

# Brooklyn, Cleveland Off To Flying Start As Baseball Season Opens

By The Canadian Press

Brooklyn and Cleveland, pre-season pennant favorites, got off winging today as the 1952 major league baseball season got under way.

Cold, blustery rains prevented the defending champion New York Giants and Yankees from playing but all other teams managed to get in their first game despite chilly, dismal weather.

Opening day proved a jinx to the home clubs as all five hosts went down to defeat. The Dodgers began their bid for the National League flag, shading the Braves in Boston, 3-2. The Indians also moved in the right direction in quest of the American League title, beating the White Sox in Chicago by the same 3-2 score.

Boston's Red Sox proved an ungracious guest, shutting out the Senators 3-0 in Washington before President Truman and 25,800 less-distinguished patrons. Rogers Hornsby's revamped St. Louis Browns embarrassed the home town Detroit Tigers before Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and 43,112 cash customers, blanking the Bengals also by a 3-0 count.

**10-Inning Game**

Chicago's Cubs had to wait 10 innings but got the deciding run on Gene Harman's pinch hit single to eke out a 6-5 victory over the Reds in Cincinnati before 28,517 blanketed and overcast fans.

A two-run single by Roy Campanella riddled a three-run fifth inning and gave the Dodgers their initial win. Preacher Roe scattered seven hits to gain the hurling duel from southpaw Warren Spahn. The hit was the third straight for Campanella. Billy Cox singled in the first Brooklyn run. A homer by Sam Jethroe accounted for Boston's first run. Sid Gordon drove in the other with a single after Earl Torgeson had doubled

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By Rouson

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### Sport Echoes From Prince County

It's about time someone did something about the ridiculous system we have in the Maritimes (and possibly elsewhere) of deciding who can play intermediate hockey. As far as we know, there are no definite qualifications that will put one player or team in the senior division and another in the intermediate class. It seems to be up to the managements of the teams. When players like Pat Powers and Muckle Hollett can play intermediate hockey the year after they have played in the "Big Four" then the sky must be the limit all right.

Why can't the powers-that-be work out some kind of regulations that will place an iron-clad barrier between intermediate and senior status? There is not much incentive today to organize an intermediate team in the hope that it may have a fighting chance for the Maritime intermediate crown, when some of our very best Maritime hockey players are permitted to play with intermediate teams. It's like throwing Joe Louis into a Golden Gloves tournament, and telling the aspiring boxers they will have to beat Joe in order to cop top honors.

We like the Island Physical Fitness classifications: Intermediate "A", intermediate "B", and intermediate "C". It gives hockey players of all grades a chance to play organized hockey, and a pretty fair chance to carry off honors in their division. We don't know if Brigadier Reid and his lieutenants have cut-and-dried rules to separate the classes, but in practice the scheme has been working out pretty well, with a lot of nip-and-tuck struggles.

Summerside, once in the Intermediate "A" class, has been demoted to the "B" grade, and their showing among the "B's" has shown the wisdom of this drop. Just give us a couple more "rinks" winters and Reid, Hogan & Co. will have to dig some more letters out of the alphabet to find us our proper niche. Intermediate "D's", here we come!

Summerside High School has come up with something new. (We think). Mixed basketball. The rules are simple as yet, but may be expanded as time goes on, and the need for new regulations becomes clear. At present, the rules say that a team must have at least two girls on the floor at all times, and a field goal can be scored only by a girl shooting or by a boy who has received the ball from a girl.

## Detroit Red Wings Defeat Canadiens 3-0 To Win Stanley Cup

DETROIT, April 15 (CP) — Unheralded Metro Prystal sparked the power-packed Detroit Red Wings to the Stanley Cup hockey championship tonight as the Wings became the first team ever to win the cup in eight straight games. Prystal scored two goals and assisted once in the 3-0 victory over Montreal Canadiens.

It was the Wings' fourth straight over the Canadiens in the best-of-seven final and gave them their fifth Stanley Cup in 19 seasons.

Goalie Terry Sawchuk, the iron fence of hockey, blocked 26 shots to record his fourth shutout of the playoff semi-final and final. That tied a National Hockey League playoff record held by two others.

The Wings, seeking revenge against the club that knocked them out of last year's playoff, won the regular season championship.

Prystal scored his first goal of the playoff at 6:50 of the first period when he ripped the puck past goalie Gerry McNeil. Alex Delvecchio passed out from the boards to Prystal. Rookie Johnny Wilson also got an assist.

