

# Joe Page Gets Axe As Major Ball Clubs Trim Roster To 25-Man Limit

By JOE REICHLER  
 NEW YORK, May 16 (AP) — Joe Page, former fabulous relief pitcher of New York Yankees, was the surprise leader of a group of players receiving the axe today as the major leagues rushed to get within the 25-player roster limit before tonight's midnight deadline.

Others who were released, required, optioned or sold outright to the minor leagues included Max Peterson and Billy Martin, Yankees; Earl Mosser, Brooklyn; Charlie Bowers, Jack Brittin and Ed Sanicki, Phillies; Steve Bilko, Cardinals; Hal Daugherty, Detroit; Tom Saffell and Monty Bassall, Pittsburgh, and Dick Littlefield, White Sox.

Page, a 33-year-old lefthander, was released outright to Kansas City, and American Association farm club of the Yankees.

Peterson, a 27-year-old righthander, was returned to Toronto, the club from which he was drafted last November. Neither he nor Page pitched to a batter this season.

Page, relief hero of the championship Yankee teams of 1947 and 1948, has been on the downgrade for more than a year. He reported at training camp with a sore shoulder this spring and hurried out six innings in exhibition competition.

## Was Tops In 1947

In 1947 Page won 14 games that season and saved 16 others. He was the winning hurler in the seventh and final game of the World Series against the Dodgers. He finished fourth in the balloting for most valuable player in the American League.

The Yankees obtained waivers on him from all 15 other clubs. They retain possession of him, through ownership of Kansas City, and can purchase him at any time. He is subject to draft next November.

Martin, 22-year-old infielder, was placed on the national defence list. He played with the Yankees last year but was drafted into the army during the winter. He was released by the service three weeks ago on a hardship plea.

Under baseball law, the club can carry one man on the defence list for every five active players for one calendar year. To send a service-returned to the minors, a major league club must acquire waivers from the other 15 clubs.

When the Yanks were unable to obtain waivers on Martin, he was released. He will draw his \$7,000 salary for the entire season and can be reinstated whenever the club finds itself with a vacancy on the roster—under 25 players.

The Pirates got down to the player limit by selling third baseman Bob Dillinger to the White Sox and optioning outfielder Saffell and infielder Bassall to Indianapolis. The 32-year-old Dillinger, purchased from the Athletics for \$40,000 last July, batted .233 in 12 games for the Bucs this year. The White Sox made room for Dillinger by optioning pitcher

Littlefield to Memphis. Bilko, who failed for the second time to win the first base job with the Cardinals, was sold outright to Columbus. He hit only .225 this season.

Detroit, following the trade of righthander Saul Rogovin to the White Sox for southpaw Bob Cain, recalled pitcher Marlin Stuart from its Toledo farm. He was sent down on option only last Sunday. Shortstop Daugherty was sent on option to the Mudhens. Ray Herbert, Tiger rookie pitching star, who had won four games in relief without a setback, was inducted into the army.

Bowers, righthander from Michigan State College, was farmed by the Phils to Terre Haute, Ind., of the three-eye league. Brittin, another righthander, was sent to Baltimore and Sanicki, an outfielder, went to Schenectady, N. Y., of the Eastern League. All are on 24-hour recall.

Brooklyn sent Mosser, righthander pitcher, to St. Paul on option.

The Athletics sold Hank Wyse, veteran righthander, to the Senators for a sum reported to be a little over the \$10,000 waiver price. Infielder Tod Davis was sold to Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League for an unannounced sum of money but said to be less than the waiver price. Pitcher Franklin Robinson was returned to Buffalo.

## Baseball Results

(By The Canadian Press)

