Lowly Esquires Clobber G&A

Cards Finally Gain National Loop Lead

By ED WILKS
Associated Press Staff Writer

The St. Louis Cardinals finally have the National League lead in hand, after almost a month of hustle for a .750 winning percentage that hoisted them all the way from sixth place while the rest of the contenders were playing musical chairs with first-division berths.

Manager Fred Hutchinson's crew, a blend of veterans and kids that even last March tabbed the Cards as the most improved club in the league, were 8½ games off the pace when they started their move. And now, with 21 victories in 28 games since then, they have a half-game edge in a race that has seen four different leaders in the last 13 days.

VETERAN IS WINNER

The Cards made it behind Murry Dickson, 40-year-old righthander who came back from a layoff because of a sore shoulder to add a 4-0 record to the hot streak. He held Pittsburgh in check on seven hits before tiring and giving way to relief help in the eighth while the Cards built a 7-4 victory.

New York Giants opened the door for the Cardinals, ending Milwaukee's seven-day stay in first place with a 12-inning, 4-3 victory for the Brave's fourth defeat in the last five games.

Cincinnati regained third place, 1½ games back, by belting Brooklyn 6-1. Philadelphia defeated the Chicago Cubs 7-2. The Phillies are in fourth, two games shy, and the Dodgers, opening a four-game series at St. Louis tonight, are fifth, 2½ games back.

In the American League, New York's second-place Yankees look to be on the threshold of first place, running their winning streak to seven games with a 3-1 victory over Detroit while Baltimore trimmed Chicago's first-place lead to 1½ games with a 4-1 decision. Boston defeated Cleveland 9-7 and Washington beat Kansas City 9-4.

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Seattle Edges Mounties

By The Canadian Press

Bill Kennedy pitched three innings of scoreless and hitless ball Thursday night as the Seattle Rainiers edged Vancouver Mounties 2-1 in a Pacific Coast League baseball game at Vancouver.

The win was Seattle's second against one defeat in their eight-game series. The loss dropped Mounties 2½ games behind league-leading San Francisco, who defeated San Diego 8-7 in an afternoon game.

At Los Angeles, Sacramento snapped its losing streak by taking a doubleheader from the Angels, 1-0 and 3-1. Leo Righetti slammed a two-run homer in the nightcap after veteran Earl Harrist pitched a neat three-hit shutout in the opener.

Portland Beavers made it three in a row over third-place Hollywood, defeating the Stars 3-2.

With the score tied 1-1 in the top of the ninth at Vancouver, Seattle first-baseman Bill Glynn knocked a 370-foot triple off the top of the centre-field fence. Catcher Dick Aylward then walloped a long fly into left centre and on the throw-in, Glynn slid in with the winning run.

Standings

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
San Francisco	43	27	.614	
Vancouver	35	28	.582	2½
Hollywood	39	32	.549	4½
Seattle	38	34	.528	6
San Diego	37	34	.521	6½
Los Angeles	34	34	.500	8
Portland	25	39	.391	15
Sacramento	20	47	.299	21½

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YOU'RE THE MANAGER

(Eighteenth of a series)

By BEN OLAN

Manager Paul Richards has been given much of the credit for the general improvement of the Baltimore Orioles over the past two seasons. Last October Richards got a full vote of confidence from the Baltimore management and a two-year extension of his contract through 1959.

Here's a situation which confronted Richards in the 1956 campaign. Would you have used the same strategy and helped

GEORGE ZUVERINK

Baltimore win the game? Test your manager wits on this one.

(Key: (R) righthanded.)

The Orioles and Tigers are tied 2-2 in the top of the 11th at Detroit. Walt Masterson (R) is pitching for the Tigers. Jim Pyburn starts off with a single. Billy Gardner lines to second baseman Jack Phillips for the first out. But when Phillips throws wild past first in a double play attempt, Pyburn races to second and continues to third base on an overthrow by first baseman Wayne Belardi. Oriole relief pitcher George Zuverink (R) is the next batter with George Kell (R) on deck and Chuck Dierling (R) to follow. Zuverink had an 0-for-10 batting record going into this game.

Would you:

a. Put in a lefthanded pinch-hitter for Zuverink?
b. Let Zuverink swing away?
c. Order Zuverink to try a squeeze bunt?
d. Let Pyburn try a steal of home?

Result: B — Zuverink swings away and singles, scoring Pyburn. Zuverink holds Detroit in the bottom of the 11th and Baltimore wins 3-2 (June 22).

