

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons

It's World Series time again, time to reminisce a little and recall some of the players and events that have made the Series the great sports spectacle it is.

My memories of the Fall Classic begin with the 1954 series, between the Giants and Indians and how Dusty Rhodes and Willie Mays helped run down an Indian team that had won 113 and lost only 41 during the regular season. Highlight of the series was unquestionably the incredible running catch by Mays, on a drive by Indian first baseman Vic Werz to the deepest part of centre field in the Polo Grounds.

In 1955 a hard throwing southpaw named Johnny Podres led the Brooklyn Dodgers to a seven game series victory over the powerful Yankees. Sandy Amoros saved the deciding game of that series, for the Dodgers, when he speared Vogt Berra's towering drive, just before it dropped into the left field bleachers at Yankee Stadium.

The name Berra itself is synonymous with the World Series. Vogt who appeared in more World Series games than any other player was a notorious bad ball hitter and quite often hit home runs off pitches that weren't even close to the strike zone.

Former American League umpire "Red" Jones, once told of the time Vogt complained that a pitch Jones had called a strike was two feet outside. "It couldn't have been outside Vogt or you would have swung at it," the quick-witted arbiter replied.

Don Larsen's perfect no-hit, no-run, game highlighted the 1956 classic, as the Yanks turned the tables on the Brooklyn Bums in seven games. Larsen's final strikeout pitch to pinch hitter Dale Mitchell earned him a flying bear hug from Berra in addition to a brand new car as the outstanding player in the series.

The practically unbeatable pitching duo of Lew Burdette and Warren Spahn brought the city of Milwaukee, its first world's championship in 1957, as the Braves knocked off the Yanks in seven.

In 1958 however, the Yanks staged one of the greatest comebacks in World Series history to nip the Braves in seven games. Down three games to one, the Bombers battled back to win three in a row behind the hurrying of "Bullet" Bob Turley. Elston Howard's single in the final game broke a 2-2 tie and Bill "Moose" Skowron's home run wrapped up a 6-2 New York win.

Larry Sherry's consistently fine relief pitching carried the Los Angeles Dodgers to a six game triumph over the "hitless wonder" Chicago White Sox in 1959 in the first world series ever played on the west coast.

The Pittsburgh Pirate - New York Yankee series of 1960 provided some of the most surprising and dramatic events. Pirate second baseman Bill Mazeroski homered, leading off the bottom of the ninth of the seventh game to break a 9-9 deadlock and literally steal the series from the Yanks, who scored almost twice as many runs in the entire series. Dismittive Yankee second-sacker Bobby Richardson collected 12 hits and drove in 12 runs to win the series MVP award, even though his team lost.

In 1961 the Bronx Bombers appearing in their sixth world series in seven years, made short work of the Cincinnati Reds. Whitey Ford supplied superlative pitching, while sluggers like Roger Maris, Elston Howard and Johnny Blanchard used Cincinnati's Crosley Field for a shooting gallery, as the Reds were subdued in five games.

Plagued by weather problems, the 1962 classic lasted two weeks before the Yanks and righthander Ralph Terry outlasted a powerful San Francisco Giant club in seven games.

Gunning for their third straight World's championship in 1963, the Yankees fell victim to an assortment of sharp-breaking curves and bullet-like fastballs from the strong arms of a couple of fellows named Koufax and Drysdale, and were soundly whipped in four games.

The curves and fastballs kept coming in 1964, but from a different arm. Hard-throwing Bob Gibson picked up three of his team's four wins as the St. Louis Cardinals handed New York a seven game setback. Mickey Mantle created one of that year's most dramatic moments, when he belted knuckleballer Barney Schultz' first pitch in the bottom of the ninth of game three into the upper deck at Yankee Stadium, giving New York a 2-1 win.

Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale were up to their usual shenanigans in 1965. This time the Minnesota Twins were the victims in spite of some outstanding hurling by Jim "Mudcat" Grant. Dodgers won in seven.

Baltimore Orioles pulled off an upset in 1966, whipping the Dodgers four straight, as Jim Palmer, Dave McNally and Wally Bunker silenced Dodger bats and Frank Robinson supplied the power. Although his fielding in the first two games had been far from desirable, Dodger centre fielder Willie Davis will be remembered for his sensational leaping catch to rob Boog Powell of a home run in the fourth game.

Carl Yastrzemski and the upstart Boston Red Sox gave the Cardinals all they could handle in 1967 before being stopped by Bob Gibson's fastball in the seventh game. Yaz hit .400 in the series but Lou Brock hit even higher and ran wild everytime he reached base.

Last year the Detroit Tigers and lefty Mickey Lolich trailed the Cardinals three games to one before bouncing back to win three in a row. Veteran Al Kaline's key base hit in game five saved the Tigers from defeat and probably was the turning point in the series.

This year as we go to press the "miracle" Mets have a two game to one lead over the Orioles, in a series that so far has featured the outstanding defensive play of Tommy Agee and Bud Harrelson of the Mets and Brooks Robinson of the Orioles. Right now it looks like an upset in the making but in world series play nothing is predictable and 10 of the 15 series that I remember have gone the full seven games.

