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Canadian Boxing Fed. Ratings Are Announced

QUEBEC, Jan. 25 — (CP)—The Canadian Boxing Federation has announced its 1951 ratings with Vernon Escoc, Toronto heavy-weight, heading the list of champions, contenders and outstanding fighters in eight divisions.

The ratings were made by the Boxing Federation's rating Committee under chairman Rene Le-tourneau of Quebec.

Listed with Escoc as division champions are: Light heavyweight, Tiger Warrington, Kentville, N.S.; middle-weight, Roy Wouters, Montreal; welterweight, Johnny Greco, Montreal; featherweight, Frankie Almond, Vancouver; bantamweight, Fernando Gagnon, Quebec.

The lightweight and flyweight titles are vacant.

The rating committee said that Greco must defend his welterweight title in February or it will become vacant until top challengers decide possession by tournament.

The committee said a tournament should be held in the lightweight division to decide a Canadian champion among the top contenders.

The committee also said that bantamweight champion Gagnon should defend his title against leading contenders and challengers to stimulate competition in the division.

Heavyweight — champion, Escoc; contenders, Don Mokard, Toronto, Earl Walls, Windsor; outstanding boxers, James J. Parker, Toronto, Eddie Smith, Calgary, Baby Face Saunders Winnipeg, Dominic Berardo, Windsor.

Light heavyweight — champion, Warrington; contenders, Jerris Jamel, Vancouver, Eddie Zastrey, Montreal; outstanding boxers, Cobey McCluskey, Dartmouth, N. S.; Mike Sobel, Montreal, Archie Hannigan, New Waterford, N. S.; Ian McNeil, Montreal.

Middleweight — champion, Wouters; contenders, Ivon Durelle, Bale Ste. Anne, N. B., Ace McCluskey, Halifax, Billy Field, Toronto, outstanding boxers, Doug Harper, Calgary, Jimmie Langson, Haney, B.C., Marc Begin, Montreal, Ossie Farrell, Halifax, Roddy McDonald, Calgary, Arnold Fleiger, Chatham, N. B.

Welterweight — champion, Greco; contenders, Fritz Prudent, St. Catharines, Ont., Jimmy Nolan, Calgary, Gaby Ferland, Montreal; outstanding boxers, Gus Mell, Montreal, Rocky Brisebois, Montreal, Howard Leslie, Saint John, Lewis Cote, Montreal.

Lightweight — champion, none; contenders, Lil Arthur King, Toronto, Solly Cantor, Toronto, Alan McFater, Toronto; outstanding boxers, Jean Richard, Montreal, Armand Savoie, Montreal, Dick Howard Halifax, Rocky Armando, Montreal, Willie Desjardins, Winnipeg, Bryan Kelley, Niagara Falls, Ont., Percy Paris Halifax, Til LeBlanc, Moncton, N. B., Rene Trudeau, Montreal.

Featherweight — champion, Almond; contenders, Dave Michel, Toronto, George Sinclair, Toronto, Maxie Males, Toronto; outstanding boxers, Lew Alter, Montreal, Fernand Drouin, Quebec, Charlie Savard, Quebec.

Bantamweight — champion, Gagnon; contenders, Stan Almond, Vancouver, Clement Bolduc, Sherbrooke, Que., Manny Spivack, Montreal; outstanding boxers, Jackie Turner, Vancouver, Claude Meunier, Three Rivers, Que., Tommy Corrick, Toronto, Dave Pearl, Edmundston, N.B., Billy Nickerson, (no home-town), New Brunswick, Armand Prince, Sherbrooke, Kid Doucet, (no home-town), New Brunswick, Flyweight — champion, none.

Plan Dominion Baseball Final

CHICAGO, Jan. 24 — (CP) — Tournaments will be held in Eastern and Western Canada this year to determine the Dominion baseball championship, it was announced here today.

Lloyd Douglas of Toronto, a delegate to the National Baseball Congress session here, said the Western champion will be determined in a tournament in Saskatchewan or British Columbia early in August.

The Eastern playoff will be held in Ontario at the same time.

A five-game series for the official Dominion crown has been tentatively set to start Aug. 25. Where it will be played has not been decided.

Eastern champions last year — and also Canadian titleholders because there was no East-West final — were Oshawa Merchants. They defeated London, Ont., Majors, 1949 winners.

Minor Baseball Leagues Facing Tough Problems

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 — (CP) — Folding of the Southeastern and Alabama State Leagues is the first break in the solid front of baseball's minor leagues since the 1950 season.

Manpower, financial and transportation problems threaten the entire minor league structure. How many of the 55 remaining leagues can survive is problematical.

Several leagues met Sunday to debate their fate, hoping to shift a franchise or two and continue.

"At least 10 will go," said a minor league official who did not want his name used. "I'm afraid it will be more. There just won't be enough ball players to go around."

Most of the problems are concentrated in leagues below Class B. These circuits with their low salaries and inexperienced players are particularly vulnerable.

The Canadian American League, Class C, has given Kingston, N. Y., until Saturday to take up a vacant franchise.

