

Little Doubt As To Who Will Win Stanley Cup

DETROIT, April 12 — (AP) — Toronto's high-powered Maple Leafs today were approaching the climax of a cakewalk to the Stanley Cup — hockey's most valued trophy.

After watching the Leafs smash to three straight victories over Detroit Red Wings in their best-of-seven final elimination for the big bowl, the experts were left with little doubt who will win the 1948 world series of the National Hockey League. The last lingering question was "when?"

The clubs had a much-needed rest today pending renewal of the title set here Wednesday night.

And unless the Leafs suffer a sharp reversal of form that has carried them into the driver's seat as a prohibitive favorite, the championship might easily be settled right there, in the minimum of four games.

Certainly the Leafs, gunning for their third Stanley Cup crown in four seasons, showed no signs of a let-up last night as they skated to a 2-0 shutout triumph that carried the series to a sudden show-down stage.

In the opinion of the Red Wings, girding for a last ditch struggle to carry the series at least as far as a fifth game next Saturday in Toronto, the Leafs played their finest hockey of the final round taking game No. 3. Unquestionably it was the best performance so far by Toronto's ever-present goalie, Walter (Turk) Broda, who stopped 26 Detroit shots in hanging up his first shutout of the playoffs.

Detroit, beaten by a margin of two goals in all three playoff starts against the Maple Leafs, remained hopeful in the face of a near-hopeless assignment.

Barrie Wins Second Game In Junior Series

By WALLY IZSAK

TORONTO, Apr. 12—(CP)—Barrie Flyers took a strangle hold on the Eastern Canada junior hockey championship here tonight by defeating Montreal Nationale 8-3 in the best-of-five final series. Barrie won the first game 4-2 at Montreal Saturday.

The two clubs now return to Montreal where they play the third and possibly deciding match Thursday.

Barrie again proved their worth as a comeback team as they roared back from a 3-2 first period deficit to rap in three goals in the second and then three more in the final frame without a reply from the Nationale.

Barrie moved into the lead within less than a minute of play in the first period. Montreal came back five minutes later to score three straight goals before Flyers could notch one. After that initial frame the game was all Barrie's and only the question of how many markers they would win by remained.

Five-man Jerry Reid and wing-center Walt Mousseau paced the winners by firing three goals apiece. Shifty Paul Moger and Rusty Alkin scored one goal each.

.22 Rifle News

Regular weekly shoot will take place tonight at the Armouries at 7 P. M. Prizes will be awarded to winners of the sniper, sharpshooter and marksman classes.

Last regular scores are:

P. J. Hooper	98
Wm. Welsh	95
Eric Coles	94
Keith Robinson	94
R. Jenkins	92
Derald McKenzie	92
B. B. Jones	92
J. E. McRae	91
W. Westro	91
D. Watts	91
A. Murphy	91
W. Higgins	88
K. Landrigan	88
S. Crawford	88
W. McDonald	88
H. Prowse	88
J. E. Taylor	83
A. Ridd	83
W. W. Brown	80
H. McKenzie	80
H. McDonald	80
D. Barwise	80
H. Smith	80
C. McInnis	80
N. Watts	80
H. B. Douglas	80
J. McKinnon	80
Sol. Tweel	80

Truman To Open American League

WASHINGTON, April 12—(AP)—Southpaw Harry S. Truman will open the American League season here Monday with a right-handed pitch.

Clark Griffith, owner of Washington Senators, brought this intelligence to reporters today after presenting the President with a pass to all American League games.

He said "the President promised to be on hand for Monday's opening game with New York Yankees."

"He told me he was going to pitch right-handed this year," Griffith added.

Truman usually throws left-handed, but, as presidential pitchers go, is pretty good with either hand. He fooled photographers last year with a toss from the right.

Playoff Dates

BERKLAND, Ont., April 12—(CP)—G. S. Dudley, secretary-manager of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association announced today play-off dates in the Eastern Canada senior finals between Hamilton Tigers of the Ontario Hockey Association and Ottawa Senators of the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association.

The first game of the series will be played at Ottawa this evening, the second game at Toronto, April 14 and the third game at Montreal, April 16; the fourth game, if necessary, at Toronto April 20; and the fifth game, if necessary, at Ottawa April 22.

