

## Boston Celtics Win Second From Royals

BOSTON (UPI) — If the Cincinnati Royals are the team to end the Boston Celtics championship domination, they'll need an unprecedented comeback and a miraculous cure to do it.

The Royals, billed all season as the team to take the National Basketball Association crown away from the aging Celtics, now are two games behind Boston in their best-of-seven playoff series. And no pro basketball team has ever overcome that big a hurdle in a seven game playoff.

Furthermore, the Royals are getting virtually no help from their rookie-of-the-year, ailing Jerry Lucas. His back injury has hobbled the Royals which becomes the host team Sunday night when the Eastern Division finalists resume hostilities at Cincinnati.

The aging St. Louis Hawks will try to match Boston's two-game bulge tonight when they go for a second victory over the Warriors in San Francisco in the Western Division showdown series.

Even Cincinnati Coach Jack McMahon reluctantly admitted Thursday night that his team was in a whale of a hole after dropping an 11-point, 101-90 decision to the six-time champion Celtics at Boston Garden.

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Slick's Drive-in	18	18	23
Supermat 24	17	19	23
Krick - Tyndall	20	16	22
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By Bob Gay



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## Hodges Hopeful Washington To Escape Cellar

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the 17th of 20 dispatches on the 1964 prospects of the major league baseball teams.)

By LEO H. PETERSEN  
UPI Sports Editor

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. (UPI) — Manager Gil Hodges, too nice a guy to finish last, vows the Washington Senators will not finish in the American League cellar in 1964.

He isn't finding many baseball experts agreeing with him. They again see the Senators as a rag-tag outfit destined to finish 10th for the third year in a row.

Hodges is the first to admit that the outlook is not at all rosy, but he insists there is hope.

He claims the Senators have helped themselves "100 percent" over last year, although their two main additions are first baseman Bill Skowron and relief pitcher Marshall Bridges.

"They are used to winning," Hodges points out, "and they should help our players to get rid of their defeatist complex. And they also will help us defensively."

### Lack Pitching, Power

They should help, all right, but it still looks like the Senators will be short changed again in the pitching and power departments. They have problems everywhere although Hodges contends he is not concerned about his outfield.

It will feature Chuck Hinton, Don Lock and Jim King as regulars with Ken Hunt and rookie Fred Valentine in reserve.

Lock is the big hope in that setup although Hinton probably is the best all-round player in the group. Lock hit 27 home runs and batted in 82 runs in 1963 although his batting average was only .252. But he struck out 151 times.

Hinton hit 269 with 15 HR's and 55 RBI's while King's average was .231 with 24 HR's and 62 RBI's. Hunt had a dismal 1963 season with the Los Angeles Angels because of a shoulder injury, but if he shakes that off he is capable of hitting the long ball. Valentine batted .309 at Rochester last year, hitting eight homers and knocking in 34 runs.

### Skowron Will Help

Hodges thinks Skowron will help a lot although he also fell off sharply in 1963 when he hit only .203 with the Los Angeles Dodgers. But he came alive in the World Series to help defeat his old teammates, the New York Yankees, and Hodges hopes Skowron will get back to his old form now that he is back in the American League.

Only one other infield post is set — Ed Brinkman at shortstop, a fine glove man who batted only .228 last season. But the Senators label him a real comer.

The veteran Don Blasingame and Chuck Cottier, a fine fielder and weak hitter, are the leading second base candidates and with Don Zimmer hurt, John Kennedy, who spent most of 1963 in the minors, has the third base job. Zimmer is out with a broken hand but could take over when his injury mends.

The Senators feel that rookie Mike Brumley, who hit .292 at Spokane last season, could solve their catching problem. Behind him are holdovers Don Leppert and Ken Retzer, who have not been imposing either as receivers or hitters. Leppert

## Church Bowlers To Meet Monday Night

The Adams county church bowling league will meet Monday evening at the Emick lanes at 7:30 a.m. All team captains of existing teams and any one interested in entering a team for next year should be present. Officers will be elected for the coming year. Plans will be discussed concerning the closing of this year and activities concerning the presenting of trophies. Ralph Smith president of the league, will preside.

## Hockey Results

**National League**  
Toronto 5, Montreal 3 (Best of seven series tied, 2-2).  
Chicago 3, Detroit 2 (overtime) (Best of seven series tied, 2-2).

batted 236 last season and Retzer .242.

