

Erskine Has Big Chance To Spoil Yankee Sweep

By GAYLE TALBOT
BROOKLYN (AP)—Unless Carl Erskine can subdue his world series jitters and pitch a regular scorcher against the Yankees today, it might well be all over Saturday afternoon and the boys on their way home.
Erskine's pitching will have to be very good in his own Ebbets Field, for the man who opposes him on the hill, Vic Raschi, is an old hand at this game. The job he did on the Dodgers in the second series game a year ago still is fresh in memory.
The Yankees might not complete the four-game sweep. The odds against it would have been long before the playoff began. But when Mickey Mantle poled an eight-inning home run deep into the shirt-sleeved crowd in left field Thursday to wrap up the second game 4-2, a few million witnesses must have shared the thought that Brooklyn was through.

HAD DONE BEST
The National Leaguers had done their best. They had overcome a 1-0 Yankee lead and had hustled their tormentor, Ed Lopat, for a pair of runs in the fourth inning. Their pitcher, Elwin Preacher Roe, was working like a champion. Then the Yanks knocked two home runs into the crowd and the contest was over.
Having won the first two, Casey Stengel's team holds an almost overwhelming advantage. Not since they made it a best-of-seven series in 1922 has any club ever lost the first pair and then won the championship.
Even if Erskine should break the Yankee spell today, the Dodgers still could look forward to nothing more entertaining than trying to beat young Whitey Ford, one of the game's better southpaws, Saturday. To find a suitable opponent for Ford, man-

ager Charlie Dressen probably would have to choose between Billy Loes and Russ Meyer, a couple of question marks.
Erskine faced a mental block today. The handsome youngster who alone of the world series pitchers won 20 victories during the regular season, was bound to have it on his mind that the Yanks jumped him for four runs in the first inning at the stadium two days back.
Under the circumstances, Allie Reynolds' aching back lost in importance. The American Leaguers won the game the Chief started, thanks to Johnny Sain's fine work in relief, and with their 2-0 lead in games they appeared to be in no urgent need of pitching help.

NEEDED HELP
Lopat was the man who stood out Thursday, even though he needed a little help toward the last from those two brash youngsters, Billy Martin and Mantle. The chubby porterside gave a classic demonstration of what it is possible to do without speed, strictly on guile.
The fastest ball he threw was in snapping a runner out at first, a Brooklyn batter who had bunted, apparently under the mistaken impression that Lopat couldn't throw that far.
The tragic figure was Roe, who always before had been able to win in Yankee Stadium's great expanse. The thin man from Arkansas fidgeted and fretted before he finally consented to guide his soft stuff across. He had the Yankees talking to themselves, too, before they finally solved the riddle.
Martin caught on fire. Leading off the eighth—his team a run behind—he laid the wood to a Roe change-up and blasted it just inside the left field stands for the tying run.

MIGHT HAVE MISPLAYED
Jackie Robinson might have misplayed it a trifle. Some thought the former great infielder might have made the catch if he had been against the fence a bit quicker and had jumped exactly at the right time.
At any rate, there was no argument over the one that Mantle hit in the next inning. With one out, Hank Bauer faced a clean single to left field. Yogi Berra lofted deep to right centre for the second out.
Up stepped Mantle. Roe missed the plate with a couple of pitches. Mantle figured to look at the next one, in case the thin man was wobbling. But Mickey liked what he saw, and slugged the ball way up into the stands, maybe 400 feet from the dish. That was the game and probably the series.

