

# St. Louis Browns Conquer Chicago 15-10 in American League Opener

## Hornsby's Circuit Drive Opens Batting Barrage For Winners in Fifth

Major League Moguls Proud of Rookies -- Rain Interferes

ST. LOUIS, April 21—There were 39 hits in the slugfest which St. Louis Browns won by 15-10 from Chicago White Sox to open the American League baseball season here today but Roger Hornsby's home run led them all.

Hornsby, nearly 41 and back in active duty at second base after a lay-off last season, smashed a homer into the centre field bleachers back of the flag pole—430 feet from home plate.

It started the Browns off on their seven-run fifth inning which drove Vernon Kennedy, White Sox ace pitcher, to the showers.

A crowd slightly in excess of 8,000 saw the Browns win their first season-inaugural game since 1931.

Harold Clift, St. Louis third base man, who hit safely five times for a perfect day at bat, hammered a home run into the left field stands after Hornsby's circuit blow.

All other games in the major leagues were washed out.

Like Their Rookies

NEW YORK, April 21—Watching the rain from the cushioned corners of widely scattered hotel lobbies, the major baseball league managers made no excuses today for new players secured in the winter deals. The boys came through nobly opening day.

Proudest of the lot was Manager Joe Cronin of Boston Red Sox. After watching his three prize rookies against the Athletics yesterday. All winter Joe said the fate of the Red Sox this year depends on Bobby Doerr, second baseman from San Diego; Ebbell Gaffke, Minneapolis outfielder; and Colonel Buster Mills, another outfielder from Rochester.

Opening day Doerr got three hits in five times up, Gaffke got two for five, and Mills poked a triple and single in four.

Next to handsome Joe, Bill Terry of the Giants had the greatest cause to smile. Bill's two question marks, third baseman Lou Chiozza, who came from the Phillies, and first baseman Johnny McCarthy, from Newark, did well against Dodgers.

Chiozza got a single and a triple in five chances. McCarthy opened the Giants' attack on Van Mungo with a ringing single, and played acceptably in the field.

In Cincinnati the fans took consolation for their 2-0 defeat at the hands of St. Louis Cardinals in the fine showing of third baseman Jim Outlaw who came up from Nashville. Outlaw faced Dizzy Dean five times and touched the great one for two singles and a double.

The showing of Bill Cissell, A's new second baseman, has also stirred comment against Washington. Monday, he got three for four, and yesterday he nicked Wes Ferrell for three more in five times up.

At least two of the big names who changed uniforms during the winter started well.

Al Simmons, moving from Detroit to the Senators, practically stole the show by cracking out a homer and two singles against the Yankees, and Lyn Lary, the new Cleveland Indians shortstop lead-off man got three for five against the Tigers.

## Grimshaw Undecided On Manager's Job

YARMOUTH, April 21—Ernie Grimshaw, reappointed manager of the Yarmouth Gateways, tonight told newspapermen he had not definitely made up his mind to accept the post though he had the matter under serious consideration.

He forecast if he did reassume the manager's post a number of the old guard of the Gateway champions would be seen in uniform next season together with junior players who would be selected purely for playing ability.

Meanwhile Town League President Harold Harding made preparations for the starting gun for Town League ball which will get underway tomorrow night, when the Town League team representatives meet in annual session.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

AMHERST, April 21—Errol Gray, substitute forward with the Amherst St. Pats, underwent an emergency operation at Highland View Hospital for appendicitis. Gray took ill in Ottawa with the team and lost considerable weight while on the trip. He developed another attack over the week-end and was rushed to the hospital for an operation. His condition is now improved.

## HOWLEY NEEDS MUCH AID FOR TORONTO CLUB

MONTREAL, April 21—Daniel Howley returns to the helm of the Toronto Club for the fourth time in a span of 19 years. When the good ship Maple Leaf nears the rocks, which has been often in late years, the SOS goes out to Howley, and Howley never fails.

The campaign, which swings underway on Thursday, will be the seventh in which Howley has piloted a Toronto Baseball Club. He has had pennant winners, near pennant winners, good clubs and bad clubs. Unless his friends in the majors come up to his aid, the 1937 Maple Leafs will be one of the latter, it would seem.

Only eight of last year's Maple Leafs are back. The balance of the team that Howley had in camp at Haines City was formed of untried youngsters.

