BASEBALL ROUNDUP

By BOB CARTON

Major League Opinions

With a full six weeks left in the season before the major league schedules in both the National and American Leagues come to an end, many changes could occur that would differ quite a bit from the present time. In my column this week I would like to take a personal glance into the future and give my own predictions on just what might take place by the end of September. * * * *

TWO THIRTY GAME WINNERS

Almost since the outstart of the season baseball fans have been following very closely the wonloss record of a 21-year-old southpaw on the Oakland Athletics, namely Vida Blue.

After watching him pitch briefly in September last season, and the way he has been stunning the opposition to date in this season, many people involved in the game of baseball and fans alike have been predicting that he will win thirty games or more before the 1971 season ends.

At the time of this writing he had won 22, so barring any injury I believe that he will definitely reach the pinnacle everyone feels he will.

But, in my opinion, there is another pitcher who I believe may have a chance to hit thirty. Because he has not received nearly as much publicity as young Mr. Blue, quite a few people have more than likely not given much thought as to his possibilities of winning thirty, when really he has quite a good

If you have not guessed who I am talking about by now, shame on you, as it is really not that

I am speaking about another southpaw named Mickey Lolich, who hurls for the currently second place Detroit Tigers. At this writing he has won 19 games, and as of late has been pitching better than Vida Blue.

Another possibility for thirty, but who in my opinion will not make it, is Canada's own Ferguson Jenkins of the Chicago Cubs.

MAYBE NOT WILLIE

The man with the big bat in the majors this year is Willie Stargell, who, at the beginning of the season was hitting home runs like they were going out of style.

But, in the last month and a half his bat has quieted down, and at this writing seems stuck at 39 homers

Again, another man who has not received a great amount of publicity in comparison to Stargell, may very well take the home run lead away from Willie.

Lee May of the Cincinnati Reds, since returning from an injury back into the starting lineup early in May, has outhit Stargell in home runs since that time. At this writing he is a mere seven homers behind the Pittsburgh slugger, and is hitting home runs at a more consistent and continuing rate.

So, if by the end of the season Lee May is leading the majors in home runs, do not be surprised, and remember that you read it here first.

PITTSBURGH AND SAN FRANCISCO IN FIGHT FOR PENNANT

With the two division leaders in the National League in slumps as of late, many people may be getting the feeling that the season long reign of Pittsburgh in the east and San Francisco in the west is coming to an end.

Perish such thought, as it could not be further

from the truth.

Pittsburgh, who are now only a meagre four games ahead of second place St. Louis Cardinals, have often been said to be the best team in baseball today. They can throw out a great starting lineup on the field of either lefthand hitters or righthanded, and still have a bunch of top rate players sitting on the bench as backups.

This fact, along with the knowledge that both St. Louis and Chicago have been playing very inconsistent baseball all season, should ensure Pittsburgh of a berth in the fight for the National League pen-

San Francisco seems to be the team that everyone is down on, especially since Los Angeles and Atlanta are closing the gap between them and the Giants.

co has been playing so poorly lately, not that either the Dodgers or the Braves have been playing that much better than before. Admittedly Atlanta has been improving in the calibre of ball they have been playing as of late, but not to the extent that they will catch the Giants.

will have opened up the kind of lead over the other two contenders that they have held most of the

* * * * * PLAYOFFS AND WORLD SERIES

With over a month and a half left until the end of the season, there is no way I can be sure who will end up in top spot in each of the four divisions. So, basing these predictions on the way I feel each division will end, I will pick the winners in the playoffs in both leagues and in the World Series.

In the National League I would pick Pittsburgh over San Francisco in the full five games. Pittsburgh I feel has a better team, but the Giants are winning the season series with them, so they should be tough. Also, the fact that the Pirates were fairly good last season, but in the playoffs they just laid back and died as they had a tremendous amount crest of difficulty in hitting the Cincinnati pitching, tends to indicate a five game series.

The American League playoffs should also go the limit, with the key factor being how good Jim "Catfish" Hunter pitches for Oakland.

With Blue and Dobson, I feel the Athletics can trio of American drivers were win two from the Orioles. Hunter is also capable of knocking off the World Champion Baltimore Team. but Oakland lacks another pitcher, who, under normal circumstances, can pitch well enough to gain a victory over the Orioles.

Regardless of which team ends up making it in- Gregory came Pinecrest reguto the World Series, from the American League, lars Les Groves, Fred Bullen, Pittsburgh will come out on the losing end.

