

Red Wings Took Stanley Cup Opener, Upset Leafs

EXPERTS PICKING CARDS AND CHICUBS IN NATIONAL LOOP

Sumup of Chances for Various Clubs in Older Loop

NEW YORK, April 5—A two-club race for the National League pennant, with the St. Louis Cardinals dethroning the Chicago Cubs by a narrow margin, was forecast by baseball experts casting ballots in the Associated Press' tenth annual poll.

In as close a battle of ballots as the poll has ever seen, 43 of the 98 sports writers and editors and baseball writers who participated, cast their first-place ballots for the "gas-house gang" led by the inimitable Deans and bolstered by the off-season acquisition of Leroy (Bud) Parmelee, fast-ball right-hander.

The Cubs, who won the 1935 flag with a spectacular 21-game winning streak in the closing month of the campaign, were placed second despite the fact that they will get away from the barrier two weeks hence with virtually the same array that performed so sensationally a year ago.

The Cubs received 39 first-place ballots but Charley Grimm's champions can take heart from the fact that the 1935 poll established the Cardinals as favorites and ranked the Cubs no better than third.

Giants and Pirates

As far as the experts are concerned, only two other clubs—the New York Giants and Pittsburgh Pirates—can be considered to have even a remote chance of figuring in the championship this summer. The Giants were given 13 votes for first place and Pittsburgh, prospective "dark horse" of the campaign, received three.

The Pirates, incidentally, proved to be the toughest club of them all for the poll-participants. Pie Traynor's

NEWS FROM THE TRAINING CAMPS

BERMINGHAM, Ala., April 4—The New York Yankees squeezed out a 6-5 victory over the Birmingham Barons yesterday, in the second and final game of their series.

Bill Dickey's hefty triple in the eighth inning topped a three-run assault giving the Yankees what proved to be the winning margin.

LAKELAND, Fla., April 4—Eight bases on balls by Elden Auker plus five hits, scored eight runs enabling the St. Louis Browns to beat the Detroit Tigers, 8-3, yesterday.

All the Tigers' runs were scored off Merritt Cain, Roy Mahaffey pitching scoreless ball in the last five innings.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 4—The Boston Bees signed Pitcher Wayne Osborne, formerly of the San Francisco Missions and more recently on trial with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Osborne had been released Wednesday by Brooklyn and was ready to return to the Missions. The Dodgers declined to complete the purchase of Osborne.

Osborne met Bob Quinn, head of the Boston club, and Quinn wired the Missions an offer which was accepted. Osborne left for Savannah last night with the Bees.

A year ago last winter the Pittsburgh Pirates bought Osborne for \$20,000, paying \$5,000 down. He was returned to the Missions in May when Pittsburgh Manager Pie Traynor refused to pay the balance of \$15,000.

Magnate: "The man who marries my daughter will want a lot of money".

Suitor (hopefully): "Well, sir, nobody wants it more than I do".

Runners Prep!

Billy McMahon, the Worcester runner who set the pace at the North Medford run and who was seventh last year, entered the B. A. A. marathon yesterday.

Other entries received yesterday were: Joseph W. Plouffe, Fairlawn A. C., Pawtucket, R.I., who will be one of the team with Leslie Pawson; Martin Fitzpatrick; Jefferson A. C., Cambridge; Warren Hackett, Cunningham gymnasium, Milton; John F. Ellsire, Brighton; Charles Timpany, North Medford; and Pranken Weaver of Sturbridge.

Manager Tom Kanaly now has 13 entries on his list, a firm foundation for the April 20 event.

DESCRIPTION OF OLYMPIC FRACAS GIVEN

Deacon Tells About the Squabble at Paris — Tempers Flared at the Time.

MONTREAL, April 5—Player Deacon, member of the Canadian Olympic hockey team, described the outbreak between Port Arthur and Montreal players upon his arrival home in Port Arthur. The trouble occurred following an exhibition game in Paris.

