

Sports Corner

by Doug McLellan

At the time of writing, the T.B.L. Finals are all knotted up with both McIntyre and Combines having won two games apiece and the final fixture set for Wednesday afternoon. No matter what the outcome of this crucial game might be, the Series has been a great one both from the fans' point of view and the two teams who have been battling it out. All the games have been well pitched contests with numerous fielding highlights and timely hits and in every case the fans stayed in their seats till the very last out, as a few hits at the right time could have won any of these contests.

The opener saw the Macmen stave off a ninth inning rally by Combines to pull a 5-4 win out of the fire, then in the second tilt, Alex Kosick pitched brilliantly to bring the two teams back on even terms with a 2-0 shutout. Sunday saw Rolly Bussiere best Sparky Vail and come out on the long end of a 2-1 count, mainly through the outstanding efforts of Pete Babando and his big bat. This win gave the Combines the all important edge in the Series and it looked like curtains for the Macs as the fourth game would see Kosick on the hill for the back-

road gang and McShane toeing the rubber for the McIntyre. Both these pitchers had won their initial starts but Kosick did it more with ease as he only allowed four hits whereas big George had to call in Dusty Baker to put out the fire for him in the ninth inning of his win. This coupled with the fact that McShane is getting on in years and needs more rest between his games these days, would give Kosick and the Combines the nod over George and the McIntyre crew. But things didn't happen that way as Harry Cowden sent youthful Matt Mesich to the mound and the right-hander responded like a veteran to shut out the powerful Combines and win the Series once more. This win pits George McShane, who has had a weeks rest, against Rolly Bussiere who toiled for the Combines on Sunday. It can be done of course but Rolly is going to have a job on his tired hands to stop the mighty McIntyre bats.

Fans who were on hand for the fourth game Tuesday learned a rule which very few, if any, knew about. One person at the game certainly didn't know that it existed, and that was Les Costello who was the law-breaker and was promptly thrown out of the game as he protested too strenuously to Umpire Bob Young. With two out and Lou's Romauldi on first, Les hit a ground ball to the infield. The throw to first went soaring over Ted Lister's head and both Costello and Romauldi advanced on the play; Then came the pay-off - Young called Costello out, saying that he had broken his base line while running to first. Sure, it might be in a rule book but it is the first time it has been applied to this league so no one can blame Costello too much for thinking that he was robbed. Runners have been called out for breaking their base line while a play was being made for them but it makes very little difference how a runner gets to first, so long as he doesn't interfere with the ball or anyone fielding it. It was a bad break for the Combines that they had to be the first to go against the rule, as it would have meant a runner on third and first with a hit accounting for two runs.

The Official Batting and fielding averages have been released and at the top of the list we find Eric Arnott, Runner-up was Jack Dolty with .355, then came Armstrong with .338 just ahead of Hollinger's outstanding rookie Ray Hannigan with .337 followed by Romauldi, Chase, Schledewitz and McLellan with .333. Several of the out-fielders had a perfect season as far as fielding goes. Hannigan of the Bombers made 55 put-outs without an error, Cattarello of the Combines handled 23 errorless, Beland of the Macmen had 29 without a miscue and Webber of McIntyre failed to bobble one out in 20 put-outs. The best fielding among the regular infielders was chalked up by Dick Lyroitt who made only four errors on 145 chances. Other leaders were: Babando .971, Lister .964, O'Grady .961, Kavanagh .955 and Richards .945.

The current squabble between the Kirkland Lake Greyhounds and the League President Greyhounds and the similar incident which occurred back in 1938 but that time the shoe was on the other foot and the team from the camp, namely South Porcupine, were the victims of a raw deal, and Kirkland Lake were in the driver's seat as the League President at that time was from there. In those days Kirkland had their own League and played off against the winner from this district for the right to meet the Sudbury winner. South Porcupine won on the local scene and went to Kirkland to play the first two games of a best of five series. The teams split the two games in Kirkland and then moved to South Porcupine for the next two and again they divided so a fifth and deciding contest had to be played. It was over this fifth game that the trouble arose. Both teams agreed that the game should be played on neutral grounds so the McIntyre park was chosen. The clincher was a nip-and-tuck battle all the way till Kirkland finally got a man in scoring position around about the sixth inning. A single to right field brought the runner scampering homeward with a close play resulting at home plate. The runner, the catcher and the ball all met. The runner came out second best in the collision with catcher Carl Shultz and was knocked out, a foot from home plate. While Shultz ran to retrieve the ball the Kirkland mascot very thoughtfully placed the hand of the unconscious runner on home plate. This automatically put the runner out as the rules say that no one is to interfere with a runner in any way. The umpire immediately called the runner out while Kirkland protested vigorously. A few innings later South Porcupine scored the lone run of the game to win by a 1-0 margin and take the series 3 games to 2.

