

Baseball's Big Leagues Open 1937 Diamond War on All Fronts Today

President Roosevelt to Throw First Ball in Amer. League Game

Games in Boston and Washington—Record Crowds Expected

NEW YORK, April 18—Familiar sound of drum beats and base hits, the old war-cry of the clans and the crowd, draw closer for 1937 in the major pandana of United States sports.

Baseball's big leagues start the championship season this week.

President Roosevelt will throw out the first ball tomorrow for the American League's solo opener in Washington against Philadelphia. Meantime, Boston Bees and Philadelphia Nationals will celebrate Patriots' Day by playing two games in Boston. This novelty will be followed on Tuesday by a seven-game programme, rounding out the getaway festivities.

Marking off the customary percentage for "breaks" or form reversals, which have become the rule rather than the exception in baseball in recent years, eagle-eyed experts look forward to five-club races in each league.

There is one striking difference to be noted however. The newspaper railbirds believe the National League's dogfight will, as formerly, involve the champion. They figure the super-heated struggle in the American League will be strictly confined to second place.

Baseball writers agree with betting men that the world champion Yankees are odds-on choices.

Yanks Top in Poll

Yankees are favored by 87 out of 106 experts to repeat their pennant parade. Tigers, in the poll, are rated the best of five potential challengers. On the National League side St. Louis Cardinals top the champion Giants by a substantial margin in first-place votes in The Associated Press poll—62 to 28. As was the case a year ago, the Cardinals also are the choice of so-called "wise money" to finish on top.

There's no doubt addition of Lonnie Warneke, erstwhile right-handed ace of Chicago Cubs, has fortified Cardinals on the main firing line but they will need another big year by "Dizzy" Dean, along with a comeback by brother Paul Dean, to show the strength they need in the box.

Analysis of all the evidence fails to indicate any pronounced edge for the celebrated "gas house" gang.

Many baseball men minimize the Giants' prospects on the ground that the club achieved a baseball "miracle" last year. These critics do not see how the New Yorkers can repeat, especially with a problem at first base created by retirement of manager Bill Terry.

May Pull Through

It may prove John McCarthy and Sambo Leslie combined cannot fill the big shoes left by Terry. Lou Chiozza looks like a capable replacement at third for Travis Jackson. Hank Leiber appears due for a hitting comeback in the role of regular center fielder, and "Prince Hal" Schuchmacher gives unquestioned evidence of a return to pitching form, after an erratic 1936 season.

Thus fortified in the most vital department of baseball strategy—pitching—the Giants appear to have fewer "ifs" in their lineup than either the Cardinals or any other National League contender. From this corner, they look like "the team to beat."

PEG MONARCHS TO MEET LIONS

TORONTO, April 18—Winnipeg Monarchs, newly crowned rulers of Dominion junior hockey, today looked for new fields to conquer. After retrieving the Memorial Cup for the West here Saturday afternoon, the flying purple squad were ready to pit their forces against the world's best in senior hockey.

Climaxing one of the most spectacular junior series in history, the Winnipeggers whitewashed Copper Cliff Redmen 7-0. The most popular amateur club to perform here in years, Monarchs will have a big following in the international series—they make their start tomorrow night against Wembley Lions, English champions.

Not one of the 11,455 cash customers at Maple Leaf Gardens expected to see a lopsided contest either way. Each of the first three games in the best-of-five series was decided by a lone goal. Redmen taking the first 4-3 and the Westerners the next pair, 6-5 and 2-1. The first two fixtures were decided in overtime.

Breaks played a big part in the Nickel Belter's finish. Roy Heximer, their star forward performer of the series, passed up two golden opportunities to count in the scoreless first period when Redmen held a distinct edge. Had those goals been scored, these two great teams might have still been battling for junior hockey's highest award.

LOWLY HOT DOG IS POPULAR WITH THEM

HOLLYWOOD, April 19—Film celebrities may wear top hats and tails to premieres, ride in limousines and draw huge pay-checks, but most of them crave the same simple food as the average person.

Dining table menus in Hollywood and Beverly Hills, as well as the "dining-out" habits of film stars, are revealing to the movie fans who may think their favorites eat nothing but caviar, pate de foie gras, ambrosia crepe suzettes, lobster thermidore or crab meat chateau and drink champagne.

Formal dinners are a plague to Robert Taylor and he'd much rather drive up to a Hollywood boulevard hamburger stand and order a juicy chopped beef sandwich, with a special tomato chili.

