

Keen Pennant Races Forecast For Major Ball Leagues This Year

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK, April 16 — (AP) — The 1950 big league baseball campaign opens Tuesday in eight cities and everything points to two more gripping pennant races that should thrill the fans down to the finish of the 164-game schedule.

No contender has stood out especially in spring training. The managers have devoted themselves largely to trying to uncover the elusive post-war rookie stars who might upset the remarkable balance among the leading clubs.

Joe McCarthy's Red Sox, who have missed by such thin margins the last two years, have been established 13-10 favorites in the American League. The defending champion Yankees are quoted second at 5-2, Detroit third at 4-1, Cleveland fourth at 6-1, and the rest nowhere.

Brooklyn, which looks like the nearest thing to a standout in either circuit, is a short 6-8 to repeat in the National.

St. Louis Cards, growing older and with no bright new stars showing up, are quoted at 3-1 against Boston at 4-1, the Phillies at 8-1, and the rebuilt New York Giants at 12-1.

The opening series between the Red Sox and the Yankees at Boston might tell a great deal. Last year the Sox got away to a miserable start on the road and were far behind the pace before they began to click, but as the season progressed they proved virtually unbeatable in their own Fenway Park.

This time McCarthy's sluggers play 22 of their first 30 games at home, with its inviting left field fence.

The American League's other big opening day tussle matches Detroit and Cleveland in the Indians' Lakefront Stadium. Either of them might win the flag with a break here and there.

President Truman is to toss out the first ball at Washington, where the Senators open against 87-year-old Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics.

The youthful Chicago White Sox entertain the St. Louis Browns' new crop of rookies at Comiskey Park.

Brooklyn opens against the Phillies at Shibe Park. The Phils are an explosive young club, laden with high-priced bonus talent but with the consensus is that they are not quite solid enough to endanger the Braves or the Cards this year.

The two teams which made the biggest player swap of the off-season, New York Giants and Boston Braves, clash at the Polo Grounds. Both still think they got the better of the deal, which provided the Giants with a tight defence and

President Of U. S. Trotting Ass'n Passes

The following telegram was received late last evening by Lt.-Col. D. A. MacKinnon, member of the executive of the United States Trotting Association, of this city:

"Received telegram that Mr. Knaut had passed away at Des Moines, Ia. this morning. Will wire funeral arrangements later. Don R. Miller, Vice-president United States Trotting Association, Columbus, Ohio."

Mr. Henry Knaut has been president of the Association for several years and is a very outstanding man, having the confidence of horsemen all over the United States and Canada. He is also an important breeder of trotters and pacers and had great executive ability. His death will be a very distinct loss to harness horse racing.

He took an interest in every district of the Association and particularly to District 12, which comprises the Maritimes and other parts of Canada. Col. MacKinnon considered him a very great friend and was greatly distressed by his death.

Heart Seizure
DES MOINES, Ia., April 16—Henry Knaut, president of the United States Trotting Association died today of a heart seizure. He was 59 years old.

Knaut owned Siskiyou Farms, at Ladd, Ill., one of the largest breeding establishments in the country devoted to development of trotting and pacing horses.

Knaut, known familiarly to hundreds of trotting men as Heinie, was first elected president of the Trotting Association, which he helped organize, in 1946. After serving two two-year terms, he was named to a four-year term as president last year.

As head of the Trotting Association, Knaut was virtually commissioner of standard-bred horse competition in the United States and Canada. Such annual classes as the Hambletonian, and the Kentucky Futurity as well as state fair trotting meets throughout the United States are governed by rules of the Association.

The Braves with the power hitting they had lacked.

The Cardinals, for the novelty of it and the money involved, are turning on the lights at Sportsman Park for their opener against Pittsburgh Pirates.

The National League's two cellar clubs, Chicago and Cincinnati, open at Cincinnati.

S. D. U. Wins Exhibition Hoop Game From S. J. U.

A smooth working band of Saint Dunstan's University hoopers Saturday night ran rough shod over the Saint Joseph University Basketball team at the P.W.C. gym to rack up a score of 97-43. The game was a return engagement with the S. D. U. team winning the first game in Saint Joseph's by a score of 45-31.