The Kirkland team protested the win to the League and the game was thrown out of the records and ordered replayed on the grounds that the Kirkland run should have been counted. This meeting was held without a representative from the South Porcupine team just as the one deciding the local play-offs was minus a Kirkland Laker. South Porcupine naturally refused to replay a game already won and the season ended in stalemate.

So although Kirkland Greyhounds have a perfectly legitimate beef over the present play-off picture, they are only receiving a little of the same medicine they had handed out a few years ago.

While a lot of local athletes are preparing to leave for Fall Training and the coming hockey season, one boy has returned to the camp after a very successful season in professional baseball. I speak of George York, a local Junior product, who has just trafranchised a brilliant year with the Eau Claire Bears of the Northern League. York, who was scouted last year by Billy Meyer and signed to a Boston Braves contract, posted a 16 and 6 record with the class "C" Bears this season. The lanky right-hander started the year as a relief hurler but his ability was soon recognized and he became a regular starter. The best example of George's brilliance is shown by the following lines from the Aug. 23 edition of the Sporting News, a weekly paper giving the highlights of every baseball league in the States: "Hurling his sixth straight win and eleventh of the season, George York of Eau Claire in the Northern League was deprived of a no-hit game in the seventh inning, when Jack Wilson of Grand Forks singled after errors had put runners on the bases. However, he won easily 21-2 as the Bears knocked Art Dyck from the mound.

Well Porcupine Combines are the new champions of the Temiskaming Baseball League and they certainly deserved their win. It would be very hard to pick an outstanding star of the final game or of the series, as every player on the Combines' roster played heads-up ball all the way. Rolly Bussiere deserves a big chunk of credit for a brilliantly pitched game which only three days rest. Babando banged out two triples and a single to-night



Just before the battle mother, could be the title of this picture. Taken just before the game these husky Hollinger men show that rugged determination, that noble sporting spirit, that... excuse the bouquets men. In the front row its Joe Schwab, Roger LeMire and Jerry Larmer. In the back row its Frank Chase, "Red" Schledewitz and Alec Nastasiuk.

Bussiere and Babando Shine For Combines Final Game

Backed by the brilliant hurling of Rolly Bussiere and the clouting of Pete Babando, Combines last night won the fifth and deciding game, with a 8-2 win over the Macmen. Bussiere pitched steady ball, allowing only six hits and striking out three, while his mates pounded the offerings of McShane, Baker, Mesich and Vail for a total of twelve hits, including three triples and two doubles. Pete Babando, the stocky catcher led the attack with two tremendous triples, both accounting for runs.

The game was not as one-sided as the score might indicate but one big inning by the Combines bats told the tale. With the score tied 2-2 going into the eighth, the back-road gang exploded to the tune of six runs, and that was all for the Macmen.

Scoring opened in the second inning as Babando tripled with two out and scored on Richardson's bobble of Monteleone's ground ball. Monteleone then stole second and a walk to Bussiere put runners on first and second. Cattarello then lined what looked like a sure hit through short only to have Richardson make a spectacular pick-up and nip Bussiere at second, to end the threat.

McIntyre fought back and garnered a run in the third frame. Cooke singled to start the rally and went to second on McShane's ground ball. McShane was out on the play but then ruled safe by Umpire Bob Young as Young said that the catcher Pete Babando had interfered on McShane's swing. Richardson promptly singled through the box, loading the bases. A walk to Arnott then forced in a run. The fire was extinguished as Bussiere got Beland on a ground ball and Baker on a fly ball to Cattarello. Combines got a life in the third as Johnston and Romauldi singled only to have Costello go out swinging.