Billy Donaldson Limits Hardwaremen to Five Hits

By DICK AYRES

The lowly rose up and smote the mighty last night at Roosevelt Park as a free-hitting Esquires club tired of their role as underdog and clobbered second-place Gordon and Anderson 12-3 in a Prince Rupert and District baseball league fixture.

Billy Donaldson, hurling one of his better games, sprinkled five hits, only two of which affected the scoring. Only man to reach him for extra bases was G and A catcher Len Lavik who scored Bill Sunberg in the bottom of the fifth.

Meanwhile Esquires were having a field day with Rusty Ford's starter Keith McDonald. Every clothier, except lead-off man Dick Specht, tagged the G and A chucker for a safe hit. Most successful was Ray Spring who collected a double and two safe bunts.

Esquires took the lead right away scoring a singleton in the first on singles by catcher Don Scherk and Dan Bodger and two passed balls. Spring's two-base blow, Ron Ciccone's single, an error and a safety by Dick Bury plated two more tallies in the second.

It wasn't until the bottom of the third that G & A finally got into the scoring column, a rally begun when Donaldson walked Miner Simundson. A passed ball and an error put him on third and Bill Morrison on first. Another error put Syd Scherk on safely and brought home Simundson. Still another passed ball scored Morrison to make it a 3-2 ball game.

Not trusting so close a margin Esquires broke away in the fifth after Bury collected a walk. Scherk sacrificed, Bodger waited out four balls and Danny Bill's single over short brought home Bury and Bodger. Bill ended up on second during the throw-in. Lister singled, Spring bunted him to second and brought home Bill. Donaldson singled and went to second on the throw, with Spring scurrying along to third and Lister coming home. Ciccone hit to short, Spring came home and Donaldson, rounding third began a neck-and-neck race with third baseman Bill Sunberg, who was going in to cover the throw into home. G & A catcher Len Lavik dropped the ball, Donaldson was safe, but Sunberg picked up the loose ball and rifled it to third to get Ciccone who had made it three quarters of the way around the diamond. When the smoke cleared the score was 9-2 for the clothiers.

Singles by Lister, Spring and Ciccone, a steal and a passed ball gave Esquires three more runs in the seventh.

Donaldson only struck out two men in his seven innings. He walked five and hit one batter. McDonald fanned six, walked six.

ESQUIRES

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Specht, lf	5	0	0	2	0	0
Bury, 2b	4	1	1	2	2	0
D. Scherk, c	4	1	1	2	1	0
Bodger, rf	1	1	1	1	0	0
Bill, 1b	3	1	1	9	0	0
Lister, 3b	3	2	2	3	0	3
Spring, cf	4	3	3	2	0	0
Donaldson, p	4	1	1	0	2	0
Ciccone, ss	4	2	2	0	5	0
Totals	32	12	12	21	10	3

GORDON and ANDERSON

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Smith, 2b	4	0	1	2	1	0
S. Scherk, 1b	4	0	0	7	0	1
Sunberg, 3b	2	1	1	1	3	0
Lavik, c	4	0	1	6	0	1
Hartwig, ss	3	0	1	2	2	0
McDonald, p	3	0	1	0	2	1
Dunbar, cf	2	0	0	1	0	0
xYoung	1	0	0	0	0	0
M. Simundson, lf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Morrison, rf	3	1	0	2	0	0
Totals	28	3	5	21	8	3

x—pinch-hit for Dunbar, bottom of the 7th.

Esquires	120 060 3	12	12 3
G & A	002 010 0	3	5 3

Donaldson and D. Scherk; McDonald and Lavik.

Umpires: Mintenko, Windle and Letourneau.

Standings

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Terrace	8	1	.888	
G & A	6	3	.667	2
Hotelmen	3	7	.300	5½
Esquires	2	8	.200	6½

Last Night's Fights

BOSTON (AP)—Eddie Andrews, 156, Lowell, Mass., stopped Karl Heinz Guder, 154¾, Dortmund, Germany (5).

Canada Set For Debut In World Soccer Play

Eleven travelling clocks, their athletic owners and a cylinder of oxygen left Vancouver Thursday by air for Toronto, where a Canadian all-star team plays its first game against the Kutis team from St. Louis, representing the United States.

The 11 athletes are the B.C. All-Stars, the West Coast's giant-killing soccer team. The clocks were presented to the team for their 2-0 June 3 win over Tottenham Hotspurs, one of England's top professional clubs.

