

Baseball Teams Have Shiny New Look As Season Opens Tomorrow

By Jack Hand
NEW YORK, April 13 — (AP)— Good old operation shakewell gives baseball a shiny new look for '52 with a 40 per cent turnover in the opening-day line-ups.

Tuesday's opening boxscores will be minus such familiar names as Joe DiMaggio, Sam Chapman, Lou Boudreau, Bobby Doerr and Hal Newhouse. In their places you'll find the likes of Ed Matthews, Dick Hall, Bobby Del Greco, Jim Rivera and Leo Thomas. Only 88 of last year's 144 starters will be in the same line-ups.

The most drastic shake-ups were in the houses of St. Louis Browns, Pittsburgh Pirates and Boston Braves. The Rogers Hornsby-Bill Veck team at St. Louis swept out most of the old furniture that cluttered up the cellar. Branch Rickey's latest crop of rookie wonders is about to take over the Braves. Youth-minded Tommy Holmes has moved most of the Milwaukee Little World Series champions into Braves Field.

The "experts" pick Cleveland and Brooklyn as the world series opponents in tight finishes with New York Yankees and Giants. Most of them expect a two-club race in each league. There is a scattering of support for Detroit, Chicago and Boston in the American and St. Louis, Philadelphia and Boston in the National. One writer picked the revamped Browns to win it all.

Struggling With Lineups

An unusual number of injuries left the managers still struggling with their line-ups in the final exhibition games. Monte Irvin's broken ankle forced manager Leo Durocher to make over his Giant outfield, buying Bob Elliott from Boston and moving Hank Thompson to centre field to replace arm-bound Willie Mays. When Detroit lost Hoot Evers for a month with a broken thumb, manager Red Rolfe had to two-plateau his outfield in left and centre.

The armed services snatched Don Newcombe from Brooklyn, Lloyd Merriman from Cincinnati and others. Ted Williams of the Red Sox and Gerry Coleman of the Yanks are due to report to the Marines May 2.

With a break from the weatherman, the majors should draw some 250,000 for each eight openers. There will be no special preview opener at Washington or Cincinnati this season.

Here is the opening day program with game time (EST).

American League
Boston at Washington 2 P.M.
New York at Philadelphia 2 P.M.
Cleveland at Chicago 2:30 P.M.
St. Louis at Detroit 2:30 P.M.

National League
Philadelphia at New York 1:30 P.M.
Brooklyn at Boston 2:00 P.M.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis (night) 9:30 P.M.
Chicago at Cincinnati 2:00 P.M.

Three "new" managers will be making their debuts and two more—Holmes at Boston and Phil Cavaretta with Chicago Cubs—will be starting their first full seasons. Of the "new" managers, Boudreau at Boston and Hornsby at St. Louis are just moving to new fields. Eddie Stanky, St. Louis Cardinal skipper, will be starting on a new career as playing-manager.

Local Group Would Affiliate With A. A. U. of C.

A group of sportsmen from this Province have applied to the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada for permission to affiliate with the A. A. U. of C. in order to protect any athletes of Olympic calibre in the Province, it was learned last night from Brigadier W. W. Reid, Director of Physical Fitness.

This group has tentatively organized in the hope that they will be accepted. In addition to applying to the President of the A. A. U. of C. they have also sent a wire and letter to the chairman of the British Empire Game committee. This latter wire and letter has been approved and sent on to the A. A. U. of C.

Until last year Prince Edward Island athletes were members of the Maritime Amateur Athletic Union but at a meeting last summer in Antigonish this Union was disbanded. This meeting was held on the day of the Highland Games in Antigonish and only a handful of members were present.

Maritime athletes are now unable to obtain amateur cards to participate Olympic trials as the result of the disbanding of the M. A. A. U., an action which was taken without the approval of Island members.

"If the Island application for affiliation is granted and if athletes from other provinces wish to join the Island board they will be free to do so," stated Brigadier Reid.