Prystal clinched it with a thrilling race past defenceman Tom Johnson after stealing the puck off Paul Meeker's stick at 7:35 of the third period. Prystal streaked 120 feet and ran the puck from 15 feet past helpless McNeil.

Prystal also figured in the second goal. From the sideboards he flicked the puck to Glen Skov in the midst of a scramble in front of the net. From eight feet, Skov drilled it in at 19:39 of the second period.

The Wings whipped Toronto Maple Leafs, who finished third, in four straight games. Then they humbled the Canadiens 3-1, 2-1, 3-0 and 3-0. Montreal, second-place finishers, entered the cup final by eliminating Boston Bruins four games to three.

## 3 lb., 15 oz Trout Caught At Seal River

Opening day has come and gone, and as in other years some anglers were disappointed but there were a great many who brought home some excellent catches. The Mabon Drug Co at Montague had many contenders for the \$500 opening day prize. Some lovely trout were brought in and there was keen excitement and interest among the fishermen to see who would finally be the lucky one. There was disappointment too as some anxious angler saw that his trout had been beaten by a few ounces.

Just about closing time the winner and still champion, 3 lbs., 15 oz., arrived from Seal River, and was brought in by Mr. Stan McCabe of Charlottetown. Mr. McCabe, formerly of Alexandria, was highly elated with his catch and gave a glowing account of the struggle to land this magnificent trout, saying that he was ably assisted by Messrs. Doug MacLeod and Bob Cameron, also of Charlottetown.

Mr. McCabe's trout was a beauty taken with bait about 9:30 a.m. yesterday morning. The weight, 3 lbs., 15 oz., length 20 inches, girth 12 1/4 inches, and that leaves the other anglers something to aim at for the rest of the season. If a bigger one is not brought in, then Mr. McCabe qualifies for the other \$100.00 season prize, and this contest is open till the end of the trout fishing season.

## Alexander Cup Finals To Open On April 17

MONTREAL, April 15 (CP) — Frank Dillo, registrar of the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association, announced today that the best-of-seven final for the Alexander Trophy will open April 17 in Saint John.

The Quebec Senior Hockey Association championship is still to be decided. Quebec Aces lead Chicoutimi Sagesse 4-3 in games with the eighth game of the best-of-nine series scheduled for tonight at Chicoutimi. If a ninth game is necessary it will be played in Quebec tomorrow night.

The winner meets Saint John, Maritime major champions.

Dates for the Alexander Trophy final:

April 17 and 19 at Saint John. April 21 at Saint John if the teams split the first two games; otherwise at Quebec or Chicoutimi.

All remaining games will be played at Quebec or Chicoutimi—April 23, 24, 26, 27 if necessary—in the best-of-seven series.

## York Rifle Club Shoot

Following are the results of the York Rifle Shoot which was held last week:

A. Swan	96
H. T. Vesey	96
E. Watts	95
E. Hardy	94
D. K. Swan	93
R. A. Vessey	92
L. H. Vessey	92
Leigh Vessey	92
Miss N. Richards	91
J. Andrew	91
V. Duck	91
P. Proud	91
A. Brown	90
D. Watts	90
Mrs. A. Swan	89
A. J. Cuney	88
R. Newson	88
Lloyd Vessey	88
G. Andrew	87
Howard Watts	87
H. T. Watts	87
N. Nicholson	85
Miss C. Wood	84
G. Robinson	83
L. Lewis	80
R. Watts	80
Mrs. R. A. Vessey	80
M. Ling	80
F. Vessey	80
N. Brown	80
L. Watts	80
John Nicholson	80
B. Ling	80
D. Crockett	80

## Baseball Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Boston	000 002 010—3 6 0
Washington	000 000 000—0 3 3
Parnell and Niarhos; Porterfield, Newscum (9) and Klutz.	
St. Louis	000 110 001—5 6 0
Detroit	000 000 000—0 6 1
Garver and Courtney; Trout, Stuart (9) and Eatis.	
Cleveland	000 100 200—3 6 0
Chicago	000 000 101—2 6 0
Wynn and Hegan; Pierce, Stobbs (9) and Lollar.	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Brooklyn	000 030 000—3 11 0
Boston	001 010 000—2 7 0
Roe and Campanella; Spahn and Cooper.	
Chicago	014 000 001—6 12 1
Cincinnati	002 010 110 0—5 12 1
10 innings.	
Minner, Klippstein (5), Hatten (9), Leonard (9) and Atwell; Wehmeler, Perkowski (4), Hiller (10) and Semnick.	
Pittsburgh	000 000 110—2 7 0
St. Louis	000 001 000—2 8 0
Dickson, Wilks (3) and McCullough, Garagiola (3); Staley, Brazle (3) and D. Rice.	
Postponements: American League, New York at Philadelphia, four games scheduled. National League, Philadelphia at New York, four games scheduled (one night).	