The British Columbia players are among 16 chosen to stand by for the first whistle against the U.S.

But coach Don Petrie, regular health-minder of the Vancouver Halecos team, has a bigger worry than the team's first showing in the North American zone series.

The stadium at Mexico City, where Canada meets Mexico June 30 and July 4, is situated on a plateau 7,500-feet above sea level.

Trainer Roy Fritzy Cavallin thinks he may have the answer to Petrie's worries. That's where the cylinder of oxygen comes in.

Fritzy's answer to the strength-sapping rarefied plateau air is a whiff of oxygen.

"We gave the players a shot of oxygen in the game against Tottenham—and look what we did to them."

Petrie feels Canada's chances against the Americans in the first game are good. "This is the best-balanced eleven to come out of B.C. in many years," he said.

He praised Hales' goalie Ken Pears, a Vancouver fireman.

"There's no better goalkeeper in North America, professional or amateur."

Dave Stothard and Buster Cairns of the Westminster Royals will be possible fullbacks. The halfback line may be composed of Jackie Steel, Pat Philley and Doug Greig.

Among the forwards, B.C. representatives may be Art Hughes, Brian Philley, Gogie Stewart and Wingers Normie McLeod and Gordie Ion.

Hughes is the top goalscorer in the Pacific Coast League this season with 11 bullseyes to his credit.

Dave Fryatt, chairman of the B.C. Soccer Commission, feels the Canadians have an even chance of beating the Mexicans.

The Mexicans are leading the North American zone finals with two clear victories against the U.S. The Canadians have a second tilt against the Americans July 6.

Chestnut KOs Kid Anahuac

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ike Chestnut of New York knocked out Kid Anahuac of Mexico in 2:20 of the eighth round of their torrid scheduled 10-round fight Thursday night. Each weighed 128½.

The end came with stunning suddenness for the near-capacity crowd of about 10,000 when Chestnut connected with a short left to the stomach and an equally short but powerful right to the heart.

The 23-year-old featherweight from Reynosa, Mex., who was battling on even terms if not slightly in front at the time, dropped to his left knee. He remained in that position to the amazement of the crowd as referee Tommy Hart counted him out.

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Little League Schedule For Rest of Season

Second half of the Prince Rupert Little League schedule was released by league officials today. Play for the second half starts Monday and all games at Algoma Park get under way at 7 p.m.

The league spokesman said that both officials and players are anxious to see more parents attend the games.

Second half of schedule with last named teams being the home team, is as follows:

June 24	Sea Kings vs North Star
25	Shop Easy vs Kinsmen
26	North Star vs Shop Easy
28	Kinsmen vs Sea Kings
July 2	Shop Easy vs Sea Kings
3	North Star vs Sea Kings
5	Kinsmen vs Shop Easy
8	Shop Easy vs North Star
9	Sea Kings vs Kinsmen
10	North Star vs Kinsmen
12	Sea Kings vs Shop Easy
15	Sea Kings vs North Star
16	Shop Easy vs Kinsmen
17	North Star vs Shop Easy
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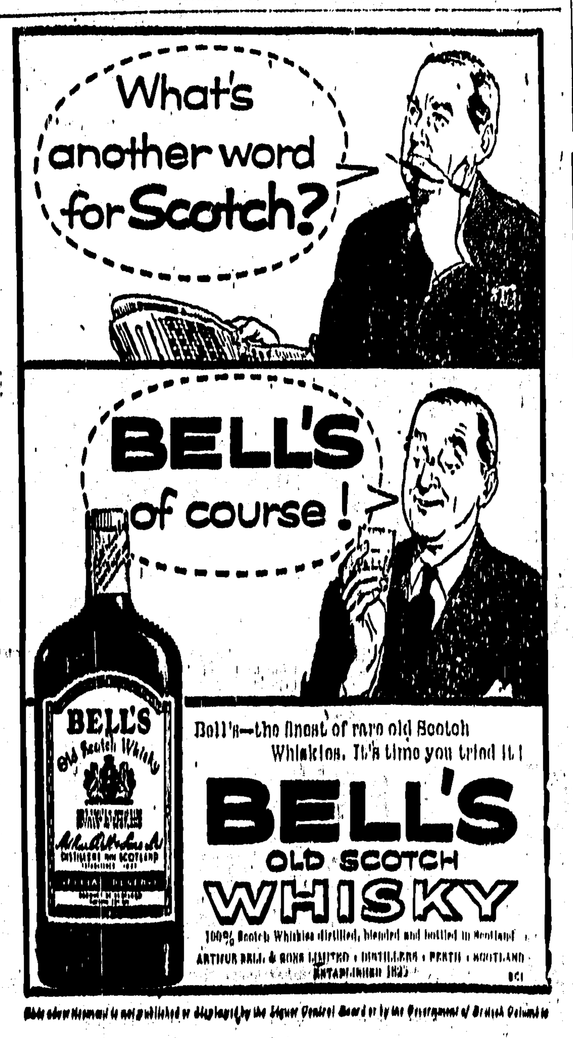

