

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS



Invariably from out of Western Canada come strong hockey teams in both the junior and senior divisions; at times the Western tilts have been conceded little or no chance of defeating power-packed Eastern finalists but just as many times the Westerners have forced the "experts" to do an about face.

This year in both junior and senior playoffs now nearing completion much the same exists with the Winnipeg Junior Rangers and the Victoria Army putting up battles that may yet see both titles go west this year.

Ottawa Commandos with a star-studded array of former N.H.L. stars, led by the two Colvilles and Shibicky, New York Rangers stars, after sweeping aside all opposition in the East seemed to have a fair way of performing the same thing in their series with Victoria as they chalked up victories in the two opening games, but Saturday night they struck a snag as the Victoria team got the tying goal late in the third session to go on and win in overtime.

The westerners looked impressive in their win as they displayed their best form of the series and the experts, not at any time doubting the strength of the Western team, would not be a bit surprised if the series should go the limit with the outcome very doubtful.

Winnipeg's Junior Rangers surprised all and sundry when they swept the first game with the mighty Oshawa Generals; then overcame the western kids in the next two games, a feat which had been looked as if they had shot their bolt. Writers were visualizing a walk-over for the Generals but again the Rangers surprised all and sundry as they struck up the series at two games apiece to stay very much in the running.

And this has always been the case with the western Canada champions. Always a good team comes from out of the prairies; sometimes the Easterners are a trifle better but then the fight and determination of the West comes to the fore.

This can be well vouched for when the case of the Sydney Millionaire is taken into consideration. Back in 1941 Bill Gill's Maritime champions to all intents and purposes had the Allan Cup all sewed up as they won top-sided victories in the opening two games to get within reach of the "mug."

But their opponents the youthful Regina Rangers eked out the third, came through with wins in the next two to square matters and then in the most complete reversal of form of the season the Rangers climaxed their comeback by scoring a title but in so doing struck the Maritime champions.

Some one at a press conference named Branch Rickey when he thought of his ball club. Mr. Rickey has been in print frequently since succeeding Larry Macphail as head of the Brooklyn Dodgers, but mostly had to do with his player transactions and other operational details.

On the eve of the opener, some one had thought to ask him just how good he thought his team was, and the question took him by surprise. He blinched rapidly, then pondered in silence for a minute. Then dramatizing his words he said:

"Gentlemen, at five minutes to eight this morning four men walking through that door. They were Leo Durocher and Fred Fitzsimmons. We sat here an hour and a half trying to answer that question: What do we think of our ball club?"

"Well, we think we have a great team here. I think it is a better club than it was last fall. I think I have made one mistake from a publicity standpoint. That is, I have been too quick to give credits and praise to the St. Louis Cardinals."

"I brought out just one point at the meeting. That is the danger that we might put ourselves to sleep. You know there is nothing worse than what we call an anesthetic ball player; the one who dulls the team into the sense that there is nothing wrong here, and who has to wait until October to find out when something is wrong."

"I appreciate our shortcomings. There is Johnny Cooney, for example, Johnny steps as fast as the ever did and he looks as though he's going as fast. But I imagine it takes him five or six more steps to get to first base. His stride has shortened. Some players, such as Joe DiMaggio, give the impression of not moving fast when they are because of their stride. The Cardinal ball club has that speed."

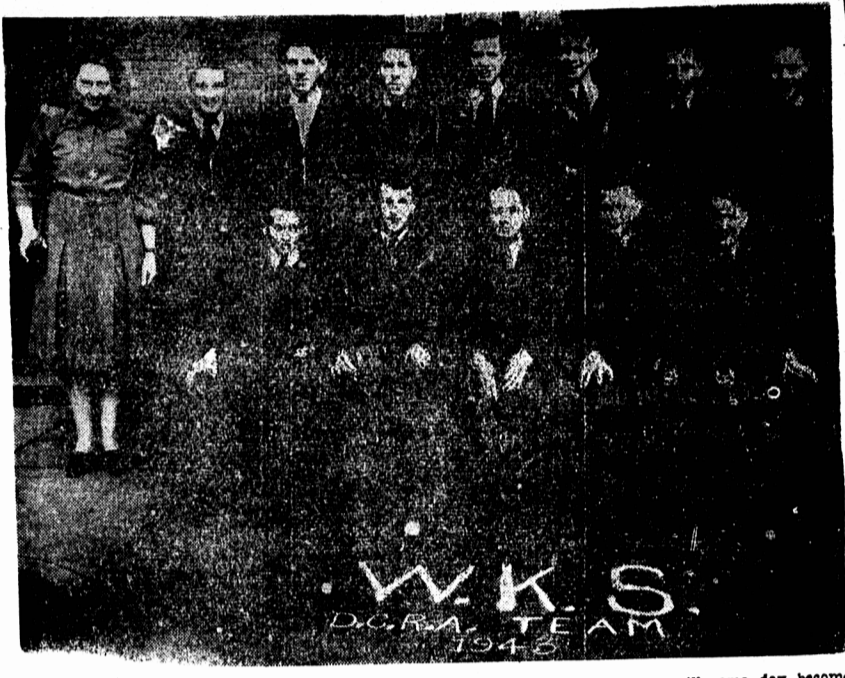
"The second point I'd like to call attention to is—the ball. A team that can hit hard has the advantage with a live ball. A speedy team has the advantage with a slow ball. What is this new ball? The Cardinals would have the advantage if the ball is slow."