Either Oakland or Baltimore are capable of knocking off the Pirates in five or six games, but there is no way that it will go four or seven games.

MAY BE RIGHT

eral issues that will concern baseball fans before in the feature. Ross won the against Thornhill in a swim- Flooring and Joe's Garage re- for Auto Body. the season is completely over in October. You may agree with some, disagree with others. But, you out that I do not know what I am talking about and get them all wrong, but let us wait and see.



TENNIS

By Alex McCrae Phone 884-3408 Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Association

YNL Men's Singles, Aurora Sunday

Okker, Rosewall, Goolagong, and in that instance the Rich-Drysdale, Newcombe. This was mond Hill team sportingly almerely a random array of the lowed a girl that was on the celebrated names being bandied roster to play twice. However, about at the Richmond Hill on this occasion, our ladies dou-Courts this past week. To the bles pairing felt that to permit tennis addict these personalities a substitution when there was are household fixtures. They are no excuse offered for absence today's international net stars, of the player in question, would Most of them were in Toronto make a sham of the league this week past to do battle in playing regulations. Admittedly the Rothmans Canadian Open the Richmond Hill club did Tennis Championships at the bend the rules to a degree in that the team's average age is 18 or 19." Toronto Lawn Tennis Club. A the earlier instance in allowing goodly number of our club's an individual to play twice. membership was fortunate However, this was merely a enough to get down to see some sporting gesture on a single ocof the action in this, Canada's casion and did not represent a richest and most prestigious warrant of procedure to the tournament. It was a particular West Kingsway Club for future thrill for many, to see Austra- encounters with our club. Oblian, Miss Evonne Goolagong, viously they felt they could get the 20 year old heir apparent to away with the same move a Tennis Queen Margaret Court, second time. Accordingly, our competing for the first time on ladies doubles duo refused to

North American soil. No matter which day or night The West Kingsway captain one chose to view the matches, felt the match should have been one was almost assured of see- awarded to his team, since ing tennis at its finest. Watching Richmond Hill declined to play the best players in the world the ladies doubles. However, execute shot after shot with Richmond Hill's posture appears seeming ease and precision- to be a rightful one, in view of honed skill would inspire even the stipulated league rules the most inept tennis player to governing competitive play. The attempt to improve his or her dispute will be reviewed by the game. The pros make it look so league director and a decision simple, but we club players made as to who rightfully won know differently, don't we? the match in question. Incident-

Although the Richmond Hill played, Richmond Hill Club was buzzing over the Open, dropped one. All three mens we did manage to get in some doubles pairs were successful tennis at our own level. Our on the night's play. Don Paul ICTA "B" Team's August 10 and John Marais won 6-2, 6-3; encounter with Pine Point was Phil August and Brian Bullock rained out and will be played bested their opposition by the this week. The Richmond Hill same count, while Henry Smith ladies hosted Wards Island on and Sam Malcomson triumphed August 11 in ICTA Ladies Lea- 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. Joy August and gue play and registered a one- yours truly were winners in sided 8-1 win. With our girls' mixed play, 6-2, 6-1. Only one improved play of late, they have "A" League regular season moved into a neck and neck match remains for the locals struggle with the Mimico Club before the playoffs begin; North for top spot. Helen Butterworth York hosts our club tonight and Lou Holland (1st couple) (Thursday). COMING EVENTS

won two of three sets 6-0, 6-2, 5-6, against their Wards Islands competition, while Monica Ver- Saturday, August 21 - ICTA news." meulen and Eleanor Lloyd tal- Ladies Doubles at Mimico. lied 6-1, 6-4, 6-1 wins. The third Sunday, August, 22 - YNL couple of Joy August and Peggy Mens Singles at Aurora. Entry Freeman swept their three sets fee \$2.00. Starts at 10:00 am. Monday, August 23 - Septem-6-5, 6-2, 6-3.

ber 11 and 12, Richmond Hill, In ICTA "A" League play on Senior Club Championships. August 12, the locals met West Entries close Thursday. (The Kingsway. The match termina- entry lists looks pretty sparse, ted on a contentious note, with thus far, so get your names up the ladies double segment not pronto!). being played. It appears that the Monday, August 23, September

visitors came short one woman 11 and 12 - Richmond Hill player and had no valid excuse Junior Club Tournament, boys (i.e., sudden illness or injury) and girls under 16. Singles only. for her not being there. A Entries close Thursday. similar maneouvre had been Sunday, August 29 - YNI pulled by the same West Kings- Ladies Doubles at Thornhill

Ace Driver Barry Stather Wins

way Club earlier in the season (provisionally scheduled).

