

Capitals at Home to St. Stephen in Southern Hockey Loop Semi-Final

"Immortals" Voted to Baseball Hall of Fame

Veteran Ty Cobb Heads List --- Three More Names Added

MONTREAL, Feb. 10.—The sincerity and careful judgment of the members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America in their voting to elect Immortals to the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y., baseball's birthplace, has been eloquently attested by the tabulations of ballots cast in the two annual elections so far held.

Larry Lajoie, Tris Speaker and Cy Young—the men chosen this winter to join in perpetual comradeship with the first five, elected last winter—ranked in the same order last winter as this, proving beyond question that the writers have devoted time and serious thinking to the matter, as we are enthusiasts.

Ty Cobb, 222.—Detroit (A), 1905-1926; Philadelphia (A), 1927-1928. Babe Ruth, 215.—Boston (A), 1905-1919; New York (A), 1920-1934; Boston (N), 1935.

Honus Wagner, 215.—Louisville (N) 1897-1899; Pittsburgh (N), 1900-1917. Christy Mathewson, 205.—New York (N) 1900-1916; Cincinnati (N), 1916. Walter Johnson, 189.—Washington (A) 1907-1927.

Napoleon Lajoie, 146.—Philadelphia (N), 1896-1900; Philadelphia (A) 1901; Cleveland (A), 1902-1914; Philadelphia (A), 1915-1916.

Tris Speaker, 133.—Boston (A), 1909-1915; Cleveland (A), 1916-1926; Washington (A), 1927; Philadelphia (A), 1928.

Cy Young, 111.—Cleveland (N) 1890-1898; St. Louis (N), 1899-1900; Boston (A), 1901-1908; Cleveland (A) 1909-1911; Boston (N), 1911.

The January, 1937, tabulation advanced the men ranking sixth, seventh and eighth last year into the first three positions, all three of them receiving a better than 75 per cent. vote.

It does not necessarily follow that the men ranking fourth, fifth and sixth in this winter's tabulation will automatically move up into the 75 per cent. zone next winter, but the way this succession operated this year did show plainly the worth and soundness of the Hall of Fame idea as well as the sound baseball background and consistency of opinion on the part of the men whose mission it is to record the history of baseball as played, day by day, in our major league cities.

The statistics show that the 201 writers who voted in this winter's election devoted considerable effort, collectively, to exploring the field and deciding on the ten names to be inscribed on each ballot. There were exactly 111 different names on the 201 ballots, not counting a number of players whose votes could not be included in the official returns, either because they were listed as 'active players' in the major leagues in 1936 such as Hornsby and Pie Traynor, or because their major league careers had ended before dawn of the 20th century, or because they were ineligible for other reasons.

A special board will soon announce names of the 19th century baseball men—players, managers, officials—whose outstanding efforts in baseball's pioneer years qualified them for immortalization. Active players will become eligible for the Hall of Fame, of course, when their major league careers have ended.

Rogers Hornsby, manager of the St. Louis Browns, received 53 votes. A great many writers knew that Hornsby was listed as a playing manager last year, else he would doubtless have received a much heavier vote.

Ernie Lajoie, Young and Speaker, whose names were on at least 3 of every 4 ballots, there were seven men who were named on more than half of the ballots. Grover Alexander received 125 votes, Eddie Collins and Wee Willie Keeler each drew 115, and George Sisler drew 106.

HOCKEY SCORES

International-American League
Providence 4, New Haven 3.
Springfield 4, Cleveland 1.
Pittsburgh 2, Syracuse 1.

Saint John Junior (Finals)
Pontiacs 3, Seagulls 0. (First of two-game, total-goal series for title.)

North/End Independent
Port Royal Hawks 7, C.N.T. Messengers 3. (Hawks eliminate Messengers in deciding game of semi-finals.)

N. S. Valley (Playoffs)
Windsor 2, Kentville 1. (Kentville eliminated in two-game series, 6-5.)

Central Valley League
Bridgetown 12, Annapolis Royal 5.
Berwick 2, Middleton 0.

SCHEDULED TONIGHT
National League
Detroit at Canadiens.
Rangers at Chicago.

Southern N. B. Playoffs
St. Croix at Fredericton. (Second and deciding game of semi-final)

"SOUR GRAPES"

THE "post mortem" ballyhoo of disgruntled sport fans in Saint John, who contend that the Maroons-Capital battle at the Hub on Friday was not played "on the level," is not being seriously considered by H. T. Dowell, president of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association. The defeat of the Maroons automatically eased the Seagulls out of the running for Southern Loop honors.

The management of the Saint John team has filed a protest with the Association, charging that the Maroons put on the "soft pedal" when they met Bill Gill's squad last Friday. Mr. Howell stated he would not take any action regarding the complaint unless he has absolute proof that the game was not played on its merits. That would be about as easy to prove as it would be to grab a sunbeam with a pair of ice tongs or "float" a loan in Aberdeen.