Marg McGreish Tops Ladies Loop

Margaret McGreish of Tollers took double honors Tuesday when she rolled high single of 249 and high three of 664 in Group 2 of the Ladies' Bowling League. In Group 1, Clauda Sanderson of Bulgars rolled a high single of 294 while Peggy Thompson of Lyons captured high triple honors with 675.
Group 1 high team single and high three winner was New Laurels with 1053 and 2843 and Rupert Radio took high single and high three game total with 885 and 2518.
Results:

- Group 1**
New Laurels 4, Cloverleafs 0; Bulgars 4, Annettes 0; Sunrise 4, Stars 0; Lyons 3, P.R. Plumbers 1; G & A 3, Wallace R 1; Art Murray's 3, Dom's 1.
- Group 2**
Big Sisters 3, Tollers 1; Rupert Radio 4, Seventh Ave. Market 0; Skeena 3, Hi-Flyers 1; Co-op 3, Cook's 1; Dibb Printing 4, Manson's 0; Amazons 3, McKay's 1.



JEAN (GROS BILL) BELIVEAU, high-scoring centre with Quebec Aces of the Quebec Hockey League, steps on the ice to practice with Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League. Veterans, left to right: Maurice (Rocket) Richard; Elmer Lach and Emile (Butch) Bouchard, team captain, give Beliveau a smiling welcome.

Canadiens Seen Team to Beat If Beliveau Stays With Habs

By W. R. WHEATLEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer
MONTREAL (CP)—On the fairly safe assumption that big Jean Beliveau will wear the bleu-blanc-rouge livery, Montreal Canadiens might be the team to beat all the way this season in their defence of the Stanley Cup.
Canadiens finished second to Detroit Red Wings in the National Hockey League race last season and then knocked off Chicago Black Hawks and Boston Bruins in the post-season series to win the world-title cup.
Acquisition of Beliveau would add immeasurably to Canadiens' scoring power where strength is most needed—down centre. The long-wanted Quebec star, prolific point-getter in junior and senior hockey, started the league last season with a hat-trick performance as part of a five-goal contribution in three lead-league games he played with Canadiens.
LOSE ONE PLAYER
Canadiens have lost only one player since last season. Little Billy Reay, veteran centre, has moved on to coach Victoria Cougars of the Western Hockey League.
This doesn't necessarily mean all the other regulars are sure of their jobs. The battle at the training camp for the jobs, particularly on the wings, has been terrific.
In the midst of the training grind, managing director Frank Selke and coach Dick Irvin were still in something of a dilemma about their forwards.
Selke put it this way. "We can't make up our minds. Some of the regulars have not been going as well as some of the newcomers but still have shown enough to cause us to withhold any definite decision."

OLMSTEAD LOOKS GOOD
At left wing Bert Olmstead appears to be surest of his job. Dickie Moore, Dick Gamble and Paul Meger have found plenty of contention from Eddie Mazur, "Baldy" MacKay and Gaye Stewart.
Mazur came from Victoria last spring and played a big part in Canadiens' Stanley Cup win. He looks ready for a regular job. MacKay, a regular but with Buffalo last season, also saw playoff duty and is a handy, rugged type of player. Stewart became Canadiens' property last season and was sent to Quebec Aces where he teamed with Beliveau and played a big part in tall Jean's season-long scoring spree.
There are at least two definite fixtures at right wing: Maurice (Rocket) Richard and Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion. The Rocket, now 32 and starting his 12th season, is in top shape and in practice has worked on a line with Beliveau and Mazur. Geoffrion, 22 and starting his third full season, has lost

Cage Entries Sought Early

Speedup in filing entries for 1953-54 basketball play in all divisions was urged today by Prince Rupert Basketball association president Art Murray. Mr. Murray said that while no deadline had yet been set, officials wanted to know the number of entries as soon as possible so that practice sessions could be allotted.
He said that from all appearances there would be three senior league teams this year sponsored by Columbia Cellulose, Gordon and Anderson's and Manson's. Junior and intermediate entries are coming in at a good rate but none have been received for girls' play.

World Series Notes

By BEN OLAN
NEW YORK (AP)—Did any team lose the first two games, yet go on to win a world series?—the answer is yes. The Giants of 1921 dropped the first two to the Yankees and went on to cop all the marbles. But in those days the winner was decided in a best-of-nine series, and the Giants won 5-3.

Duke Snider is mighty happy that the series is moving to Ebbets Field today. "That Yankee Stadium sure is a big one," he said. "Now we'll be back in the old bandbox, where if a ball gets past you it's only a double instead of a triple."