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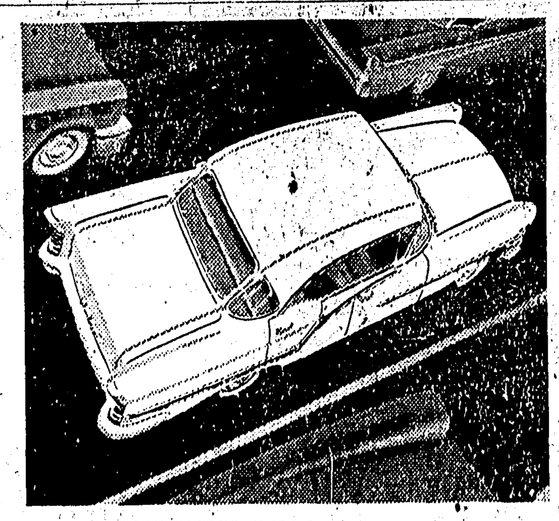

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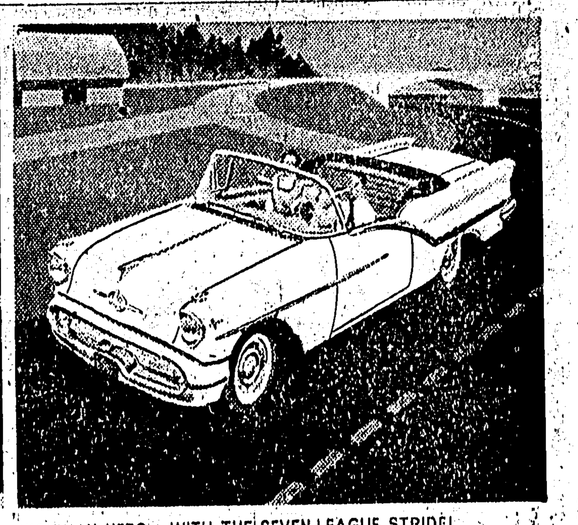

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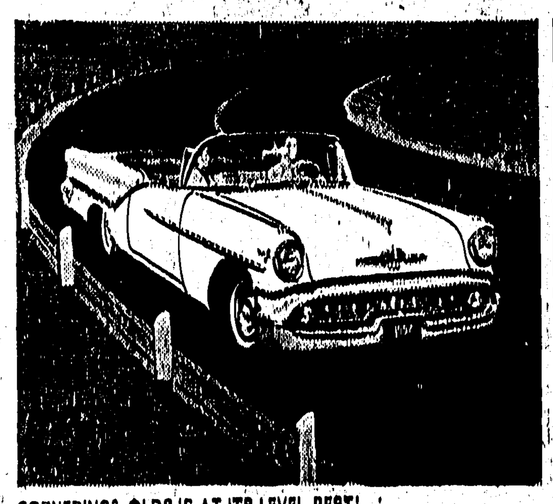

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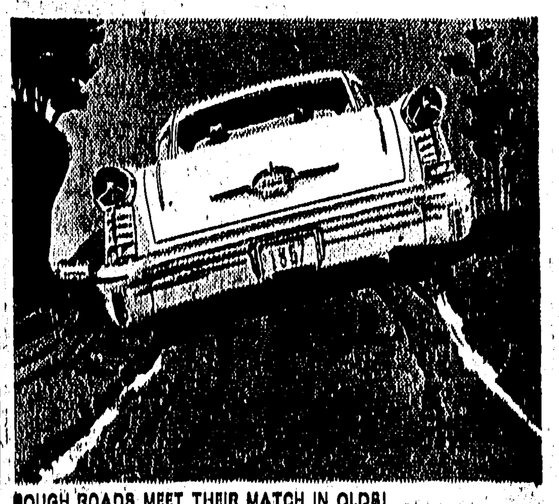

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