It is simply a case of a lot of "die-hards" not being able to "take it." Sport fans in the Loyalist City, particularly those who bet their Sunday suits and last month's instalment on the refrigerator that the Gulls would make the playoffs, are a bit annoyed—a double-barrelled dose of bromo-seltzer reinforced by cracked ice has always proven an excellent remedy for such chronic cases.

Those who saw the game, including Frank Gallagher, prominent Moncton sportsman and vice-president of the hockey association, considered it a fairly waged contest. There are many in Saint John who would have us believe that the Fredericton Capitals had about as much chance of reaching the playoffs as that of an Italian umbrella salesman selling his wares to Ethiopians during the "dry" season . . . as we intimated before, it is merely a question of "sour grapes."

Fredericton has a smart hockey team—the Maroons are not invincible and it seems logical enough to assume that the Capitals beat them "fair and square." Coach "Dud" James doesn't make a practice of giving away games on platinum-lined platters. He is a firm follower of the philosophy of "let the best man win," and hasn't any philanthropic ideals insofar as hockey games are concerned.

ROYAL HAWKS SCORE SECOND WIN OVER C.N.T. TEAM

SAINT JOHN, Feb. 11.—The Port Royal Hawks were victorious for the second time in three contests against the Canadian National Telegraph Messengers, 7-3, in the final of a best of three game series played at The Forum last night. The winners now meet the league leading Bisons for the championship of the loop next Wednesday night at The Forum.

The game as fast and clean from start to finish, one of the few contests in which the referee failed to banish even a single player. Reed and O'Toole of the winners led all point getters with two goals and an assist apiece. Davids registered a marker and combined on another for two points.

Lineups:
Hawks: Spencer, goal; Lee, Cassidy, defence; Burke, Lynch, Reed, O'Toole, Maloney, Murphy, forwards.
Messengers: Raymond, goal; White, O'Connor, defence; Kiley, Mahoney, Barrett, Davids, Logan, Weaver, forwards. Andy Knox refereed.

SEVERAL ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR SKATING MEET

MONCTON, Feb. 10.—Several entries have been received to date for the Maritime indoor speed championships to be staged Feb. 22 at The Forum under the auspices of the Saint John Police Amateur Athletic Association.

The entries to date include Ossie Stewart, Bill Givan, Bernard Mitchell, Cecil Black, Gerald O'Brien, Joe Golding, Gerald Bourgeois, Steve Garnett and Charles Gilmour, all in the senior class. It is also hoped to have Willie Logan and Clem O'Connor, former champions participating.

The four skaters now at Saranac for the big outdoor international meet, Bobby and Benny Wilson, Johnny Quire and Len McGeouch are also entered.

Entries from outside up to yesterday were Arthur Irvine, Marysville; Gordon Fullerton, Sackville, in the senior class; Frank Cole of Sackville in the 14-year-old class; Robert Good, win, Sackville, in the 16-year-old class. The entry of Harry Smyth, Moncton, for the senior events is also expected.

HOCKEY RIVALS

Montreal Canadiens and New York Rangers are two of the closest rivals in the National Hockey League or in any other organized sport. A recent one-all draw in New York made it nine times out of their last ten matches, this season and last, that these teams went into overtime. Four of these were one-all draws. Rangers won three, Canadiens two. The only game decided without extra time went to Canadiens, 3-1. This was last season. On wins and draws, the teams are exactly even over a season and a half.

PONTIACS TAKE LEAD IN JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

SAINT JOHN, Feb. 11.—The Pontiacs piled up a lead of three points in the total-goal series for the championship of the City Junior Hockey League, when they held the Taylor-coached Seagulls scoreless while notching up three counters in the opening contest of the finals at The Forum last night.

The winners registered a marker in the first period, held their own in the second and came back to tally twice in the third. The best the 'Gulls could do was to come close to beating Giggey on several occasions while holding the Indian sharpshooters at bay. Agar and Fortune shone on the defence for the losing six breaking up many of the rushes of the fast skating first string Pontiacs.

Lineups:
Pontiacs—Giggey, goal; Leary, Morris, defence; Coughlin, Stanley, Osborne, Marshall, O'Toole, Garey, Murphy, Riley, O'Keefe, forwards.
Junior Seagulls—Arthur's goal; Agar, Fortune, defence; McCormick, Foster, Driscoll, Butler, D. Smith, McMenamon, McGuire, Smith, Moran, forwards.

Don Patterson and Eddie Price refereed.

First period: 1—Pontiacs, Riley, (Leary) 6.07. Penalties, Fortune, Stanley (10 minutes for misconduct.)

