

Four Ch'town Fighters Ranked In Boxing Ratings

QUEBEC (CP)—James J. Parker is rated leading contender for the Canadian heavyweight title, made vacant by the retirement of Earl Walls of Toronto last year.

Parker's top spotting, followed by Vern Escoc, another Toronto fighter, was announced Wednesday by Gene Letourneau, National Commissioner and chairman of the rating committee of the Canadian Boxing Federation.

Here is the rating for all divisions:

Light-heavyweights
Heavyweights (title vacant): 1. James J. Parker, Toronto; 2. Vern Escoc, Toronto; 3. Billy Wallace, Vancouver; 4. Billy Carter, Vancouver; 5. Billy Smith, Calgary; 6. Big Boy Peterson, Charlottetown; 7. Baby Saunders, Winnipeg; 8. Jerry Buchanan, Montreal; 9. Dave Roy, Vancouver; 10. Cecil Gray, Springhill N.S.

Light-heavyweights: Champion, Yvon Durelle, Baie Ste. Anne, N.B.

1. Gordon Wallace, Brantford; 2. Doug Harper, Calgary; 3. "Duck" Trainer, Charlottetown; 4. Frank Bola, Montreal; 5. Traver Brooks, Calgary; 6. Gus Bruno, Quebec.

Middleweights: Champion, Louis Lawrence, Fredericton; 1. Coby McClusky, Dartmouth, N.S.; 2. Gary Simon, New Glasgow, N.S.; 3. Bert Emery, Sherbrooke, Que.; 4. Gerry Fraser, Bridgewater, N.S.; 5. Gus Rubincal, Montreal; 6. Eloi Durelle, Fredericton; 7. Harry Poulton, Charlottetown; 8. Elmer Haskill, Toronto; 9. Rocky Dufour, Chicoutimi, Que.; 10. Young McDougall, Sydney, N.S.

Welterweights: Champion, Tony Percy, Drummondville, Que. 1. All Marotti, Edmonton; 2. Jimmy Nolan, Calgary; 4. Earl McDonald, Sydney; 5. Allan McFater, Toronto; 6. Buddy McDonald, Edmonton; 7. Percy Paris, New Glasgow, N.S.; 8. Bobby Moore, Sydney; 9. Keith Paris, New Glasgow, N.S.; 10. Gordon Kiley, Syd-

ton, N.B.; Don Grinton, Brantford, Ont.; 9. Bobby Laffin, Sydney.

Bantamweights: Champion, Fernando Gagnon, Quebec; 1. Pat Simple, Montreal; 2. Gerry Simpson, Montreal; 3. Johnny Davidson, Glace Bay, N.S.; 4. Gil Geekie, London; 5. Bobby Bacon, Edmonton; 6. Clarence Coucette, New Glasgow, N.S.

Talbert Proposes Spring Training For Tennis Stars

NEW YORK (AP)—Bill Talbert, stated to be renamed captain of the U.S. Davis Cup team this week, Tuesday proposed a month's "spring training" for America's depleted tennis forces.

"We should have something like the baseball teams in Florida," the printing executive said.

"But there are problems. Sammy Giammalva is in college at the University of Texas. Barry McKay, another fine prospect, is at the University of Michigan. Ham Richardson is home from England but he is contemplating marriage.

"I think it's just too much to throw these kids together a week before an important match and say, 'okay, you're it.' It's bad for the esprit de corps."

Talbert has been Davis Cup captain the last three years. The squad scored a surprise victory in 1954, but recently there have been reports that Talbert might be replaced. An informal poll of the tennis brass, however, indicates Talbert's job is safe.

The administrative committee of the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association meets tonight to discuss dates for the national championships. Davis Cup matters and other business.

On Thursday the Davis Cup selection committee meets.

Cup matters and other business.

Others reported in the captaincy picture are Vic Seixas, who led the team in 1952; Ted Schroeder; Wilmer Allison, Don O'Neill and Cliff Sutter. O'Neill and Sutter are said to be unavailable because of business.

