



SPORTING NEWS

Lombardi Wins National League Batting Honors

It appears a certainty that the hockey league is going to be more successful than the organizers ever dreamed of judged by the comments passed yesterday among the fans who sat in on the opening match on Tuesday night.

It is a very rare incident indeed when at least a few "knock-out" are not being picked out of the crowd and are being staged. But that was the case yesterday at least as far as this writer is concerned.

Of course there may have been the odd one but ninety-nine per cent of the fans had words of praise for the opener and are eagerly awaiting tomorrow night's double header bill as the state of affairs is just as it should be.

The teams went out there and battled just as earnestly from whistle to whistle as the Alou Cup were at stake. Sure, there were flaws in their play, championship hockey was not to be expected but the real "knock-out" goodness came from the players put into the game more than made up for any lack of polish and skill that they were minus.

And another thing and very noticeable and enjoyable one at that was that the game got away sharp on time. There was no fooling about that. Officially, the game had everything looked after from the smallest item down and this proves conclusively that the hockey game is earnestly to give the hockey fans one of the best hockey leagues witnessed here in a good many years.

Too many times in the past attendance figures have been cut down by games starting as much as half an hour late. Evidently those who have taken a lesson from that fact and it is to be sincerely hoped that now that they have made such a fine start up.

Announcing of the goal scorers together with the player of the game, was a fine touch and this too was appreciated. It enabled the fans to get a better check on the players and at the same time added a touch of "time" hockey to the encounter.

Yes, that opener was successful from every angle—fans who have been there in larger numbers—and if the same conscientious efforts are put behind the next few games then the balance of the league schedule will look after itself.

Frank Boucher, coach of the New York Rangers, occupying the center spot in the National Hockey league takes a crack at Toronto coaching when, in speaking of the game, he said: "I'm not coaching with Frank Garratt, I'm coaching with Frank Garratt."

"Garratt," says Coach Frank Boucher of the New York Rangers, "is a willing worker and I think he has the stuff star hockey players are made of. But mainly he has no benefit of tuition. There are at least half a dozen things he should know, but apparently doesn't. He has been making a lot of mistakes, but none that experience will not cure."

Garratt's Ranger tutoring was reported to actual by H. L. Conroy until Tuesday afternoon when the club arranged a practice at the Brooklyn Ice Palace. It was the first workout for Rangers in more than two weeks because of lack of practice hours.

Boucher has delegated Defenseman Ott Heller to act as the former Toronto junior's pro hockey chaperon.

Manager Lester Patrick of the Rangers, discussing the tail-end position of the club, points out that 31 of his players are now on the official supplementary service lists of the National Hockey League. These players are either on active service with Canadian or American forces, or are engaged in war industry work.

"Detroit is the strongest fortified of all clubs," Patrick is quoted, "with only eight players on the supplementary lists."

Basketball players especially learned with deep regret yesterday of the death of A. B. Jimmy McLean of the C. N. Y. which occurred recently. Well known among all sport followers but particularly in basketball circles, he was playing a stellar game for the Navy squad, Jimmy's younger brother of the best that was in him and when he answered the call of Country two years ago, this same spirit carried him.

Jimmy has now answered the final whistle but the memory of his quick, warm hands wherever he ran into one will linger on. To the bereaved family, this column extends sincerest sympathy.

Ted Lyons Is Called

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Ted Lyons, for 20 years pitcher for Chicago White Sox, was ordered to active duty today as a first lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps Reserves. He was ordered to report Dec. 19 at New Orleans for physical examination. Lyons, who will be 42 years old Dec. 28, played continuously with the White Sox since joining the club in 1923. Last season he won 14 and lost six, bringing his lifetime record to 259 victories and 202 defeats.

By Judson Bailey
Associated Press Sport Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—Ernie Lombardi of Boston Braves received the official blessing of the National League today as the batting champion of the senior baseball circuit for the second time in his 12-year career in the big leagues.

The big catcher whom Cincinnati Reds sold to the Braves last winter after his hitting had slumped to .264 in 1941 signed his way to a .330 average for 1942 in one of the best years of his career.

At the end of the season there was some speculation whether Lombardi would be recognized as the official leader because he went to bat only 309 times while a minimum of 400 turns at bat generally has been considered a requirement for the championship.

However, in releasing the official batting records today, League President Ford Frick said there was no question about Lombardi's right to the honor he previously had won in 1938 when he hit .342 for the Reds and was voted the most valuable player in the senior circuit. That year Lombardi had 49 home runs and 123 runs.