Hockey Results

(SATURDAY)
National League
Detroit 2 Montreal 1.
(Detroit leads best-of-seven series 2-0.)
Pacific Coast League
Victoria 4 Saskatoon 3.
(First game of best-of-seven final.)
MEMORIAL CUP
Western Canada Finals
Regina 1, Fort William 2.
(Fort William leads best-of-seven series 2-1.)
ALLAN CUP
Western Canada Finals
Fort Frances 2, Edmonton 4.
(Best-of-seven series tied 1-1, one game tied.)
Intermediate Playoffs
(At Brandon)
Canmore 1 Dauphin 4.
(Dauphin leads best-of-seven series 2-1.)
Manitoba Juvenile playoffs
St. Boniface 3 Flin Flon 5.
(Flin Flon leads best-of-three series 1-0.)
SUNDAY
Memorial Cup
Eastern Canada Finals
Montreal 2, Guelph 7.
(Guelph leads best-of-seven series 3-1.)
National League
Montreal 0, Detroit 3.
(Detroit leads best-of-seven final playoff 3-0.)
Eastern Hockey League
Johnstown 5, New Haven 3.
(Johnstown wins best-of-seven series 4-1.)
American League
Pittsburgh 1, Providence 5.
(Pittsburgh leads best-of-seven final playoff 2-1.)
Quebec Senior League
Chicoutimi 1, Quebec 5.
(Quebec leads best-of-nine series four games to three.)

Saint John Team Wins Hoop Series

THREE RIVERS, Que., April 13 — (CP)—Saint John Athletics last night eliminated Shawinigan Falls Tech in the second game of a two-game total-point Eastern Canada intermediate basketball semi-final series, downing the Tech's 63-56 and taking the series 131-107.

Saint John won the first game Friday 68-51. They now meet the Ontario winner in the finals.

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Sydney Team Winner Of Maritime Y Hoop Title

The powerful Sydney Y. M. C. A. basketball team won the Maritime Y. M. C. A. basketball championship Saturday afternoon by defeating teams from Charlottetown and Saint John in a tournament at the local Y.

Sydney won three games in winning the crown. They defeated Charlottetown in the opener by a 75-34 score and later walloped Saint John twice. Saint John won one game and lost two while Charlottetown lost both of their contests.

Saint John defeated Charlottetown 66-50 in the second game of the afternoon and eliminated the local team from any hope of winning the championship. In the two game total points play-off between Sydney and Saint John the former won the round 181-90.

Sydney, led by big Ruddy Pace, won the first game 84-36. They took the highkick by a 97-54 score. Following the games, the Maritime title championship trophy was presented to the Sydney team by Mr. Fred Gamble, General Secretary of the Charlottetown Y. M. C. A.

Rudy Pace, former St. F. X. star, led the pointgetters with 56 for the afternoon. Jim Goodwin of Saint John was runner-up with 41, and Jim Monaghan of Sydney came in for third place honors with 50.

Goodwin had the highest total for a single game when he scored 32 points in the Saint John-Charlottetown contest. Pace scored 28 points against Saint John in the first of their two-game series.

Other high point-getters were Harold Stockhouse of Saint John with 40 and Gordon Cluett of Sydney with 37. Donnie MacLean led the Charlottetown sharpshooters with 25 points followed by George Scantlebury with 18.

A banquet was tendered the three teams at the Y, and a welcome extended to the visitors. The banquet was presided over by Ivan Robinson, Boys' Work Secretary and it featured Fred Gamble as guest speaker.

Other speakers were Bob Neal, coach of the Saint John team; Pat Patterson, director of the Sydney team, and Earl Nicholson, coach of the local team. Mr. Robinson also spoke briefly thanking those who had assisted in making the meet a success.

The games were refereed by Jack Reardon, Bob Mooney, Tom Scantlebury and Bill O'Neill. The timekeeper was Neil Young.