## Sugar Ray Robinson Is 3-2 Favorite To Retain Title Tonight

By Charles Dunkley

CHICAGO, April 15 (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson, one of the greatest fighters of this era, will defend his world's middleweight championship against dangerous Rocky Graziano, former titleholder, tomorrow night before a crowd of 20,000.

The gross gate at the Chicago Stadium probably will hit \$261,000, surpassing the International Boxing Club's top fistic promotion of \$246,546 paid by 25,322 to see Ezzard Charles defeat Jersey Joe Walcott for the National Boxing Association version of the heavy-weight championship in Comiskey Park, June 22, 1949.

The net receipts may reach \$200,000 of which Robinson will get 30 per cent and Graziano 25. Both will share in the television-radio pool of \$80,000. Thus Robinson stands to pick up \$84,000 and Graziano \$70,000.

The battle, scheduled to start at 10 P.M. EST, will be viewed by millions through television lens, although the telecast has been blacked out for the Chicago area.

Robinson, because of his superior boxing and hard punching, is a 3-1 betting favorite. Even money odds were quoted that Robinson will triumph by a knockout inside eight rounds.

If Graziano's explosive right hand punch lands in a vital spot, he can turn the tide with lightning swiftness, as he did in winning the middleweight title from Tony Zale in the same ring July 16, 1947. Referee Johnny Behr stopped the bout in the sixth round to save Zale from further punishment.

Robinson, at 32, is beginning to show signs of wear and tear after 15 years of warfare. Last July was the turning point. Randy Turpin of Britain snatched the 160 pound title from him in London and sliced an eight-stitch gash over his eye.

Robinson regained the title last Sept. 12, before 60,000 fans in New York's Yankee Stadium, when he scored a 10th round knockout over Randy, but not until Turpin cut him up again. This time the wound required 11 stitches.

## Plan Maritime Volley Ball Series

MONTCTON, N.B., April 15 (CP)—The Maritime Senior Volley Ball Championships will be staged here Saturday, nine teams taking part, it was announced tonight.

Games will be staged at the Garrison Drill Hall during the morning and afternoon, with the championship final set for 5:15 Saturday afternoon.

Teams entered are: Halifax St. John's "A", Halifax St. John's "B", H.M.C.S. Sisdacoona of Halifax, Summerside R.C.A.F., Halifax Y.M.C.A., Saint John Y.M.C.A., St. Joseph's University, Salisbury and Moncton Y.M.C.A.

The teams will be divided into two groups, each of which will play a round robin series. A special series will be played between the two bottom teams of each round robin series, two of three games.

The championship series, also two of three, will be played between the top teams in each section. In case of a tie for the round robin winner, points for and against in all games will be averaged to decide the winner.

## Dick Wakefield Signs With Giants

NEW YORK, April 15 (AP)—Dick Wakefield, one-time Detroit hero, signed a contract with New York Giants today. He was picked up shortly after Monte Irvin, regular Giant left fielder suffered a broken ankle in an exhibition game.

During the few games Wakefield played with the Giants he gathered four hits in six trips to the plate. His salary was not divulged.

## Quebec Aces Win League Title

CHICOUTIMI, Que., April 15 (CP)—Quebec Aces outscored Chicoutimi Saguenens 4-1 tonight to take the Quebec Senior Hockey League championship and the right to continue in the hunt for the Alexander Trophy.

Tonight's victory gave the fast-stepping Aces the best-of-nine series 5-3.

NEW YORK, April 15 (AP)—Rain and cold weather forced the postponements of two games and held the attendance of the major league openers today to 143,079 paid admissions.

## Garrison Rifle League Results

The shot-off for the championship of the "B" Division was fired at the Armouries on Tuesday 8th April. When the smoke had cleared the 21 Fd. Ambulance were the champions by a wide margin. The results were as follows:

21 Field Ambulance	
Pte. R. B. Hamby	99
Pte. A. K. Mutch	96
Capt. W. T. Hooper	96
Sgt. R. M. Vessey	95
Lieut. W. K. Sharpe	93
Low score out	479
Navy "B"	
OS D. MacKenzie	93
AB D. Doyle	88
OS D. McEachern	87
LS F. Saunders	84
LS M. Judson	84
Low score out	77
5 Sigs Regt. "B"	
Sgt. G. W. Schleyer	87
O/C R. L. Doyle	84
O/C E. C. Kelly	84
Lieut. S. Lancaster	81
O/C B. Breddon	79
Low score out	69

The shoot-off in the "A" Division will take place Thursday, with the Navy and RCAF at Queen Charlotte and the 5 Sigs Regt. "A" and RCMP at the Armouries.

