

American Davis Cup Crew Picked

New York — (U.P.) — Harry Hopman, non-playing captain of the Australian Davis Cup team, was expected to name a four-man squad today to oppose the United States in next week's challenge round for the coveted tennis trophy.

Tony Trabert, Vic Seixas, Ham Richardson, and Gil Shea were named Tuesday night to represent the United States.

Hopman said there would be "no surprises" when he announces his squad today. Therefore, the guessing was that he would pick Neale Fraser as the fourth man to go along with the "big three" of Lew Hoad, Ken Rosewall, and Rex Hartwig.

Trabert, Wimbledon champion from Cincinnati, O., and Seixas, U.S. champion from Philadelphia, are expected to carry the whole load for the United States just as they did last December in Australia when they beat the Aussies, 3-2, to recapture the Cup.

CANADIAN OPEN STARTS

Toronto — (U.P.) — The field was expected to be wide open when the 46th annual Canadian Open golf tournament got underway today at the Weston Golf and Country club with anyone of a dozen pros given a chance to grab first money in the \$15,000 classic. Most players expressed hope today that the 6,428-yard layout would remain just as it is — a little soft following a week end of steady rain.

Yanks Plaster Red Sox 13-6 For 1 1/2-Game Lead In Loop; White Sox Win, Tribe Falls

By MILTON RICHMAN
United Press Sports Writer

The nightmare was almost over for the suddenly-awakened Yankees today as they began putting that familiar daylight between themselves and all other contenders for the first time in three weeks.

The one calamity Yankee officials dread most is losing the pennant two years in a row. Last time it happened was 10 years ago.

But the Bronx Bombers, taking steps to see it doesn't happen this year, moved 1 1/2 games ahead of the field by beating the Red Sox, 13-6, Tuesday night. Not since July 26 have the Yankees led by that much of a margin and during a good part of that stretch they were bouncing around in second and third place.

Showing no mercy to the Red Sox, the Yankees blasted out 18 hits, including four homers and three doubles, in rolling to their seventh straight victory. Mickey Mantle, Don Larsen, Bill Skowron and Hank Bauer each homered to offset homers by Dick Brodowski, Ted Williams and Jackie Jensen.

Larsen Wins Fifth

The Yankees clinched Tuesday night's victory with a seven-run burst in the third. Although he failed to go the route for the first time in four games since being recalled from the minors, Larsen was credited with his fifth triumph. Tom Morgan relieved him in the eighth and held Boston at bay.

The White Sox climbed into second place by defeating the Athletics, 5-4, in 11 innings while the Tigers blanked the Indians 7-0.

After Kansas City scored a run in the top of the 11th to break a 3-all tie, Chicago filled the bases in the bottom of the frame and tied the score on Jim Busby's sacrifice fly. An intentional walk to Walt Dropo filled the bases again and Bob Kennedy then singled for the victory.

Southpaw Billy Hoelt limited Cleveland to two hits in posting his 12th victory. Hoelt faced only 29 batters, yielding only one walk and singles to Bobby Avila and Larry Doby. The Tigers meanwhile clubbed Early Wynn, Sal Maglie, Don Mossi and Jose Santo for 13 hits. Frank House and Bill Tuttle each homered, driving in a total of seven runs between them.

A two-run homer by Cal Abrams helped the last-place Orioles snap a five-game losing streak with a 7-2 decision over the Senators. Erv Palica was the winning pitcher although he needed help from George Zverink in the eighth inning. Veteran Johnny Schmitz was the loser.

Giants Beat Dodgers

Willie Mays' 37th homer with

one on proved the margin of victory as the Giants beat the Dodgers, 5-3. Right-hander, Ruben Gomez went the route for his eighth victory, giving up all of Brooklyn's runs in the sixth when Roy Campanella unloaded a three-run homer. Until then, the Giants led by five runs. Despite the loss, charged to southpaw Johnny Podres, the Dodgers remained 15 games in front when St. Louis nipped second-place Milwaukee, 3-2.

The Cards won the game in the eighth when Bill Sarni tripled off Ernie Johnson with a man on first base. Stan Musial's 26th homer with one on in the first inning off Chet Nichols gave St. Louis its first two runs.

Cincinnati moved into fifth place by beating Chicago, 11-2, as Joe Black pitched his first complete game in the National League since Sept. 21, 1952. Smokey Burgess' 17th homer with one on put the Redlegs in front in the first inning and they turned the game into a rout with six more runs in the second inning and three more in the third.