Frick pointed out that this year Lombardi appeared in 103 games and that by the nature of their business, catchers do not get into as many contests as other batters.

The National League also ignored the 400-times-at-bat precedent in 1940 to award the batting title to Delia Givens of Pittsburgh with an average of .355 for 358 times at bat in 103 games.

Lombardi's average was .32 points better than that of Givens. Of players participating in 75 or more games, only eight batted 300 or above. Besides Lombardi and Slaughter they were rookie Stan Musial of the Cards, 315; Pete Reiser of Brooklyn, the 1941 batting champion, 310; Johnny Mize of New York, 305; and Stan Hack, Chicago, Joe Medwick, Brooklyn, and Lou Novikoff, Chicago, all 300 even. In addition Harry Walker, who got into 74 games for the Cards, batted 314.

No National League player made 200 hits, Slaughter was the leader with 188 and also was tops in total bases with 292 in triplets with 17 and in singles with 127. Shortstop Martin Marion of the Cards led in doubles with 38.

Mel Ott, playing manager of the Giants, who finished 10th in batting with 206 two points behind Pittsburgh's Bob Elliott, scored the most runs, 118, and hit the most homers, 36.

During the year Waner, once famous as "Big Poison" at the plate, collected the 3,000th hit of his major league career to become the third National League player to achieve this goal. Only Hans Wagner and Adrian (Pop) Olson did it before him in the senior circuit.

In team batting the Cardinals outdid the Dodgers 268 to 265 and led the league in all departments except home runs, in which the Giants produced 109 to lead for the 18th time. Brooklyn stole the most bases, 78.

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Y.M.C.A. City League

CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

Fred Men-	152	197	216
R. LePage	247	242	297
W. Campbell	185	149	139
W. Wilson	178	158	206
J. McNair	150	138	121

R. Duncanson	238	229	197
M. Carmichael	207	226	197
E. Pineau	149	154	191
R. Arsenault	187	211	113
E. Vessey	148	133	122

Kinsmen—	191	194	107
N. Higgins	146	153	134
E. Rice	136	229	191
R. Lord	172	220	166

Grads—	186	132	225
W. Burns	200	186	214
C. McDonald	255	182	185
High single R. LePage 297.			
High three R. LePage 768.			

Bridge & Builders—	173	186	302
J. Martin	191	149	213
H. Hennessy	180	229	131
G. Bevan	126	158	118
J. Doyle	194	158	136
G. Swan	194	158	136
Total—2793.			

O.N.C.S.—	207	226	172
F. Lafferty	191	178	146
C. Wood	251	183	118
G. McPherson	228	203	139
H. Jones	127	147	191
F. Thompson	127	147	191
Total—2708.			
High single J. Martin 308.			
High three J. Martin 651.			
Bridge & Builders 3 points.			
O.N.C.S. 2 points.			

Vols H.—	186	129	146
J. Power	119	241	175
G. Nelson	178	113	168
A. Clark	210	179	163
H. Jones	170	169	205
S. Duncan	170	169	205
Total—2504.			

Rebas—	182	196	265
C. Doyle	173	197	268
J. Strain	202	182	168
J. Herrell	185	159	168
C. Gaudet	104	146	167
H. Spencer	104	146	167
Total—2697.			
High single J. Strain 208.			
High three C. Doyle 633.			
Vols H. 1 point.			
Rebas 4 points.			

BRUCE STEWART & CO. LEAGUE			
Fly Wheels—	146	175	197
H. Thornton	173	158	206
C. Tractor	115	143	131
A. Gallant	126	150	139
H. Hennessy	126	150	139
Total—2267.			

Magnetos—	113	154	131
F. Arsenault	136	124	138
J. Furness	124	186	168
H. Paquet	156	141	151
E. McLennan	113	146	118
F. Acorn	113	146	118
Total—2073.			
High single C. Tractor 208.			
High three C. Tractor 537.			
Fly Wheels 4 points.			
Magnetos 1 point.			

Spark Plugs—	188	201	187
B. Taylor	129	173	148
C. Pineau	133	184	162
J. Alward	133	184	162
J. Doyle	115	226	146
N. McLeod	115	226	146
Total—2242.			

Carburators—	212	211	169
B. Josey	234	168	181
J. McInnis	207	143	143
G. Downe	170	173	130
V. Hardy	193	98	142
Total—2015.			
High single J. McInnis 234.			
High three J. McInnis 536.			
Spark Plugs 1 point.			
Carburators 4 points.			