In the fifth, the lead-off man Johnstone, blasted a double to the fence and scored on a blazing single over second by Romauldi. That was all for McShane and Baker were brought in and made Tennant fly out and then he struck out Costello for the third out. The Macmen knotted the game in the eighth as an error to Costello put Arnott on first and Beland's single through short put runners on first and second. Baker grounded to Romauldi, and the attempted double play got Beland at second but Baker was safe at first, and Webber, running for Arnott, stopped at third. Webber crossed the plate on Thayer's grounder to Tennant as the first-sacker threw low to Babando at home. That was the end of the McIntyre scoring but that run looked like everything till the fatal error when the back-rodgers ran wild scored 6 runs to put the game on ice.

Triples by Babando and Romauldi, a double by Tennant, singles by Dud Everett Les Costello and Butts Johnstone and walks to Cattarello and Monteleone were responsible for the six-run eighth, which saw Baker and Mesich chased in favour of the ven-

to lead the Combines at the plate. hits and played very well around the hot corner. Every Combine deserves a star for his part in a thrilling series. On the other hand it was a tough way for the Macmen; to bow out, as they made it a great series from the very first pitch.

Ruark Discusses A Shocking Story

I have been ransacking the papers for a small scrap of cheer, and find gloom; I find Russians. There are villains, large and small, and always politics.

The spies, I suppose, you can assimilate, together with the heat. The High Cost of Living must be endured as inevitably as the humidity. But, Gad, sir, how is a man to bear up under the fact that the Count Kurt Haugwitz von Reventlow turned up in Newport, R.I., scandalously clad in a white mess, or monkey jacket.

It is not enough that they ask us to under the awful imminence of atomic cover, cringing like a gun-shy puppy war, with the crisis in Berlin as a cocked trigger of destruction for all. It is not enough that George Bernard Shaw has been denounced by the vegetarians as a phony, since carrot-munching agents caught him sneaking liver injections in dark corners.

Atop all this we learn that the Count a former spouse to Barbara Hutton, adds his title to world unrest by brav- ing dinner at Mrs. Robert Goelet's wearing a short white jacket. Somehow, it makes the marital squabble between Artie Shaw and Kathleen (Amber) Winsor seem almost unimportant, as world news goes.

I must quote a society columnist, Miss Nancy Rudolph, for the horror that came upon Newport, the summer shrine of the nation's elite. She allows that Reventlow "just dealt this resort, through one of its most elegant hostesses, Mrs. Robert Goelet, a blow it may never, never forget. At Mrs. Goelet's dinner for 40 at Camp Soleil, with male guests in black tie and the servants in dark livery von Reventlow stunned the gathering by turning up in a white monkey jacket.

"On such an occasion, formal as an appointment to the guillotine, von Reventlow's choice of apparel—swell forsciences are bewitched. Naoleon.

a trombone player—was as dreadful a gaffe as though he had arrived draped in a barrel.

"A few guests were sipping their martinis, daiquiris and tomato juice cocktails... when in came Reventlow As the others arrived, murmurs could be heard... Where does the Count think he is, at a beach club? That's almost being a nature boy, isn't it rather?... He's an American citizen now, isn't he?... So why does he get himself up like a cadet at some European University?"

"Among shocked members of society present were the Lord and Lady Fermoy—recently arrived from England and staying with Fermoy's sister, Mrs. Guy Fairfax Cary."

The enormity of Reventlow's crime stuns the imagination. One can only shudder for the delicate sensibilities of the Goelet clan... especially when you remember that one branch of the family was embroiled in just about the year's smelliest divorce action, smeared lavishly in the tabs for days. And I seem to recall that another Goelet party, over the past New Year's holidays, wound up in a free-for-all with people hollering and whacking each other in the kisser.

It seems to me that the only suitable punishment for Reventlow is immediate execution without trial, after the Soviet fashion. He has grievously bruised an aristocracy which gets roaring drunk at the opera, and puts its aged feet on the boozing table. He has shocked the sartorial tastes of a society which produced John Alden Talbot, a young blood who not only wears loafers with his dinner clothes, but allows himself to be photographed drinking champagne out of a shoe. I see but one honorable way for the Count to atone for hissin—unless, of course, you consider going on the wagon as an alternative.

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