

Red Wings And Bruins Win Openers



IN THIS CORNER

Many familiar faces will be missing along the Big League baseball front as the two leagues swing into action next month. War has taken a great many of the well-known stars and budding stars. Every squad has suffered but still the excitement of training this far from the balmier breezes of the Southland are making every effort to make America's national pastime meet as successful as they have been in the past.

And one of the best known figures, a star in his own right for years, will be absent from the picture. Jimmy Fox, for years renowned for his home run belting, has been pretty definite about his retirement. He did not wait for them to cut off his uniform but gave up his number and did not want to go through the sameiasco as his 1942 season with the Chicago Cubs.

Speaking of Fox, Donz Vaughan has in part, the following timely comment: "Perhaps you will remember the fans to remember him as one of the mighty maulers of the American League. His health has not been any good either."

Throughout his years with the Red Sox he was the victim of sinus trouble, which showed up in his hand. He found it was increasingly difficult to keep his weight down.

Fox was a right-handed hitter and never complained that the big league parks were designed by left-handed architects. No fences was so far away for old Double X. He nearly caught death with his 58 home-runs one banner year.

Oddly enough, Fox never did much of his hitting in New York. He has often said that one of the worst days he ever had in baseball was when he pitched and struck him out five times in the course of a doubleheader.

The Red Sox did everything they could to prolong his baseball life. In the late afternoons at Fenway Park the setting sun, before it disappeared back of the grandstand, used to shine directly in Fox's eyes. So the Boston management created a miniature screen on the roof to protect his vision, already impaired by sinus trouble.

Jimmy was ever willing employ. He went where he was told. He would gladly do a chore behind the plate or at third base. Just recently Jimmy Wilson, manager of the Cubs, said that if Fox played this year he would ask him to don his dusty old catcher's mitt and play regularly back of the plate.

Although Fox never particularly liked catching he just wouldn't snub about it despite the fact that he knew he was cutting years off his baseball life to keep at it.

Personally, I don't blame Fox for quitting baseball. There is nothing worse than watching a great player disintegrate before your eyes. And Fox was a great player—one of the greatest of all hitters.

In his last couple of seasons with the Red Sox the change in him was very noticeable. When his sinus condition was bad he looked very ordinary at the plate and seemed uncertain of himself in the field. Baseball was no longer any fun for him and he knew he was slipping.

Bruins Overcome Canucks Three-Goal Lead To Take 5-4 Overtime Victory

BOSTON, March 21—(CP)—A sudden-death goal by Don Gallinger enabled Boston Bruins to open their National Hockey League play-off series against Montreal Canadiens with a hard-earned 5-4 victory tonight before a crowd of 11,977 at Boston Garden.

The Bruins spotted their rivals a three-goal lead then pulled up to even the count at 4-4 in regulation time and force the game into sudden-death overtime.

Gallinger, who also racked up the first Boston tally, ended the game after 12 1-2 minutes of overtime play by capturing Bep Guidolin's rebound and sending the Montreal net. The 16-year-old center, after making his swing, then fought his way to the edge of the crease and back-handed the puck into the far corner of Paul Bibeault's cage.

Canadians, who pulled into the 3-0 lead in less than 22 minutes, missed a wide-open opportunity during the first minute of overtime when Captain Dit Clapper was sent off for tripping winger Joe Bennett.

After Toe Blake scored late in the first period, Buddy O'Connor gave Montreal a second tally while Guidolin was finishing a hold-over penalty 42 seconds after the second period opened. Blake then notched his second goal of the game before Gallinger put the Bruins into the running with a spectacular solo scoring effort.

A Bennett penalty provided the Bruins with a second scoring opportunity, which was capitalized by

Royal Jim, Tex Worthy Scotty McKane Win Titles

Royal Jim, George Hughes' great little pacer had the greatest number of points for the season among pacers performing in the Victoria Driving Club's meet during the past season, officials announced yesterday, amassing 126 in the ten starts he made. Close in second place was Well McNeill's Lach Hal with 124 amassed in thirteen starts. Marjorie Hal wound up in third place with 114.

Among the trotters Tex Worthy Earl Cole's fast improving trotter led the field with 68, taking the word eight times; Darkey Kalmuck was second with 63, out of six starts with Happy K third, getting 56 for third place.

In the competition for the trophy for horses with no racing experience over clay, Milton Bell's Scotty McKane was far ahead of the field, like Moreside, driving him in every start to chalk up 110 points in his nine times out.

Following is the complete list with points.