Stouffville's Barry Stather vin Smith with a time of 16.23 led all the way in the big 75- . . . Richmond Hill's Bob West lap O'Keefe Championship Fea- opened a few eyes by running ture Saturday night at Pine- to the excellent time of 16.85. crest and the victory was worth Bob finished ninth in his qual- incidentally models part-time as well as playing a \$2,350 for the young driver, ifier race and 17th in the 75-This is mainly due to the fact that San Francis- in only his third full season lapper. George Rueffer, the of driving at Pinecrest. present O'Keefe points leader,

Barry qualified for the Fea- had the third fastest car at the ture event by placing 22nd in track, with a time of 16.30. An the time trials, the last posi- eighth in the feature and tion available and it got him 7th in the qualifier assured three awards I never even got a smell of when I the inside pole position for George of a \$170 paycheck. the race. He battled the lead Lelliott won the qualifier Mark my word, by the end of August the Giants away from Don Hawn of consy and placed seventh in Streetsville on the 1st lap and the qualifier race, and with

Maple Team

Beats Ottawa

ed Ottawa 26-9 in a PWSU

game Saturday to eliminate

the former team in two

Maple won the first

Ottawa indicated it

Full details were not av-

would protest the 26-9

game claiming interference

in a play during the game.

ailable at press time.

straight games.

game 25-21.

Maple Sugar Girls down-

survived four restarts to take his second in the feature pickhome the O'Keefe Trophy and ed up \$1,570. \$2,000 first prize. The lead Brampton driver Bruce Gow- year. driver for each lap (after the land, the rookie points leader first five laps) is awarded \$5.00 at the track, was involved in additional for being No. 1 so one of the closest races of the that brought in another \$350 evening when he battled with

for Barry. Stather also won Maple's Bill Burrows in the the Group "B" Qualifier Race, non-qualifier second consy. for the 12th to 22nd fastest Gowland lost the lead on the drivers from the time trials last lap in the north turn when and that was worth \$75. It was he was spun around by Bur-Stather's third feature win at rows, who was trying to avoid Pinecrest this year, and the another car which was in his popular stox star holds down way. fifth spot in the O'Keefe no \$10,000 points standings, the

race that continues each week for a whole season at Pine-

Following Stather most of the race in second spot was No. 48-Norm Lelliott of Willowdale, who picked up \$1,500 for second place. Lelliott won the big race in '67 and '69. A next in line: Carl Smith, Marvin Smith, and Don Gregory, all of Columbus, Ohio. Carl won \$1,000 for fourth, brother Marvin won \$700 and Gregory took \$500. Right behind

and George Rueffer. elle, who posted a time of 16,15 the Ailsa Craig resident but

car running in the same posi- Pool Saturday starting at 9 am. pective series.

... Sport Spots ...

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they scored two runs." Came the third game, the 7-2 defeat.

"That last game we just tightened up and it was all over. Errors killed us."

Mary was quick to stress that she's not upset with the team. Not at all. She's proud of them. Just disappointed at the vagaries of womankind, that's all. "We've beaten Cobourg consistently in tournaments", she said. "Things just didn't go for us in the playoffs."

Mary, in an outburst of belligerence, figures next year has got to be it.

"We've got a young team. They could play as juniors." A pause, an ahem. "Well, there are three of us who wouldn't qualify.'

100 YEARS?

Mary went on to explain that down the middle -Catcher Irene Bryson, Pitcher Fox, and herself, who plays centre field — "we represent a total of over

I chewed on my pencil in sheer disbelief. "Don't mention our individual ages," she warned. "But our total ages average over that. But after

I swore upon my blood that I'd never mention were played in Hornby. their individual ages but I assure you, none of them are really that old. Honest.

Mary, speaking of Mary, has been interested in

sports ever since she was a wee one. "I was one girl among five brothers and I had to man surpassing his first game be good at sports. Funny thing, is that I was about effort with a fine display of the only one who was ever interested in sports." The one exception was a brother who played football with the Richmond Hill Indians.

As a matter of fact, Mary wanted to play foot- Ridges Peewees and Woodbridge ball at one time.

