He's much like a novice and has a lot to learn," Lamar said.

"He'll have to advance very slowly and not be overmatched."

A group of 10 Boston doctors travelled 100 miles to witness the fight. Dr. Philip Henneman, his personal physician, who witnessed the fight, said afterwards "My personal advice to Potgieter is that he look for some other type of work."

Prior to Potgieter's pro debut in 1954, the biggest fighter listed in ring records was Henry Johnson of Ottawa, who stood seven-two but weighed only 265 while battling in 1898-1900.

National League To Play Record 256 Games

CINCINNATI (AP)—The National League will play a record-breaking 256 night games in the 1957 season and one of them will be a season-opening contest.

The schedule, announced Monday at National League headquarters, showed that in one of the opening games on April 16 Brooklyn's defending league champions will be at Philadelphia for a night contest.

On opening day, New York will be at Pittsburgh, Milwaukee at Chicago and St. Louis at Cincinnati in addition to the Brooklyn at Philadelphia tilt.

SPORTS

HARVIE GAY, Sports Editor

Habs' Surge to NHL Leadership Accompanied by Better Places

MONTREAL (CP)— Montreal Canadiens' surge to the top of the National Hockey League in last week's play was accompanied by a generous distribution of scoring that improved the positions of several Montrealers among the league's point-getters.

Canadiens had the only clean-sheet record for the week, three wins in three games. Detroit Red Wings and Boston Bruins, the other contenders for first place, each had one win and suffered two losses.

Except for Ted Lindsay of Red Wings, who collected four points on three goals and one assist, there was little scoring punch among the leaders on the two clubs now chasing Canadiens.

Royals Lose Grasp on 2nd Place After Trounced 7-1 By Cougars

By The Canadian Press

The last-place Victoria Cougars, nursing a grudge from a 3-0 defeat at the hands of New Westminster Saturday night, got off to a fast start Monday night and handed the Royals a 7-1 whipping in a Western Hockey League game.

It was a costly loss for the Royals in two ways. Had they won they would have tied with the idle Vancouver Canucks, hanging by their fingertips to second place in the Coast division. Also, they lost veteran Ollie Dorohoy when he was carried into the Victoria goal in the first period. It is feared Dorohoy may have a cracked rib.

On the Prairies, Calgary Stampeders prevented the second-place Brandon Regals from moving any closer to first place by beating them 3-2 in overtime. The Regals are still five points behind the first-place Edmonton Flyers.

SHOOTS WINNER

Steve Witiuk fired the winner for Calgary.

In Victoria, Bruce Carmichael scored twice for the Cougars. Nelson Bulloch, Lionel Heinrich, Doug Macauley, Wayne Browne and Don Chlupka got one each.

New Westminster's solitary goal was scored by Denny Olson midway in the second period.

The Cougars now are only three points behind the Royals.

In Calgary, Stampeder scorers besides Witiuk were Sid Finney and Dave Duke. Bill Voss and Les Lilley scored for Brandon.

The second period was enlivened by a ruckus between Calgary's Frank Ashworth and Len Haley of Brandon. Ashworth received seven minutes in penalties for his part and Haley, five.

MANTLE GIVEN "BABE RUTH, SULTAN OF SWAT" CROWN

BALTIMORE (AP)— Mickey Mantle, modern day slugger of the New York Yankees, was awarded a crown Monday night named after the greatest baseball slugger of all time, the late Babe Ruth.

Mantle was given the "Babe Ruth sultan of swat" crown by the sponsoring Maryland Professional Baseball Players Association at its fourth annual "tops in sports" banquet.

The 25-year-old switch-hitter got the diamond-and-emerald-studded crown for "outstanding batting achievement." He led both major leagues in hitting, (.353), home runs, (52), and runs batted in, (130), last season.

Other awards went to:

Olympic sprint star Bobby Morrow, "sportsman of 1956," Sal Maglie, pitcher of Brooklyn Dodgers, "comeback of the year," and Frank Lary, Detroit Tigers, "winningest pitcher of the American League."

Kaline Hopes For Compromise With Tigers in Pay Squabble

By DAVE DILES

DETROIT (AP)—Al Kaline, admittedly a bit uneasy about the prospect of a slugging match with Detroit Tigers over his 1957 salary, said today he is "willing to compromise."

But the 22-year-old slugger added he'll expect general manager Spike Briggs to give in a little too, when they sit down—for the fourth time—to talk contract in about two weeks.