PACERS	
Royal Jim	126
Lady Hal	124
Marjorie Hal	114
Scotty McKane	110
Princess Kalmuck	108
Dr. Bunting	99
Wait N' See	99
Holly Worthy	87
Jean Stratton	83
De Volo	79
Karava the Great	79
Marjorie Budlong	71
Peter Gratton	68
Nell Cochran	68
The Bullet	53
Virginia Kalmuck	50
Lita	48
Margaret Frisco	47
Nita Volo	42
Margaret L	34
Larry Bell	34
Hal McKinney	26
Byrne Hal	19
Bill Bishop	15
Frisco Girl	13
Raymond Budlong	12
Bessie Kalmuck	12
Real Money	11
Leland	11
Dale H	9
Jerry T	7
Lady Scott	6
Bobby Hal	5

TROTTERS

Tex Worthy	68
Darkey Kalmuck	63
Happy K	56
Janita Axworthy	51
Virginia Kalmuck	50
De Volo	49
Millie Kalmuck	38
Tina Kalmuck	32
Elmer Bishop	32
Phil Bell	32
Mr. Tilley	32
Lucy Giv	16
Geo. Kalmuck	2

Detroit Team Shoots 3 Third Period Goals To Defeat Maple Leafs 4-2

DETROIT, March 21—(CP)—Detroit Red Wings exploded for three goals in the third period to defeat the Toronto Leafs 4-2, in the opener of their best-of-seven National Hockey League play-off series.

Before 12,773 spectators, the Detroiters matched first period goals with the Leafs and then shot out in front early in the third period on goals 37 seconds apart by Don (Count) Grosso and Eddie Wares. Rookie Les Douglas got another for the Wings before Jackie Hamilton tallied for Toronto.

The Wings, league champions and favorites to get past the Leafs into the Stanley Cup final, spotted Toronto an early goal by Mel Hill, but Carl Lacombe squared the count less than five minutes later. The middle period was scoreless.

Grosso, 31-year-old centre from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., who carried his injured left wrist in a cast most of the season, provided the spark that enabled the Wings to seize an advantage in the series. He stole the puck from Gave Stewart, brilliant Leaf forward, inside the Toronto blue line and hammered home a 20-foot shot that slipped through Walter (Turk) Broda.

Then Grosso broke in on the goalie again. Broda saved this time, but Wares snapped the rebound into an open cage. That was the game, even though younger members of the rival casts flashed the red light thereafter.

The victory actually smashed a Toronto play-off winning streak carried over from last season when the Leafs captured the last four games to defeat the Wings, 4-3, for the Stanley Cup. The two clubs meet here again Tuesday before moving to Toronto where the next two will be played.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—Toronto, Hill (J. Hamilton, Davidson) 13:19

2—Detroit, Lacombe (Bruneteau, Carveth) 17:24

Penalties—Jones (2).

Second Period

Scoring—None.

Penalty—Simon.

Third Period

3—Detroit, Grosso 6:06

4—Detroit, Wares (Grosso) 6:45

5—Detroit, Douglas (Carveth) 11:00

6—Toronto, J. Hamilton (Davidson) 13:55

Penalties—None.

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Warmerdam Better Own World Record

CHICAGO, March 21—(AP)—The bar quivered as 14,000 fans held their breath as it in fear of blowing it off.

But the bar struck Saturday night and Cornelius Warmerdam hopped out of the sawdust pit, reaching in to a smile as big as the thunder that battered a world record in the poll vault by soaring over a height officially announced at 15 feet 8 1-2 inches.

The bar was then raised to 16 1-4 and Warmerdam, competing for the first time as an ensign—stationed at Camp Hill, N.C.—reared down the Chicago relay's 140-foot runway three times trying to get over. Each time he barely brushed off the bar, and gave up.

The flying Dutchman's indoor leap of 15 feet 1 1-4 inches and outdoor mark of 15 7 3-4 inches were accepted last year as world records.

Victoria Driving Club Closes Season With Five Class Card On Saturday

The Victoria Driving Club's final ice race meeting of the season was staged on the speedway at Victoria Park on Saturday afternoon with five classes being held and despite the fact that three of them were won in straight heats nevertheless a big crowd of fans again saw fast racing.

Free-for-all: Lady Hal furnished an upset as Well McNeill's pacer getting better in every start beat the favorite Royal Jim after being nosed out in the first heat. During the first quarter the pacer raced like a team right to the wire with the Covehead pacer being inches in front in 31 1-4 seconds, the fastest time of the race. But in the next two Len O'Meara piloted the Hal more home in front by good margins to take the race.

Class A Pace: Scotty McKane checked up another win in his victory column as he was 1 1/2 in his race with Princess Kalmuck. Driver like Moreside had good margins in each heat although it was the last time a few yards that the winners could be determined as both drivers had their mounts to all-out drives.