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Grand Circuit Racing Results

ARCADIA, Calif., April 12 — (AP) — Lana Direct made the longest of players happy today in the fourth race at Santa Anita's harness meeting by paying \$35.70 in winning a mile in 2:06 by a length and a pace.

Results:

First — \$1000 Trot, 24 class 3 year olds and up, 6 furlongs. Georgia Tass (J. Rodman) Black Patchen (R. Reeves) Miss Pointer Guy (P. Ceideburg) Time 1:36 1/5.

Also raced — Vitamin D, Billy Burns, Santa Clara Guy.

Second — \$1000 Pace, 25 class 4 year olds and up, one mile. Copper Abbe (J. McClain) Galbraith (L. Toole) Dewey McKay (D. Moore) Time 2:06 3/5.

Also raced — Betty Napoleon, Pin Up Girl.

Third — \$1000 Trot, 19 class 3 year olds and up, 1 mile. Perk Maxey (P. Ceideburg). Frank Watts Mackinney (J. Brown). Miss Berk Axworthy (R. Reeves) Time 2:09 1/5.

Also raced — P. T. N. Take, Miss Beretta Axworthy, Private Pat, Miss Modesto.

Fourth — \$1000 pace, 19 class 3 year olds and up, one mile. Lana Direct (D. Cameron). Poplar P.D.R. (J. Mahoney) Flaxey Pointer (D. Maher) Time 2:06.

Also raced — Vela's Pride, La Vitesse, Highway Pointer, Patricia Tass.

Fifth — \$1000 Pace, 18 class 3 year olds and up, one mile. Mr. Lacey (R. Shank). Key Ring (G. Crippen) Black Tronia (R. Estes) Time 2:04 2-5.

Also raced — Winsock, Cooperage, Flaxey Hal, Abbe Gay, Santa Perk Axworthy.

Sixth — One mile trot, 15 class, three year olds and upward, purse \$1,000; to winner \$500. Second \$250, third \$150, fourth \$100. Pastor Hanover (J. Cruise) Waseca (E. Leonard) Pronto Don (H. Parrshall) Time 2:06.

Also raced — Spengay, Vitee, Lee, Guy Paula, Gale Patch.

Seventh — 1-1/16 miles pace, 16 class, four year old and up, purse \$2,500. Rudagar (H. Fitzpatrick). Rhea Hanover (F. Funderburk).

Dolbeau Castors Meet Georgetown, Ont.

OTTAWA, April 12 — (CP)—Hamilton Tigers, Ontario's senior hockey champions, tonight defeated Ottawa Senators, champions of Quebec, 5-4 in a fighting, see-saw contest to take the first game of their best-of-five Allan Cup semi-final series.

Clare Shillington and Tommy Melle sparked for the visitors, each with two goals and one assist, as Tigers fought an uphill battle, lying the score in the middle frame, taking an early lead in the third and staving off a desperate last-minute Senators rally.

Ab Conick was the other Hamilton scorer, while Ottawa's goals were scored by Connie Tudin, who collected two and one assist, and George Greene and Lude Check, who collected one each.

CHICOUTIMI, Que., April 12—(CP)—Dolbeau Castors advanced to the Eastern Canada intermediate hockey finals tonight by trouncing Bathurst Papermakers 11-4 for their third straight victory over the Maritime champions in the best-of-five Eastern semi-final series.

The Quebec champions won the first two games 9-6 and 9-4 and now will meet Georgetown, Ont., in the Eastern final. This series will either be played in Toronto or in Chicoutimi. Dates will be decided later.

Ted Williams Hopes To Play

(By The Associated Press)

BOSTON, Apr. 12—Ted Williams said his bulky appendix has subsided and the slugging Boston Red Sox outfielder is anxious to get out to the ball park today for a few practice swings.

Dr. Charles McCarthy, Red Sox physician, said he was confident Williams would be in the lineup for the season's opener. The Red Sox-Braves city series opens Friday. Williams says he'll play—once given the okay by the club physician.

Billiards

Last night at the Charlottetown Alleys in the final game of the Elimination Billiard Tournament Earl Stanley won the championship by defeating Allison Tulle by a final score of 1000-985. Both boys played very good billiards, and the spectators were treated to a very good exhibition.

