

Sports Slants - continued .....

It would have been an amazing feat if the Expos had taken the title. However, it wasn't meant to be ... not this year, anyway.

You have to hand it to the Mets, though. The way they surged to the title in the last month of the schedule is almost as fantastic a feat as 1969, when the 'Amazin' Mets', as they came to be known, won the World Series over Baltimore.

On July 8 of this year, the Mets were in last place and appeared destined for that spot. They were 12 games behind the leading Chicago Cubs. As late as Aug. 30 they were still in last place, but by then had climbed to within 6½ games of the leaders. The Leaders, then, were St. Louis Cardinals.

The Mets, actually, had played so poorly all year that the rumor mill had it that this would be Yogi Berra's last year as their manager. He, according to the experts, was going to get fired at the end of the season, if not sooner. Detroit Tigers of the American League also had it rumored that Yogi would get the boot from the Mets and would come to Detroit to manage the Tigers.

Mets put on their big surge toward the title starting Aug. 26. That's when shortstop Bud Harrelson came back to the team, after being out most of the season with an injury.

From that point on, the Mets won 24 of 34 and, as you all know, qualified for the playoff by beating the Cubs in the first game of their final doubleheader of the season -- a day after the season was originally schedule to wind up.

Since this column is written even before the start of the playoffs, which got under way last weekend, it's a little difficult to comment on the Mets' successes (or downfalls) in further play. Most feel the Mets haven't got a chance, first against the Cincinnati Reds, and second, should they get by the Reds, against either Oakland Athletics or Baltimore Orioles.

I go along with that. I've already picked the Orioles to win it all. But Maury Wills, in interviews with guys like Sparky Anderson, manager of the Reds, during that rain delayed Montreal-Pittsburgh game on NBC a couple of weeks ago, said the team that scared him most was New York.

That was when five teams were still in the running for the east division playoff berth.

I'm off on a week's vacation as of Oct. 6, (to be married) and will therefore miss next week's column (for obvious reasons). Back in two weeks, I hope !!!

L.A. PLAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Evening Group of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Community Church met on Monday, October 1st, with Mrs. M. Lundberg presiding.

Mrs. G. Soughton read the minutes in the absence of Mrs. E. Mannisto, Secretary. Mrs. E. Buckely gave the treasurers report.

Mrs. Lundberg stated that Mr. and Mrs. R. Gander had volunteered to bind the edges of the rug in the Nursery, if the Auxiliary would purchase the necessary tape. This was approved.

A motion was passed to donate \$50.00 to Mrs. M. McKague, to enable her to purchase new music for her Junior Choirs. Mrs. McKague was also reimbursed for material used to make red turtle neck sweaters for the boys in the choir.

Mrs. Lundberg reminded the members that a new Memorial Fund had been set up with the permission of the Board of Stewards. Cards are available from Mrs. Lundberg.

A donation of \$200.00 was made to the Board of Stewards to assist with current expenses.

Mrs. M. van Eeden, in charge of the Nearly New Table, stated she had articles of clothing, continued page 6 .....

**PUBLIC MEETING**

Come out to meet and hear  
Dr. Andrew Booth, President,  
Lakehead University

on

Wednesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m.

in the

**SCHREIBER CAMPUS**

of the

**LAKE SUPERIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Dr. Booth will be accompanied by Dr. James Angus, Dean of Education, and both are prepared to discuss the programs of Lakehead University and its role in the Northwestern Ontario education structure.

Please plan to attend.

All residents of Rosspoint, Schreiber and Terrace Bay are welcome.