Joan Crawford frequently visits a little-known restaurant in the Old Mexican section of Los Angeles, where she orders a special order of chili and beans, prepared according to an old recipe.

A good ham sandwich, spread thick with mustard, is Carole Lombard's idea of a delicacy.

Clark Gable likes nothing better than rye bread and pig's knuckles, while Claudette Colbert often orders a savory fish stew carrying a high-sounding name of bouillabaisse.

Eating habits at Santa Anita while the horses run around are varied. While some prefer the cocktails and liquid refreshments, Loretta Young, Joan Blondell and Gloria Swanson patronize the hot dog vendor and

Feller Hurls Great Ball Against Giants But Indians Lose

NEW YORK, April 19—Baseball's story book boy, Bob Feller, beat the old master, Carl Hubbell, today while he worked, but he quit one inning too soon.

Complete master of the champion New York Giants, striking out nine and surrendering only five hits and two runs, the Iowa farm boy left the game at the end of the eighth with Cleveland Indians ahead, 4-2.

But no sooner had he reached the clubhouse than the champs belted Ivy Paul Andrews for four hits and three runs to win the game, 5-4.

When Feller left the game he had compiled a most dazzling spring exhibition record of any rookie to strut into big game.

B. C. COLLEGIANS CAPTURE TITLE

VANCOUVER, April 18—University of British Columbia's Thunderbirds tonight waited for Windsor, Eastern finalists, to arrive here for the Canadian men's senior basketball final opening April 26.

Varsity defeated Raymond Union Jacks, Alberta champions, 43-32 here last night in the second game of the best-of-three Western Canada final. The Collegians trounced the Jacks 44-22 in the initial encounter Friday.

Varsity entered the National final for the second time in five years. They won the Canadian title in 1932.

Raymond, more accustomed to the spacious floor of The Forum than in the first game, were a much stronger team in the second match and came within four points of tying the score midway through the final half after being behind 26-12 at the interval.

Varsity, however, found their pace again in the closing minutes and increased the margin by 11 points.

Paul Fairbanks, Raymond forward, led both teams with 12 points. He netted six field baskets. The Fairbanks brothers, Paul and Sam, collected 23 points in the two games, Sam scoring 11 in the first.

Ran Mathison, speedy Varsity guard, scored 11 points, four field goals and three free tosses.

C.A.H.A. Annual Meeting Today

TORONTO, April 17—Indications pointed tonight, on the eve of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association's three-day annual meeting, towards closer affiliation of the association with the International Ice Hockey Association, world governing body.

Cecil Duncan, Ottawa, president of the C.A.H.A., said today the principal point of business before the association would be whether to adopt an amended constitution submitted by the officers embodying the new definition of an amateur. Renewal of agreements with the British Ice Association, the United States amateur governing hockey body and the National Hockey League, a professional circuit, also likely would be effected, he said.

The C.A.H.A. prexy said the new definition of an amateur was adopted last February by the I.H.A. at a meeting in London and included all the proposals sponsored by the C.A.H.A. for clarification of the definition of the word "amateur."

MacFayden to Pitch Opener for the Bees

BOSTON, April 18—Boston Bees and Phillies, already doomed to the second division by the experts, swing into their initial action a day ahead of the rest of their National League rivals tomorrow in morning and afternoon games.

The Bees management expects only a handful of spectators out for the early half of the Patriots' Day double bill. The afternoon crowd, however, will probably threaten the park's capacity of 45,000.

Manager Bill McKechnie has nominated veteran Danny MacFayden as the pitcher to open the campaign and Jimmy Wilson, the Phillies' pilot, will depend upon righthander Bucky Walters, once an infielder for both of the Boston Major league clubs.

Jim Turner, the most impressive of the Bees' promising pitching rookies, will be on the mound against the Phillies' ace southpaw rookie, Wayne Lamaster, in the afternoon.

munch away in perfect comfort. An appetite for ham and eggs is admitted by Hugh Herbert, Pat O'Brien, El Brendel, Dixie Dunbar, Ruby Keeler and Bette Davis. And the lowly weinerwurst, bologna and salami sandwiches, dill pickles and limburger cheese boast such noted followers as Harry, Al and Jimmy—the Ritz Brothers, and the Marx Brothers.

COMING SUMMER TO BE BANNER ONE IN PROVINCIAL BASEBALL HISTORY

PRO CLOCKERS BARRED FROM NARRAGANSETT

PAWTUCKET, R. I., April 17—"All professional clockers are definitely barred at Narragansett Park, until they satisfy me their work will be done honestly, conscientiously, and for the good of the racing public," is the gist of a statement issued this morning by President and Managing Director Walter E. O'Hara.

