

# No. 2 A. N. S. Winners Over S'side Team

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### Baseball Owners Look Ahead With Confidence

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—Twice as many big league ball players in the U.S. have been inducted into the army and navy since the end of the 1944 season as have been discharged but club owners look ahead with confidence to another campaign and a "rosy" post-war future.

The trickle of returning servicemen has yielded Van Mungo of the Giants, Mickey Livingston and Harry Lowrey of the Cubs and Les Mueller and Al Benton of the Tigers.

Dick Wakefield, who almost single-handedly slugged the Tigers to the American League flag, heads the outgoing list that includes Thurman Tucker of the White Sox, Hap Epps of the Athletics, Fred Schmidt of the Cards, Al Zarilla, Paul Dean and Bill Schulz of the Browns; Jim Tabor and Roy Partee of the Red Sox, and Bob Mallory of the Reds among the better known.

Although increased drafting of the 25-37 age group and reviews of well-known servicemen before discharge are expected to tighten the manpower situation, the leagues have made provision for taking care of the army of national defense list players when and if they come back.

The American League has 239 men in the service and the National 231 but the minors with 3,406 on their defense lists present the big problem. Just for example, the latest list shows Toledo of the American Association with 144 on

the list; Hartford, Conn., of the Eastern League with 115, and Lynchburg, Va., of the Class B, Piedmont League with 87.

Action at the major and minor meetings in New York and Buffalo cleared up the situation somewhat. The big leagues have boosted their player limits to 48 and their active lists during the playing season to 30, both increased on a ratio of one returning servicemen to each five originally allowed. The minors have voted to add one defense man for each third regular on the player limit and one to each five on the active list.

While the attention is focused on the new three-man commission to rule the game until a successor to the late K.M. Landis is selected and complete revision of the laws by which the sport is governed, baseball quietly has been keeping an eye on the future.

### Remember When

By The Canadian Press

Winnipeg's Billy Marcum was removed as a contender for the lightweight boxing crown five years ago tonight when he was knocked out in New York's Madison Square Garden by Lew Jenkins who later knocked out Low Ambers to win the crown.

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### Bobby Dew's 3rd Period Counter Decides Close, Bristling, Encounter

Bobby Dew's goal, late in the third period on a pass from Pete Kelly last night broke up a brilliantly fought City league encounter and sent No. 2 A.N.S. squad into a commanding lead in the City Hockey league as the local team came through with a 3-2 victory over Flying Officer Cotie's strong Summerside team in a game that had over 900 fans into a continual state of excitement, bordering on hysterics, as the two evenly matched squads battled it out tooth and nail from the opening whistle to the final one.

There wasn't a let up once the two squads swung into action. Wide open and rugged all the way the Charlotte town team went into a 2-0 lead before seven minutes of the first period had elapsed; before the period ended Summerside had cut the winner's margin in half and then came on in a rough action-filled second session to knot the count on a drive from the blueline with only a minute and 14 seconds of the period remaining.

The big crowd were all keyed up as the two squads skated out for the final session and for fourteen minutes and 30 seconds the 3-2 stalemate remained unbroken. Then suddenly Kelly got the puck just over his team's blueline. Swerving to the left boards and around the defence he passed across to Dew and the latter after being turned around finally poked the disc into the corda as the Summerside goalie made a desperate lunge to block the twisting, swerving vulcanite. It was the payoff. Summerside sent four and five men attacks raging up the ice for the remainder of the game but the Charlotte town team continually kept shooting the puck into the centre zone to break up the attacks. Once, it appeared as if the visitors had the tving goal clinched, but Walker came through with a beautiful save to keep his team in front.

### Evenly Matched

There was little if anything to choose between the two evenly matched hockey outfits. Summerside, better balanced than the locals, found themselves up against second and checked tenaciously every

minute they were on the ice and in addition added one of the goals while the Kelly, Dew, Laberge line, carrying the offensive for No. 2 A.N.S., punched through for two of the goals and were a continual threat every time they made their appearance on the ice, and that was very true. Both goalies turned in stand-out performances. Time after time they came through with spectacular saves, and although Walker in the winners' cage was beaten on one occasion, he more than redeemed himself before the game ended.