Class B Pace: Wait N' See was another straight heat winner over Jean Stratton in the two heats raced but only after being forced to race the first heat in 31 seconds to head off the Stratton mare's challenge and then having to go in 31 3-4 seconds the second time to win his race.

Class C Pace: Driver like Moreside notched up his second victory of the afternoon in the Class C Pace to add to his lengthy list of wins this season when he took Joe Volo under the wire ahead of Margaret L. in the three heats of this race.

Class Trot: This race furnished the best competition of the afternoon as Tex Worthy looking better every start came through the first two heats to take the race and then losing to Peter Reeper in the third heat. Frank McKay was up behind Tex Worthy and the big trotter getting away on high had a hair

Winnipeg Defeats Port Arthur 8-2

WINNIPEG, March 21—(CP)—Winnipeg A.C.F. Bombers, Manitoba champions, took advantage of the breaks and skated to an 8-2 victory over Port Arthur Bearcats, Thunder Bay titlists, here Saturday night to even their best-of-five Allan Cup playoff series at two games each.

Fifth game will be played here tomorrow night.

Winnipeg 8
Port Arthur 2

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Sydney Wins Mar. Juvenile Hockey Crown

TRURO, N.S., March 21—(CP)—Sydney shipyard won the Maritime Juvenile Hockey title here Saturday by downing Saint John High School 7-5 in a sudden-death game. It was Saint John's first defeat of the season.

Saint John had notched up 16 straight victories in sweeping to the N.B.-P.E.I. Juvenile title and the N.B. Interscholastic Championship, but met their match in the fighting Cape Breton squad.

It was Sydney's second game in two days. On Friday they eliminated Antigonish North High School in the same rink to take the Nova Scotia title. Saint John knocked out Charlottetown to gain their berth in the final.

Junior Campbell of Shipyard was high scorer of the game with three goals and an assist. Followed by team-mate Porky McDougall with two tallies and an assist. S. McDougall and Dume McIntyre scored the other Sydney markers.

Saint John tallies were scored by Jimmy Fox and McCumber, with two each, and a singleton by Long. Fox assisted in two other goals as well.

R.C.A.F. Takes Ottawa Title

OTTAWA, March 21—(CP)—R.C.A.F. captured the Ottawa Senior City Hockey League title Saturday night, defeating Canadians 8-4, to win the best-of-seven series in four straight games.

The victory entitles them to meet the Maritime champions in the Allan Cup play-offs.

BUFFALO TROUNCES BERSHEY

HERSHEY, Pa., March 21—(AP)—Buffalo Bisons defeated the Hershey Bears 5-2 here Saturday night and evened the play-off series between the two top-ranking teams in the American Hockey League at one victory apiece.

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Bedeque Defeats Borden 5-3

Bedeque All-Stars defeated Borden All-Stars in a hectic hockey match at Bedeque rink, Thursday evening, March 18 by a score of 5-3. This gave Bedeque the two game goals to count series in the semi-finals of the Bell league by a score of 10-9. The game was fast from start to finish and was featured by end to end rushes. Borden scored twice in the first period and that session ended with Borden three up on the round.

In the second period Bedeque All Stars went at it hammer and tongs and after ten minutes play they scored three goals in five minutes tying the total score at 8 all at the end of the second period.

The third period started with Bedeque keeping up the pressure which resulted in a score but Borden immediately came back with another tying the score again. Play waged fast and furious for the remainder of the period but neither team were able to score until the final minute before the bell when Bedeque succeeded in getting one past the Borden goalie winning the game and series.

S.D.U. Hoopsters Defeat Navy 23-22

Outscoring their opponents 6-4 in the final quarter of the game the hoop squad from St. Dunstan's University Saturday night defeated a Navy 23-22 in an exhibition basketball encounter played at the Y.M.C.A. gym.

The two evenly matched squads had a close struggle in each and every quarter. At the end of the first quarter Navy led 4-3; the tans increased their margin to two points in the half being out in front 12-10; in the third quarter Saints got back one point to make it 18-17; and then came through in the final 10 minutes of play to top their narrow victory.

Sharkey of Saints led the point-getters with eight, two field goals and two penalty shots giving him his total. Archibald was the spearhead of all the navy attacks, being outstanding throughout the game.

Roman soldiers wore heavy hobnailed sandals during their campaign.

Quakers Win Sask. Junior Hockey Title

SASKATOON, March 21—(CP)—Saskatoon Quakers a fast bunch of 17-year-old youngsters, won the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey Championship here Saturday night when they defeated Regina Commandos 6-3 in the second game of a best-of-three series. Quakers won the first game at Regina 4-2.

Quakers will meet Edmonton Canadians, Alberta-Brilliant Columbia Champions in a best-of-three western semi-final here this week. Dates of the games have not been announced.

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