"I wanted to try out for the Metro Ladies Pro- won by Oak Ridges by default fessional Football Team they had two years ago but my husband wouldn't let me. But I play hockey in the winter. It keeps me in shape."

Mary is one girl who figures the girls really don't get any breaks in Richmond Hill. She even blamed me for ignoring her team. I assured her it wasn't out of malice. Never would I bear malice toward

"Even minor hockey doesn't bother about them. ly, of the five matches that were They have girls playing hockey in Willowdale. Why not here? They don't care about girls.'

But the girls have got a lot going for them as long as Mary is on the scene and she figures to be on the scene for awhile yet. At least until she wins the PWSU. That is, next year! * * * *

TO CONCLUDE

I mustn't forget to dwell a trifle on the makeup of Mary's team this season which has come up with superlative efforts most of the way.

Out in front most of the way was Miss Fox who, in Manager Williamson's eyes, "was back to her top form this season. She had control trouble last year but that seems to be a thing of the past now. She says she'll be back next season and that's good

Mary and her coaching staff of Tom Mashinter and "Shorty" Bowen will have a lot of other good, young players going for them next year, too.

These include (don't get mad at me if I don't mention everyone, please) players such as Cathy Boagey, Merry Lynn Henry, Lynn Olsen, Sue Dawson, Linda Elliott, Sandy Glass, Muriel Mortson, Janet Thompson, Liz Fyfle, Sharon Clarke, Judy Elliott and Judy Hopkins.

One final note on Mary. Her and husband Moe (Moe you will remember played ball for a number of years with Dynes Jewellers as well as local hockey teams and still is active in ball in the city) have two girls, Sarah Ann, 9. and Heather Joy, 4. Mary's also a registered nurse working in the office of Dr. Bette Stephenson of Willowdale who was the first woman president of the Ontario Medical Association.

* * * * * TOD PRICE

I've been intending to mention something about 15-year-old Tod Price of 223 Baker Avenue, Richmond Hill, who had quite a past year in sports going for him at Don Head Secondary School.

In his first year at Don Head, young Tod (who, rugged brand of hockey for the Richmond Hill Minor Midgets) won three athletic awards at the school.

He was selected the Outstanding Sportsman, was Junior Trampoline Champion, and was also selected as the Junior Boy of the Year. Those are went to school. Tod also received some four plaques for his endeavors. All I can say is wow.

Tod also scored well in the serious end of it with marks in the 90's. He beat me on marks, too! All I can say is congrats and even better luck this

FINALLY, FINALLY

Had a sportsman of some note visiting from England the past six weeks in the body of Fred Palmer. Fred, who lives in Herne Bay, England, is a Steward in the press box at Wimbledon and is a former vice-chairman of Richmond and District Football League in Surrey. He stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duncan of Trayborn Drive. Always nice to welcome a visitor from afar. Fred's big complaint about Canada (the only one, he says) was that the football results from England took so long to reach him here. Well!

THANK YOU

Received a nice letter from a Miss Hilary Balmer of Newmarket thanking "The Liberal" as well as other area papers for coverage of the Canadian Equestrian teams throughout the year.

Says Miss Balmer: "In years past, our riders went unnoticed and unsupported but at last they are where they should be - on the sports pages. Canadians should rise and salute these superb athletes and continue to give their generous support so that our country may continue our fine equestrian record in the future.

was Earl Ross in his '69 Chev-

seconds for the quarter-mile With Hill, Thornhill The 1971 Richmond Hill In- to the fifth inning.

Dave Webster was the winfinals opened Monday night at ning pitcher for Joe's and Bob These are my own personal viewpoints on sev- it also gave him 22nd position Richmond Hill will compete the town park with Eveready Mackenzie the losing pitcher event last year with the same ming duel at the Thornhill cording victories in their res- The next games go tomorrow

night (Friday) with Joe's meettion but he only lasted 15 laps. It will be a resumption of Eveready downed Eric's ing Auto Body at 7 pm and never know, I may actually be right, or it could turn this time, dropping out with the annual Thornhill-Richmond Cycle and Sports 2-0 with Joe's Eric's going against Eveready problems in the differential. Hill trophy races featuring in- coming up with a 4-2 win over at 9 pm. Both games will be Second fastest driver was Mar-dividual and relay competitions. Auto Body after trailing 1-0 up played in the town park.