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Brooklyn	..... 020 000 200—4 10 0
Chicago	..... 440 002 22x—14 13 1
Erskine, Mosser (1), Hatten (2), Bankhead (3) and Campanella; Mincer and Burgess.	
Boston	..... 000 003 000—3 5 1
Cincinnati	..... 010 000 03x—4 8 1
Sain and Cooper; Wehmeier, Smith (6), Raffensberger (9) and Pramesa.	
New York	..... 100 010 000—2 8 0
Pittsburgh	..... 010 000 000—1 5 0
Hearan and Noble; Muir, Walsh (2) Friend (7) and McCullough.	
Philadelphia	..... 002 000 001—3 9 0
St. Louis	..... 121 000 10x—5 12 1
Church, Thompson (3) Miller (6) and Semnick; Staley, Brazie (9) and Rice.	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
New York	..... 300 060 02x—11 8 1
Cleveland	..... 110 000 001—3 7 3
Lemon, Gromek (5), Zuverink (5), Frozek (7) and Hegan; Raschl, Morgan (9) and Berra.	
Chicago	..... 530 000 001—9 9 0
Boston	..... 014 000 000—5 11 0
Dobson and Niarhos; Stobbs, Hinrichs (1), Evans (2) and Batts, Ross (9).	
St. Louis	..... 000 830 020—10 12 1
Philadelphia	..... 050 031 000—9 13 1
Fannin, Pillette (4) Widmar (7) and Lollar; Scheib, Hooper (4) Kucab (6) and Murray.	
Detroit	..... 100 510 000—7 8 1
Washington	..... 000 100 000—1 4 0
Trout and Grasso; Sima, Moreno (4) and Gino, Guerra (2)	
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE	
Buffalo	..... 200 230 220—11 16 2
Toronto	..... 001 600 020—9 10 1
Simpson, Curley (4) Schultz (4) Carrasquel (8) Lovenguth (9) and Newick; Hudson, Singleton (5) Hetki (5) Shore (9) and Plumbo.	
Springfield	..... 010 000 200—3 10 4
Rochester	..... 010 102 10x—5 9 1
Menking, Carr (7) and Burbrink, LeBlanc (1); Collum and Bucha.	
Baltimore	..... 010 100 000—2 10 0
Syracuse	..... 010 100 04x—6 10 0
Schmitt and Oswald; Miller and Baker.	

## Suggests 4-Team Cup Series

SYDNEY, N. S., May 16 (CP) — A four-team round robin series for the Alexander Cup will be suggested at the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association meeting in Halifax next week.

Dr. Sandy MacDonald, president of four-time Maritime champions Sydney Millionaires, said tonight he would make the suggestion.

The winners of the four major leagues would set a sprightly gait for the fans, he said.

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It looks like the two major hockey circuits in the Maritimes, the Maritime Major "Big Four" Hockey League and the Cape Breton Major Hockey League, really mean to get down to business and talk over the possibilities of a new Maritime major hockey set up for next season. Now is the time to do it and it is encouraging to note that the officials of both leagues are getting down to it right away instead of leaving it until next season, which was the case last year.

As the result of a recent meeting of the Cape Breton League executive at Sydney, at which a request was made to have a meeting of the heads of both league executives and hockey clubs, a meeting has been arranged for Halifax next Wednesday according to an announcement of Judge J. Elliott Hudson, Big Four League proxy. The main issues to be discussed will be the feasibility of joining the two circuits into one Maritime loop or developing an interlocking schedule between the M.M.H.L. and C.B.M.H.L.

Just what will come out of the talks is hard to predict at the moment. There will be a lot of pertinent factors in connection with such a formation that will have to be widely discussed which is bound to bring about many differences of opinion on the subject, and will require a great deal of precise planning if such a union is to be operated successfully. Such an organization will have a strong, efficient governing body capable of handling a league that will involve maybe six or eight teams operating at nearly every major point in the Maritimes. It won't be easy.

If such a loop can be formed and operated successfully, however, there is no doubt that it will be a big boon to hockey in the Maritimes and might well be the solution to many problems that the respective leagues have been faced with during their course of operation in past years. The Cape Breton circuit seem particularly anxious for such a line-up, and of course they have some well-founded reasons.

One of the main problems that the Cape Breton has been faced with in recent years is box office attraction. By that it is not meant that the calibre of hockey has not been a drawing card; it has, and the fact that the Cape Breton League has produced the Maritime champions three years in a row will bear that out. Their trouble is only a three-team loop operating in a very small area. With Sydney, North Sydney and Glace Bay all within a matter of a few miles of one another that allows Cape Breton fans to pick and choose regardless of what quarter the game is being played, poses as the real problem.

With a league too concentrated, fans get tired of seeing the same faces and teams in action night after night, and variety of competition is the only solution. Such a loop as the one being proposed would solve that problem in the Cape Breton circuit. It would also have the same effect for fans of the Big Four. The entry of Cape Breton teams into one Maritime set-up is bound to bring about stronger competition and more variety, and could be developed into one that would be on a level with Ontario, Quebec and Western Canada.

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## P. W. C. Girls Basketball



Front row left to right — Joan Cameron, Minnie MacKenzie, Phyllis Cutcliffe, Carol Creelman, Sally Osborne, Joan MacKinnon. Back row: Johanna MacDonald, Shirley Downe, Earl Nicholson (Coach), Miriam Strang, Elizabeth Lewis (Manager). Missing: Norah DeBlous and Suzanne Palmer.