Johnny Podres Now A Sailor

NEW YORK (AP)—Johnny Podres, the young miner's son who pitched the Brooklyn Dodgers to their first world series championship last fall, became just another of Uncle Sam's sailor boys Monday.

Once declared unfit because of a back ailment, the 23-year-old lefthander passed his induction physical examination at New York's armed services building and immediately was assigned to the Bainbridge, Md., naval center for basic training.

Johnny, in fine spirits, said he would spend the night at the barracks at Brooklyn navy yard and probably report to Bainbridge today.

"I've got to spend my time in service the same as anybody else," the stocky, blond youth from Witherbee, N.Y., said.



Elston Howard of the New York Yankees contemplates a fielder's glove and a catcher's mitt at the Yanks' St. Petersburg, Fla., training camp. He wonders where he'll wind up in the American League champions' lineup the outfield or behind the plate. Howard, a star with Toronto Maple Leafs a few years ago, is adept at both positions.

STILL FLYING HIGH - - - By Alan Mavor

BOB RICHARDS, VETERAN POLE VAULTER, HAS BEGUN HIS 1956 CAMPAIGNING WHICH HE HOPES WILL WIND UP WITH A REPEAT WIN IN THE OLYMPICS.

HE'LL BE TRYING FOR A NEW RECORD 07H STRAIGHT WIN IN THE MILLROSE GAMES IN NEW YORK ON FEB. 4.

BOB BEGAN THE YEAR NEEDING ONLY EIGHTEEN MORE 15-FOOTERS TO MAKE IT AN EVEN HUNDRED.

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Federation Orders Tony Percy To Defend His Title

QUEBEC (CP)—The Canadian Boxing Federation rating committee has ordered welterweight champion Tony Percy of Drummondville, Que., to defend his title within 30 days.

Gene Letourneau, rating committee chairman, announced Tuesday.

Percy's contenders may be Al Marotti of Edmonton, or Johnny "Aked" of Calgary. Arthur King of Toronto is also listed as a contender for the title if he is active this year.

The federation rating committee announced it will declare vacant titles to the lightweight and featherweight championships unless their holders defend them soon.

Richard Howard of Halifax will have to fight either George Dunn of Edmonton or Jackie Hayden of Westville, N.S., if he wants to keep his lightweight title which he has not defended in 14 months.

Rifle Scores

Following are scores fired at the armories by the Charlottetown Small Bore Rifle Club. Instructions on shooting will be given weekly.

CLASS I

R. E. Jenkins	100
Bob Barwise	100
Allison Mutch	99
Earl Burke	99
F. Gormley	99
G. J. Rogers	98
G. G. MacLennan	97
Ted Smith	97
P. J. Landrigan	93

CLASS II JUNIOR

Ralph Kennedy	97
Wendell MacLean	96
Peter MacNeil	96
Garth MacLennan	94

CLASS III

Eric Wilson	95
Alf MacDonald	95
Leonard MacDonald	94
Walter Carver	93
Gordon Hutchison	90
A. J. Cloney	89
Mel Horne	89
Clive Stewart	89
Had Ings	89
Fred Younker	88

CLASS IV

Gerald Smith	89
Dave Smith	89
Ernest MacCabe	85
Emmie Jenkins	83
H. G. Judson	80
Dave Currie	80
Ivan Hill	80
Gerald Buckley	80
Bill McBride	80

The committee placed Pat Supple of Montreal as the No. 1 contender to the bantamweight title now held by Fernando Gagnon of Quebec City.

The heavyweight title was declared vacant. James J. Parker of Toronto and Barrie, Ont., is rated top contender. Vern Escoc of Toronto is second.

In the lightweight division, Yvon Durelle of Baie Ste. Anne, N.B., is champion. Gordon Wallace of Brantford, Ont., is rated No. 1 contender and Doug Harper of Calgary No. 2.

