

Maroons Take Maritime Title

Nose Springhill Red Sox, N. S. Champs, 4-3 in the Final Game of Series; Pitchers' Duel Outstanding Feature of Hard-Fought Game

The Maritime junior baseball crown rested in Marysville after the junior Maroons wrested it from the grasp of Nova Scotia's champion junior Springhill Red Sox yesterday afternoon. A brilliant 4 to 3 finish of a three-game series for the championship was played.

The title passed into the Maroons' ownership in the ninth inning when they scored the winning run. The Red Sox catcher dropped the ball as Chubby White dove for home on Andy Peterson's single through shortstop. It was not ruled an error. The teams split Saturday, 3 to 7 for Marysville and 6 to 4 for the visitors.

Yesterday's success, the first to come to Marysville in its baseball history, was the crowning effort of the last two or three years of junior team play. This year it noted them the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island junior championships, so that in taking the Maritime championship they won a clear title.

The spectacular finish developed in a pitcher's battle with Curt Moore for the Maroons and Boss for the Sox allowing nine hits each. Errorless ball was played by Springhill and four errors were chalked up for Marysville, none of which was disastrous. Moore had seven strikeouts and Boss nine.

Both teams left the eighth on even terms, 3-all. The climax came in the last inning with some timely hitting

Giants Have Infield Edge on Opponents

FREDDIE STEELE, RECOGNIZED WORLD'S MIDDLE CHAMPION BY N. Y. BOXING COMMISSION TO ATTEND COLLEGE

Plans to Quit Ring in Two Years and Enter Washington State; No Cauliflower Ears or Punch-Drunkenness for Fred

Press agents took up many a tasty story about prize fighters and their books. And now and then the fighter makes good, as in the case of Gene Tunney.

There is, for instance, Freddie Steele, whom a majority of ring fans regard as the world's middleweight champion. Freddie Steele was a pint-sized soda jerker in his home town of Tacoma, Wash., at the age of 14. Six years later he became known as one of the hardest-hitting middleweights in ring history. In defeating Vince Dundee, former champion, Steele's hard right broke the Italian boy's jaw in seven places.

But it took years to get that punch and the power behind it. At 14 he was a soda jerker who read the sports pages, and idolized fellows like Tom Morgan. He knew of a man named Dave Miller, who owned a hotel and seven theatres, likewise a gym. It was the gym that intrigued Freddie. He got permission to work there.

Gradually he built himself to a featherweight, then a lightweight and finally, up through the welters to the middleweight class. Miller became his manager and got him some fights. Freddie quit the soda fountain. Most of the ring money he gave to his mother. The rest he kept. He wanted to go to school. But he was a professional fighter.

He changed his name to Johnson and slipped into high school. He played football and starred with five other fellows named Sarboe and Stojack, now in the National Professional Football League.

But his manager found him out. The manager was afraid of football injuries and Freddie had to quit the gridiron. He did so reluctantly. The manager permitted him to play baseball, and Freddie starred on the diamond until the school authorities found him out. That was the end of his athletic career. So he went back to the ring and became champion.

But, at 24, he hasn't forgotten school. He plans to fight two more years and then retire and go to college, Washington State.

Gehrig Will Shine for Yankees

No one, a year ago, would have ventured even a wild guess that man for man there was a club in baseball capable of outweighing the Yankees.

That, however, doesn't hold true today.

More than a club, the world's champions, because of their vaunting batting power have become something of a myth. But like most myths, they can't stand being broken down to examination of the individual parts.

Except for the imposing presence at first base of Lou Gehrig, the Giants' infield boasts an unexpected superiority over their American League rivals.

That superiority is offensive as well as defensive.

Gehrig, of course, is Gehrig.

Lou Standout

No first baseman in baseball, unless it is Hank Greenberg, the Detroit Hammer, can even begin to compare with him, and certainly neither the slow-footed Sam Leslie nor rookie Johnny McCarthy.