Second period: No scores. Penalties, Riley, Coughlin (major.)

Third period: 2—Pontiacs, Coughlin, 10.53; 3—Pontiacs, Marshall, 4.29. Penalty, Butler.

"AROUND THE SPORT CLOCK"

—WITH—
"Dinny" Dinsmore

A record crowd is expected to push through the turnstiles at the Arctic rink tonight when the fast-stepping St. Stephen-St. Croix and the Fredericton Capitals meet in the final game of the Southern N. B. Hockey League semi-finals.

—OO—
Tonight's "hook-up" marks the eighth meeting of the two teams so far this season. St. Stephen have captured four games, Fredericton two, and they battled to a 3-4 draw on border ice Tuesday night.

—OO—
Many of those at the game will be "rooting" for the visiting St. Croix, as 200 strong are expected to accompany the team; besides the presence of Doug Cameron and Billy MacIntyre, the Barker's Point youths, on the St. Stephen lineup, will cause many to encourage the visiting sextet.

—OO—
Phil McCarroll, second year Arts student at Saint Joseph's University, got "time off" from his studies, and will center Saint Stephen's first raiding line.

—OO—
Jack Keenan, who has developed into an ace play-maker under the tutelage of Bill Gill, will be back in harness tonight. His presence will bolster Fredericton's offensive strength.

—OO—
Harry Schaffer of Pittsburgh, commander-in-chief of the United States Jewish war veterans, has asked for a boycott on all Max Schmeling exhibition scraps in the United States.

—OO—
Chick Hafey, 33-year-old former National Baseball League batting champion, who has been in voluntary retirement since 1935, is ready to make a comeback try with Cincinnati Reds. He informed general manager Warren Giles he would report to spring training camp at Tampa, Fla., and promised that if he proved himself capable of returning to the regular lineup he would sign a playing contract at the same figure he received in 1935, reputedly close to \$15,000.

Toronto Leafs Unlucky Season

TORONTO, Feb. 10.—There is little doubt but that the greatly undressed award of Unluckiest Team in the National Hockey League will go this season to Toronto Maple Leafs. Recently Jack Shill broke a toe, so that Leaf losses and casualties for the season are:

Goalie Geo. Hainsworth, released. Defence player Frank King Clancy retired.

Centre player Joe Primeau, retired. Right-winger Charlie Conacher out for season to date with bruised bone in right hand.

Buzz Boll lost to team for greater part of first half and early games in second half with broken arm. Jack Shill out with broken toe.

Bordertown Pucksters Meet Capitals Tonight In Semi-Final Contest

Record Crowd Will See Both Teams at Full Strength

Rollie Robertson and his youthful band of pucksters rolled into town this morning, and will meet the Fredericton Capitals, at the Arctic Rink tonight in the last game of the semi-finals of the Southern N. B. League. The winners of tonight's fray will meet the Moncton Maroons in the League finals.

The Border crew feel confident that they will knock off the Capitals and march on to Moncton tomorrow to meet Dud James' Maritime Champions.

The St. Stephen squad will have Coffey in goal, with Robertson and Armstrong back of the blue line. One attacking line will be made up of Cameron, Doucette and McCarroll, while McIntyre, Lowe and Russell will patrol the lanes on the alternate line. McIntee and Greenough will be carried as spares.

The Fredericton lineup will be at full strength with the exception of Johnny Kilburn, who is out for the remainder of the season with an injured kidney. Bill Gill's squad, after holding the fast stepping St. Croix to a 3-3 draw on their home ice, are in fine fettle and are confident that in their own stronghold, they will "snow" the Border crew under to night.

The largest crowd ever to jam their way into the Arctic rink, will

Sporting Gesture

MONTREAL, Feb. 10.—Another of those sporting gestures for which the rugged but clean game of hockey as played in the National League was made recently when Chicago Black Hawks played in Montreal. Paul Thompson, hard-shooting left-winger of the Hawks had previously suffered a severe bone bruise and was playing under a painful handicap. It was only because Hawks were in a desperate plight that he played at all. The Maroon manager, Tommy Gorman is a warm friend of Paul and has admired him greatly ever since he was Thompson's manager at Chicago. So he told Jimmy Ward, Thompson's check, not to body the Hawks player under any consideration. Other players had similar instructions, and Thompson wasn't given a body-check all night.

"sit in" at the enter/ainment, and a classic fixture is anticipated.

The Capital lineup will see Cliff Young guarding the twines, with Chalmers, Thompson and Goodline tossing up the barrier. Bus McLellan will patrol the right lane on the starting line, with 'Bun' McLellan in the centre slot and stocky 'Bill' Lifford on the starboard side. Hattie Mills, Jack Keenan and 'Mush' Morehouse will do alternate duty with the fast skating 'Chod' Haining held in reserve.

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