Louis Lawrence of Fredericton, now in Vancouver, is champion of the middleweight division with Coby McClusky of Dartmouth rated No. 1 contender. Gary Simon of New Glasgow is second.

The flyweight title was also declared vacant and no contenders are listed. The national commissioner said there are no fighters of importance in this division.

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Baltimore Orioles Have New Prospect In Tito Francona

By CHARLES MAHER
SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)—Tito Francona wasn't even on the roster when the Baltimore Orioles checked in her for spring training, but he hasn't had much trouble getting his name in print since then.

The 22-year-old outfielder from New Brighton, Pa., had eight home runs—including five in intrasquad games—going into Wednesday's meeting with the Cleveland Indians. He also had a promising .353 batting average for the young exhibitors season and was one of the few consistent sluggers in a Baltimore lineup that so far has been something short of devastating.

Tito, whose real name is John and whose nickname just happened, has also done some fine defensive work for the Orioles this spring. His speed is adequate and his throwing arm—the left one—is good enough to show impulsive and his throwing arm—is good enough to show impulsive base runners the wisdom of caution.

STARTED AT FIRST
On a mimeographed supplementary roster the Orioles released after their arrival here, Francona was listed as a "franky, heavy hitting fir" baseman.

So far he's played nothing but the outfield, but position histings ordinarily don't have much permanence when you're working for Paul Richards, the manager who moves his men around like a frantic checker player.

Tito did play first base at Aberdeen, S. D., during his second year in organized ball. But he was an outfielder during his first year, at York, Pa., and during the two seasons he played later in the army at Ft. Benning, Ga.

He hit .325 with Aberdeen in 1953 and drove in 79 runs. He had two good seasons in the service, then played last winter in Colombia, South America. He led the Winter League there in home runs, hitting 17 in a 60-game season.

Emile Francis In Flannels

WINNIPEG (CP)—Emile Francis played the last second of Tuesday night's Western Hockey League game in his undergar.

The Saskatoon Quaker goalie thought the game was over when Winnipeg Warriors' Skip Burchell scored his last-second goal and left the ice.

Officials argued the goal while the teams left the ice and then decided that another faceoff was necessary to finish the game. Only two Quakers and six Warriors were on the ice at the time. Francis was hauled out of the dressing room, wearing only his underwear and pads.

Warriors won the first game of the best-of-five Prairie division semi-finals 6-1.

Runs 220 Yards In Record Time

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP)—Trinidad's Mike Agostini, Eresno State College sophomore, ran the 220-yard dash Saturday in 20.1 seconds and meet officials said they would submit the time for a world record.

The existing mark is 20.2 set by Southern California's Mel Patton in 1949.

Five watches timed the race. Meet officials said three watches caught him at 20.1 and the other two were even faster. There was no wind. Agostini, former British Empire Games sprint champion, finished five yards in front of Jim Lea, former 440 ace, in the straight-away race.

Agostini also won the 100 yard dash in 9.4.

Rifle Scores

The following were the scores at the Parkdale Rifle range on March 19:

Danny McAskill 96; Uley Birt 94; Arthur Brown 93; Mel Horne 93; Merrill Smith 91; Cecil Watts 90; J. Thompson 87; N. H. Shaw 86; M. Ling 85; S. MacDonald 84; T. Knox 83; G. Proude 82; O. Dolar 82; Doug Moore 81; Al West 81; Helen Vessey 80; Bonnell Ling 80; Arthur Trewin 80; Price Thomson 80; H. Prowse 80; C. Thompson 80; Brenda MacKay 80; Judy Birt 80; Fred Watton 80; Marellyn Rice 80; Bill Webster 80; Irene Webster 80; Pearl Rice 80; Ted Beer 80; Art Seaman 80; Robert Seaman 80; Norman Sherran 80.

Both Teams Hard Hit B. Y. C. And Parkdale Will Decide Finalist Tonight

The Parkdale Flyers and the Basilica Youth Club, two hockey teams badly hit by injuries and suspensions, go to it again tonight at the Sports Arena in the final game of their best-of-five series in the Island Senior League semi-finals.