## Millionaires Need \$5,300 To Wipe Out Deficits

SYDNEY, N. S., May 16 (CP) — Sydney Millionaires need approximately \$5,300 to wipe out deficits during the last two seasons, it was reported by treasurer John Merchant, at an executive meeting of the major hockey club tonight.

Called primarily to discuss the coming joint meeting with the Maritime major circuit at Halifax next Wednesday, the meeting president Dr. Sandy MacDonald and team manager Artie Lipton as delegates to the meeting with treasurer John Merchant as an alternate.

Considerable discussion was held regarding the proposed new Maritime league, also salary scales, playing dates, transportation and several other important matters for such a proposed circuit.

On the financial side it was reported that \$5,700 had been received to date from the recent financial drive, and that almost \$2,000 more was expected. Funds totalling \$1,500 were also due from advertising.

## Mineral Production

OTTAWA, May 16 (CP) — Production of 12 of Canada's 16 leading minerals rose during February over the corresponding month a year ago, while output of coal, copper, gold and iron ore declined, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.

Production, with totals for February, 1950, in brackets, follows: asbestos, 71,463 (57,961) tons; cement, 908,485 (790,500) barrels; clay products, \$1,447,795 (\$1,019,219) tons; coal, 1,606,425 (1,775,859) tons; copper, 20,301 (22,528) tons; gold, 347,033 (349,904) fine ounces; gypsum, 1,765,108 (1,410,010) tons; iron ore, 31,305 (36,594) tons; lead, 12,000 (10,964) tons; lime, 90,584 (77,013) tons; natural gas, 7,772-702,000 (6,645,237,000) cubic feet; nickel, 9,640 (9,575) tons; petroleum, 2,800,571 (1,946,437) barrels; salt, 69,119 (58,026) tons; silver, 1,588.617 (1,385,422) fine ounces; zinc, 25,219 (22,381) tons.

The Islanders Hockey Club, received a query from Sydney yesterday, asking his views on the inclusion of Sydney teams in a major hockey league next season. The query was in the form of a telegram from Shaun MacDonald, an executive member of the M.A. H. A., and read as follows: "Would greatly appreciate your views on proposed new Maritime major hockey set-up. If feel league matter first, would appreciate reply whether or not Club interested or better still reply to this: 'Are you in favor of new Maritime League which would include Cape Breton Clubs?'"

The following is President Rogers' reply: "Executive meeting this week. Can't comment for this body but from personal angle only. Would be in favor of six or seven team league if Sydney would place a wire screen preventing bottles tossed on the ice and spectators interfering with players and if your public could be induced to refrain from silly charges such as preferred against Horeek. Our relations with Sydney team were excellent, and too bad Sydney hockey fans were not the same. However, we will be in Halifax next week to discuss it."

## 45 Horses To Race In King's Plate Trial

TORONTO, May 16 (CP) — With a field of 45 entries, the King's Plate trial at the 1951 opening of the Ontario Jockey Club's Woodbine meeting Saturday will be run in three sections. The previous high was two sections.

Fifty-seven horses still are eligible for the King's Plate race.

Race followers expect that the three-section trial will serve to clog up the Plate, blue-ribbon Canadian racing event which is run a week later. Without use of a starting gate, the track could accommodate 25 horses in the Plate. With a gate, it might be held to 18-12 in the regular stalls and six in a half-gate if it is available. The outcome of the trials probably will determine the size of the field in the Plate.

## Assisted In Hockey Drive

In connection with a statement of the P. E. Islanders Hockey Club financial drive published in the Guardian yesterday morning, in which the campaign chairman Mayor B. Earle MacDonald issued his personal thanks to all those assisting in the drive, the names of Messrs. George Newman and Edson Wood were inadvertently omitted from the list.

Mayor MacDonald wishes to personally thank these two men for their excellent assistance during the drive. His Worship also takes this opportunity of thanking the many subscribers who sent in unsolicited donations of small amounts that added greatly to the success of the drive.

Under its terms the Province agrees to co-operate with the National Council on Physical Fitness in promoting physical fitness in Nova Scotia and to develop physical fitness plans.

The Dominion agrees to pay either half of the cost to the Province or \$11,301—whichever is the lesser—for physical fitness development in the fiscal year 1951-52.