Unhappy at the publicity given his squabble with Briggs and most especially with the general manager's comment that "Kaline thinks he's as good as Mickey Mantle and wants more money," the young right fielder made the first move to patch things up.

LETHBRIDGE VISIT

"I'm going to be out of town for about 10 days," said Kaline. "I have a banquet in Lethbridge, Alta., Friday and another one in St. Paul. As soon as I get back, I'm going to go down to the stadium and try to get this thing settled.

Kaline will be in Lethbridge Friday for the Kinsmen's Club sportsmen's banquet.

Kaline hadn't wanted his salary disagreement with Briggs aired in public. Earlier he had confided to friends that there was a difference of opinion, but he said that after a couple of meetings, the difference in the amount he sought and the amount the club offered wasn't much.

But Briggs said the two were "far apart" on terms. He made the statement about Kaline and Mantle and the Detroit player immediately denied that he ever made such a comparison.

"There's no sense in dragging this thing on," Kaline said. "I'm willing to compromise and give in a little, but I expect the club to do the same."

New York (AP)—Garnet Sugar Hart, 145½, Philadelphia, stopped Gene Johns, 145½, New York (6).

Lions Sign Herb Capozzi

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia Lions of the Western Interprovincial Football Union today announced the appointment of Herb Capozzi, former player with Montreal Alouettes and Calgary Stampeders, as general manager of the B.C. club.

Capozzi, retiring program director of the CBC English-language TV station CBMT in Montreal, will attend the WIFU meeting at Winnipeg Jan. 18 to 20 as a representative of the Lions. However, he will not take over his new duties formally until around Feb. 15, the announcement said.

The 31-year-old former tackle from Kelowna, B.C., who holds two degrees from the University of British Columbia succeeds Phil Webb, who is leaving the Lions to enter private business.

Bombers Sign Texas End

WINNIPEG (CP)—Winnipeg Blue Bombers today announced the signing of Dennis Shaw, 23-year-old end from North Texas State of the Gulf Coast Conference.

The six-foot three-inch, 212-pound Shaw was rated as a top pass receiver and blocker in his conference. He was the number 11 draft choice of Baltimore Colts of the National Football League in 1955.

All Stars, Crusaders Meet Tonight

Prince Rupert All-Stars, this city's entry in an International Basketball Tournament to be held in Ketchikan Thursday, Friday and Saturday get a chance to practice up a little tonight when they take on Annunciation Crusaders in the main event of a two feature attraction at the Civic Centre.

In a preliminary event at 7:30 p.m., Rainmakers battle Sunrise in a junior league game.

Pilseners Hand Ruperts Third Defeat

Prince Ruperts, this city's entry in Vancouver Senior B basketball suffered their third loss of the season last night when they were trimmed by Pilseners, 55-45.

"We couldn't hit a thing. We took 95 shots and made only 18 of them," said captain, W. H. Morrison in a wire.

During the game Art Helin was taken off the floor with an injured knee.

Individual scoring: Dexter 8, MacKay 6, Kristmanson 8, Thrasher 6, Stewart 1, Forbes 2, Helin 1, Ciccone 7, Morrison 6.

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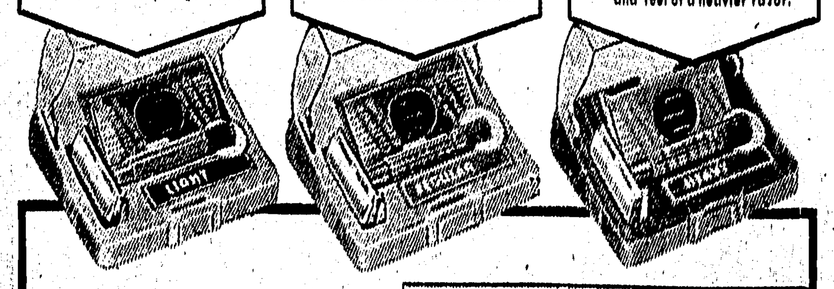

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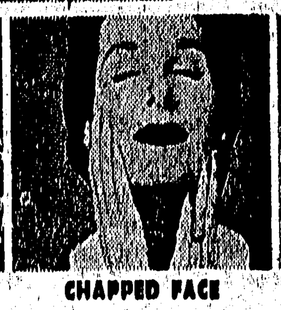

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