No Special Draft Treatment For U.S. Athletes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 — (AP) — The excitement over drafting 4-F athletes into the United States armed services Wednesday simmered down to this:

Athletes will get the same treatment every one else does, no better and no worse.

Furthermore, a spokesman for the Surgeon General's Office said that's the way it was in the Second World War. He said athletes who were classified in 4-F then definitely belonged there.

Under the present law, only those who are from 19 to 26 years old are eligible. The field is further cut because those who are married, are veterans or have dependents are exempt.

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, assistant secretary of defence, told reporters today:

"Athletes will be regarded like anyone else when it comes to possible deferment."

In this she was amplifying a statement made Tuesday by her boss, Defence Secretary Marshall.

Marshall shocked the sports world all the way down to its sweat socks by saying it may be necessary to draft for limited service some athletes who flunk their selective service exams and wind up 4-Fs.

Mrs. Rosenberg says that doesn't mean athletes will be singled out for special treatment. She gave this example:

"If an athlete has a punctured eardrum, he will be inducted because men with punctured eardrums are taken."

As for 4-F athletes in the Second World War, the Surgeon General's spokesman said:

"We made a study after the last war to see how men could be active in sports and still not be able to pass their physical examinations. What we found was surprising."

"Some athletes had incipient tuberculosis. Others had advanced cases of syphilis. Others had all sorts of chronic diseases. They seemed to be able to give a good account of themselves in sports, but they wouldn't be much good for the long haul."

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Kansas City To Give Daytime Baseball Try

(By Whitney Martin) NEW YORK, Jan. 25 — (AP) — The Kansas City club will try a novel experiment this year. It will play daytime baseball, three days a week, an innovation equivalent to holding a dog show at a flea circus, or vice versa.

There is a legend to the effect that minor league baseball once was played in the daytime, but younger players consider it just a fish-wife's tale.

They just can't imagine playing ball under the sun, blinking into the glare and staggering around under fly balls. Besides, it would change the entire routine of their lives. They would have to sleep at night and eat at mealtime.

It takes at least a young old-timer now to remember daytime baseball in the class C and class D leagues. But we can assure you, kiddies, that they actually did it.

Those were the days, pally. The days when you went to the ball park early and sometimes were permitted to snag flies, or even pitch batting practice, and then would hang around unobtrusively hoping you wouldn't get kicked out when the paying customers started to arrive.

If Parke Carroll, the Kansas City club's business manager, can bring back daylight ball in the minor leagues he'll be a hero in history along with Eli Whitney, Edison, and even Larry MacPhail, who brought night baseball to the majors.

Carroll's idea is the product of necessity. Television is making such inroads into attendance at night games that drastic measures are necessary, and nothing seems more drastic than playing in the daylight.

Virgil Trucks Takes 25 Per Cent Salary Cut

DETROIT, Jan. 25 — (AP) — Fireballer Virgil Trucks took a 25-per-cent salary cut Tuesday in signing his 1951 contract to pitch for Detroit Tigers.

Trucks balked last week at taking the maximum cut allowed by baseball law and said he wouldn't do it, but general manager Billy Evans of the Tigers said Virgil inked the original contract today.

He made \$30,000 last year. The new contract cuts him to \$22,500.

Trucks, bothered by a sore arm all season, won only three games for Detroit last year. He lost one. In 1949 Trucks won 19 and lost 11.

The Tigers also announced that left-hander Johnson, formerly of Boston Red Sox, has signed his 1951 contract.

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 24 — (AP) — American Glory, Cross Bell Ranch's eight-year-old shot, outdistanced a field of 12 other sprinters today to capture Hialeah race track's \$7,500 added Palm Beach Handicap by two lengths.

Woodford Farm's veteran campaigner, Delegate, winner of the event in 1948, was a neck in front of C. V. Whitney's Mount Marcy for second place. Circus Marcy, owned by W. J. Walden, trailed Mount Marcy by a head for fourth money.

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Expect Draft To Make No Upheaval In Major Baseball

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 — (AP) — Unless the draft age is raised and veterans and married men are taken into service there will be no upheaval in the major league baseball ranks next summer.

Approximately 40 per cent of the players on the big league rosters, including untested rookies, are in the 19-through-25 age class. However, most of them are married. Most of them also have past military service.

An exact breakdown on the number of veterans and military eligibles is not available. Several clubs said they did not keep such records.

A check of rosters showed that if men turned down for military service were drafted for non-combat jobs.

Would Get Women Back In Uniform

VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 25 — (CP) — The woman who helped organize the Canadian Women's Army Corps during the last war says she thinks it would be a good idea to get the women in uniform once more.

"Canada is the only one of the Allies which did away with wartime women's branches of the services entirely," Col. Joan Kennedy, now living in Victoria, said today.

She said nursing sisters always were part of the service and that she was referring to the other women's sections.

On the recommendation of the Army, Navy and Air Force, Defence Minister Claxton is expected to put the matter before the Cabinet for a decision shortly.

In the Second World War, 47,000 Canadian women were in uniform.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24 — (AP) — Harold Dade of Chicago, former world bantamweight champion, today was named to substitute for Arthur King of Toronto in a 10-round bout with Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, at the Arena next Tuesday night.



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