Western Union advised that the 1953 series might set a record for the long-windedness of writers covering it. The first day's output was 494,644 words, beating the previous first-day mark of 450,000 set in 1951. The all-time record is 809,165 sent on the Yankee-Dodger classic last year.

Billy Martin is the series' leading hitter so far with five hits in seven trips for a .714 average. Gil Hodges is next with 625 on five-for-eight.

You wouldn't know by the way he's playing, but Yogi Berra is somewhat under the weather. "Got a cold," he complained. "Had it about five days and can't get rid of it. You work up a sweat and then it gets draughty in the shadows when you're catching."

Scott Heads Golfing Group

A temporary executive was elected last night when a group of 40 golfing enthusiasts met at the Civic Centre to discuss the possibility of forming a local club and constructing a golf course in Prince Rupert.
Joe Scott was elected president and R. S. Hood, secretary, with a committee of nine directors composed of J. E. Taylor, Allan Hurst, George Martin, Nat Cornfoot, Jerry Lemire, Terry Stewart, George Mitchell, Peter Bird and Winnifred McCaskill. W. F. Stone was chairman of the meeting.
After the main meeting the executive decided that the finance committee would ponder methods of raising money for the project while the executive and directors as a committee of the whole would check available sites.
J. E. Taylor was named chairman of the finance committee assisted by Peter Bird and George Mitchell. Jerry Lemire is chairman of the membership committee and any golfing enthusiasts who would like to join the new Prince Rupert golf association can leave their names and addresses at Kalen Hardware.
Besides the enthusiastic group present, 19 others signified their approval of the formation of a golfing association. Another meeting is planned in the near future.



JOHN HENRY JOHNSON lugs the ball for Calgary Stampeders to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' 23-yard line before being tackled in a Western Interprovincial Football Union game at Winnipeg. Bombers won 16-15 to stay in second-place in the league with Calgary tied for third with Edmonton.

U.S. Golf Pros Put Ryder Cup On Line Today

VIRGINIA WATER, Eng. (AP)
—The top American professional golfers put the Ryder Cup on the line today against a British team just aching to capture the classic trophy for the first time in 20 years.
As the British pros see it, they have a great deal more than their usual outside chance, pinned partly on the vagaries of the tree-lined Wentworth course. The last time Britain won was at Southport in 1933, when the score was 6-5 with one match halved.
Today's program was a series of Scotch foursomes and the Britons hoped for a flying start. They're more accustomed to this type of play, where each pair plays with one ball, taking alternate shots.
Britain's non-playing captain, Henry Cotton, 46-year-old veteran of many international golfing clashes, got in the first big tactical shot. He left British match-play champion Max Faulkner and runner-up Dai Rees out of the foursome matches.
That had the Americans puzzled.
"Maybe Cotton is saving them for the singles Saturday—but it may be rather late," was the comment of Fred Corcoran, American team manager. "A point may mean victory or defeat."
The Americans are slight favorites to keep the cup, and they'll do that even if they only manage a draw. There's never been a tie—the United States has won seven and Britain two—but the possibility has not been ruled out this time.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS
NEWARK, N.J.—Robert Whitehurst, 189, Baltimore, outpointed Jimmy Walker, 191½, Plainfield, N.J., 8.
DETROIT—Ken (Golden Boy) Hammer, 190½, Detroit, knocked out James Anderson, 199, Detroit, 6.
LIVERPOOL, England—Johnny Hazel, Jamaica, outpointed Jimmy O'Connell, Liverpool, 8. Lightweights, but exact weights not available.

Remember W
By The Canadian Press
Howie Moren figures of the greatest player of the National Hockey League 19 years ago today. Canadians sent the great Chicago player to the Chicago Tribune in exchange for men Lionel Conacher and Jenkins and right-winger Goldsworthy. Moren turned to New York Rangers, turning to Canadiens last season, which ended death in 1937.

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