

# FUTURE OF LOCAL HOCKEY ON BALANCE

## CAPITALS DECIDE TO DISBAND UNLESS THEIR TENDER FOR THE USE OF RINK IS UNRESERVEDLY ACCEPTED BY OWNERS

### Prospects For Current Season Discussed At Meeting of Club Held Last Night — Bill Gill Will Be Playing Coach

"The Fredericton Hockey Club will be disorganized and the team disbanded unless their's is the accepted tender for the lease of the rink for the coming season" was the unanimous decision at a meeting of the club held last evening in the office of the Maritime Electric Co., Ltd. A full representation of the club was present at the meeting, which developed into a two hour discussion on local senior hockey from every angle.

## GEHRINGER WINS 'MOST VALUABLE PLAYER' AWARD

### DiMaggio Placed Second In Ball Writers' Opinion

NEW YORK, Nov. 2—Charlie Gehringer, "strong, silent man" of the Detroit Tigers, topped off the biggest season of his illustrious 14-year major league career today by winning the American League's "most valuable player" award for 1937.

The Baseball Writers' Association made the award Gehringer won in a two-man race with Joe DiMaggio, sensational sophomore outfielder of the worlds champion New York Yankees.

The 34-year-old Tiger veteran who once played with Toronto Maple Leafs in the International League and London Tecumsehs in the now defunct Michigan-Ontario League, held only a slight margin over DiMaggio.

Gehringer was chosen largely because of the brilliant all-around play that has made him one of baseball's standout second-sackers. He is the third Detroit player to be so honored since the baseball writers began making the award in 1931. Manager Mickey Cochrane won in 1934 and first baseman Hank Greenberg in 1935.

Greenberg and Lou Gehrig of the Yanks, the 1936 winners, were far back in the balloting this year.

## SPORT DUST

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### "Timmy" Green

We figure that the members of the local hockey club are fully justified in the stand they are taking in regard to the rink and senior hockey here this season. It is understood that the figure tendered by the club is on a par with the price paid for the rink last season, and if it was enough last year, why isn't it this season?

Though we can't blame any business organization for trying to get as large a price as possible when it accepted a price from a private individual last year, as we see it the company should be willing to accept the same price from the club, and in the interests of good sportsmanship, should rather see the club have the rink than a private concern.

The eyes of all rugby fans are turned to Truro today where the Garnet and Gold of Mount Allison clashes with the Blue and White of St. Francis Xavier for the Maritime rugby laurels. The game, a sudden-death fixture, should test the mettle of each team. Despite the fact that St. F. X. is reputed to be the stronger team, the Nova Scotia ruggers will have to be on their toes to trim Mount A. if they are playing with the same fight that beat the Red and Black squad last week.

Dud James claims that he will not play hockey again even though he has been reinstated to the amateur ranks. Something tells us, however, that we will see him in action this year. Why did he want his amateur card in the first place?

Hockey, like any other game, has a bug, and we figure that this bug has been biting James all along. Possibly he won't play steady, but we'll gamble that he will be on the ice off and on, and will be nearly as valuable a man to the Maroons as he was to the Hawks.

Thirty of the forty-five players in this year's world series had been in the fall classic before.

## Greatest Mound Duel Of All Time

### BOSTON BRUINS CONFIDENT CAN BREAK THE JINX

#### Rejuvenated Shore and "Baby Line" Bolsters Cup Hopes

BOSTON, Nov. 2—The eight-year Stanley Cup famine that has plagued Boston Bruins will be ended this season, a supremely confident Art Ross said today. The basis of the Rossian hopes are a rejuvenated Eddie Shore and "three smart boys" up from the Bruins' farm team.

Not since 1928, when the one-and-only Shore was at the height of his greatness, has the Hub won hockey's richest prize. Now that the big defenceman, out most of last season with an injured back, is hitting the comeback trail like the champion that he is, the Bruin manager doubts there is anything in the National League that can stop his machine.

#### Baby Line

The recruits Ross expects to cut a big figure are Milt Schmidt, Woody Dumart and Bobby Bauer, up from the Providence International-American League Club. Coach Lionel Hitchman predicts this "baby line" will be one of the league's highest-scoring units.