Led by the sharp shooting of Jackie Reardon and Dave Kennedy who accounted for 28 and 24 points respectively, the Saints ran up the large total of 31 points in the first half while holding the losers to 15. They outscored the S. J. U. team in the final half by a 46-25 count.

The winners completely outplayed the visitors all the way and were never threatened. Every man on the team scored a point with Reardon and Kennedy getting the lion's share of the total. Joe Mullally, substitute forward for the winners, notched 17 points with Fred Coyle getting 10. Big Willie MacDonald, playing his last game as a Saint Dunstan player, had seven and played an outstanding game at guard. Pete Dunphy had eight more in a winning cause.

High man for the S. J. U. team was Leger who accounted for an even dozen points with Nadeau getting 11 and Beaulieu having six. DeRoche had nine more for the losers.

Earl Nicholson and Jack MacAndrew were the refs while the timer was Father Walter MacGuigan.

Reardon managed to get twenty of his 28 in the first half while Kennedy had a dozen in each half. Leger had nine points in the first half for the losers.

S. D. U.	FG	FS	PF	Pts
Reardon	14	0	2	28
Kennedy	12	0	2	24
Mullally	8	1	5	17
Coyle	5	0	2	10
Dunphy	3	2	3	8
MacDonald	3	1	3	7
MacIsaac	1	0	2	2
Ready	0	1	1	1
Totals	46	5	18	97

S. J. U.	FG	FS	PF	Pts
Leger	5	2	4	12
Nadeau	5	1	2	11
DeRoche	4	1	5	9
Beaulieu	3	0	2	6
Dolron	1	1	0	3
Muchland	1	0	1	2
Gallant	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	6	14	43

Bruce Woodcock Is Taking No Chances This Time

LONDON, April 16 — (CP) — Bruce Woodcock, British heavyweight boxing kingpin, has sold his cat and won't buy another until he's met Lee Savold here June 6.

Bruce, the highway hard-luck kid, is taking no chances this time. The Doncaster, Yorkshire, lad has had four road accidents in the last three years and each affected his ring chances.

In October, 1948, he injured his head when braking suddenly to avoid a child darting into a Doncaster street. In March, 1949, he was severely shaken up in a crash at Johannsburg where he was in training for his bout with Johnny Ralph. Last spring he was involved in a collision in Ireland while training for his fight with Freddie Mills.

Bruce says each slowed him down in a forthcoming fight. But the worst was to come.

He ended up in hospital with concussion after a truck he was driving skidded off the highway and piled into a tree. The injury postponed the Savold bout, cost promoter Jack Solomon a hatful of shekel's and had Bruce talking despondently for a time of "quitting the ring."

But the former railway worker is back in light training, his weight down to 184, and manager Tom Hurst modestly predicts that a "no human being" can stay in the same ring, judging by the force with which Bruce is pummeling the punch-bag.

Woodcock spends four days a week in the gym and on the road and fills in spare time training with Doncaster Rovers soccer team. When the football workouts end, he pulls the heavy roller around the field.

And this time, his road work is all on foot.

Ross Puts Title On Line April 29
HALIFAX, April 16 — (CP) — George Ross of West Bay Road, N. B. will put his Canadian middleweight title on the line here April 29 in a match with Roy Wouters of Montreal promoters announced tonight. The 12-round bout will be their first meeting.



We had a pleasant surprise on Saturday when Gene Chouinard of Perth, Ontario, dropped in for a chat. Fans will remember him as the genial coach of the Perth Blue Wings who defeated the Charlottetown Royals in a best of three series for the Ottawa District-Maritime Junior Hockey title, leading up to the Eastern Canada Memorial Cup finals, in March, 1939.

Gene is very proud of a gold wrist watch presented to him by the junior hockey fans of Perth that year. He still recalls, with pleasure, the very fine reception he and his team received from sportsmen here, and the tremendous interest the games aroused.

The Blue Wings took the first game 6-2, but lost the next 7-4 to deadlock the series, but came on to win the final game 7-6. That was the big game that every local fan will remember. It was nearly an hour late in starting because of the tremendous crowd, trying to force its way into the Forum.