Remember When			
(By The Canadian Press)			
Murray Murdoch, the Lou Gehrig of hockey played his 500th successive N. H. L. game with New York Rangers seven years ago tonight. The Winnipegper performed in six exhibition matches with the New Yorkers in October 1937, bringing his streak to 600 before he was sent down to Philadelphia Ramblers.			

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Assorted Baseball Information

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FORUM TO NIGHT 8-10

Del Baker To Coach Indians

CLEVELAND, Dec. 16 (AP)—Cleveland Indians today signed Del Baker—who recently was replaced by Steve O'Neill as Detroit Tigers manager— to a one-year contract as coach.

Roger Peckinpaugh, tribe vice-president who made the announcement, said Baker would succeed Coach Oscar Melillo Melillo resigned a few days ago. Peckinpaugh disclosed, adding that he believed Melillo intended to abandon baseball and retain his off-season job.

Baker's salary was not disclosed.

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of alcoholic liquors. But there had been a great increase in the use of alcoholic beverages since the outbreak of war—spirits 37 1/2 per cent; wine, 26 per cent; and beer more than 60 per cent.

"The greatly-increased consumption of alcoholic beverages is very largely a direct result of the increased purchasing created by wartime expenditures.

"All the reasons for the curtailment in the production, distribution and sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages apply to liquor advertising.

"Advertising is clearly not necessary to promote sales nor is it justifiable in sales and consumption are curtailed.

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Gloria Callen Top Rank U.S. Sports Woman

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr., Associated Press Sport Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—Gloria Callen, record-smashing backstroke swimmer from Nyack, N.Y., has been chosen as the outstanding figure in women's sports in 1942 in the United States.

Sports editors participating in the annual Associated Press poll cast more than half their ballots for the Nyack schoolgirl who holds 31 National swimming records.

Miss Callen polled a total of 80 points from 67 sports writers who voted of these 38 named her for first place, eight for second and five for third.

Pauline Bets of Los Angeles and Wintner Park, Fla., National Women's Tennis Champion, took second place, by a nine-point margin over Betty Jameson of San Antonio, Tex., winner of two major golf events in a year when there was no national championship tourney.

of spirituous liquors, wine and beer throughout Canada for the duration of the war.

"A period of some six weeks has been afforded within which necessary adjustments may be made. Liquor advertising will, however, not be permitted in any part of Canada after Feb. 1, 1943."

Mr. King said some provinces had already curtailed hours of sale, with resultant reduction of consumption and "beneficial results to Canada's war effort."

"While each province is able to judge the best of its own places of sale and hours of sale, the Federal Government is of the opinion that in the interests of Canada's war effort the total number of hours to be allotted for the sale of spirits, wine and beer in any establishment should not exceed eight hours per day."

Appeals To Provinces

Mr. King said he wished "publicly" to appeal to the provinces to lend their co-operation in furthering their country's war effort by effecting as early a date as may be possible this much-needed restriction.

He urged the public to set an example of temperance, and suggested

IT'S HARD TO BEAT CLUB CHEWING TOBACCO

YOU MIGHT AS WELL CHEW THE BEST

B.C. Newspapers Increase Prices

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16 (CP)—The Vancouver Sun and Province, yesterday announced increases in the price of their editions effective Jan. 1.

The Sun's price of the Sun and Province will be increased from three to five cents and the rate for delivery to homes will be increased from 75 cents to \$1 a month. A portion of the latter increase will go to carrier boys.

The News-Herald street price will be raised from three to four cents. Home delivery will cost 50 cents a month instead of 65 as at present.

NOW IN FREE CHINA

Four Chinese universities, formerly located in occupied territory, have been consolidated in Free China and are the Southwest University.

HOW TO OPEN NOSE THAT CLOSSES UP AT NIGHT

Put 2-purposes Va-tro-nol up each nostril... (1) It shrinks swollen membranes... (2) Soothes irritation... (3) Helps flush nasal passages, clearing mucus, relieving transient congestion.

VICKS VA-TRO-NOL

OUT OUR WAY

IT WON'T BOTHER YOU TO PLAY WITH THE CHILDREN A LITTLE—YOUR SISTER HAS TO HAVE SOME TIME TO SHOP AND IT WON'T HURT YOU A BIT!

NOBODY'S SAYIN' NOthin'—ME ER, HIM AIN'T SAYIN' A WORD! IT'S YOUR CONSCIENCE BOTH ERIN! YOU ER YOU WOULDN'T BE SAYIN' NOthin'!

WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

OUR BOARDING HOUSE WITH MAJOR HOOP!