"It was all over in fifteen seconds," Deacon said, in describing the fight that broke out among the Olympic play. Arnold happened to be one of the principals in the affair so he had a front seat view of what took place.

It happened, the "Deak" said, when the players trooped into the dressing room and were taking off their skates. Some of the boys were on edge when they came in, he said, and when Herman Murray, Montreal member of the team, made a crack about the team being "all Bear Cats," Bill Thompson retorted and a few hot words followed. (The team was known as the Port Arthur Bear Cats and their name appeared on the score boards.) When "Scotty" Stewart, trainer of the team, stepped between Murray and Thompson and told them to cool off, Murray answered him in the same vein and as "Scotty" was turning away, swung out and hit him behind the ear.

Deacon rose off the bench where he was sitting, but before he had straightened out, the belligerent Montrealer clipped him one on the eye and knocked him sprawling on the floor. Thompson then closed with Murray and while they were scuffling about Deacon made it even-Stephen and landed a beauty on Murray's eye. Ray Milton and the officials then took a hand in the rum-pus and the players were parted and tempers cooled. It was all over in the space of a few seconds, Deacon related, and nothing of a similar nature cropped up during the rest of the trip.

ALLISON WILL CAPTAIN U. S. TENNIS TEAM

HOUSTON, Texas, April 4—Wilmer Allison, Austin, Tex., national tennis champion, was notified yesterday by the United States Lawn Tennis Association of his appointment as captain of the United States Davis Cup team.

The U.S.L.T.A. made the appointment because of the illness of Walter Pate, New York City, who was named captain several weeks ago.

The Americans will meet the Mexico Davis Cup team in the international zone match to be played at River Oaks Country Club here April 10-12.

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SUDBURY TEAM QUALIFIED ALLAN CUP FINALS

Beat Brockville for Eastern Canada Title 6-2 Saturday

TORONTO, April 6—A fast-flying band of Sudbury Falcons, who learned that hockey opportunity sometimes knocks twice, will carry the Eastern Canada senior hockey championship into the Allan Cup finals against Kimberley Dynamiters, champions of the West.

Falcons, carrying on in the play-downs after Hamilton Tigers eliminated them in the Ontario finals, won the Eastern championship here Saturday with 6-2 victory over Brockville Majestics. Tigers defaulted after beating Sudbury.

Magedamas went out after winning the first game of the best-of-three series by 6-4 in Ottawa. Falcons came back to win 5-0 in Toronto last Wednesday and topped that performance with the 6-2 victory. They were held to a four-goal margin only by a sterling display by Les Tice in the Brockville goal.

Tice wasn't enough, however, to stop a Sudbury offensive that was built on speed. The Falcons turned it on the start and wiped out what little Brockville attack there was with more speed.

NATIONALIZATION OF SPORT ASKED

OTTAWA, Ont., April 4—A suggestion that the Government consider the nationalization of sport and recreation to the extent that the State through the Department of Health, make these activities the responsibility of a special branch in the interests of health and character building, is to be advanced by T. L. Church (Conservative, Toronto-Broadview).

The Toronto member will also ask the Government whether or not further participation by Canada in the Olympic Games in Germany will be cancelled "in view of the present disturbed conditions" in that country, by eliminating the money grant or curtailing passports.

Mr. Church has given notice he will question the Ministry on these points later this week. His suggestion regarding sport and recreation, contemplates a scheme of health and physical welfare promotion in conjunction with Provincial and municipal authorities.

Jack Keating Showing Class

PHILADELPHIA, April 6—Providence evened the standing of the Canadian-American Hockey League Fontaine Cup playoffs Saturday night by defeating Philadelphia Ramblers 2-1 in the second game.

Scoring in the first and second periods, the Red threatened a shut-out victory until in the final frame Eddie Wares, a Rambler spare, scored Philadelphia's lone goal, assisted by Danny Cox.