Three of the 1936 holdovers are pitchers—Bots Nekola and Jimmy Patison, southpaws, and Johnny Pomorski, righthander.

Clarence Straub, young catcher, outfielders George Blackerby, Tom Oliver, Adam Comorosky and Bobby Porter are the others retained from last season.

If there is one department that measures up, it is the outfield. Tom Oliver is a high-ranking centre patrolman. Comorosky is another capable batter and fielder, while Blackerby played well enough in right field last season, batted well, too. Mayo Smith and Ted Petoskey are available.

Porter, a Toronto boy, went south with the Leafs last spring, and was farmed out to the Marshall Club in the East Texas League, where he batted .298 in 123 games before being recalled. He played ten games with Leafs late last season, but batted only .156.

## Surplus Outfielders

In addition, Porter, Petoskey is a former all-American football star at Michigan. He had a trial with the Reds two seasons back.

Howley secured Don Ross, a good third baseman, from the Detroit Tigers yesterday. Joe Gantenbein and Hal Stockton are bidding for the shortstop job. They are youngsters Frank Madura, optioned to the Leafs by the Pirates, is slated for second base. Al Smith, who batted .303 with Mt. Airy last season, is another candidate for the place. The first baseman is James Walsh, who batted .302 with Marshall, in the East Texas League in 1936.

To assist behind the plate, Howley signed a former hireling, Johnny Heving, who was 10 years with the Athletics. Heving is a 40-year-old veteran. In addition to pitchers Nekola, Patison and Pomorski, the Leafs have Woodrow Wilson Davis, who won 17 and lost three with Cordele in the Georgia-Florida League in 1936; Joe Mulligan, a fair righthander, who was with Syracuse in 1935; Jack Deutsch and Thornton Honeycutt, the latter pair more or less unknown.

Howley needs three starting pitchers, a first baseman and a catcher before he can claim first-division rating for his Leafs.

## BASEBALL SCORES

American League		
At St. Louis—	R. H. E.	
Chicago .....	020 020 060—10 17 0	
St. Louis .....	221 073 00—15 22 0	
Batteries—	Kennedy, Rigney and Sewell, Rensar; Hildebrand and Hemsel.	
Washington at New York, postponed, rain.		
Boston at Philadelphia, postponed, rain.		
Cleveland at Detroit, postponed, rain.		
National League		
Philadelphia at Boston, postponed, cold weather.		
New York at Brooklyn, postponed, rain.		
St. Louis at Cincinnati, postponed, rain.		
Pittsburgh at Chicago, postponed, rain.		
American Association		
Toledo at Indianapolis. (Postponed, rain.)		
Minneapolis at Milwaukee. (Postponed, rain.)		
Columbus at Louisville. (Postponed, rain.)		
St. Paul at Kansas City. (To be played later.)		

## FEAR SHORTAGE IN RED BARN CLAIMS HENRY

McLemore Says Rise of Feller Starts New Trend

NEW YORK, April 21—When Bob Feller signed his name to a \$10,000 contract, thus completing his rise from farm boy to baseball star, he may well have revolutionized the upbringing of boys in this country.

If you have read young Feller's life story—and you could hardly have missed it, because it's been published in everything, including Braille—Papa Feller is the man responsible for Bob's major league contract. Bob was given a baseball for a rattle, cut his teeth on an old glove, and wore a sliding pad instead of rubber pants. Soon as Bob was old enough to stand Papa Feller took him behind the barn, stuck a baseball in his chubby fist, and said:

"Start a chukin' son. And keep on a chukin' until you got everything Matty had."

And for 17 years that's just about all Bob did, with Papa Feller as catcher. Everything worked out just as Papa Feller had planned. Bob became a great pitcher, was signed by a major team, and now is wallowing in gold and headlines. And Papa Feller sits on the front porch with his feet on the bannisters, smoking cigars as black, if not as big, as pythons.

My scouts in the farming districts of the United States have written me that Feller's success has resulted in a sweeping change in the upbringing of the children in their areas. Scout #93, writing from the corn belt, had this to say:

"The chief activity on farms in my area now is centred behind the barns. The land immediately behind barns is so cluttered with boys pitching to their parents that 'standing room only' signs are being hung out. In those families where there are more than one boy mothers and daughters are being pressed into service as racksops.