The power attack will feature Bill Cowley, Ray Gettiffe and Charlie Sands. Art Jackson, who spent most of last season with Syracuse Stars of the Int-Am, likely will pivot Roy Goldsworthy and Alex Motter, much improved following a tonsilectomy last summer. This will leave the team's clever little captain, Conney Weiland, for utility duty on any of the three lines. Red Beattie was weakened by off-season illness, and is not expected to see much early action.

With the expected return of Shore to top-form, the Hub-townners look powerful on defence. Eddie has taken flash Hollett under his wing and the former Toronto Maple Leaf husky looms as a potential star. Dit Clapper, converted from a forward, and jarring Jack Portland will form the other bulwark in front of Goalie Tiny Thompson.

During the 1937 baseball season Walter Brown, burly pitcher, worked for three pennant winners, the Yankees, the Newark Bears and the New York Giants.

### Mathewson and Johnson Met Just Once On Diamond, 24 Years Ago

Most baseball experts will tell anyone who will listen that two of the greatest pitchers of all time, Christy Mathewson of the New York Giants and Walter Johnson of the Washington Senators, never met on the playing field. But they did.

On a cold, windy day just 24 years ago, the "Big Train" and the "Big Six" faced each other in what probably was their only diamond duel. The authority for this (and a check-up proves he was right) is W. W. "Wild Bill" Setley, old-time major leaguer and one of the oldest baseball players in the United States.

Setley, now a gaunt, gray-thatched county employee, 70-odd years old, recalls that the game was played as a feature of the International Dry Farming Congress which brought thousands of persons to the then budding oil town of Tulsa in 1913.

#### Giants on Tour

Backers of the congress wanted to give the fans something extra. The Giants, Mathewson's team, were touring the southwest with the Chicago White Sox. The two teams were booked for an exhibition, and then, to add to the fun, the backers went to Coffeyville, Kas., Johnson's home town, and engaged him to oppose Mathewson.

John McGraw, manager of the Giants, already had promised he would pitch Mathewson. It was a "natural" . . . the fastest pitcher in the world, Johnson, opposing the greatest curve-baller, Mathewson, with his famous "fadeaway."

The fans packed the ramshackle ball park. The start of the game was delayed two hours—allowing time for only six innings—because a jammed stand collapsed, killing one spectator and injuring 100.

How the White Sox won, 6-0, was told by a shivering reporter who scribbled notes and hurried back to the office in time to make his edition with a few paragraphs on the game. He wrote:

#### Matty Hit Freely

"Manager McGraw announced Mathewson and Meyers would start for the Giants. Walter Johnson, considered by many the ablest pitcher of all time, started for the American leaguers. Neither side scored in the first inning, both pitchers working good. The Sox touched Matty for two hits. The Sox started scoring in the fourth, sending two runs across on doubles by Speaker and Crawford and a single by Berger.

"In the fifth Mathewson was relieved by Wiltze and Wingo took the position behind the bat. Johnson was out, Lobert to Merkle. The next five men to hit safely and four more runs were counted, the Sox apparently clinching the contest. The side was retired when Callahan hit an easy grounder to Boolin, who tagged Bodie and then threw to Merkle, allowing the Giants' first-sacker to catch Callahan off."

### MT. A. VS. ST. F. X. FOR MARITIME CROWN TODAY

#### Both Teams Confident As "Sudden-Death" Battle Draws Near

SACKVILLE, Nov. 2—The Mount Allison University rugby squad will journey to Truro tomorrow where they will meet the St. Francis Xavier University fifteen for the Maritime intercollegiate title and the referees' trophy in a sudden-death battle. The title was won by Acadia University Axemen last year when they defeated the Mounties in a hard fought overtime battle. The Axemen lost their chance to defend their title when they lost to St. Francis Xavier in a two-game series earlier this season.

Coach Bob Brodie had the Mounties out for a light workout this afternoon with every man on the squad reporting but Captain Rus Johnston. Johnston's leg which he injured earlier in the season is still giving him trouble but he is expected to take his regular fullback position in tomorrow's game. Ken Homer, inside three quarter player for the Mounties, who was unable to play in Saturday's game with the University of New Brunswick, is in first class shape for tomorrow's championship game.