Following are the line-ups and scores of the four games:
Sydney: Cluett 8; Morrison 7; Pace 13; Rutherford 7; Henderson 11; Darrow 2; Ford 18; Monaghan 26.—Total 97.
Saint John: Robinson 2; G. Pottle 3; G. Pottle 11; B. Hopkins 8; D. Hopkins 1; Neal 2; Stockhouse 11; O'Brien 7; Goodwin 14.—Total 54.

To Standardize Softball Rules

LONDON, Ont., April 13 — (CP)—The Canadian Softball Association decided at its third annual meeting here Saturday to form a committee for standardizing softball rules in Canada.

Lloyd Aigue of St. Catharines Ont., was named chairman of the rules committee. He will work with John Browe of London, M. E. Cottle, Montreal and Andy Anderson, Regina.

The C. S. A. also named its officers for the 1952 season. Vern McIlwraith, of Guelph, was named honorary president. Ken Yost, Winnipeg, is past president; Doug Smith, Toronto president; Claire Hollingsworth, Edmonton, first vice-president; Raymond Wray, Montreal, second vice-president; J. C. Anderson, Regina, third vice-president and Frank Feaver, Hamilton, secretary-treasurer.

The meeting officially recognized Edmonton Bordens as the 1951 Canadian women's softball champions, and Toronto Peoples as the 1951 men's champions.

Exhibition Baseball

At Boston:
Boston (N) 7 12 0
Boston (A) 12 16 1
Bickford, Johnson (5), Chipman (7) and Cooper, St. Clairs (5); Brodowski, Henry (4), Delock (6) and White.

At Washington:
Pittsburgh (N) 3 8 1
Washington (A) 2 7 1
Dickson, Pollett (4), Wilks (7) and McCullough; Hudson, Morero (4), Moreno (7) and Grasso.

At Brooklyn:
New York (A) 1 4 0
Brooklyn (N) 4 7 1
Reynolds, Miller (6), and Silveira; Wade, Schmitt (7) and Campanella, Walker (6).

At Evansville, Ind.:
New York (N) 2 14 0
Cleveland (A) 3 7 2
Hearn, Kennedy (6) and Westrum, Noble (9); Lemon, Brissie (8) and Tabetts.

At Philadelphia:
Philadelphia (N) 6 10 0
Philadelphia (A) 0 6 1
Fox, Hansen (7) and Lopata, Burgess (7); Zoldak, Scheib (4) and Astroth.

NEW YORK, April 13 — (AP)—The favored Blue Man came from far behind to catch the leaders in the stretch and pull away to victory in the \$28,000 Experimental Handicap No. 2 Saturday at Jamaica before a chilled crowd of 44,910. Mychlyn Stabile's Master Fiddle was second, with Sky Ship third in the field of 12 three-year-olds.

Winnipeg, April 13 — (OP)—Windsor A.K.O.'s took a one-game lead in the Canadian junior men's basketball finals Saturday night

Red Wings Shut Out Canadiens 3-0 For 3rd Straight Playoff Win

By JACK SULLIVAN
DETROIT, April 13 — (CP)—The powerhouse Detroit Red Wings, galloping at a goal-a-period pace, whipped Montreal Canadiens 3-0 here tonight to take their third straight victory in the best-of-seven Stanley Cup finals. They did it with a finesse that tickled the 14,018 Easter night fans.

It was their second victory of the week-end — they defeated Canadiens 2-1 at Montreal Saturday — and the stage now is set for the Wings to wrap it up in the fourth game here Tuesday.

Gordie Howe, the National Hockey League's leading scorer who hadn't clicked in six previous games, broke out for a two-goal production effort that broke the back of the hard-pressed Canadiens. He scored in the first and third periods and line-mate Ted Lindsay notched the other, a 65-foot fluke shot that astonished everybody in the arena, including the 26-year-old left-winger.

Lindsay's goal, a high drooper from outside, the Montreal blue-line that bounced in front of goal-keeper Gerry McNeil and took a crazy hop high into the nets, appeared to take the heart out of the Canadiens. They tried hard, particularly in the last minute of the second period, but couldn't get past Terry Sawchuk, Veziina Trophy winner.

