

Army Team Wins Boxing Tournament

Three Services Stage Great Boxing Show In Big Meet At Sporting Club

Winning four of the six fights in which they took part a surprisingly strong Army boxing team from Beach Grove Inn last night captured the big inter-service boxing meet held at the Sporting Club. And with their title also went the beautiful silver trophy donated by the Kinsmen Club.

The largest crowd ever to witness a card in this city, a crowd that jammed the Club to capacity saw boxers from the three services put on a display of fighting that would be well worth going miles to see. Each and every bout on the card was crammed full of mitaling action that ranged from clever boxing to wide-open slugging with the decisions in majority of the cases being very close.

At the end of the show J. P. McIntyre presented the medals donated by the Provincial Government to the winners of the various fights and also presented Wallie Stead, Captain of the Army team with the Kinsmen Team Trophy.

The Fights

The first bout on the card was an exhibition affair between two army boys taking the decision from McPhee. In the first round McLeod pressing all the way had a decided advantage. McPhee was down for counts twice in the middle session but won the round when referee Brent Hooper took the heat away from McLeod for rabbit-punching. McLeod had McPhee on the canvas again in the third and for the entire two minutes had a big edge in the scrapping to take an unanimous decision.

The first inter-service meet was between LAC Moore of the R.A.F. and Pte. Bunnie McCloskey of the Army. Both fast and hard hitters and both good boxers they wasted no preliminaries it was swinging all the way with both being shooed up plenty all through the round. The next two were even faster and more grueling. Both boys gave everything they had and the big crowd was on its feet all the time as the two fighters shook up each other with amazing punches. The decision went to McCloskey but it was very, very close.

Ford of the Navy, a perpetual motion fighter, wasn't quite good enough for Bradshaw of the R.A.F. and the Air Force boy after weathering a hail of leather in the early stages of the scrap came back in the final two cantos to take the decision in another scrap that saw both fighters throw caution to the winds.

Leutenant Gordon DeBlola of the Army got revenge for a previous setback by knocking out outfighter Sullivan of the Navy in a scrap that was a thriller all the way. Both boys, cautious of each other, went through a boxing round with honors even but in the second they stepped out and as a result fans saw a grueling two minutes of fighting. Sullivan stung his opponent early with two hard rights but DeBlola came back left to win the round as he connected with a hard right and lefts to the head and body. It was a survival of the fittest in the even third round. So fast was the pace that both boys were practical out on their feet each tried for a kayo but couldn't connect. Again the decision was of the closest kind.

Russ McIntyre of the Army furnished a big upset when he beat the clever Hind of the R.A.F. in one of the feature bouts of the card. Both heavy hitters and both game as they come the two fought on practically even terms through each and every round, but McIntyre showing unexpected ability started a driving finish to get the nod from the judges.

Robinson of the Navy, a former Golden Glove champion was awarded his title with Gates of the R.A.F. at the end of the first round on a technical knockout when the R.A.F. fighter, after suffering a broken nose, had his eye in the opening seconds could not come out for the second. Gates pleaded with his seconds to continue but his hands were not think of it. The fight while it lasted was a dandy. Gates, smart and fast, was every bit as good as his opponent in the round. The fight lasted and had an scrap continued fans would have witnessed a real thriller.

Simmons of the Army who hails from Gloucester Bay weathered an opening round storm to take the decision from Wiseman of the Navy. Jolted badly by a right uppercut in the first round, Simmons came back to take the next two rounds of bitter fighting and win an unanimous judges' decision.

Wallie Stead of the Army team wasn't good enough for Ward of the R.A.F. and lost a decision to the Air Force boy. The Air Force boy, the smartest boxer, outpointed Stead all the way but the latter showing great gameness under fire was still throwing punches with everything he had at the final bell.

Noonan of the Navy after withstanding a two fluted attack by Lewis of the R.A.F. was awarded the decision in another scrap that had the fans up on their feet all the time. Countering the right and left hand attacks of his opponent with a jarring left jab Noonan weathered every storm of leather thrown at him to be returned the winner.

Gordon McLeod, Navy, outfigther McInnis of the Army in one of the best and hardest bouts of the evening. The two game youngsters, both carrying plenty dynamite in their punch stood toe to toe for the three rounds to slug it out with the decision going to McLeod with two of the judges calling a draw. The other two voting for McLeod. It was a dandy scrap all the way. Both were staggered and jarred continually by smashing right and lefts but with withstanding neither boy hit the deck during the encounter.