The two first-string lines faced each other as the teams went into action. Both goalies were tested during the opening minute but turned the drives aside. The winners were carrying the offensive to their opponents and when McClellan went off for a knee check they sent five men racing up into Summerside territory. For over a minute and a half the losers repeated the onslaught but Kelly, finally snaring the puck in the centre zone, beat the opposing defence through with an open corner with a bullet-like drive to give his mates a 1-0 lead.

Still pressing and seeking to increase their lead, the Charlotte town squad made it 2-0 at the 6:40 mark. The score came just after a change of players. Getting control of the rubber in the middle zone, Pfaff skated over the Summerside line before passing to Ashley and the latter, following his way to the right hand side of the net, let go with a drive that beat Nixon cleanly.

Summerside began to exert more and more pressure after the second score and took the play away from the Charlotte town team, out poor shooting in three instances, plus the close checking and smart net minding of Walker held them at bay for the remainder of the first period.

The game became even more rousing in the second period. Players were being carried away sprawling over the ice as the squads hammered away at each other with neither giving up a chance to score. Ericco drew the first penalty of the period to leave the winners with a 2-0 lead. Charlotte town stayed their effort until the end of the second period when they were followed seconds later by Dew, to leave the sides at taking forwards to gain the attention to the way this club is coming along. Dit Clapper is handling them well. They practice least any team in the league, but they have the benefit of two exceptional ice generals in Clapper and Cowley.



Living up to all expectations last night's tussle between the two Force squads from Charlottetown and Summerside respectively, gave fans a little bit of everything that goes to make the national game such a drawing card among sports followers.

Wide open, fast, rugged and played at a blinding speed all the way, the two teams battled through three periods with little or nothing to choose between them. That Charlottetown finally emerged the winners was due to the fact that they were the better marksmen when in close, but outside of that it was even-tempered all the way.

It has been a long while since a game as good as last night's has been played in the Forum. The 900 fans that were in attendance will testify to that. Better balanced all around, the Summerside team were slight favorites to take the encounter, but the close checking of the locals paid dividends all night, and with the dynamic trio of Laberge, Kelly and Dew finally punching their way through the winning marker after they had seen the visitors overcome their early two-goal lead.

Just which is the better team is still hard to say. Summerside is still short of ice workouts and when they finally swing into top shape they are bound to be better, but one thing is certain, that future meetings between these two rivals—and there is plenty of rivalry between the two Air Force stations—will be eagerly looked forward to by the fans that witnessed last night's initial meeting between the pair. And those fans will be probably added to in large numbers.

Hockey fans across Canada are not without satisfaction these days the continued grip of Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs on the top position in the National League. It's quite a while since they've both been up there at once for any length of time.

There's been a lot of private grumbling by Dominion citizens in the past few days that pro hockey franchises in Canada were either breaking up or moving south, and also because the NHL was in the process of traveling in the same direction. Rightfully considering the Dominion's birthplace and hockey ground of the game, the patriots were consoled by the thought that Canadians comprised almost the entire personnel of both teams and were charitable enough not to blame the boys for going where the crowd and the money were. But they wanted more of the laurels. The nation's hockey appetite was partially gratified in the past two seasons with the ending of the year United States reign by taking Stanley Cup honors in 1942-43 and Canadians making it a two-year reign last season. Satisfaction should be achieved if the two clubs are cup finalists next spring.

Incidentally, the Red Wings are the only club that looks capable of disturbing the league's status quo in the remainder of the season. Jack Adams' team has a sound defence combined with the circuit's best defensive strength, and if the goal-tending problem is solved they should be good for second place at least.

Recent upsurge of Boston Bruins, particularly against Toronto, has been disturbing to the way this club is coming along. Dit Clapper is handling them well. They practice least any team in the league, but they have the benefit of two exceptional ice generals in Clapper and Cowley.