"Point three, Cooney, Camilli, Walker, Wanner, Durocher, certainly Medwick, Herman and maybe two or three others, are not men to be urged to gamble with their speed."

"Yes, I think it is a better club than it was last fall. But I think that trying to predict the outcome this year is a scramble in the field of prophecy. Chicago has power and an experienced pitching staff. Cincinnati has pitching and defense."

"If our boys have left the flutter of speed I think they have. I think we have a chance to win the pennant."

West Kent School Rifle Team



Pictured above are the West Kent School Cadets who competed in the D. C. P. A. small-bore rifle competition recently. This competition, which is Dominion wide, consists of three different matches. These boys have done wonderful shooting throughout the winter, and now are eagerly awaiting D. C. P. A. medals from Ottawa for having had averages of well over 90 per cent in the three matches. No doubt these boys who have shown such marked ability in Rifle Shooting, will some day become Canada's leading marksmen.

FRONT ROW—(from left to right)—Bill Thompson, Allison Jewell, George Brown, Bob Jardine, Bill Lenan (coach).
BACK ROW—(from left to right)—Miss Mary Macdonnell, Irving Saunders, Richard Hurst, Gordon Wellner, Bill Jenkins, Grant Compton, Ernest MacKinnon, Blair Dougan.

Winnipeg Rangers Take Lead In Memorial Cup Race; Defeat Oshawa 7-3

TORONTO, April 26—(CP)—The Winnipeg Rangers hurtled to a 7-3 victory over Oshawa Generals here tonight to lead the best-of-seven final series for the O.H.A. Memorial Cup and the Canadian junior hockey championship, three games to two.

The plucky westerners were cheered to the echo by the 12,420 fans as they clinched the game with a three-goal attack in the third period and then added two more in the fourth.

The Rangers took a one-goal lead in the first period with Gardner firing the puck home and then went farther out in front in the second on McDonald's counter before Reigle tallied for Oshawa on a stirring late rush.

Ezinicki tied it up for Oshawa early in the third period into which the two teams packed enough action for any full length hockey game. Just past the half way mark Gardner scored and five minutes later Russell got the first of his pair which came less than a minute apart.

Tison's goal after Beorman was Garner's seventh in a game in the last half minute of play to sew up the game.

Maple Leafs bunched three hits and a pass for all their runs in the third inning. Strincevich didn't issue a pass, command all the way. Rookie Arnold Carter, was touched for eight hits, and walked six, but kept the Leafs at bay except for that third inning A walk to Zak, Letcha's single, Rubeling's triple and Ripple's single accounted for the three tallies.

In Jersey City, the little Giants made it three in a row over Rochester in a loosely played game, winning 10-8. The little Giants and Red Wings each collected 10 hits but Rochester made six errors and some promisingly. The Jerseys also were guilty of two miscues.

Bill Barnes and Tom Koval both hit home runs for Rochester, the latter driving his with two mates aboard in the ninth.

PASTEUR'S THEORY
Pasteur's germ theory of disease, established in the 1870's, led to identification of the causes of many major illnesses.

Remember When
(By The Canadian Press)
In those days of peace in the old land when Soccer was King of Sport—Five years ago today, East Fife trounced Kilmarnock 4-2 at Hampden Park, Glasgow, and became the first second division team ever to win the Scottish Cup. It was the second of two games, score in the first being 1-1.

John L. Lewis Snubs W.L.B. Second Time
WASHINGTON, April 26—(AP)—A second snub of the United States War Labor Board by John L. Lewis and a spreading work stoppage in the mines tonight brought the soft coal wage dispute close to a crisis and a climactic test of the government's wartime labor policies.