Palen of the Navy, 180 lbs of fighting man and Harding of the R.A.F. another fighting man slugged it out in the last fight on the card with the latter getting the decision but once again it was only by the narrowest of margins.

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Joe Gordon Of Yankees Voted Top Ranking Player

By JUDSON BAILEY
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NEW YORK, Nov. 3—(AP)—Joe Gordon, the flashy second baseman of New York Yankees, today was named the most valuable player in the American League as the World Series was not announced until after Sunday. Aces Williams, slugging star of Boston Red Sox, was edged out of the honour for the second straight year.

A committee of 24 members of the Baseball Writers Association, whose balloting was done before the World Series, named Gordon, until now, showed an irreconcilable difference of opinion over the merits of the season's outstanding performers in the Junior circuit. The result was Gordon finished ahead of Williams 270 points to 249 in one of the closest ballots since the scribers took over the selections in 1931.

Every member of the committee ranked both Gordon and Williams somewhere among their top 10 choices, but Gordon rated 19 first-place votes to nine for Williams. The other first-place votes went to shortstop Johnny Pesky, Williams' roommate of the Red Sox, and one for Vernon (Junior) Stephens, the rookie shortstop of St. Louis Browns.

Gordon, a 27-year-old native Californian who now resides in Oregon during the offseason, had the best year of his career in 1942. He led the American league in batting until the middle of July and finished with an unofficial average of .321, approximately 40 points higher than he ever had accomplished in four previous years in the majors. In addition he continued the spectacular fielding that has caused him to be ranked among the greatest second sackers of all times and helped the Yankees come within six of the major league record in wins, which he had helped set the previous year.

In a year when it was acknowledged that the returned Yankees were not up to the calibre of their past greatness, a year when Joe DiMaggio, Bill Dickey and Red Rolfe slipped, Gordon's grand performance unquestionably was a compelling factor in New York picking his sixth American League Pennant in seven years.

The fact that Gordon inexplicably folded in the World Series and became the goat when St. Louis Cardinals captured the classic showed how valuable he figured in the Yankee scheme of things, even though it had no bearing on the vote.

The rebuff for Williams a second straight time was bound to be disappointing to him and to his enthusiastic followers who raised an explosive protest in 1941 when Joe DiMaggio received the award and the Sporting News Trophy that goes with it.

Besides 12 first-place votes, Gordon received eight for second, three for third and one for fifth. Williams tallied nine for first, eight for second, four for third, two for fourth, and one for sixth. Points were counted on the basis of 14 for first, nine for second, eight or

Saints Are Whipped By Antigonish

ANTIGONISH, N.S., Nov. 2—(CP)—A powerful and fast moving Xavierian aggregation took the visiting St. Dunstan's football team into camp here this afternoon by a score of 33-0.

The top-sided score was a fair indication of the game, as the lighter island boys were unable to cope with the weighty and well-balanced home squad. Of the Xaverians, John "Tink" Kye, an Antigonish boy, proved the star of the game, scoring five of the nine tries.

The local team pretty well had command of the situation and only occasionally were the visitors able to get anything like a threatening position. Kye went over first after ten minutes of play but the try was not converted. Two minutes later stoney Andy Hogan, on a pass from Tarp Walsh, made it two for the locals and again the try failed of conversion. With half time apure of the respective strength of two teams have a little more fuel for their arguments.

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Best In League Disappointing In World Series

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NEW YORK, Nov. 3—(AP)—If you were asked to name the two most disappointing performers in the recent World Series you wouldn't have to think twice to designate Joe Gordon and Mort Cooper.

It wasn't just the fact that they didn't measure up to the standard or ordinary journeyman athletes. It was the fact that something extra-special was expected of them, and when your mouth is watering for a taste of angel food cake and someone slips a beaker of cod liver oil down your gullet you're bound to be disappointed.

It is a strange coincidence that these two World Series negatives have been chosen the most valuable players of the year in their respective leagues, and those who maintain that a seven-game or less World Series is no true measure of the respective strength of two teams have a little more fuel for their arguments.