Eddie Siskiyon (W. Reynolds). Time 2:10 3-5.

Also raced — Mitz Direct, Esner Dale.

Eighth — One mile trot, 15 class, 3 year olds and up, purse \$1,000. Brittain (A. Cameron) Crestlawn Aden (J. Cruise) Collette Hanover (E. Pownal) Time 2:03 3-5.

Also raced — Preston Hanover, Betsy B., Argo Mite, June Vonlan.

Durocher Not Pleased With Dodgers Pitching

BALTIMORE, April 12 — (AP) —Leo Durocher amazed the folk in Baltimore today by some uncomplimentary remarks about his team's pitching, but all the same he forecast that Brooklyn Dodgers would be just as hard to catch as last year.

The Lip and his Dodgers are in town to wind up an exhibition series with the Orioles of the International League.

He told interviewers that the Bums have "the worst pitching staff of the loop" — all this in spite of the fact they have won all but one of their 29 exhibition games. The Dodgers lost 6-0 to Montreal Royals in Dominica on April 3.

Durocher didn't go into details about the shortcomings of his mound staff, but it caused his hearers (and probably the rest of the National League teams, too) to wonder just what would satisfy him.

Durocher figured that St. Louis and Boston will be the main stumbling blocks for the National League champions this year.

He said he never predicted where

he would finish but the "Cards with all that pitching are the team to beat, and the Braves will be right up there, too."

Leo let it be known he had a fair idea of how Brooklyn will line up when it takes the field in next week's opening game, but intends to let the fans "use their imagination" for a little while longer.

Porth Arthur Defeats Lethbridge 7-4

PORT ARTHUR, April 12—(CP)—Porth Arthur West End Bruins came roaring back tonight to defeat Lethbridge Native Sons 7-4 in the third game of the Western Canada Junior Hockey finals after having dropped the first two matches.

Rudy Migay and Barton Bradley paced the winners with two goals apiece, Migay assisting on another two. Dave Creighton, Benny Witt and Al Gaults each scored once.

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Abbeys will be tackling a fast, strong outfit in the senior Mounties. Season after season the Sackville University turns out strong hoop squads that have poise, speed and balance and if the local wearers of the red and black can come up with a creditable showing against them they will prove to be a nice trip to Sackville in the City League is far in advance of what it is generally being credited with.

Meanwhile fans are still waiting for the second tilt of the City League playoffs between Ray's Millionaires and Navy. Originally set for next Wednesday night, it was learned yesterday that owing to injuries to a couple of players the date had been set ahead. Just what date was not made known, but if Abbeys' trip to Sackville should not materialize it will likely be played on Saturday night next. Ray's won the first encounter and are slight favorites to wind up the best of three series in straight games.

What may be the final act in this season's National Hockey League play takes place in Detroit tomorrow night when the Red Wings face the rampaging Toronto Maple Leafs in the fourth game of the Stanley Cup finals. The Toronto team need but one more victory to make a clean sweep of the series and it is likely that a large majority of their following think they will turn the trick.

The Detroit team may make a desperate bid and haul this one out of the fire but it is inconceivable they will come on and cop the series. Leafs have had a big margin in games played against the Wings over the season and judging by the manner in which they have been travelling in hockey's classic they should wind it up in not more than five games.

Frank Boucher, coach of Canada's Olympic hockey champions, sees a great improvement coming in European hockey teams within the next few years, but advancement will be retarded in those centres which overlook Canadian coaches.

Boucher came to that conclusion after guiding the Flyers through that long European tour and the Olympic Games. Looking back recently after the triumphant Flyers had returned for a fine welcome to the Capital Boucher, just as modest and self effacing as a coach of the Olympic champions as he was as a player, suggested that it wouldn't necessarily have to be

BOXING

At The Sporting Club

THURSDAY APRIL 15th.

TIME 8:45

MAIN BOUT 10 ROUNDS

KID POULTON (Lightweight Champ)	Vs.	LLOYD CARR (Dartmouth, N. S.)
BIG BOY PETERSON (Island Heavy Champ)	Vs.	OWEN MULLINS (St. Peter's Bay)
TIGER STEELE (Featherweight Champ)	Vs.	JACKIE BRADLEY (Peake's Station)
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