#### Xavierians Strong

TRURO, Nov. 2—On the field here Acadia University edged out Mount Allison for the intercollegiate rugby crown of the Maritimes a year ago, the Sackville collegians will stack up against a powerful St. Francis Xavier outfit tomorrow in a sudden-death game for the 1937 title.

Both teams seemed confident of victory today, and both will have a full complement of rosters on hand tomorrow, with special trains bringing an estimated 900 fans from Sackville and Antigonish, N. S.

The score by innings:  
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New York . . . . . 000 000—0 5 2  
Johnson and Schalk; Mathewson, Wiltze and Meyers, Wingo.

## N. H. L. ALL-STARS NOSE THE COMBINED CANADIEN-MAROON SEXTET 6 TO 5 TO CAPTURE THE MORENZ MEMORIAL GAME

### 8,653 Cash Customers Swell Benefit Fund For the Widow and Family of Late Canadiens Forward — Other Contributions

MONTREAL, Nov. 2—All-Stars of the National Hockey League defeated a team chosen from Montreal Canadiens and Maroons 6-5 tonight in a benefit game for the family of the great Canadian star, Howie Morenz, who died last spring.

In a finish Howie would have liked, the Montrealers just failed to catch the starry band as they piled in three goals quickly. The Stars coached by Jack Adams of the world champion Detroit Red Wings, had held a wide edge in the play until Big Babe Siebert of the Canadiens rallied his forces.

The exhibition, attracting an attendance of 8,653, included tributes to Morenz who died of a heart attack, suffered while recovering from injuries he received in the midst of his comeback with the Habitants last winter.

Joe Cattarinich, former part-owner of the Canadiens, bought Howie's old equipment between periods for \$500, then presented it to Morenz's son, Howie junior. Sale of other souvenirs helped swell the fund that will go to Morenz's widow and three children.

Black Cat Johnny Gagnon, who played right wing beside the dashing Morenz, was a star in defeat. He scored twice and passed to Siebert for the goal that started the late Montreal rally.

Most of the greats and near-greats of the league were in the game to honor its most glamorous figure. Even King Clancy, now coach of the Maroons, came from retirement to play on the Montreal defence, and gave an aggressive performance.

#### Multiple Scoring Pleases

Not good hockey because the forward lines were unaccustomed to playing as units, the game pleased the crowd because of the multiple scoring and the parade of stars.

Adding in pre-game ceremonies were Quebec's lieutenant-governor, Hon. E. L. Patenaude, and Mayor Adhemar Raynault of Montreal.

After Gagnon opened the scoring the All-Stars took a 2-1 lead at the end of the first period on goals by Dit Clapper of Boston and Johnny Gottselig of Chicago. Cecil Dillon of New York Rangers put the Stars further ahead with the second period's only goal.

Pit Lepine partly closed the gap as the third stanza began but Charlie Conacher of Toronto, Dave Schirner of New York Americans and Marty Barry of Detroit scored in quick succession to put the All-Stars up 6-2.

Siebert and Clancy led charges from the Montreal defence and Siebert, then Gagnon and Paul Haynes scored goals, which all but brought the flying Montrealers level.

## PICKS ROVERS AS STRONGEST TEAM AMATEUR HOCKEY

### All-Canuck Sextet Will Open Season Nov. 14 Against Orioles

During the training grind at his Winnipeg camp, Lester Patrick went on record with the prediction that the New York Rovers would prove one of the strongest squads in amateur hockey history.

The Rovers, New York's entry in the Eastern U.S. Amateur league, open their season November 14 at Madison Square Garden, with the Baltimore Orioles providing opposition.

Nine members of the 1936-37 team will be back on deck. They are Tony Desmarais, Lloyd Allsby, Albert Collings, Walter Rinstad, Murdo McKay, Sammy Babcock, Edgar Gromell, Sid Fenn and Frank Jopling.

Chief among the newcomers is Alf Pike, captain and centre of Winnipeg Monarchs last season. The Monarchs captured the Canadian junior title and then kicked the Hershey Club in the Toronto international tourney.

Pike hails from Winnipeg, as do two other recruits, Walter Cunningham and Rudy Pilous. Both starred in the British Ice Hockey Association a year ago. Another pair of Winnipeggers picked for the Rovers are Jack Boyd, forward, and Bill Altum, defence.