Howe's second goal, at 6:54 of the final session, settled the issue. The Wings, riding easily on their three-goal lead, took it almost casually from therein and contented themselves with checking the desperate Canadiens who had a tough time trying to dent the Detroit defence.

Canadiens were without two regulars — defenceman Dollard St. Laurent who suffered a scraped eyeball in Saturday night's game, and Billy Reay who hurt his right knee. Stan Long, up from Buffalo, a Montreal farm club in the American Hockey League, took over for St. Laurent and Paul Marnick filled Reay's spot on the forward wall.

Veteran Skating Champ Does Dance With Barbara Ann

INDIANAPOLIS, April 12 — (AP)—Earle (Skater) Reynolds, 84, world speed-skating match champion 50 years ago, today put on his skates for the first time in 27 years and did an ice dance with Ottawa's Barbara Ann Scott.

The occasion was Skater's visit with his granddaughter, Patricia Lemaire, a member of the cast of Miss Scott's Hollywood Ice Revue. The show was holding a practice session.

The problem wasn't to keep Reynolds from falling down but to persuade him that a half-hour of skating was enough. After a preliminary warm-up with both girls holding his arms, "Skater" showed Miss Scott how he and his wife, the late Nellie Donegan of Australia, skated in Flog Ziegfeld show of 1907-11.

Reynolds' feats as a speed skater included an 8.8-second 100-yard dash at Detroit in 1898. It isn't in the books because he had a helping wind. The standing United States record is 9.4 seconds by Charles Jewstraw at Lake Placid in 1923.

Reynolds set the National A. A. U. record of 1:14.8 for the half-mile in 1897 and it has been lowered only six-tenths of a second in the last 65 years.

by edging Winnipeg Light Infantry 63-60. Windsor leads the best-of-five series 2-1. The fourth game will be played here Monday night.

Too Late To Classify

ALBANY, Calif., April 13 — (AP)—Lights Up Saturday outlasted the favorite, Phil D., to win the \$25,000-added Golden Gate race at Golden Gate Fields by three-quarters of a length. A crowd of 20,166 saw veteran Ralph Neves of Arcadia, Calif., outside Ray York of San Diego for the second time in two weeks.

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British Soccer

LONDON, April 13 — (Reuters)—Manchester United took over sole possession of first place in Division I of the English Soccer League Saturday, whitewashing Liverpool 4-0.

Arsenal, tied until Saturday for first place with Portsmouth and Manchester, lost an away game to Bolton Wanderers 2-1.

The "Gunners" still have a game in hand, but with only five games to play, supporters are beginning to wonder whether they'll pull off the big double-league champion and the Football Association Cup.

Portsmouth also lost away, to Tottenham Hotspurs 3-1 to drop slightly behind Arsenal on a goal average.

Manchester now has 50 points, with four games to play. Arsenal and Portsmouth have 48 points, the former with five games to play, Portsmouth three.

Birmingham took over first place in Division II, nosing out Queen's Park Rangers 1-0. Sheffield Wednesday tied with Swansea 1-1 to drop one point behind the leader. Notts Forest took a 4-0 romp over Hull to come within two points of Sheffield.

Plymouth Argyle extended their lead over the field in Division III (southern) with a 2-2 tie with Brighton and Hove Albion. The extra point drew Brighton up to a second-place tie with Reading, still seven points behind the leader.

Quebec Aces Lead Q.S.H.L. Series 4-3

QUEBEC, April 13 — (CP)—Quebec Aces today defeated Chicoutimi Saguenens 5-1 in the seventh game of their best-of-nine series for the Quebec Senior Hockey League championship before a crowd of 12,769 fans.

The win left Aces leading the series 4-3, one win away from the title and the right to meet Saint John, N. B. Beavers for the Alexander Trophy. Next game will be played in Chicoutimi Tuesday night and the ninth, if necessary, here Wednesday.

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