As a result of this feverish determination to develop another Bob Feller, crops are being neglected, cows are being milked hours behind schedule, and patch quilt and jelly production has fallen off 60 per cent."

## Southern Reports

From the south, operative XXX 913 read in this report:

"Don't be surprised if this country hit by a famine next year. Since Bob Feller came along the farmers have abandoned potatoes, corn, turkeys, and tomatoes, for the development of knuckles, fade-aways, sinkers, hooks, and fast balls. Barns behind which to practice are at a premium."

In connection with the shortage of barns, operative XXX 193 suggested a sound get-rich-quick scheme, and offered to let me in on the ground floor. It is his idea to build portable barns and take them around the country, leasing them to barnless fathers with boys. I think I'll accept the offer, because the field for these barns is limited. It isn't limited to the farming country.

Right here in New York there must be thousands of parents without barns, who are having to practice their boys behind sky-scrappers, beneath elevated pillars, and alongside delicatessen shops, and Papa Feller has proved that this isn't the right setting. A red barn is the one sure setting. I believe these barns, with a Rhode Island Red rooster thrown in free for a target, would sell like hot cakes. If the chicken got killed by a knucker or a spitter that would be all right, too, because take it from me there are few finer dishes than a Rhode Island Red rooster, smothered in T-bone steaks.

## Weatherbee to Play For Malagash Club

AMHERST, April 21—Wendell Weatherbee, who caught for the St. Pats when the Amherst club held the Maritime junior baseball championship for the past two seasons, is taking a position in Malagash.

He will also play ball with Malagash Intermediate Ball Club under the direction of Eddie Long. Weatherbee is the only player leaving Amherst, but it is understood that the Malagash club has acquired several promising youngsters from Springfield and Westville.

## Jeffra-Quintana Bantam Go Approved

NEW YORK, April 21—A bantam-weight elimination match, between Harry Jeffra, Baltimore contender, and Indian Carlos Quintana of Panama, the winner to fight Sixto Escobar for the 118-pound title, was approved today by the New York State Athletic Commission.

Johnny Attell, Dyckman oval pro-

## S. W. JACOBS DECLINES TO GO TO CORONATION

Invitation to Parliamentary Society is Refused

MONTREAL, April 21—The Dominion of Canada branch of the Empire Parliamentary Society has refused to accept the resignation of S. W. Jacobs, K.C., M.P., which he tendered following the non-inclusion of his name among the members of the House of Commons to be invited to attend the Coronation ceremonies as the guest of the association. In a letter sent to Mr. Jacobs by Arthur Beauchamp, hon. secretary, he is informed that he is still a member in good standing, that provision has been made for another delegate to be sent and that the executive unanimously desired that Mr. Jacobs should be selected. They invited him to accept and state whether he would be accompanied by Mrs. Jacobs.

Mr. Jacobs has, however, replied declining, stating that he has made other arrangements since his communication of March 6 (when he sent in his resignation) and that it would not be possible for him to accept the invitation.

## RAIN THREATENS SERIES OPENING

NEW YORK, April 21—Bolstered by the return of that baseball hotbed, Jersey City, the International League was ready for the opening of its 54th potentially most successful season tomorrow, but indications tonight were the weather man would and little or no co-operation.

Forecast said there would be rain at Jersey City, Newark, and Baltimore and threatened more of the same at Syracuse where the fourth opener will be played. If, however, the weather man relents before game time, it was expected close to 70,000 fans will witness the inaugurals.

Jersey City expects a record crowd of 30,000 for the opener with Rochester Red Wings. The record opening day crowd of 19,006 is held jointly by Newark and Rochester.

Newark bears figure 19,000 will turn out to see the Bears' engagement with Montreal Royals. About 10,000 were anticipated for the Syracuse-Buffalo game and 8,000 for Baltimore's opener with Toronto.

Frank Faughnnessy of Montreal, starting with his first season as president of the league expects one of the "remit's finest" races with consequent effect on the turnstiles.

Three new managers will make their debut tomorrow—Dan Howley at Toronto, Rabbit Maravilla at Montreal and Travis Jackson of Jersey City. Howley will be returning to a league where he once was a successful as well as popular pilot.