At the Legion hall

Activities at Branch 197

By Charlie Thomson

Acton Legionnaires were host to Branch 101, Long Branch, at a challenge golf match at Acton Meadows, Saturday. Twenty players competed under ideal weather conditions.

Long Branch were declared overall winners in the match. Low score for the day was recorded by Wally Coe Jr. formerly of Long Branch and now a resident of Acton. Wally shot a scintillating 79. Julian Zajac of Acton was second with 80, Jack Watson of Long Branch third with 83 and John Krupat of Acton fourth with 85. All competitors enjoyed a bountiful lunch at the Acton Legion after the match.

The two branches also competed in darts. Acton was more fortunate in this game, besting their opponents 3-1. There were also some very good close harmony and solos between members of the branches later. Your P.R.O. thinks that there should be more of these get-togethers in the future.

Members of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary are once again collecting

for their annual bazaar to be held in the Legion Auditorium Saturday, October 18 from two until four. There will be bargains galore at the bazaar. Home made baking, fancy work, children's table will be featured. There will also be a lucky draw.

Fifty Branch members turned out to pay their respects to our late member Reg Hoare, last week. An impressive service was conducted by our padre Rev. Andrew McKenzie.

The cribbage league will begin its season, Thursday October 16 at the legion hall at 9.

For the opening night of men's soccer, Friday October 17, the prize will be a special rump roast, over 20 pounds. The match begins at the legion hall at 9.

The dart league will start Tuesday October 21.

See next week's paper for Saturday night soccer, Halloween dance and scores of other activities at the Branch.

Present trophies, crests at minor baseball dinner

Acton's most successful minor baseball season in recent years wound up last Wednesday night as close to 100 boys, coaches, managers, umpires, sponsors and guests sat down to a delicious roast beef dinner in the auditorium of the Community Centre. The tasty meal was prepared by Cam and Bet Fraser's catering service and served by mothers.

Guests of honor for the dinner and trophy presentation were His Worship Mayor Les Doby and Rev. Peter Brouwer, pastor of Beth-el Christian Reformed Church, while Acton Minor Baseball Association secretary Vic Bristow emceed the affair.

Mayor Doby congratulated the executive of the Association on their fine season and conveyed Council's best wishes to the group. He also pointed out that Council is always interested in the welfare of all minor sports programs.

In his address, Rev. Brouwer posed the question, "Why do parents want their boys to play sports?" The answer, he contended should not only be because boys naturally like to play sports, but because sports provides an opportunity for boys to increase their physical and mental fitness and teaches them how to get along with others.

Mr. Bristow thanked all those who had helped to make the baseball season so successful. The Association doubled the number of boys playing minor baseball this year and for the first time had a team playing opposition from other towns. On behalf of the local Association, he accepted a baseball used in the final game of the bantam championship series, from Milton coach Rick Rowley as a memento of the bantam league's first year of operation. Mr. Rowley said that he hoped the league would operate again next year and in years to come.

Representing proprietor Art Gordon of Canadian Tire Corporation, who sponsored Acton's bantam team, Tom Fountain presented team crests to coach Pop Main, manager Ed McGiloway and team captain Pete Morrison.

Mayor Doby presented the Pop Main Trophy to Bruce Guthrie who was selected most sportmanlike player on the bantam team.

Harold Denny presented the Denny's Insurance trophy to manager Ron Pickles and coach Chester Lewandowski of the Pee Wee house, champion Porter Buzz Saw, Vic Bristow

presented individual trophies to team members.

Dave Hunter presented the Lions Club trophy to manager Tom Bouffield and coach Don Marzo of novice house league champion Nellis Construction. Sponsor Mansell Nellis presented individual trophies to team members.

Crests were presented to members of the other teams by Fred Yates of Sport's Corner, Vic Bristow of Lions Club, Paul Hurley of Custom Cleaners, Lloyd McIntyre of Thompson Fuels and Mr. Paulsen of Actor Motors.



TROPHY DONOR POP MAIN looks on with pride as Bruce Guthrie admires the trophy he won as most sportmanlike player on the Canadian Tire bantams. The presentation was made at last Wednesday night's minor baseball dinner. —(Staff Photo)

Nicholls speeds to feature win Somerville brings home bacon

By Vivian Shaw
A fine crowd was on hand at Acton-Osprey speedway, Monday in spite of threatening showers.

Our feature race took a couple of laps to get started. On the first lap, number 29 ran into the wall and number 149 went right over him. Number 29 had to retire but no one was hurt. The race had just begun again, when Steve Pioletto ran into the wall. He was able to continue, however. Art Overland held the lead for 25 laps until he had to retire with a flat tire. That was all George Nicholls needed. He took over the lead and held it to take the checkered flag. Art Somerville finished second and Stan Adams third.

Our mini feature was filled with excitement. Brian Coles started in scratch position and took the lead on the third lap, when Gary Elliott did a complete roll between number three and four turns. The rest of the race was run very smoothly, with Brian Coles taking first, Ralph Flecher second and Mike Inancho third.