After four games the series is all tied up at 2-2. Parkdale won the opener and the B. Y. C. evened it up in the second contest. B. Y. C. went one game up in the third outing but the Flyers scored an unexpected 4-1 victory in the fourth to knot the count at 2-2.

Parkdale are down to two defencemen as a result of the suspension handed to defenceman Ralph Josey following a fracas during and after Monday's play-off game with Pictou and the B. Y. C. will be heading into the fray without star defenceman-forward Jack (Spy) Ready and rightwinger Harry Simmonds and possibly without goaltender Don Simmonds.

The only note for optimism in the Parkdale camp is the return of Allan (Junior) MacLeod, who missed the last two of Parkdale's clashes with the youth club. MacLeod was back in uniform on Monday and played a great game on defense. But with Josey out the Flyers have only Kip Ready and MacLeod to tend the blue line chores.

It is reported from youth club sources that big Des Burge will return to the lineup to help out Frank Shepherd, Stu MacLure and Frank Smith with the defensive work. Des played only a couple of games early in the season before he had to quit because of illness and if he gets back on the blades tonight it will put coach Wally Shepherd's worried mind a little more at ease.

The winner of tonight's game will go against St. Dunstan's University in the finals beginning on this coming Tuesday. The Saints won their way to the final round by whipping Montague Primroses three games to one in semi-final series "B".

There is little doubt that the biggest crowd of the season will be sitting in on this one and patrons should take notice that the Arena management is having an advance sale of tickets from 12 noon to 1:30 and again from 4 p.m. until game time, which is 8:45.

Plays Hookey To Ride Race Horse

MALPAS, Eng. (Reuters)—Thirteen-year-old Robin Langley was in hot water with school officials Wednesday because he played hookey from school to ride in an important horse race.

Robin, Britain's youngest successful jockey, rode a first-outsider, Arts Degree, in the Lincolnshire Handicap. The horse finished near the tail end of the field but racegoers agreed it was a good performance in a career that began when Robin was only 11.

But education authorities whom he had defied to take part in the race did not regard it as a good performance. The local education committee will consider his truancy at its next meeting.

"If repeated, it could have a serious effect on his education," an official said. "It looks to me a bad thing."

A similar situation developed Monday over 14-year-old Steve Donoghue II, kinsman of a celebrated pre-war British jockey.

Steve planned a ride in a minor race at Lincoln Monday but stayed at school after receiving a warning from local education authorities.

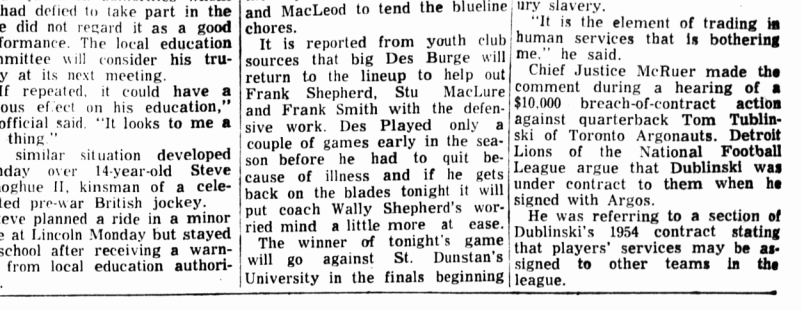
Likens Football Contracts To 19th Century Slavery

TORONTO (CP)—Chief Justice J. C. McRuer of the Supreme Court of Ontario said Tuesday United States professional football contracts remind him of 19th-century slavery.

"It is the element of trading in human services that is bothering me," he said.

Chief Justice McRuer made the comment during a hearing of a \$10,000 breach-of-contract action against quarterback Tom Tubinski of Toronto Argonauts. Detroit Lions of the National Football League argue that Tubinski was under contract to them when he signed with Argos.

He was referring to a section of Tubinski's 1954 contract stating that players' services may be assigned to other teams in the league.



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