"Privileges are granted and facilities are afforded professional clockers at Narragansett," continued O'Hara, "on the understanding they are to clock all horses working at the race track, and to turn in a complete report of same to the various newspapers which happen to be paying their salaries."

"It came to my knowledge last year too late for me to act, that some of these clockers have been in the habit of 'hiding' horses from the public—by 'hiding,' I mean failing to truthfully report any sensational work that reveals a particular horse in good form and close to a winning effort."

"These clockers apparently have banded themselves into a closed corporation for the purpose of withholding information—instead of faithfully reporting it to their employers and the public."

"They won't get away with that at Narragansett. When we grant clockers facilities to watch all work on the race track, these facilities are not to be used for their own private benefits."

"They are working for the public. Until they understand that and are ready to do their work properly, they

Local Club is Hampered By Lack of Funds --- To Meet Soon

Baseball clubs throughout the province are getting their decks cleared in preparation for the opening of the summer's campaign. According to reports from different sporting centres the coming season has every indication of being a banner one in provincial baseball history. Several new clubs are in the process of organization, and diamond moguls are predicting that the fans will be given more than their money's worth in the high-class baseball performances.

The situation on the local front as yet remains a bit indefinite. A meeting of the Devon Club has been called for this week, preliminary plans will be discussed and a ways and means committee formed to see what can be done in connection with adding a few shekels to the club's depleted treasury.

The proposed formation of a three-team circuit—Saint John, St. Stephen, Fredericton-Devon—is meeting with the general approval of officials and fans in the centres named. The three clubs will have powerful teams ready for the opening of the campaign and there is little doubt but that local fandom will have the chance of seeing top-notch baseball played here this coming summer.

The financial problem is the main obstacle in the path of progress insofar as the local club is concerned. Last year's diamond war completely exhausted the treasury of the club. Money is absolutely necessary to commence operations and unless the organization is pulled 'out of the red,' prospects for a brisk diamond season look a trifle dark.

can keep away from Narragansett and our official timer will clock horses in the morning."

Mount A Basketeers Win Maritime Title

Lose Final Game 26-19 But Capture the Series 59-56

SACKVILLE, April 18—Mount Allison University basketball five, although they lost to the Glace Bay Crusaders here yesterday afternoon 26-19, took the Maritime intermediate basketball crown for the second successive year by taking the two-game series 59-56.

The game was one of the roughest and hardest fought battles ever witnessed in the University gymnasium here. A total of 32 fouls were handed out, 15 to the garnet and gold squad and 17 to the Nova Scotia title holders, Art Stone and Charlie Johnston of the college squad and Bob Murrant of the Glace Bay boys were banished from the game with four personal fouls called on them, while Crawford of the home squad and Ogilvie, Sheppard and Day of the Cape Bretoners had three personals each. Both teams failed to take advantage of the foul shots, however, and out of 39 tries for the basket only 13 were made.

Bill Crawford, star centre of the Sackville squad and Mike Lighter, husky Crusaders guard, were tied for scoring honors with nine points each. Other leaders in the scoring column were Lewis of the Nova Scotia champions with six points and Adair, Mountie captain, with four.

With five minutes left to play the Crusaders staged a rally that brought them within four points of victory. The Glace Bay squad in the final minutes looked good and gave the Mountie five many anxious moments. The garnet and gold boys in the final minutes had difficulty in clearing the basket and the Crusaders took shot after shot only to have the ball bounce off the backboard and roll around the hoop. The final whistle saw the boys from the mining town

WINDSOR CAGEMEN ANNEX EASTERN CANADA CROWN

WINDSOR, April 18—Windsor five captured the Eastern Canada senior basketball championship and entered the final slot for Dominion honors last night by defeating a fighting Montreal McGill Grads' machine for the second night in succession. The score was 39-29 and the lead saw-sawed most of the way.

So fiercely did Grads check the 1936 Canadian champions that the slim crowd present found it hard to believe Grads were the game team that was trounced 57-17 in the first game of the best-of-three series. Windsor led 20-11 at half-time but had a hard fight all through the battle.