The Phillies defeated the Pirates 12-3, as Herm Wehmeier hurled a seven-hitter and made his lifetime record over Pittsburgh 23-7. Del Ennis drove in five runs.

LINESCORES:
American League
Boston — 000 002 221—7 18 9
Washington — 200 000 000—2 6 1
Palm Beach — 000 000 000—0 0 0
Cleveland — 000 000 000—0 0 0
Detroit — 000 000 000—0 0 0
New York — 107 011 102—13 18 6
St. Louis — 000 002 020—6 8 1
Larsen, Morgan (8) and Berra, Sullivan, Brodowski (3), Brewer (8) and White. Winning pitcher—Larsen (5-1). Losing pitcher—Sullivan (14-11).

Chicago — 000 000 000—0 0 0
Cincinnati — 110 000 000—11 2 2
Kansas City — 101 000 010 01—4 11 2
Philadelphia — 000 000 000—0 0 0
Pittsburgh — 000 000 000—0 0 0
Milwaukee — 000 001 100—2 10 9
St. Louis — 200 000 018—3 9 2
Nichols, Johnson (7) and Crandall, Haddix (10-11) and Sarni. Losing pitcher—Johnson (4-5).

Chicago — 000 000 200—2 9 3
Cincinnati — 263 000 000—11 15 0
Davis, Jeffcoat (2), Kaiser (3) and Chitt. Black (6-2) and Burgess. Losing pitcher—Davis (6-8).

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SPORTS

Minor League Ills Blamed On Majors; Prexies Think Worse Trouble May Come

(Editor's note: Minor league baseball faces problems that threaten to close many parks. Already this year 10 cities have had to suspend operations. The United Press has asked minor league presidents whose cities were involved to tell what was wrong. In this two-part series beginning today, they discuss first their basic problems and second their ideas for solving them.)

By CARL LUNDQUIST
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Minor league baseball is in trouble as never before, and the majors are to blame for it.

That is the feeling of minor league presidents, whose cities were involved in the 10 franchise fold-ups that have occurred already this season. They feel the worst is yet to come unless there is help from the majors.

The principal complaint is that the majors saturate minor league territory with radio and in some cases television broadcasts. The second "beef" is that the majors no longer are willing to supply financial aid by developing players through minor league farm systems, but instead are spending money recruiting high-priced bonus babies.

Says Frick Unconcerned

Shelby Peace, president of the once-lively Kitty League at Hopkinsville, Ky., declared that not even the commissioner of baseball cares what happens to us.

"Does Ford Frick look at what television and radio has done to the minors?" asked Peace. "Madisonville, Ky., which had to give up this year in our league, has a beautiful park and adequate parking facilities. But the air was saturated with television and radio. I know the big league announcers tell the people to go out and support their local club, but who has the enthusiasm to watch a Kitty League game after listening to the glamour they spread around?"

Jerry Donovan, president of the Class C California League, said in San Francisco that "the attitude seems to be we soon will have major league ball out here so the heck with the California and coast leagues." The Ventura club there, which is 60 miles from Hollywood, gave up and the franchise was shifted to Reno, Nev.

"Pride in a local club is dead," Donovan said. "Everyone is major league conscious because of broadcasts and telecasts into our territory."

Clubs Threatened Daily
Emmet Hart, head of the Cotton States League at Greenville, Miss., said, "There never is a day that we have not been confronted with the probability of some club folding."

Harty said not only did the Pine Bluff, Ark., club fold and have to be transferred to Meridian, Miss., but that Hot Springs, Ark., "is on the verge of throwing in the sponge, and on the whole I am punchdrunk from the beating I have taken all season."

"Despite that, I have six towns who have signified their interest in operating next season," he added. "All I can say is that they are gluttons for

punishment. In my own town of Greenville over \$50,000 has been raised by public subscription since 1950 to keep baseball. I don't think this can go on unless the majors take some revolutionary step this fall."

Tommy Richardson, head of the Class A Eastern League at Williamsport, Pa., said: "The minors will be in trouble as long as a major league team is willing to give \$60,000 to one untried kid, but refuses to pay \$10,000 to operate a first rate minor league franchise where there is a chance for 18 players to develop while that one kid sits on a big league bench."

Radio-TV Hurts Albany
The Eastern League, one of the oldest and most stable, is in good shape, Richardson said, with attendance up about 80,000 over last year even though Wilkes-Barre, Pa., had to shift its franchise to Johnstown, Pa.

"An economic situation involving the hard coal area forced Wilkes-Barre to quit," Richardson said. "Now we're okay everywhere but in Albany. Radio and TV are heavy competition there. They get broadcasts and telecasts of the Yankees, Giants, Dodgers and Red Sox. That's too much for us to beat."