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## Chicago White Sox In 9-5 Win Over Boston

(By The Canadian Press)  
 Chicago White Sox, talk of the American League, kept pace with the leading New York Yankees Wednesday by punching out a 9-5 victory over Boston Red Sox.

While the Chicagoans trimmed the Sox for the second straight day at Fenway Park, big Vic Raschi pitched the Yankees to an 11-3 triumph over Cleveland Indians. The results left Paul Richards' amazing Chisox 2½ games behind the world champions.

In the tightening National League race, Chicago Cubs blasted the front-running Brooklyn Dodgers 14-4 and the surging Cincinnati Reds edged Boston Braves 4-3.

At Boston, the White Sox reversed the script by scoring five runs in the first and three in the second for an 8-0 bludge. This was more than enough for pitcher Joe Dobson, former Boxer, although he gave up two homers to Walt Droppo.

Raschi, in winning his sixth against one setback, was in good form against Cleveland, striking out 10. He gave up seven hits.

After scoring three times in the first, the Yankees blew the game sky high with a six-run burst in the fifth inning. Bobby Brown led this assault against loser Bob Lemon and two replacements with a three-run homer.

Lemon, who seems able to whip everybody but the Yanks, suffered his third loss. He's won as many.

Mickie Mantle, the Yanks' celebrated rookie, clubbed across four runs, two with his fourth homer. The Yanks, with nine straight, are unbeaten at home.

The Cubs stole Brooklyn's home run thunder, smacking four into the seats. Rookies Ransom Jackson and Dee Fotherly hit two each. The Cubs joined four Brooklyn hurlers for 13 hits to make Paul Minner's second victory an easy one. Dodger starter Carl Erskine, pounded out in the first, was the loser.

Joe Adcock's two-run single, highlight of a three-run rally in the eighth, turned the tide for Cincinnati's uphill victory over the Braves. The blow sent the tying and winning runs scotching across the plate and handed Johnny Sain his fifth setback.

Frank Smith won in relief. Bob Elliott and Willard Marshall hit solo homers for Boston in the sixth.

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## Baseball Standings

NATIONAL	
Brooklyn	..... 15 11-57
Boston	..... 15 13-50
Pittsburgh	..... 13 13-50
Chicago	..... 13 13-50
Cincinnati	..... 13 14-41
St. Louis	..... 12 13-49
New York	..... 12 13-46
Philadelphia	..... 12 13-46
Thursday: New York-Pittsburgh; Boston-Cincinnati; Brooklyn-Chicago; Philadelphia-St. Louis (N).	
AMERICAN	
New York	..... 18 8-39
Chicago	..... 14 9-50
Detroit	..... 14 9-50
Washington	..... 13 11-54
Cleveland	..... 12 11-52
Boston	..... 12 12-36
St. Louis	..... 8 12-36
Philadelphia	..... 7 19-28
Games Thursday: Detroit-Washington; St. Louis - Philadelphia (N); Cleveland - New York; Chicago - Boston.	

## Haven For Destitute Pro Athletes Planned

SAN ANGELO, Tex., May 16 (AP) — A haven for destitute former professional athletes — with both winter and summer homes — is planned by the Christian Athletes' Foundation.

Rev. Stoney Jackson, a minister of the Christian Church and a director of the C. A. F., announced two sites have been selected and that baseball will be asked to send the project on its way.

The Minister said the locations were Tullahoma, Tenn., and Lake Worth, Fla., the former serving as a summer home and the latter for winter.

Billy Southworth, manager of Boston Braves; Lou Brisse, pitcher for Cleveland Indians, and Kirby Higbe, former major league pitcher, are directors of the Christian Athletes' Foundation.

"The home will be known as 'Christ's Haven' and will be a refuge for former athletes and also homeless boys, particularly the sons of former professional athletes.

Mr. Jackson said plans for the home were inspired by stories of baseball greats who have died in poverty.

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 The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Charlottetown Forum Limited called for the 23rd of May, 1951, is postponed, and will be held at the FORUM AT 7 P.M. on TUESDAY the 29th of MAY, 1951.

D. I. SINCLAIR,  
 Secretary-Treasurer.

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 Calling for entries for races May 24th at Parkview Raceway. All entries must be in no later than Saturday, May 19 at 9 o'clock p.m. The races will be a half mile dash at \$100 a dash. If day unfit management will have the right to call off the race. All horses starting at this race must have eligibility papers. Send entries to A. P. Gallant, Rustico. Phone 3-2110.

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