The only non-Winnipeggers among the Rover newcomers is Wilbert Hilber of Kitchener, Ont., who played in England last season. He's a left-winger.

Patrick has yet to decide upon a goalie and a manager. He expected that Ching Johnson would pilot the club, but the old "Chinaman" had other ideas. The goalie selection will be withheld until just before the start of the season. There are several candidates for the job.

## Canal Zone Ball Waits For Dry Season

It is almost spring training time in the Canal Zone Baseball league. The league's season runs from December to March, the dry season on the Isthmus of Panama.

Balboa, on the Pacific ocean side, and Colon on the Atlantic side, together with the Army and the Navy make up the circuit.

The games are played on fields provided by the government and most of the players are employees of the government. But each team is permitted to import one star from the States. The only restriction is that he can't be a pitcher. This one imported star is the only player receiving a salary.

## No Contracts With Col. Jake and Joe

Colonel Jake Ruppew and Joe McCarthy get along nicely.

The colonel and Joe never sign any papers. The colonel tells Joe he'll give him so much for the next year, and the amount is generally all with the manager, and the arrangement is complete.

The colonel, incidentally, leaves out the 'h' when he's mentioning the name of his manager. It's 'McCarthy' to him.

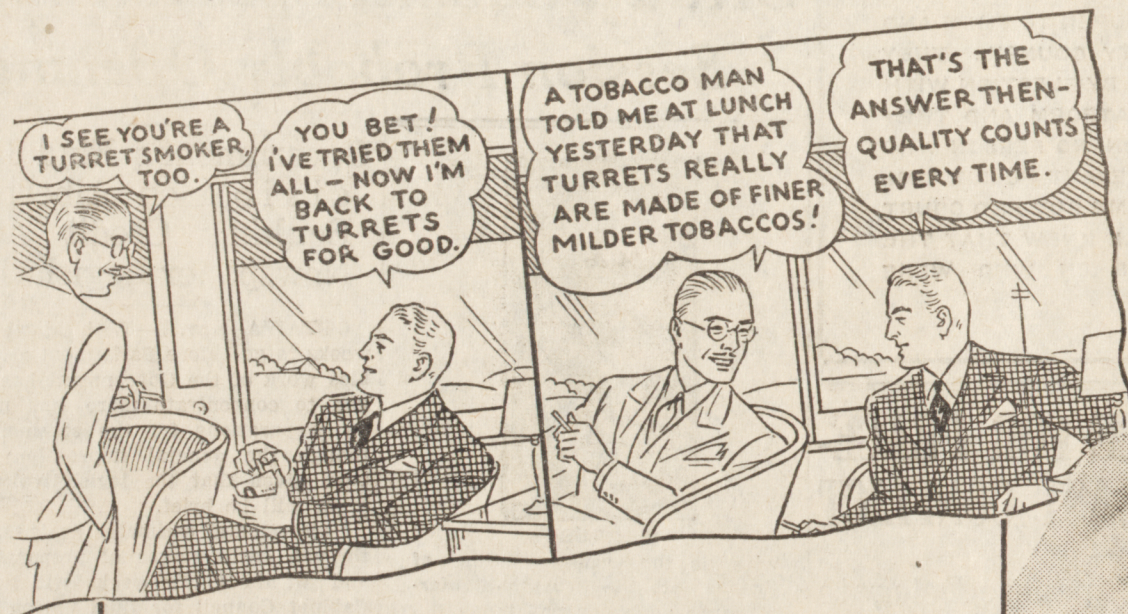
## SPORT SHORTS

The New York Boxing commission has recognized Max Waxman as manager of Harry Jeffra, the new bantamweight champion.

Pittsburg and Montreal have signed a working agreement for the season of 1938.

The Eastern Hockey league and the Michigan-Ontario league have agreed to stage the to loop championship teams.

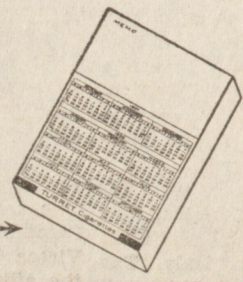
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