Howard Green, president of the Big State League at Fort Worth, Tex., said radio had nothing to do with the failure of Galveston and Tyler in his loop. **Galveston Not Interested**

"Galveston dropped out because it was the world's worst baseball town, a resort city of the rank type," Green said. "Baseball was too wholesome for a population more interested in gaming, night clubs and that which goes with both. Tyler dropped out because it imposed a burden on the rest of the clubs. Tyler could have finished had not Galveston faltered."

Chauncey Devault at Bristol, Va. Tenn., headquarters of his Class D Appalachian League, said, "This is the worst financial year our loop has suffered." He also blamed general condition of the coal fields for failure of the Welch, W. Va., franchise which was moved to Marion, Va.

A. O. Hadden, head of the Georgia State League at Dublin, Ga., blamed local operations for the failure of the Statesboro, Ga., franchise.

Next: The remedies proposed for minor league baseball.

League Leaders

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Player & Club G AB R H Pct.
Ashburn, Phil. 109 410 68 139 332
Cmpnla, Bkn. 92 342 63 111 325
Kkaszk, Cin. 112 470 93 152 323
Burruss, Cin. 119 476 88 148 311

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Kalline, Det. 115 456 99 158 346
Kuenn, Det. 107 460 75 149 324
Power, K.C. 116 457 70 145 317
Mantle, N.Y. 118 423 100 131 310
Smith, Cleve. 117 371 91 145 308

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Hot Pennant Race Boosts American Loop Attendance

By JACK CUDDY

New York — (U.P.) — For the first time in American League history, at least six of its teams will go past the million mark in attendance this season and there is an outside chance that seven clubs could hit that figure.

That stamped for first place has given the gate its biggest shot since the mad scramble of 1948, when Cleveland and Boston had to play a pennant playoff game and the New York Yankees were not eliminated until the next to the last day of the season.

In '48, the junior circuit set an all-time major league attendance high with a total of 11,130,099 paying customers. However, only four clubs went past the million mark that season because most of the crowds were centered in Cleveland, New York, Boston and Detroit.

This year the situation is vastly different. Five clubs still are very much in the race, although Detroit's chances have lessened considerably in the past few days. All of these, the Yankees, Indians, White Sox, Red Sox and Tigers, will go past the million mark, barring unforeseen complications.

In fact, the Yankees already have hit the million mark for the 10th consecutive year since World War II with a league high total of 1,104,150 to date through games of Aug. 14. The amazing A's from Kansas City, with 1,089,073 to date, probably will stay in the runner-up spot in attendance even though they are

an also-ran sixth in the standings.

Earl Hilligan of the American League Service Bureau in Chicago, who supplied the attendance figures, said there was a good chance for the American League to go well past the eight-million mark in attendance for the season, but that of course there was no chance of equalling that all-time 1948 mark when the Indians packed in 2,620,627 and the Yankees 2,373,901.

However, Hilligan had the cheery news that the American League has had an increase of 515,000 paying customers to date for a percentage increase of 8 1/2 per cent over last year. There have been 6,587,330 fans at 462 games.

A look at the other attendance totals with the number of games left to play, shows the strong probability of six clubs with million gates and an outside chance for Baltimore, the seventh.

The next club to join New York and Kansas City at the million level should be Boston, and it probably will occur in the current three-game series with the

Yankees. Before that series opened Boston had 915,016 attendance and with three 30,000 plus sellouts would easily go over.

Detroit with 19 more openings including two doubleheaders, is next at 874,909 and needs only a little more than 6,500 fans per game to surpass a million. They've been getting three times that many fans.

Cleveland, in a better spot in the pennant struggle, has 796,293 fans to date and with 18 more home openings including three doubleheaders, needs an average of only 11,500 fans per opening. The Indians could get as many as 80,000 for some of their crucial games with the Yankees, White Sox and Red Sox. Chicago, with 792,523 to date, needs only an average of 11,500 per opening and with 18 to go including four doubleheaders, has a total of 701,381 and needs several 40,000 plus crowds to help out since they must have to average better than 21,000. It could happen, because enthusiasm picked up with Oriole fans when the Birds had a recent hot streak. It is only hopeless in Washington, where the Nats to date have drawn only 313,985. With 18 openings to go including three doubleheaders, they would have to draw more

than 38,000 per game. Since the park holds only around 30,000, that isn't likely. They haven't had standing room only crowds in the nation's capital since the Coolidge administration. Or since Bucky Harris was boy manager in 1924.

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