But that wasn't the main feature that stands out for those who remember the clash. It was the terrific battle between the two clubs, that went into twenty-minute overtimes, before Perth finally won out by a 7-6 margin, and didn't wind up until the wee, small hours of the morning.

Coach Chouinard also recalls when the team returned to the Queen Hotel where they were staying, the late Harry Brown presented the team with a case of lobsters. Gene is now a salesman for a Perth firm, but still maintains his interest in hockey by coaching the Queens University squad.

Here at Charlottetown on a business trip, Mr. Chouinard was been renewing old acquaintances, and one of his first calls was to see his rival coach of that series, Walter Lawlor. Walter piloted the Royals to the Maritime junior championship that year, and but for Gene and his Blue Wing packsters, would have continued further in quest of Memorial Cup honors.

Although we were not present at the meeting between the two coaches of that memorable series, they no doubt had many incidents and highlights of that occasion to talk about. Whether or not Gene has seen any of the boys since he visited this office Saturday, it was his hope that he would have a chance to talk with some of the players during his visit who were on the Royals roster at that time.

Two city interscholastic basketball teams, West Kent School girls and Prince Street School boys, kept their string of smart performances intact for this season at Summerside on Saturday night when they clipped both ends of a double hoop bill there over Summerside High School teams and captured the Island interscholastic basketball titles in both divisions.

They were the final games in two game, total point series, with the girls taking their round by a liberal 61-19 score, while the boys also took their round handily by a 97-73 total. This column extends its congratulations to the new Island scholastic champs, and also a word of praise to the two losing Summerside teams. Although taking sound beatings in their opening games here on Friday night, they never gave up with the odds against them, to come through with stirring performances on Saturday night. Losing out on Friday by a 60-38 whalloping, the Western boys were only nosed out by a narrow 37-35 count, while the girls came back from a 34-7 drubbing to make it a real battle in the final game, to play nip and tuck with West Kent, who had to put on an all out final half drive for a 27-12 victory.

The matches pretty well wind up championship hoop play for this season with only the Island juvenile title to be decided, which will be a home and home, total point series between Charlotte-town Victorias and Summerside Juniors. It is scheduled to get underway at the Western Capital on Wednesday night. The final game of the series will be played here on Saturday.

The local trout fishing season got away to a good start in its opening day yesterday. At least as far as the weather is concerned, when local rod and reel artists were favored with a beautiful warm, sunny day for their first outing. Large numbers turned out to wet a line at their favourite stream or pond that were accessible by road, and although we know of some who didn't have any luck, there were others who did land their first of the season.

BEVERED BY CHINESE
Confucius, Chinese philosopher was born in 550 B. C., and died in 478 B. C.

West Kent Girls--Island Scholastic Hoop Champions



Pictured above are the members of the West Kent School girls basketball squad who captured the Island interscholastic girls basketball championship at Summerside on Saturday night when they defeated the Summerside High School girls quintette by a 27-12

score and take the home and home, total point series by a count of 61-19 on the road. They also captured the City title from Prince Street School girls last week. They are from left to right—back row, Jane Giddings, Eleanor Storey, Helen Stewart, Arlene Guindon,

Helen Tawel, Neil Young (coach); front row—Joanne MacDonald, Eileen MacArthur, Claudette MacMillan, Helen Whitlock, Dorothy Simmonds, Joan MacGuire. —Photo by Stewart Smith.

Exhibition Baseball

(SATURDAY)

At Chicago	Chicago (N)	3	6	0
Chicago (A)	1	3	1	
At St. Louis	St. Louis (N)	3	6	0
St. Louis (A)	5	7	0	
At Louisville, Ky.	Louisville (AA)	8	17	0
Louisville (A)	3	9	2	
At Indianapolis	Indianapolis (N)	2	5	1
Indianapolis (A)	3	7	1	
At Charleston, S. C.	Charleston (N)	7	11	2
Charleston (A)	1	3	1	

(SUNDAY)

