

Maritime Junior Baseball Finals To Be Decided At Marysville Today

Maroons Red Sox Split Double Feature Bill on Saturday

Locals Nose Visitors 8-7, but Latter Take Last Half 6-4; Errors Costly to the Red Sox

Nova Scotia's junior champions Springhill Red Sox, and Marysville Maroons, junior winners for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, split a double-header at Marysville Saturday afternoon to force the Maritime junior baseball playoff to an extra game for a clear title.

A five-run rally in the last three innings of the first game gave Marysville an 8 to 7 victory over the invading Nova Scotians, who came back to even the series in the second half of the matinee, winning 6 to 4.

Friday's cold rain forced the schedule over to today. The play was to get underway on Friday when a single game was scheduled for the afternoon and two games for yesterday, if necessary. Today's game gets underway at 2:30 p.m. to decide the championship.

Although they enjoyed a 7-3 lead at the end of the sixth inning, ten errors counted heavily against the fielding of the Red Sox. Marysville capitalized to score one run in the seventh, three more in the eighth and the winning marker in the ninth.

Curt Moore, Maroon's standby on the mound, was tapped for 14 hits but was supported by the fielding which allowed only two errors. Moore was outpitched by his rival moundsman, Boss, who allowed but five hits and struck out seven against 10 by his adversary, who was wild and passed six. Hamilton of the Maroons was combed for 11 hits in the nightcap.

The combined efforts of Cormier and Boss allowed 11 Marysville safeties. Boss relieved Cormier in the third when he began to weaken.

Springhill started the second game with the determination to stay in the running and they drove home three runs for an early lead. The Sox went ahead again in the fifth with one run and were never headed.

Moore and Boss are expected to provide the features for today's afternoon game to decide the title. Both have different styles. Moore demanding on a hard high ball while Boss has speed and sharp bending curves.

First Game

Score by innings:
Springhill 202 102 000—7
Maroons 201 000 131—8
Batteries—Red Sox: Boss and Crawford. Maroons: Moore and Elliot.

Second Game

Score by innings:
Springhill 300 011 001—6
Marysville 000 300 100—4
Batteries—Red Sox: F. Cormier, Boss and Crawford. Maroons: Hamilton and Elliot.

Power of Yankees Problem For Giants

VINCE DIMAGGIO MAKING GRADE WITH BOSTON

All things considered, this has been a fairly satisfactory year for Vince Di Maggio. Vince looked a lot of people, including Owner Bob Quinn, who had given up on him before the season was a month old. His hitting improved and there never was anything wrong with his fielding. He helped the Bees far more than was expected.

The eldest of the playing Di Maggios, who celebrated his twenty-fifth birthday four days ago, is the third best run producer on the Bees, standing behind Gene Moore and Tony Cuccinello.

Relationship Handicap

Dutch Ruether, who was Vince's manager with San Diego last year, said at the time the Bees acquired Di Maggio that the boy wasn't as bad a batter as his .293 Coast league batting average indicated.

"Vince potentially is a great batter," Ruether said. "Not as great as his brother Joe, but good enough to stay in the majors for a long time. The fact that he is the brother of a star has been a handicap rather than an aid to his playing. If he stopped brooding about slumps and had the disposition of his brother he would be a mighty valuable man to have around."

Di Maggio cost the Bees two players, Outfielder Rupert Thompson and Pitcher Jim Chaplin. In the Spring, when Manager Bill McKechnie attempted to convert him into a third baseman, Vince looked so futile at the plate and at third base, too, that Bob Quinn regretted ever having made the deal—in fact, made an effort to cancel it and send Di Maggio back to San Diego. The coast team, though, would not hear of it.

Back in Boston, after a disappointing northward trek, Vince started the season in his natural center field position and he picked up in his hitting. McKechnie said Vince wasn't a major leaguer yet, in those early weeks of the campaign, but added he was as good as the others on the roster.

So Vince stuck to center field and he showed so much ability in the pastures that a catch he made some weeks ago was called one of the best ever seen in the Bees' park. The young, well built Di Maggio is making the grade.

GEHRIG, DIMAGGIO AND DICKEY LEAD YANKS

One word aptly describes the attacking strength of the New York Yankees.

It's—Power—plain, unadulterated power!

Even that doesn't do them complete justice.

There's something awesome about the way the world champions ruthlessly have battered American League pitching into abject submission—all sorts of pitching, too, the good as well as the bad.

A year ago when they were indulging in their mad orgy of record breaking, we thought the limit had been reached. That was when the N. Y. fusiliers were leveling almost every known mark for batting and scoring. Over the course of the season they either broke or tied some 30 odd records. They treated major league marks with no more respect than those of their own circuit, the American League. Then, they carried on into the series with the Giants, breaking or tying 27 more.

Lazzeri Fades—But

Tony Lazzeri, alone, set three new major league marks, tied another, established an A. L. record and topped off one of the finest seasons of his long career by three record performances in the World Series. He hit two home runs with the bases loaded in a single game; six home runs in three consecutive games and seven home runs in four consecutive games, the most deadly concentration of long range gunnery in baseball's history. In addition, he also homered with the bases loaded in the series.

Yet, with Lazzeri but a shadow of his 1936 self, aging and brittle, the Yankees have been just as invincible as a year ago.

A year ago they sent into the series five sluggers who had driven in 100 or more runs—Gehrig 152, Di Maggio 125, Lazzeri 109, Dickey 107, and Selkirk 107.

This season injuries have diminished Lazzeri's and Selkirk's performances—but only in the same degree as their ability to play was limited.

Gehrig, Di Maggio and Dickey, however, have proved more destructive than ever before. Already they have driven in approximately 450 runs. Perhaps, never in the history of the game has there been a trio their equal.