Keating, from Saint John, N. B., was the first to score, sending the puck past the Rambler goalie in the first period. The deciding margin was added in the second period by Daggie, another Maritime star.

SHOOT CROWS TO WIN PRIZES, NEWEST IDEA

WINNIPEG, April 6—Hon. J. S. McDiarmid, Manitoba Minister of National Resources, ruminated tonight on the subject of crows—the big, black birds that delight in pestering farmers on the West's broad plains.

A proposal from the Manitoba Game and Fish Association was being deliberated by Mr. McDiarmid, a proposal, which, if adopted, would make the usual summer anti-crow campaign something of a treasure hunt this year.

The association suggested a number of crows be caught, banded with different numbers and released. Cash prizes of varying amounts to correspond with the numbers would be awarded hunters who brought down the birds.

The idea would, its sponsors hope, result in such a crow slaughter as never has been seen in Manitoba.

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Detroit Put On Smashing Attack in Opening Session — Checking Was Furious.

OLYMPIC, Detroit, April 5—The fresh eager Red Wings of Detroit flying towards their first Stanley Cup conquest after winning the National Hockey League title, defeated Toronto Maple Leafs 3-1 before a crowd of 13,000 here tonight and unified pre-series odds of 7 to 5 in their favor.

Held in leash a week as the Leafs struggled in Toronto and New York to eliminate Americans in the semi-finals the Red Wings cut loose with a dazzling drive as quickly as they were released in the first period. The game was won within six minutes.

While the crowd roared at the suddenness with which the Wings struck bouncing "Bucko" McDonald and Young Sid Howe fired shots into the Toronto cage. McDonald's goal came at 4:53 and Howe's less than a minute later. Both were brilliant efforts.

Ripe for this climaxing best-of-five series, after ousting Montreal Maroons in three straight a week ago, Detroit's league champions went into the battle for the Stanley Cup with confidence that was obvious. There was never a doubt among Jack Adams players that the Leafs could hold them.

They opened fast and it wasn't necessary to keep up the pressure after the first period. The Leafs had already been beaten. They didn't stop trying, but the Red Wings were in supreme command, checking furiously and breaking away on dangerous assaults of their own. The fun took place in the first period.

The teams play the second game of the series here Tuesday night, then move back to Toronto for the next two. If they haven't decided the issue in four games, a fifth will be played here.

The break came in disguise for Red Wings when Larry Aurie, husky little winger, cut down "Red" Horner with his stick and was penalized. Aurie was angry with the Toronto defence-man who had met him a minute or so previous with an elbow that sank deep in Larry's neck.

Geared for two minutes of mass attacking, the Leafs went at the weakened Red Wings recklessly. They piled over the Detroit blueline and were meeting with little success when McDonald slashed the puck down the ice and went after it. He caught up with it about centre and the crowd rose to cheer him all the way home.

Bucko, a comparatively slow skater, was chased by Andy Blair and Charlie Conacher, and it seemed Blair would win the mad race. But he didn't. He slashed at Bucko's stick 20 feet away as George Hainsworth crouched in the Leaf cage, but somehow McDonald retained control and scored with a blistering shot.

Aurie was barely back on the ice when Doug Young again poked the puck clear and Howe gathered it in. Cutting down the right boards Howe swept over to centre to avoid Blair and blazed a hard shot into the near side of the net.

If those twin blows were not enough to wreck Toronto's hopes of winning the first game, Wally Kilrea and Modere Bruneteau tacked on the goal seven minutes later that made it certain Bruneteau's pass to the younger Kilrea was so perfect the Ottawa-born centre had only to skate up to Hainsworth, pick his corner and fire. He didn't miss.

BASEBALL MEN SUFFER IN AUTO MISHAP IN SOUTH

ATLANTA, Ga., April 5—Automobile accidents sent three prominent baseball men to Georgia hospitals this week. They are:

Branch Rickey, vice-president of the St. Louis Cardinals.

