

Wings As Strong, Maybe Stronger Than Last Year

Editor's Note: This is the sixth and last in a Canadian Press series on pre-season prospects in the National Hockey League.

By BOB OLIVER
Canadian Press Correspondent
SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., (CP)—We're as strong as last year, maybe a little stronger, but remember that the whole league will be a lot tougher.

That comment came from coach Jim Skinner of Detroit Red Wings as the world hockey champions prepared to break annual camp at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The National Hockey League titlists are slated to open at the Detroit Olympia against Toronto Maple Leafs Thursday.

IN IVAN'S SHOES

The 1954-55 season will mark the debut of Skinner as coach of the perennial NHL favorites. Skinner, long associated with the Detroit organization, takes over from Tom Ivan. Now general manager of the Chicago Black Hawks, Ivan left the wings this season after leading Red Wings to six league championships and three Stanley Cups in seven years.

Starting out, Skinner has practically the same line-up that defeated Montreal Canadiens in the Stanley Cup finals last spring. Only durable Jimmy Peters, who served in a utility role, is absent. Peters has retired from hockey following a lengthy and colorful career.

Terry Sawchuk is back in goal and, judging from his early-season showing, is in for one of his best years.

A defence made up of Marcel Pronovost, Red Kelly, Bob Goldham and Benny Witt—with Al Arbour acting as the fifth rearguard—offers Sawchuk solid protection.

POWERFUL LINE

Up front the Detroit machine has possibly the strongest offence in the NHL with the high-scoring unit of Alex Delvecchio, Gordie Howe and captain Ted Lindsay showing the way. Delvecchio worked at the centre slot between the two all-star wingers in training camp and impressed Skinner with his style of play.

Another top-notch showing during the training period was made by the line of Glen Skov at centre, with veterans Mark Pavelich and Tony Leswick Skinner, before breaking camp, intimated this

Giants Receive \$10,810 Each

CLEVELAND (AP)—A reliable baseball source said Sunday the winning New York Giants would each receive the record sum of \$10,810 on the basis of 34½ shares in the world series players' pool and each Cleveland Indian would get \$6,457 on the basis of 38½ shares.

The biggest winning share previously was \$8,230.63 which went to New York Yankees last year, and the biggest losing share was \$6,178.42, collected last year by each Brooklyn Dodger.

The players share in the receipts of the first four games of a series, and this year their pool was a whopping \$798,763.72. The series was played in two of the largest parks in the major leagues—Cleveland's Memorial Stadium and the Giants' Polo Grounds.

ANOTHER WINDFALL

Tacked on, it was learned, was 15 per cent of a \$108,000 fee from a pre-series television show, making the grand total \$888,013.72. Seventy per cent of that figure, or \$621,609.60, is divided between the Giants and the Indians on a 50-50 basis.

On the basis of 37 shares, an average, each New York Yankee and Brooklyn Dodger will receive about \$1,800 as second place teams, each Chicago White Sox and Milwaukee Braves player about \$1,200 for third place, and each Philadelphia Phillies and Boston Red Sox player \$600 for fourth place.

Receipts from television and radio, \$1,200,000, go into the major league central fund which supports the players' pension fund.

Won't Replay World Series

CLEVELAND (AP)—Manager Al Lopez of Cleveland Indians says he won't spend the winter replaying the world series.

"They were hot and we were cold. We were licked by a championship team," Lopez said in the stillness of his office after Saturday's final defeat by New York Giants.

"I can't replay it. I wouldn't know of anything I could do different. I gave my best three pitchers and came back with Bob Lemon."

"A lot of things hurt us. The catch of Willie Mays. Our lack of hitting. Al Rosen's leg and Larry Doby's back. But they always played beautiful ball."

Commissioner Ford Frick asked Lopez to congratulate "first baseman" Vic Wertz on his behalf. Wertz wound up a fine series effort a double and a single in four times up Saturday.

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16 World Series Records Broken; 14 Others Tied

CLEVELAND (AP)—Sixteen world series records were broken and 14 tied in New York Giants' four-game sweep against Cleveland Indians.

The Indians shattered five standards and the Giants three. They shared eight marks.

Cleveland's records included most players left on base in a four-game series—37—and most players used in a four-game set—24.

Hank Thompson and Wes Westrum distinguished themselves for New York. Thompson received seven bases on balls and Westrum set a record for sacrifices with three, including a pair of sacrifice flies.

The Giants' Dusty Rhodes equaled a series mark, for successful pinch-hits with three.

Football Standings

Big Four

Montreal	W	L	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	4	3	23	90	8
Toronto	3	4	98	106	6
Ottawa	1	6	49	177	2

WIFU

Sask	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Winnipeg	7	3	2	174	181	16
Edmonton	5	4	0	118	106	10
Calgary	5	6	0	190	102	10
B.C.	1	8	0	70	180	2

ORFU

Kitchener	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sarnia	6	2	162	113	12
Toronto	4	2	102	75	8
Toronto	0	8	51	127	0

Ottawa (CP)—Chicago Black Hawks of the National Hockey League scored a 6-1 victory over the Ottawa Senators of the Quebec League in an exhibition match here Saturday night.

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Pittsburgh Pirates said Saturday manager Fred Haney, who in two years has not been able to get his club out of the National League cellar, has been signed to a new one-year contract.