Although the battle for positions in the playoffs, following the regular season closing Sept. 12, promises to be wide open, the Baltimore Orioles' collection of sluggers has made the club the pre-season choice to pace the field.

## REINSTATEMENT SOUGHT FOR GILL AND 'DUD' JAMES

TORONTO, April 21—The Canadian Amateur Hockey Association decided today on a plan to deal with cases of hockeyists who play only one year professionally and then seek reinstatement to amateur ranks.

A. H. Coe, Winnipeg, president of the Manitoba Branch of the Association, suggested forms be drawn up for the applicants to fill out concerning information on their cases. All applicants would have to be in by Oct. 1 and would be dealt with by the registration committee.

The matter was brought up by Hanson T. Dowell, Middleton, N. S., president of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association who queried an executive committee concerning possible reinstatement of Bill Gill and "Dud" James, former Moncton Hawks who dropped from professional hockey not long after deserting amateur ranks.

Ordinarily professionals have to remain out of hockey for three years before reinstatement is possible but under this compassionate clause one-year pros will receive consideration.

motor, who will stage the match at his opening outdoor attraction early in June, said the boys will fight over the 15-round championship route. The winner will meet Escobar either late in June or early in July.

## JACK PETERSEN HAS RETIRED TO LIFE OF EASE

Amassed Close to \$165,000 During Ring Career

LONDON, April 21—Boxing days are over for Jack Petersen, not long ago one of Britain's most promising heavyweights.

A plucky, eager fighter who once held the British and British Empire heavyweight titles, Petersen retired on the advice of an eye specialist. He is only 25 but a series of cuts over one eyebrow made it inadvisable to continue fighting.

Petersen seemed a few years ago on the way to restore to British heavyweight boxing some of its long-lost prestige. He rose rapidly from an amateur obscurity and after winning the British light-heavyweight title in 1931 he captured the heavyweight title as well the following year.

His first effort at denying Len Harvey of the British Empire heavyweight title was unsuccessful, but the second time he won and thereby annexed the title once held by Toronto-born Larry Gains.

Encouraged with Walter Nussel of Germany spelled the beginning of the end for Petersen. Nussel proved too big and powerful and it was in those fights that eye cuts were opened. Last summer Petersen lost his British and Empire crowns to Ben

## Cecil Duncan Elected Head of C.A.H.A.; Other Officials Also Returned

Allan Cup Winners to Have Annual Trip to Europe

TORONTO, April 21—Cecil Duncan of Ottawa was re-elected president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association at today's closing session of the organization's annual convention.

Dr. W. G. Hardy, Edmonton, first vice-president, and George Dudley, Midland, Ont., second vice-president, also were re-elected. Posts of secretary and registrar treasurer have not yet been filled.

Secretary Fred Marples and Registrar-Treasurer W. A. Hewitt, both of Toronto, were re-appointed.

The association became a house united today when Leo Burns, Montreal, delegate of the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association, pledged affiliation of that branch and dropped a protest that threatened last year to

Ford—who in turn has been deprived of them by Tommy Farr—and observers noticed his punches were losing their accuracy and effect. His last regular ring appearance was on Feb. 1 of this year.

Petersen has some consolation. He has amassed a fortune of something like \$165,000 during his boxing career and owns a big house near Cardiff.

create internal dissension in the association.

Delegates from the nine C.A.H.A. branches wound up their three-day annual meeting here today after three days of comparatively smooth sailing. Only other contentious point that cropped up, dealing with a protest by Quebec Aces of the Montreal Senior Group, was dropped from discussion after the executive considered the matter had been handled satisfactorily.

Last year the C.A.H.A. considered resignation from the association if the C.A.H.A. passed the famed "four points." Three of the points were passed at the annual meeting while the association approved the fourth in principle, although not embodying it in the constitution.

Burns, spokesman for the Quebec Branch, pledged affiliation to the C.A.H.A. when questioned directly by George Dudley, second vice-president from Midland, Ont., concerning the attitude of the Quebec Branch now towards the association, linked now with the International Ice Hockey Federation and not the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada as previously.

It was decided at the afternoon session that Allan Cup winners and runners-up would, in future, have first choice on the two annual hockey trips to Europe. In case of neither team wanting to go other applications would be considered.



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