

ports Slants - continued

he last-place Phillies were only seven games back of the front-running Cardinals.

It's only logic to predict that the club which can put together the best consecutive game winning streak this month will represent the NL east in the World Series semi-finals.

Funny thing, though, nobody's been hot in that league, especially in this final month of the schedule. The Expos could be described as one of the hotter teams. They put together a five-game winning streak a week or two ago. Last Tuesday they opened a series against the first-place Cards with a 4-1 victory, which might go a long way in deciding whether they'll overtake the Missouri baseballers.

It's been a season of ups and downs for the Expos. In early August they were tops and were right up there near the top. They were hitting when they got a well-pitched game, winning games with rallies in the late innings and Montreal had more than a suspicion of pennant fever. Even the players were thinking that way.

Then the team got hit by injuries to key players. First it was Tim Foli, then Ron Hunt, followed by John Boccabella and then centre-fielder Jim Lytle. Then everything went in reverse. If they got a well-pitched game they didn't hit and they began losing game in the late innings.

It was a disheartening slump, but lucky for them the other teams, like the Cards or the Pirates weren't doing much better.

Hunt came back last week, which solved a big problem. He played a couple games then hurt himself against the Mets and it now appears the veteran infielder is out for the season.

General manager Jim Fanning and manager Gene Auch have made all the moves they can make, and, no matter what happens for hereon in, they will have to go with the players they have now until the end of the season.

No matter what happens, that National League east division race will be a thriller right down to the very last game. The six teams in the division may have among the worst records in the majors, but they're certainly making their league exciting as compared to the three others ...

SPORTS SHORTS: Detroit sportswriters are having mad these days about the manner in which the World Hockey Association is 'gouging' the Detroit fans who want to see Gordie Howe and his two sons play hockey. I can't really blame them, either. Howe's new team, the Houston Aeros, will play a couple of exhibition games at Detroit's Cobo Hall October 8 and 9 against Minnesota Fighting Saints and Los An-

geles Sharks. The WHA is charging \$8.50 top price for tickets to see either of those continued page I2



TODAY'S CHILD

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Timmy, 10, urgently needs the feeling of belonging that can only be found by being part of a family. And he needs the self confidence a mother and father can give by helping him realize that to them he is very special.

Timmy is a pleasant, polite youngster, eager to give and receive affection. Most things in life haven't worked out well for him but despite this he is generally happy.

Tall and thin, he has hazel eyes, dark hair and fair pale skin. His health is good but he needs strong glasses for near-sightedness and wears a hearing aid to circumvent an ear problem.

Academically, Timmy is behind the average in development. He attends a special school and will continue to do so. He enjoys school and is responsive to praise and encouragement. He is quite self-sufficient in day-to-day routines, looking after himself and his clothes well.

Timmy loves the outdoors and likes to go for long explorations on his bicycle. He enjoys music and dancing.

Sensitive, likeable Timmy really blossoms in an appreciative atmosphere. He doesn't like to be bossed but is amenable and cooperative when he feels accepted. He has a good sense of humor.

Timmy needs warm, relaxed parents who will give him much encouragement without pressure. It will be best if there are no other children in the household.

To inquire about adopting Timmy, please write to Today's Child, Box 888, Station K, Toronto M4P 2H2. For general adoption information, please contact your local Children's Aid Society.



YOUTH CENTRE SUPERVISOR

The Terrace Bay Recreation Committee will accept names of those interested in this position up to and including September 27th. Rate of pay is \$2.00 per hour. One or two



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