At Baltimore:	Baltimore (IL)	0	5	0
Baltimore (AL)	3	7	1	
At Springfield, Mass.:	Springfield (IL)	4	8	0
Springfield (AL)	3	4	2	
At New York:	Brooklyn (N)	2	8	0
New York (A)	4	8	0	
At Boston:	Boston (N)	1	4	0
Boston (A)	3	4	0	
At Chicago:	Chicago (A)	2	7	2
Chicago (N)	7	8	2	
At Philadelphia:	Philadelphia (A)	2	8	0
Philadelphia (N)	11	12	1	
At St. Louis:	St. Louis (A)	4	3	0
St. Louis (N)	5	10	1	
At Washington:	Pittsburgh (N)	2	6	3
Washington (A)	3	8	2	
At Cleveland:	New York (N)	1	5	1
Cleveland (A)	2	9	0	
At Chicago (Second game):	Chicago (A)	4	11	0
Chicago (N)	5	6	2	

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press
One of the least exciting championship boxing matches on record was fought 11 years ago tonight in Los Angeles when Joe Louis knocked out Jack Roper of Hollywood. The outcome of the west coast city's first heavyweight title fight was a surprise to few of the 26,000 fans.



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PSS Boys And WKS Girls Capture Basketball Titles

The Prince Street School boys and the West Kent School girls of Charlottetown won Prince Edward Island interscholastic basketball championships at Summerside Saturday night, Prince Street edging Summerside High 37 to 35 to take the round 97 to 73, having defeated Summerside 69 to 38 in Charlottetown, and the West Kent girls beating Summerside High 27 to 12 to give them the home-and-home series 61 to 19.

The Summerside boys led their rivals 20 to 12 at half time and were leading by 13 points at one stage in the second half but faded badly in the closing minutes. Summerside's work under the baskets suffered in comparison with that of the visitors, Prince Street snatching many more rebounds than the Summerside team. Thane Bagloie was the best of the hoop outfit in this department of the game. J. MacDougall led the Prince Street snipers with 19 points.

For Summerside Clive MacDonald was high scorer getting 11 points, Bill Stewart was second with 10. The foul shooting of both teams was below par, Summerside sinking only one of seven chances and Charlottetown successful in three of 20 tries.

Lineups —
Summerside — M. Schurman 2, C. Simpson 4, B. LeFurgey 4, D. Blaquiere, B. Blaquiere 2, P. Schurman 2, B. Stewart 10, C. MacDonald 11, Total — 35.
Prince Street — C. Taylor 7, M. MacFadyen 8, J. MacDougall 19, J. Turner 9, E. MacLeod, D. MacKinnon, L. Seaman 3, M. Ladrner, A. MacLaren, Huestis, Total — 37.

GIRLS' GAME

The Summerside High School girls gave their best exhibition of the year, leading their opponents 8 to 1 at one time and finishing the first half tied with Charlottetown at 10-all. West Kent took over command in the second half and led by their agile sharpshooter, Claudette MacMillan, scored 19 points to Summerside's two Shirley Burns was the star of the losers' attack getting eight points.

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Hockey Scores

Amateur hockey scores:
ALLAN CUP
Western Canada Final
Calgary 11, Fort Frances 0.
(Calgary leads best-of-seven series 1-0).
MEMORIAL CUP
Eastern Canada Final
Montreal 2, Guelph 7.
(Montreal leads best-of-seven series 2-1).
Western Canada Final
Regina 3, Port Arthur 6.
(Best-of-seven series tied 1-1).

Horse Racing At Halifax

HALIFAX, April 16 — (CP) — Wilf Walker's mare Merle Direct and Walter Johnson's mare Calumet Pearl won the only two events raced at the North Commons Saturday over a sloppy mud-covered track.

Fergie Baxter drove the Merle mare to her win in Class A and young Chops Campbell handled the winning reins in Class B. Both winners captured honors in straight heats.

SUMMARY
Class A
Merle Direct (F. Baxter) 1 1 1
Grattan Peters (Hincher) 2 3 2
Colleen Adam (L. O'Brien) 3 2 3
Winning owner: Wilf Walker, Halifax.
Class B
Calumet Pearl (N. Campbell) 1 1
Betty I. Direct (Isnor) 3 2
Tom Volo (C. Hector) 2 dr
Winning owner: Walter Johnson, Timberles, N. S.