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Hockey Game Is Postponed

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Nov. 3—(CP)—Next Sunday's game between Ottawa Commandos and Quebec Morton Aces of the Quebec Senior Hockey League here has been postponed until the end of the season, it was announced today by (Clay) Bill Reay.

The game had been scheduled for Saturday, but was shifted to Shawinigan Falls, where the Aces have been in training, because ice will not be ready in Quebec until after Sunday. Aces asked that the game be put back a week so that it could be played in Quebec.

The game will be played in Quebec at the end of the schedule. Aces will go to Ottawa Saturday night for a scheduled fixture, and will not return here until the following Wednesday.

Transfer of Kenny McKinnon, who played in the Cape Breton Hockey League last season, as substitute goalie for the Aces, has yet to be completed. Lionel Bouvrette is the regular netminder.

Democrats get

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M. Brown, the democratic incumbent, trailed republican challenger in early returns.

While these early returns indicated a Republican trend, they were far from indicating a Republican sweep of the country because they failed to take into consideration the Democratic hold on the south.

As another indication that the trend was not all to the Republicans, the senatorial race in Massachusetts, slightly ahead of Henry Cabot Lodge, the Republican incumbent on the basis of a heavy Democratic vote in Boston.

Another ding-dong struggle, Governor Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts, Republican trying for re-election, held a slight lead over Roger Lowell Putnam in what has been dubbed the "battle of the blue bloods."

In other sections of New England, the results were almost as unexpected. Vermont, as expected, was going strongly Republican. In Rhode Island, election of Governor J. H. McGeehan was conceded.

Senator T. F. Green, Democrat, was well ahead in New Hampshire and Conn. circuit, however, the Governorship and Senatorial races were definitely in doubt.

In west Virginia, Matthew M. Neely, who left the Senate two

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Her heart was inspired By a man who perspired But the romance quickly ended— When she found he offended!

Bath tonight with LIFEBOUY FROM HEAD TO TOE — IT STOPS B.O.

There is probably but one sports writer on the continent who feels that the fact that President Roosevelt gave baseball the green light and Elliott M. Little, director of selective service for Canada has approved of the National Hockey League carrying on in order to give people the needed entertainment, Mr. Cunningham think otherwise. He writes as follows:

"I can't see much excuse for propping hockey, Canada's top war sport. So are we. There must be room in our mutual effort to save our systems of existence for young men who are stars in that hardest and roughest of all professional games.

"It is probably a heretical sports writer to suggest such a thing, but I have been at some pains to hold my lungeing horses on this particular subject, for some time. I have been thinking out our string as it lay before war crashed in upon us. In a venture vast as a global war, it takes time to get a large percentage of a system built, the wheels started turning.

"But we're rolling along toward the end of the first year of war. The national defence machinery is set at last. The call now is for more men to get in the line. A man who can throw a baseball can throw a grenade. If his feet are flat or his eyes aren't right, he's a liability. He's a loss of one foot, if he's sound and sane enough to draw a salary as an athlete, he's sound and sane enough to be a soldier. A shoyard to weld the armour on a tank or fit the wings to a plane."

All will agree with Mr. Cunningham regarding men being needed for the army and the arsenal, but he evidently overlooks the fact that the Dodger's, the Yankees, the workers like their baseball, hockey and other sports just as much as they did in peace-time. Hockey has done exceptionally well in providing men for various units of the armed forces both in Canada and the United States, the sport having had a larger percentage in proportion of players exist than any other pastime.

Branch Rickey, new president and general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers probably will name Ray Blades as 1943 manager. The first big move in a plan of strategy designed to rebuild his new charges into a streamlined 1943 contender.

It might be just coincidental, but Blades, close friend and pupil of Rickey's, quit his post as coach with the Cincinnati Reds just as the former Cardinals' boss was chosen to succeed Larry MacPhail, former Dodgers' executive, now a lieutenant-colonel in the army. Rickey takes over at Brooklyn officially November 1 under a five-year contract at a reported salary of \$50,000 and a bonus agreement, raising the total to \$80,000.

His first choice as the one-man Brooklyn brain trust will be to attend the major league draft meeting in Chicago Monday, but most pressing task will be the choice of a new manager.

The 1st of candidates for manager of the Dodgers also includes Fred Fitzsimmons, Chuck Dressen, Bud Shotton, Billy Herman and Bill Meyer, but Blades' name heads all the rest.

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