William De Witt, treasurer of the Cardinals.

George (Tiny) Parker, National League umpire.

Parker, with a broken left leg, a fractured collarbone and possible internal injuries, was most seriously hurt. Physicians at Oglethorpe hospital, Savannah, where he was taken after his car was sideswiped near Hardeeville, Ga., said his condition was critical.

Rickey, in a Columbus, Ga., hospital, was said to be in a serious but not critical condition. De Witt, driver of the car at the time of the crash in West Georgia, suffered only minor injuries. Mrs. De Witt, a passenger, was not hurt. The De Witt automobile struck a truck driven by a negro. The negro was seriously hurt.

A Cardinal exhibition game, scheduled for Columbus, Ga., was cancelled when it was learned that Rickey was hurt.

It Pays to Advertise In The Daily Mail.

Fans Don't Take Kindly to Graybeards of the Diamond

NEW YORK, April 5 — Fans don't take kindly to the graybeards in baseball today, unless they happen to be managers or part time coaches or battery men. The graybeards, active athletes who have passed their thirty-fifth birthday, are simmering to a new low in the big leagues amid the cries for youth and speed.

You can build up a classy mound and backstop department from among the graybeards, but you must look to player-managers for infielders, and you can count the number of grizzled outfielders on one hand and still have two fingers standing up.

Starting with Lefty Grove, 35 years old, down to Papa Jesse Haines, 42, the pitching graybeards have plenty of ability. Lefty made a neat comeback just before entering the school of graybeards, and promises to be every bit as effective next season. Lean and angular, Grove does not have to worry about putting on or taking off weight. Mountain climbing to harden his legs will suffice.

Along with Grove, Ted Lyons, Charlie Root, General Crowder and George Earnshaw could be asked to take regular turns on the mound for the graybeards. Lyons and Root are other moundmen whose arms suddenly regained their resilience last season. Crowder, the crafty righthander, and Earnshaw, the Moose of the Alleghenies, round out an all-star starting five. Earl Whitehill, the chunky southpaw of the Senators, and Sylvester Johnson of the Phillies, should make a couple of valuable spot pitchers, while Waite Hoyt, Tom Zachary and Haines could operate solely as bullpen lifesavers.

Hartnett Behind Bat

For the first ranking spot behind the plate, the graybeards could call on Gabby Hartnett, lieutenant to Charlie Grimm and voted the National League's most valuable player in 1935. For filler-in purposes, Jimmy Wilson and Luke Sewell would do nobly.

There would be enough baseball sages for infield duty to make you think you were at a major league convention. Bill Terry, who has resigned

himself to another year of activity, would hold down first base; Jimmy Dykes, White Sox manager, could be the graybeards' keystone operative; Frank Frisch, who has had a fling at shortstop, could carry on at that post, while Pie Traynor would have little trouble filling the hot corner now that his wrist is reported as supple as ever.

To add to the conclave of managers, both Charlie Grimm and Rogers Hornsby could be enlisted for utility duty. Ossie Bluege and Rabbit Maranville are another pair of eligible athletes.

It would not be quite so easy to round out an outfield of graybeards. In fact you would have to recruit Bing Miller forty-one year old Red Sox coach, who doubles as a fly-catcher and pinch-hitter when the occasion demands. Kiki Cuyler, the lone National League outfielder in the graybeard class, could patrol the centre garden with Goose Goslin on one of the flanking posts.

Mack An Ideal Manager

Accentuation could be made with the graybeard team by asking the seventy-three-year-old manager of the Athletics, Connie Mack, to direct the boys. Honus Wagner of the Pirates and Hans Lohert of the Phillies could serve adequately as coaches.

The team lacks nothing except youth and speed and has natural ability and experience. If the Association of Professional Ball Players of America needed more money than is gathered from the proceeds of the all-star game to carry on its charitable activities, it might suggest a game between the graybeards and the rookies in mid-summer and be certain of a capacity crowd in any city.

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