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Too Late to Classify

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Lumley Gets Third Shutout As Detroit Downs Rangers 4-0

By Fraser MacDougall
TORONTO, April 16 — (CP) — Harry Lumley got his third shutout of this year's Stanley Cup playoffs Saturday night as Detroit Red Wings overpowered New York Rangers 4-0 before 13,781 fans and took a 2-1 lead in their best-of-seven cup final.

The agile Lumley, at 23 a veteran of six seasons in the National Hockey League, blocked 24 New York shots to get his first shutout of the final series. He scored two in the semi-final round against Toronto Maple Leafs.

With Lumley's faultless goal-tending and some hard hitting by the Detroit defence cooling off the eager Rangers' attacking thrusts, the Wings staged an effective attacking show of their own.

They struck for two goals in the first period while the Rangers were short-handed through penalties and they added insurance goals in the second and third with the teams at full strength. They achieved the victory despite the seven penalties to six for the Rangers.

Right winger Gerry Couture started the Wings on the victory trail by scoring while Allan Stanley of the Rangers served a boarding penalty. Blocked on the left side of the goal, Couture swung around behind the nets, came out on the other side and poked the puck past goalie Chuck Rayner.

Gus Kyle was off for interference when centre George Gee made it 2-0 with 52 seconds left in the first period. Al Dewsbury, called up by the Wings from their Indianapolis American Hockey League farm club, shot a bouncer from the blue line and Gee tipped it into the net.

A blazing shot by centre Sid Abel provided the third Detroit goal with 44 seconds left in the second period. He fired from outside the New York defence and Raynor didn't have time to get in front of the 40-foot drive.

Marty Pavlich got the third period score. Red Kelly set up the score on a breakaway rush which caught the Rangers with only one man back. Kelly drew the defence-man out of position, and shot a short pass to Pavlich who picked the open corner.

Although Lumley got the shut-out, Rayner was the busier goalie. The National Hockey League champion drove 35 shots at the New York goal.

The Wings shuffled their lineup using Dewsbury and forward Doug McKay from the Indianapolis team which won the A. H. L.'s Calder Cup playoff. Right wing Jimmy Peters, injured two weeks ago, got back into the lineup and played effectively. Defencesman Clare Martin and forwards Steve Black and Larry Wilson were dropped.

Next Game in Detroit
Both teams left right after the game for Detroit where they will wind up the series. Fourth game is Tuesday night. Last night's game was the second—and last—on Toronto ice where the Rangers elected to play two home games because Madison Square Garden has been taken over by a circus.

Lineup:
Detroit—Goal, Lumley; defence, Reise, Stewart; centre, Abel; wings, Carveit, Lindsay; subs, Kelly, Gee, Peters, Babando, Pavlich, McCadden, Couture, Fogelin, Pronovost, J. Wilson, McKay, Dewsbury.

New York—Goal, Rayner; defence, Egan, Slawinski, Lund; subs, Edulis, McLeod, Kyle, Lancien, Kaleta, Leswick, Gordon, Mikoski. Referee—Bill Chadwick; linesmen—Hugh McLean, Sam Babcock.

SUMMARY
1—Detroit, Couture (Kelly) 14:13
2—Detroit, Gee (Dewsbury) 16:08
Penalties — Stewart, Gordon, Kyle (2), Dewsbury, Stanley.
Second Period
3—Detroit, Abel 19:16
Penalties — Reise, McCadden.
Third Period
4—Detroit, Pavlich (Kelly) 16:55
Penalties — Slawinski, Stewart (2), Kyle, Dewsbury.

Not Mad At Baseball Now

ST. LOUIS, April 16 — (AP) — PITCHER Al Widmar, who threatened to sue organized baseball, handed his long holdout siege. And he isn't mad at baseball anymore.

The 25-year-old hurler signed Saturday with St. Louis Browns—a team he once said he would never join.

Widmar's words, the signing came after Baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler telephoned him and "explained the rules." Bill DeWitt, the Browns' president, confirmed Saturday that Widmar had come to terms.

DeWitt sidestepped other questions, including salary.

NOTICE

The mill pond and stream at York, known as Hardy's Mill is private and enclosed property, and from this date, April 15, 1950, is closed to shooting and fishing privileges, in the interest of conservation of wild life.

Signed,
REG. BARWISE,
Owner.