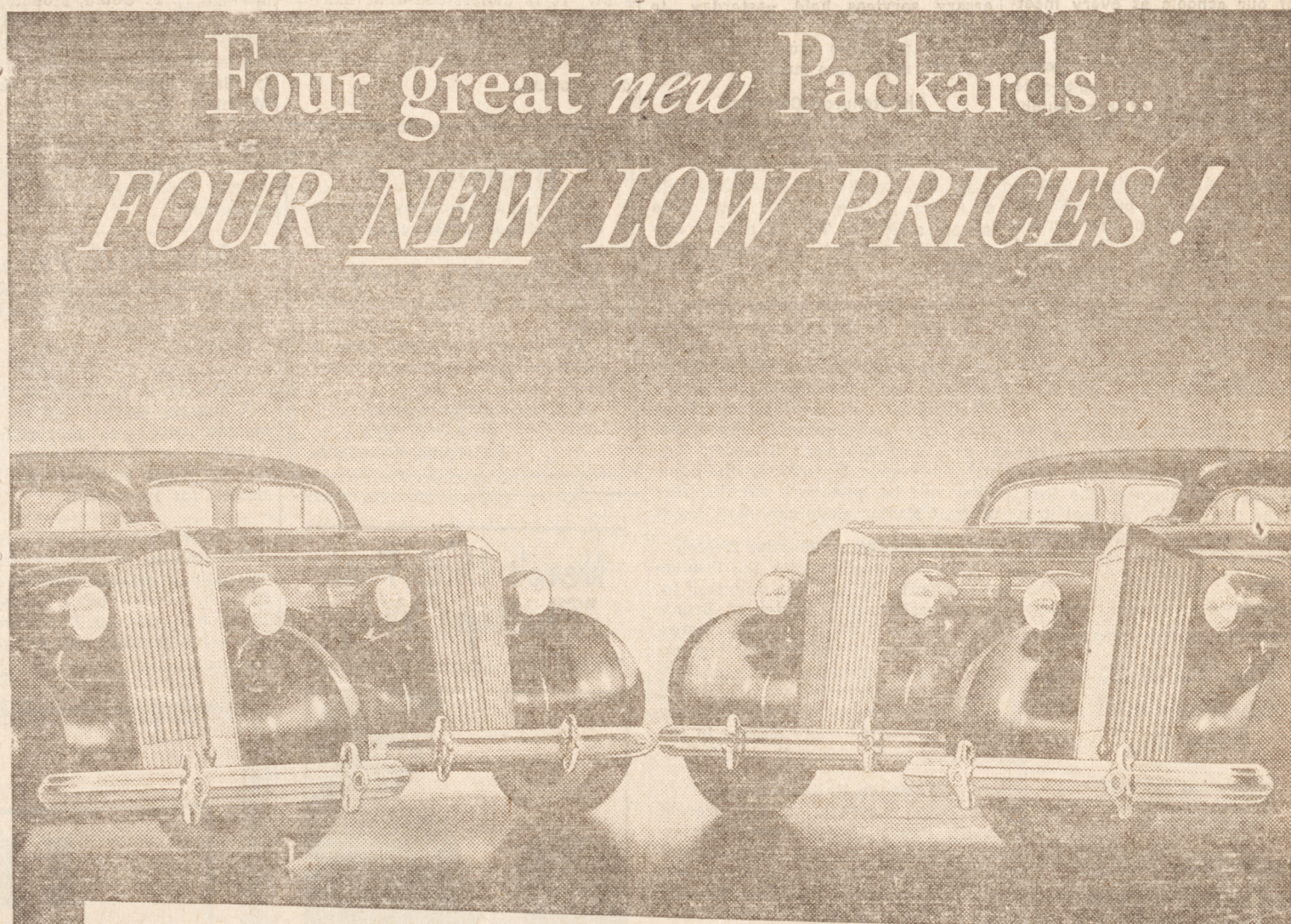
The winners will travel to the coast to meet Vancouver in an attempt to retain their Dominion title.

Hammond, best of the losers, scored nine points, with 'Oke' Olson scoring two less. Bulky Johnny Ferraro, who coached Montreal Indians in the Interprovincial Rugby Union last season, scored four.

Julius Goldman, veteran Windsor performer was high marksman for his team with nine points, Ian Alkison, another veteran, counted one less.

still keeping the college squad bottled up inside their defence area.

Coach Bob Brodie of the Mounties sent out his newly-formed forward line of Crawford, Stone and Laidlaw to start the game with Homer and Veniot supporting them in the guard positions. The Nova Scotia champions sent Murrant to centre, flanked by Day and Ogilvie with Lighter and Lewis to support them.



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