## Midget Abbies Given Banquet On Return With Maritime Hockey Title

A victorious and happy band of Maritime Midget hockey champions, the Charlottetown Abbeys, were tendered a regal reception here last evening by civic heads and sports-loving citizens of this City.

Touring the City aboard one of the local fire department engines, with the 17th Recce Regiment Band in the van, the boys were greeted with warming cheers and applause enroute to the Charlottetown Armouries where they were received by His Honor Lt. Gov. T. W. L. Prowse, Premier J. Walter Jones, Mayor J. D. Stewart and members of the City Council, with all the pomp and show of a civic welcome. Hundreds of citizens crowded the Armouries to give the team a rousing return they justly deserved. They were honored at a banquet held in the private dining room of the Rendezvous Restaurant, tendered them by the Charlottetown Rotary Club and presented with free theatre tickets through the kindness of the F. G. Spencer Company Ltd.

Speaking on sport from a strictly amateur aspect, Brigadier Reid outlined to the boys the unlimited opportunities before them "if you will just make up your minds to stay in your own home town to develop it, and not be lured away to distant points by lucrative offers before they are ready for it." He intimated that a big program is in the offing here to broaden their future activities "and you will all be well looked after right here in your own home town as far as opportunities are concerned, and what is more, if such opportunities are deserving our athletes, we will see that they are placed in the best hands to promote those opportunities."

In closing, Brigadier Reid thanked the Rotary Club, the Recce Band, the Charlottetown Fire Department and all others who contributed to the success of the reception tendered the local hockeyists.

NEW YORK, April 15 (AP)—George A. Barnewall, 64, vice-president, treasurer and a director of Brooklyn Dodgers Baseball Club died last night in hospital. He had been ill several weeks. Barnewall had been associated with the Dodgers since 1940.

Completely surprised by the magnitude of the occasion, the boys and their joint coaches, Art Perry and Forbes Kennedy, Sr., further demonstrated their championship qualities by receiving the honors bestowed upon them with deep appreciation in a somewhat bashful manner.

Given very slim chances to beat the highly vaunted Halifax Seagulls in their sudden-death game at the Nova Scotia capital on Monday night, the plucky band of local pucksters pulled them off their perch with a decisive 4-2 victory for the title, the only Maritime crown to be brought back to the Province during the 1951-52 hockey season.

In extending their welcome and congratulations to the returning champions, Governor Prowse and Premier Jones both showed their warm appreciation of the accomplishments of the young local pucksters. "I am delighted with the honor you have brought to yourselves and the Province," stated the Lt. Governor, "and the fine manner in which you have held up the high tradition of the Abegweit Club," while Premier Jones emphasized the importance of good sportsmanship and citizenship as the keynote of his address. "If you go in for sport for the love of it and not for money, develop good behaviour and habits and apply them in your sport, you will be great men individually," said the Premier.

Mayor Stewart expressed his pleasure on behalf of the City Council and the people of this City to the boys for bringing the only Maritime hockey title back to the Province this season, and placed emphasis on the fact that it was "Our home town boys that brought it back." He referred to past years when such local athletes as "Sugar" Gordon and "Wackey" McEachern helped to bring many sporting laurels to this Province and said "We want to see real hockey brought back to this City with our own people."

Following a delicious chicken dinner with all the trimmings at the Charlottetown Armouries, the boys were taken to the Charlottetown Armouries where they were received by His Honor Lt. Gov. T. W. L. Prowse, Premier J. Walter Jones, Mayor J. D. Stewart and members of the City Council, with all the pomp and show of a civic welcome. Hundreds of citizens crowded the Armouries to give the team a rousing return they justly deserved. They were honored at a banquet held in the private dining room of the Rendezvous Restaurant, tendered them by the Charlottetown Rotary Club and presented with free theatre tickets through the kindness of the F. G. Spencer Company Ltd.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Ladies' Branch, Charlottetown Curling Club, will be held in the Club House Friday, April 18th, at 8 P.M. Presentation of prizes. Lunch will be served. All members are urged to attend.

LILLIAN M. DUCHEMIN, Secretary.