### Pitching Poses Problem

Pitching poses a lot of problems, but that is the one department which Hodges thinks could lead the Senators out of the wilderness. It depends largely on whether Tom Cheney and Dave Stenhouse are healthy.

After winning his first four games last year, Cheney hurt his back and saw little action after mid-July, winding up with an 8-9 record. Stenhouse, troubled by bone chips which have been removed, was 3-9 after winning 11 games the year before.

If they are okay, they give Hodges two right-handed starters. A third right-handed starter will be Bennie Daniels (5-10).

Left-hander Claude Osteen could well be the ace of the starting staff. He was 9-14 last year.

## New Golf Association To Meet Here April 21

By Dick Reidenbach  
A kick-off banquet to organize the new Decatur Golf Association will be held Tuesday, April 21, at 6 p.m., at Villa Lanes, according to Don Elder, temporary chairman of the organizing committee.

Tickets for the smorgasbord will be \$2 and may be obtained at the Decatur Golf course, in the newly constructed pro-shop, or may be purchased from any member of the organizing committee before Saturday, April 18. Members of the committee are: Don Elder, Norm Steury, Dick Wertberger, Kenny Gaunt and Dick Reidenbach.

**City Tourney Film**  
Highlights of the banquet for the newly-formed Decatur Golf Association will be films of the 1963 city golf tournament held last year at the local golf course. Films of the 1963 Buick open have also been obtained for this initial meeting of the organization.

### City Captains Called

Luke Majorki, local PGA pro and owner of the Decatur Golf course, has requested that all City golf league captains attend a special meeting in the pro-shop Tuesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. Majorki annually meets with the captains before the season begins to explain new PGA rules and organize the teams.

**Association Governs Play**  
The Decatur Golf Association will govern all golfing activities sanctioned by the association, including six tournaments and the city golf league.

The six sanctioned tournaments include the following: handicap tournament, individual; best ball, team event; ABC, (team event with point system; Steury

fall handicap, (individual); club championship, (individual); and the newly discussed Adams county tournament (individual).

Anyone competing in the above six tournaments, or City golf league play, will be required to join the Decatur Golf Association.

Restrictions for the Decatur Golf Association follow: Someone who belongs (or has an opportunity to belong) to another golf club or golf association will not be eligible unless they are also a member of the Decatur Golf club.

Admissions of new members will be decided by the membership board.

To join one must be 18 years of age or a high school graduate.

The fee is \$1.50 and is payable before July 1, 1964.

All members will be guests of the association at a banquet in the fall to climax the golf season. Trophies and awards will be the highlight of the fall banquet.

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## Giants' Pact Signed By Roosevelt Brown

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## Golf World Series Will Be Televised

NEW YORK (UPI) — The National Broadcasting Company (NBC) will televise the World Series of Golf, Sept. 12-18, at Akron, Ohio. Winners of the Masters, PGA and British Open will be eligible for the \$50,000 prize.

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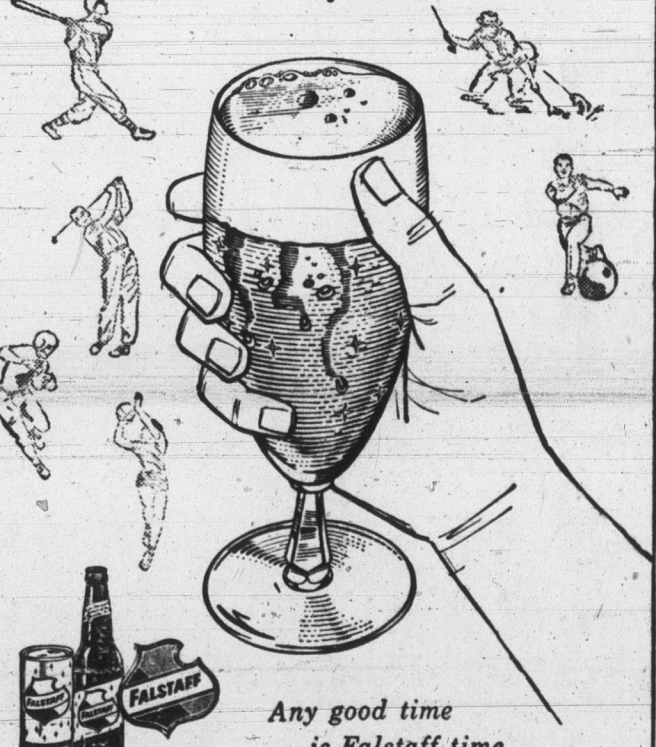
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