Hill Lifeguards McMaster Meet

Baker Squirts Edge Barrie Team By 8-7

Richmond Hill Baker's Sales the game when he stole home

and Service Squirts defeated after reaching the base on a

in a 10-inning cliff hanger last Barrie led 6-5 in the eighth

Saturday in the Barrie Squirt inning but Steve Madden beat

Lorne Davidson pitched the on Ross Querengesser's double.

entire 10 innings allowing eight Barrie scored a run at the

and walking five for his best Undaunted Richmond Hill

performance of the season came right back as with one

Squirts games are normally sev- out when Querengesser lashed

In this game Baker's "came singled Querengesser home and

even though they were down same play as the outfielder

of age" as they refused to quit came all the way round on the

enth, 6-5 in the eighth, and 7-6 Bedlam broke out as Rich-

in the 10th before coming up mond Hill players and fans

with two runs in that same in-celebrated the winning of a

They were losing 5-2 with been lost on several occasions.

when Greg MacMillan singled will continue this Saturday with

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hits while striking out eight top of the 10th to lead 7-6.

out a single and then scored

a triple. Greg MacMillan then

game which appeared to have

Barris Clothes Closet Cubs 8-7 fielder's choice.

5-2 in the bottom of the sev-fumbled the ball.

en inning contests.

Three swimmers from Richmond Hill, Mark Griffiths, 19, Stuart Malcolm, 17, and John Clement, 18, plus alternate Doug Bonnell, will participate in the Ontario Lifeguard Championship meet today (Thursday) at 6 pm at McMaster University.

Fourteen teams, each consisting of three men and three women, compete in three events.

The competition is organized by the Nation Lifeguard Service of the Royal Life Saving Society.

only three outs left in the Rain postponed the remain-Oak Ridges Bantams scheduled seven inning game der of the tournament which followed by Chris Nye's tow- Richmond Hill meeting another Oust Hornby 8-4, 8-1 ering home run. Davidson tied Barrie team in the semi-finals

The Oak Ridges Bantams won their best-of-three Ontario Rural Softball Association Playoffs in two straight games downing Hornby 8-4 in the first game August 5 and 8-1 in the second one August 11. Both contests

Winning pitcher in the first game was Allan Heintzman. Dave Stewart also contributed

home run. The second game saw Heintz-

Terry Legge hit a home run

for Oak Ridges. The series between Oak in the OASA Playdowns was when the opposition failed to

show up for the game. Oak Ridges had won the opener by a decisive 20-3 score The peewees opened the second round of the OASA playdowns in Stouffville Mon-

day night. Oak Ridges Peewees also downed Bradford 5-1 in the first semi-final playoff game in the King Township league last

Winning pitcher was Tom Dukelow who went all the way Brian Neilley was the losing pitcher.

a 15-10 game August 10 to Pottageville. It was their first league loss of the season. Winning pitcher was Dan Laskowsky. Losing hurler was

Oak Ridges Squirts dropped

Gary Wilkinson, who hit a homer. Ron Dukelow also hit a home run.

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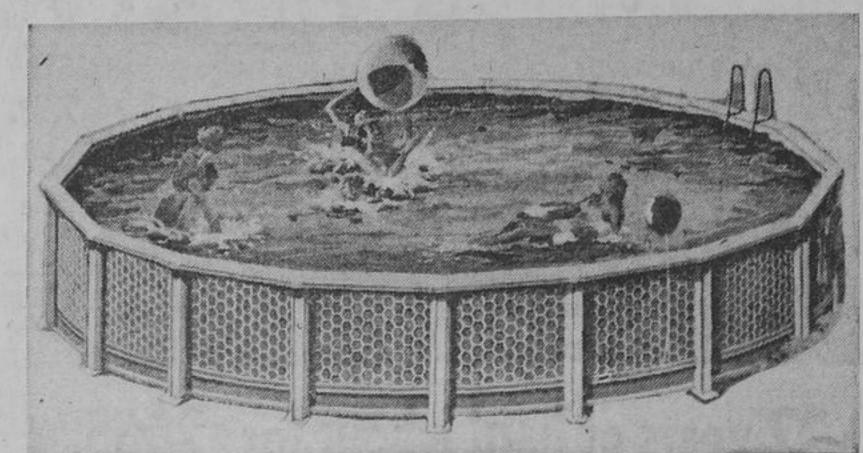
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