Pressed By Di Maggio

The Iron Horse, extending his durability record past 1960 consecutive games, already has driven in more runs than he did a year ago. Yet he is hard pressed to keep ahead of the youthful Di Maggio. Dickey bids fair to outdo his 1936 record—and 1936 was the best season of his career and the first in which he drove in more than 100 runs—by at least 40 since his thundering bat already has accounted, officially, for 133 runs.

With Der Mag succeeding Gehrig as the pace setter, the Yankees have hit 167 home runs; and for a time threatened to wipe out the all-time record they established a year ago—182.

With the complete records still to be completed, the Yankees have more than 450 extra base hits, as against 580 in 1936; for a base total of more than 2200.

Surprising though it seems, the Giants, retaining almost the exact personnel which was deluged by the Yankees a year ago, have from some unknown source derived power in almost the same degree as the Yankees have gained added pitching strength. Perhaps it was experience.

Whatever the reason, in the past month during which they have made their sensational pennant spurt, the N. L. champions, at the start of the season, purely a defensively smart club, exploiting magnificent pitching, have actually outbitten their rivals, who were coasting through the defense of their world's title.

They have four .300 hitters, Mel Ott, Joe Moore, Red Riddle and Dick Bartell. Yet none, with the exception of Ott, who officially has driven in 93 runs, ever approaches the potentialities of the Yankees' mighty trio.

The Terrymen have made 760 runs—yet have been outscored by the Yankees by 200 runs. They have made only 100 hits fewer than their rivals. But in extra bases, in doubles, triples, and home runs, in total bases, the superiority of the American Leaguers is more marked. The Giants have made only 235 doubles, the Yankees 264; the Giants 40 triples, the Yankees 69; the Giants 105 home runs, the Yankees 167, for still increasingly divergent base-totals, Yankees 2194; Giants 1903.

League Leaders Conclude Current Season With Wins

Yanks Take Red Sox 6-1; Giants Over Brooklyn in 4-1 Win; Other Games Over Week-end

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Joe Di Maggio's 46th homer of the season, his third of the year with bases loaded, paced the champion Yankees to a 6-1 victory over Boston Red Sox in the season finale today.

The win was the Yankees' 102nd of the year and equalled their victory performance of 1936.

The Athletics and Washington Senators split a doubleheader in Philadelphia.

Frank Hayes' home run with two on base in the sixth inning provided the margin for a 5-4 Philadelphia victory in the first game and Washington grabbed the second 4-3 in five innings.

One-Hitter By Wade

Jake Wade let Cleveland Indians have only one hit while Detroit Tigers took a 1-0 victory from pitcher Johnny Allen. The Tigers' score came in the first inning when Pete Fox smashed a double and came in on Hank Greenberg's single.

Chicago's White Sox took a double victory from St. Louis. Manager Jimmy Dykes' team won the opener, 2-0, in 11 innings behind the pitching of Thornton Lee, and easily captured the final 7-2.

Yankees walloped Boston Red Sox 11-3 Saturday. The American League champions smashed out four home runs in their 16-hit bombardment while "Red" Ruffing became the league's second 20-game pitching winner of the year.

Grimes Ousted Again

The National League pennant-winning New York Giants closed the season today as they opened it last April—with a victory over Brooklyn.

In losing 4-1, Brooklyn sent 23 men into action, equalling the major league record set by Cleveland Indians in 1921, and breaking the 22-player National League mark the Cincinnati Reds posted a few weeks ago.

Lou Fette, Boston Bees' 30-year-old rookie, shut out the Phillies 6-0 for his 20th win of the season. Today's was Fette's fifth shutout, and he allowed only seven hits.

Pirates Win Pair

Tagging rookie Norbert Kleinke for two runs in the sixth and three more in the seventh, the Cubs defeated St. Louis Cardinals, 6-4, in Chicago, despite a ninth inning rally that was featured by Johnny Mize's 25th homer with a mate on base.

Pittsburgh took a doubleheader from Cincinnati, 4-2 and 4-0.

MAC FINDS HOT CORNER ALWAYS HARD TO FILL

This story is told to illustrate the hardships managers often encountered in satisfying themselves at positions they played in their active days. Bill McKechnie is one of the best leaders in baseball. It is acknowledged everywhere that he gets the most of mediocre material.

But Bill, who was a third baseman in his day, never could find one who played the bag up to his own prescribed standards.

McKechnie's third base troubles began in 1927, when he succeeded Rogers Hornsby as manager of the Cardinals. In 1926 the Cards had roared through to their first pennant and world championship, with Lester Bell having his best year at third base.

McKechnie saw faults in Bell's fielding. He didn't play close enough to the bag on some days; on others he played too deeply. Bell eventually lost his confidence and drifted to Boston at the season's close.

In 1926 McKechnie's third basemen were Andy High and Watty Holm, the latter a reformed outfielder. Holm played third the first five weeks of the season. High bounced back the next month.

The Cards won the flag that year, with the rest of the infield composed of Maranville, Frisch, and Bottomley. But third base always was a problem.

McKechnie was sent to Rochester at the start of the 1929 campaign, but midway through the season he was back managing the Cardinals.

McKechnie left the Cardinals to sign with the Boston Braves in 1930. Third base again proved a problem.

Lester Bell held the job most of that year, but in the succeeding years McKechnie shook his head in disgust as Red Rollings, Buster Chatham, Whitey Dessen, Dick Gyselman, Bucky Walters, Randy Moore, Pinky Whitney, Mike Haslin, Joe Coscarart, Bill Urbanski, and several others made futile attempts to win his confidence.

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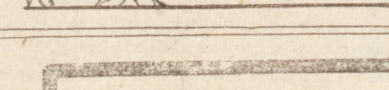
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