On the last lap of the staff race, Lloyd Cudhey tried to get past Ron White on the third turn and instead of turning the corner he went right over the end. Luckily neither car nor driver were hurt. Ron White went on to win the race with Ray Thompson second and "Wild Bill" Wrapp third.

Our track promoter came up with the crazy idea of greasing a pig and turning it loose in the infield for the drivers, mechanics and track staff to try to catch. The idea was that whoever could catch the pig and carry it back to the truck first would win either the pig or \$30. Art Somerville showed the rest of the 'boys how it was done even though the pig weighed over 100 pounds.

A great job well done, Art! Results of the races follow:
C Heat - Art Overland, No. 39, Tom Neil.
B Heat - Art Overland, Dev Rondau, Art Somerville.
A Heat - George Nicholls, Stan Adams, Lawrence Majury.
1st Mini - Brian Coles, Gary Elliott, Mike Inancho.
Last Check - Al Peterson, Jerry Blakney, No. 81.
2nd Mini - Gary Elliott, Brian Coles (Dead Heat) Ralph Flecher, No. 23.
Staff Race - Ron White, Ray Thompson, Bill Wrapp.
Mini Feature - Brian Coles, Ralph Flecher, Mike Inancho, No. 33.

The Ontario Safety League reports that in Florida, a mini skirted miss passed her test for recognizing traffic signs. When taking her driving test she pushed down on the brake and revealed to the interested examiner replicas of all the signs painted on her upper leg.

Raymond Main.
L.M. Feature - George Nicholls, Art Somerville, Stan Adams, Lawrence Majury, Gary Thompson.
Demo winner, Hank Theaker.

Results:
SUNDAY, OCT. 12.
C Heat - Tom Neil, Ron Overland, Red Hills.
B Heat - Harry Johnson, Art Overland, Tony Pioletto.
A Heat - Al Peterson, George Nicholls, Larry Bain.
1st Mini - Brian Coles, Ron Grey, Doug Townend.



GEORGE NICHOLLS in number 90 took the lead on the 25th lap and sped through to win the feature race at Acton-Osprey speedway, Sunday afternoon. —(Photo by Vivian Shaw)

Coaches, managers referees meeting

The Tri-county minor hockey league will hold a coaches, managers and referees' meeting at the Milton Legion tonight at 7:30.

Referee-in-chief Don Lawrence hopes the meeting will enable coaches, managers and referees to learn any rule changes that have occurred this year, before the season starts. Coaches and managers plus the referee-in-chief of all 11 towns in the league are to attend.

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Coho salmon start to run

Coho salmon are making their presence known in many parts of the province. The 8" to 10" smolts stocked in the Credit River and Bronte Creek and other tributaries of the Great Lakes, should be moving back into the streams shortly.

Only a small run of precocious "jacks" (males which become sexually mature earlier than usual) is expected. The main spawning migration won't occur until the fall of 1970, however this fall's run will be a precursor of things to come.

During the summer between 40 and 50 coho have been taken in eastern Lake Ontario by the sports and commercial fisheries there. Most of these were heavily scarred by lamprey, some as many as nine times. An average of four to five lamprey scars were recorded on those fish examined by Department staff. One fish even had four lamprey attached when caught!

More recently department of lands and forests staff have taken coho in the western end of Lake Ontario near the mouths of the Bronte and Humber rivers. Unfortunately, a number of male coho in the Humber were destroyed as a result of some suspected toxic substance in the river, which killed a number of species of fish. The fish kill is being investigated by the Ontario Water Resources Commission as well as department officers.

Lands and forests staff will be checking salmon this fall in the river mouths and rivers to determine their general condition and obtain data of use in assessing the experimental plantings made last spring and planned for 1970.

Seaforth may join W.O.A.A.

A report in the Huron Expolitor, weekly newspaper in Seaforth, says that Seaforth Beavers, three-time Ontario champions will ice a team again this year, but are undecided whether to play in the O.H.A. or W.O.A.A.

Beavers have played in the O.H.A. for the past several years and have been a powerhouse in the same group as Acton Tanners.

A switch to the W.O.A.A. would mean less travelling for the Beavers and would likely put

them in a league with Clinton, Wingham and other district teams.

Basketball league

Charlie Thomson reports that an Industrial Basketball League may be formed this winter. Organizers are in the process of ironing out small problems and further details should be announced within the next two weeks.

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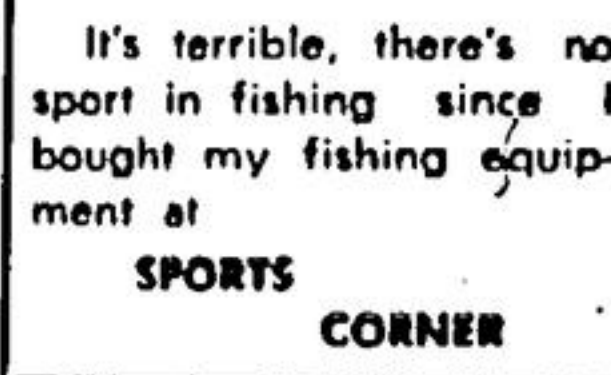
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