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Lewisville Wins Junior Baseball Title

GLACE BAY, N. S., (CP)—Lewisville Cubs captured the Maritime junior baseball championship Saturday, downing the Nova Scotia Titlists, No. 11 Antonians, 8-1.

The Cubs swept their best-of-seven series in four straight games.

As in the first three games played in Moncton during the previous week-end, the New Brunswick-P. E. I. champions showed complete pitching mastery and had too much power at the plate.

Roscoe Wilson limited the Antonians to seven scattered hits while fanning five and helped his own cause by slamming a third inning home-run with none aboard.

Cubs combed the offerings of Lonnie Grant for 13 hits with Keith Wilson, Bellevue and Boudreau cracking two each.

Antonians got their woodwork from Corbett, Fred Courtney and Cece Bruffatto who had two hits each. Jack Rice's single made up the seven-hit total.

Sees Era Of Supremacy For The National League

CLEVELAND (AP)—The stunning four-game world series sweep by New York Giants under Leo Durocher's skillful handling may mark the start of a new era of National League supremacy.

Held under the thumb of the American League—New York Yankees in particular—since 1946, the Giants reflect the new zing and spirit of their league.

Cleveland's sorry play, after setting a league record of 111 victories to end the five-year reign of the Yankees, makes prophets of those who claimed the American was sub-par in 1954.

No longer will the National be the series underdog, automatically, as they were this year, 17 to 10. Gone are the days when you always could parlay Joe Louis, Notre Dame and the American League as sure things.

The Giant club, hardly the greatest of all time, but certainly the richest, always had it in the clutches. All season long, it was able to fight back with its best when B. Brooklyn or Milwaukee threatened.

Then there always was Durocher, calling the shots perfectly from the bench, making his pitching changes at the right moment and yelling for Rhodes when he needed the magic of his bat.

Rhodes was the most spectacular story of the brief series that brought the National League its first victory since 1946 when St. Louis Cardinals beat the favored Boston Red Sox in seven games. He wound up with a .667 average, high for both clubs, and tied Bobby Brown's 1947 series record with three pinch hits.

Except for such sordid details as piling up new receipts of \$1,566,203.38 and a record player pool, the Giants and Indians might better have stopped after the first game. That was the artistic high of the series, won by Rhodes' pinch homer in the 10th inning and saved by Willie Mays' sensational running catch of Vic Wertz's 450-foot smash in the eighth inning.

The Giants figure to get better with 23-year-old Mays and 24-year-old Antonelli as the key men for the future.

E. GERMANY SEEKS FOOD
 BERLIN (Reuters)—The United States high commission newspaper Neue Zeitung said Thursday East Germany has appealed to other East European countries for urgent help to overcome a threatened critical food shortage.

The East German government called for immediate supplies of potatoes and meat because stocks were insufficient for the winter months, the newspaper reported.

U. K. Open For Canadian Apples

OTTAWA (CP)—Viscount Swinton, British secretary of state for Commonwealth relations, said Friday he felt the United Kingdom market would always be open for Canadian apples.

Exports to the U. K. of Canadian apples, especially those from Nova Scotia, have fallen off sharply since the Second World War. Some persons in the apple trade have referred to present Canadian shipments as only a token of the former trade.

When asked at a press conference to comment on the apple situation, Viscount Swinton said he did not regard the U. K.'s last orders of Canadian apples as token shipments and that he felt apples were among the products the U. K. would continue to buy from Canada.

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Soccer Standings

LONDON (AP)—British soccer standings: (Top five teams)

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I

W Bromwich Albion	W	T	CP	Pts
Manchester City	7	2	2	16
Sunderland	5	5	1	15
Chelsea	5	5	2	15
Preston	6	2	3	14
Wolverhampton	6	2	3	14
Manchester U	6	2	3	14

Division II

Rotherham	8	1	2	17
Stoke City	7	2	3	16
Luton Town	8	0	3	16
Blackburn	7	1	3	15
Bristol Rovers	6	2	3	14

Division III southern

Bristol City	10	3	0	23
Leyton Orient	8	2	3	18
Norwich City	7	3	3	17
Coventry City	7	3	3	17
Milwall	7	2	4	16

Division III northern

Southampton	9	2	2	20
Gateshead	7	2	3	18
Chesterfield	8	2	3	18
Accrington Stanley	8	2	3	18
Barnsley	7	2	4	16
Darlington	6	4	3	16
Manfield Town	7	2	4	16

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Division A

Aberdeen	4	0	0	8
Celtic	3	1	0	7
Falkirk	2	2	6	6
Clyde	2	2	0	6
St. Mirren	2	1	0	5

Division B

Morton	2	1	0	5
Stenhousemuir	1	3	0	5
Third Lanark	2	1	1	5
Dumfries A	2	1	1	5
Queen's Park	2	0	1	4
Hamilton Acad.	2	0	1	4
Airdrieonians	1	2	0	4
Brechin City	2	0	2	4
Arbroath	1	2	1	4

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BUSTAMANTE ADAMANT
 LONDON (Reuters)—W. A. Bustamante, chief minister of Jamaica said Saturday the West Indies does not intend to be "fobbed off with a mass of economic theories and generalities" at the Commonwealth trade discussions here. Bustamante will represent the West Indies at discussions preliminary to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) conference at Geneva, Switzerland.

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