Any manager with a pair like that to draw to can sit back and be reasonably certain that what his team might lack in some capacity it will make up in tactics.

It has been the contention for some time that Dick Irvin has the hardest coaching task in the game. He has some clashing temperaments, he has the racial angle to contend with, he has a number of fine mechanical players, but some who are none too well endowed with quick minds.

Canadians have some players who depress too easily, others who become too elated over victory. Besides we now have a public stiff-necked on victory who become clamorous and indignant at setbacks, particularly those inflicted by Maple Leafs.

You can readily understand that attitude considering that Rap Day makes such statements that Bedard would have to be another Moroz to look on in Toronto. Being the anti-party of the Toronto public to the Quebec brand of hockey player. So Richard Irvin of Canadians has no bed of roses at any time.

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2-Ch'town, Ashley (Ericco, Pfaff) 6:40  
3-Side, MacPherson (Winn) 6:42  
Penalty: MacPherson 2nd Period  
4-Side, LeCompte 18:46  
Penalties: Ericco, Cussion, Dew, LeCompte.  
SUMMARY  
1st Period  
1-Ch'town, Kelly 2:44

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### Weakened Leafs Hold Canucks To 2-All Tie

MONTREAL, Dec. 14 (CP)—Toronto Maple Leafs three men under strength, held Montreal Canadiens to a 2-2 tie here tonight before a crowd of about 12,000 national hockey league fans.

The injury-ridden Leafs checked vigorously all night, to keep the league-leaders from mounting most of the game, and when the outer defenseman Frank McCool, gave a sensational performance in the net to give the Leafs a split in the points.

The result left Canadiens still out in front of the league, with a three-point margin over Toronto, who pulled a point ahead of Detroit Red Wings.

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- First Period  
1-Toronto, Hill (Carr. Metz) 8:33  
2-Montreal, Richard (Blake, Bourchard) 12:58  
Penalties: Kennedy, Eddolls, Gaultie.
- Second Period  
3-Montreal, Lach (Blake, Bourchard) 11:25  
4-Toronto, Davidson (Kennedy, McLean) 14:44  
Penalties: Davidson, Richard.
- Third Period  
Scoring: None  
Penalties: Davidson, Bourchard.

### Paterson Suffers First Knockout

GLASGOW, Dec. 14 (CP)—Jackie Paterson, Britain's fly-weight champion, suffered the first knockout of his career tonight as Ben Duffy, a sailor, flattened him in the seventh round of a non-title fight. Paterson weighed 124 lbs. Duffy 127.

Last October Danny Webb, negro fighter from Montreal, forced Paterson to retire in the third round of a scheduled eight-rounder in London. It also was a non-title match.

### Greco Favored Over Ruffin

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (CP)—Johnny Greco, Montreal welter-weight, ruled a 5-10-8 favorite tonight to repeat over Bobby Ruffin, formerly of the United States Army, when the two meet at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night in a return bout.

Greco gained a 10-round decision over Ruffin at the Garden in November, twice flooring his opponent. He hopes to repeat tomorrow night and has been training hard in preparation for the fight. He wound up training yesterday by knocking out a sparring partner.

Ruffin, who attempted to ring it out with Greco in their previous meeting, may be an elusive target tomorrow night. His training has concentrated on boxing workouts—80 rounds in the ring.

### Race Track Litigation Is New Phase

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 14 (AP)—The 10-year-old litigation for possession of the \$3,000,000 As Ju Caliente racetrack entered a new phase today with spokesmen from two groups of heirs claiming it.

Yesterday, Mexican Government officials seized the track and Augustus Silver was given material possession as receiver for the Augustus family heir.

Today, S. P. Barriah, Los Angeles real estate broker, told the San Diego Tribune-Sun that he represented 95.6 per cent of the rightful heirs, and that the group which took over the track represented only 4.4 per cent.

The Tribune-Sun reported Barriah intended to file suit in Baja California, Mex., asking possession for the "majority group."

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