C.A.H.A. Re-Elects Slate Of Officers

PORT ARTHUR, April 26—(CP)—Montreal was selected as the venue for the next annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and the officers of the 1942-43 season were re-elected as the two-day annual convention wound up its business tonight.

Frank Sargent, Port Arthur, will continue as president, with Hanson Dowell, Middleton, N.S., as first vice-president, and A. W. Pickard, Regina, as second vice-president. Secretary F. H. Marples, Toronto, and registrar-treasurer W. A. Hewitt, Toronto, were re-appointed.

"Second Openers" In Major Leagues Scheduled Today

NEW YORK, April 26—(AP)—The Major Leagues come up to their "second openers" tomorrow with the clubs which have been on the road since the start of the new baseball season making their bows to their home fans.

The schedule calls for:—National League—Chicago at St. Louis, Boston at New York, Brooklyn at Philadelphia and Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.
American League—Cleveland at Chicago, St. Louis at Detroit, New York at Boston, Philadelphia at Washington.

The delay in starting this year's schedule, due to northern training, and the fact that Good Friday and Easter came on the first week-end of the season, account for the "second openers" being later than ever before.

Willie Pep Wins Decision

PITTSBURGH, April 26—(AP)—Willie Pep, the featherweight champion, tossed his mitts as if he were a concentrated vitamin pill tonight in easily pounding out a decision in 12 rounds over Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson, former N.B.A. champion.

The bout was an overweight affair. Pep coming in at 128 pounds and Wilson at 127.

It was the 66th triumph in 67 pro bouts for the Hartford, Conn., boy, who several times seemed to have Wilson on the verge of a knockout, although there were no knockdowns.

The bout drew a capacity crowd of 10,000 at the Civic Arena.

Aces Gain 22-10 Victory Over Sharks

The Aces gained a 22-10 victory over the Sharks last night in another exhibition softball game played at the Exhibition Grounds. It was the third straight win for the Aces. The score was tied at the end of the fourth inning but the pitching of "Muss" Haughey and the batting of the Aces turned the scales.

Tony Costa In Fistic Upset

PROVIDENCE, R.I., April 26—Tony Costa of Woonsocket, R. I., almost an unknown among the ranks of the featherweights, scored an upset victory over Jackie Callura of Hamilton, Ont., National Boxing Association featherweight champion, in a 10-round non-title boxing bout here tonight. Costa, who weighed 128 1-4, gained an unanimous decision over Callura, who scaled 127 1-2.

C.A.H.A. Increases Grants To Minor Hockey By \$1,500

PORT ARTHUR, April 26—(CP)—An increase of \$1,500 in grants to minor hockey was approved today by delegates attending the annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association here.

The Association allotted \$1,000 each to the Maritimes, Quebec, Ottawa and district, Ontario Hockey Association, Thunder Bay and British Columbia branches, and \$1,500 to each of the Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta branches.

Grants to minor hockey last year totalled \$8,000. The import ruling for both senior and junior clubs—four players to a club—was waived for the duration.

The O.A.H.A. approved rule changes which required no stoppage in play if a player closes his hand on the puck, but not for three seconds and drops it at his feet, but which calls for a whistle if the player throws the puck in any direction.

Syd Fenn Replaces Alex Shibicky Tonight's Game

CALGARY, April 26—(CP)—Ottawa Commandos' most offensive power in the Allan Cup finals against Victoria Army has been broken up with the injured Syd Fenn replacing Alex Shibicky being replaced for the fourth game tomorrow night.

King Haakon Left Holding Football Trophy

LONDON, April 26—(CP)—King Haakon of Norway today was left figuratively holding a football trophy because no one qualified to receive it.

As Britain enjoyed the last day of its Easter holidays the King was scheduled to present the cup to the inter-allied services soccer champions following a game between the British Army and R. A. F. finalists. The game ended in a 2-2 draw, however, and the best the King could do was shake hands with all the players. No overtime was played and no provision was made for an extra game.

A roaring crowd of 21,000 at Stamford Bridge watched the game which brought together some of the best players in the United Kingdom. There was no score at half-time and the army, defending the title, pulled into a draw in final minutes after being down 2-1.

The second largest holding crowd, 17,400, saw Liverpool take the Football League's north championship by trouncing Everton 4-1 in a match which was arranged only today. Play in the league does not end until May 1 but Liverpool is too far ahead to be overhauled.

Manchester City and Aston Villa are Liverpool's closest rivals. Manchester played a 1-1 draw with Huddersfield and the Villans beat Birmingham 1-0.

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