The most indestructible individual the game ever has known, Iron-Horse Lou has defied both time and precedent while compiling a record for durability which probably will stand long after all others have fallen.

Offensively and defensively he is still the game's outstanding first sacker. Alone, he has hit three times as many home runs as the two N. L. first basemen, McCarthy and Leslie, and has driven in twice as many runs.

There is no question of his offensive superiority; nor, indeed, of his ability to hold his own defensively with the fading Leslie, a fairly dependable hitter, but an uncertain fielder; and the flashing fielding McCarthy, who was labelled as Terry's \$40,000 bust, until he suddenly snapped out of a prolonged slump to become one of the Giants' most dangerous stickmen during the past month.

But there, a first base, the Yankees' superiority ends.

At second base Tony Lazzeri is writing the closing chapter to an interesting and brilliant career. Slowed down by age, he relies upon his brain, not his legs, to cover that expanse between first and second, which daily grows larger and larger. He is admittedly one of the smartest players in the game, the "brains" of the Yankees infield.

Averages Low

Frank Crosetti, too, has not been the player he was a year ago. Lazzeri has batted .244; and Crosetti only .240. Lazzeri, despite his low average, still carries dynamite in his big bat. But it has not exploded so often.

The Giants' second base pair, Burgess Whitehead and Dick Bartell, a year ago, were light hitters and fancy fielders. Retaining their defensive acumen this season, when they developed into one of the two best double play combinations in the major leagues, they also have increased their value as run-makers.

This is only Whitehead's second season of regular play and the result of being in there day in and day

Canada to Enter Davis Cup Tennis

Out of Competition Since 1934, Dominion Will Be Represented Next Year, Says the Head of Lawn Tennis Association

MONTREAL, Oct. 4.—Canada will re-enter Davis Cup tennis competition in 1938, R. N. Watt, president of the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association, announced tonight.

Canada has not competed in the international competition since 1934. Dearth of players of Davis Cup calibre was the reason generally ascribed for the Dominion's withdrawal from the tournaments.

YANKEES SPLIT SERIES MELON 26 WAYS

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—The New York Yankees were generous in cutting up their World Series melon, taking care not only of everybody connected with the work of the club on the field but even remembering to vote \$1000 to Mrs. John Broaca, wife of the former Yale pitcher who jumped the club in July unknown to the Yankees.

Twenty-six full shares were voted to every member of the club, including Manager Joe McCarthy, Coaches Fletcher, Schulte and Combs, and the trainer, Earle Painter.

Kemp Wicker who joined the club in mid-season was voted three-quarters of a share as was Mark Roth, veteran secretary. Half shares were given Ivy Andrews, who was bought from Cleveland August 16 and Surgeon Chandler who was sent to Newark in mid-season, Rex Wyatt, assistant to Roth, received a quarter share.

Paul Schreiber, a batting practice pitcher, was declared in for \$1250. Joe Vance who joined the club only two weeks ago will get \$1000. Fred Logan, club house attendant, receives \$1250 and Walter Owens, groundkeeper, \$1000.

Tim Sullivan, mascot, and Mike Sheeby, club house boy, each will get \$750.

The tennis association head made no declaration as to why it had been decided Canada should again try for the trophy, but the United States' winning of the cup this year was conceded to have been a big factor in the decision.

While France and Great Britain held the trophy, competition among challengers in the American zone had to be held early in the season. Climatic reasons left Canada at a disadvantage, her players having little indoor play behind them when tournament time rolled around.

With the United States holding the cup now, American zone play will come later in the summer, since the challenge round will be in the United States. Further, the U. S. absence from elimination rounds will leave Canada stacked up against teams nearer her own class.

The tennis head made no mention of possible selections for the team—in fact, he said nothing other than that Canada would be a challenger next year—but it looked fairly certain, on the basis of this summer's play, that the No. 1 singles berth on the squad might be assigned to Montreal's Bobby Murray.

Rolfe Dangerous

There is no more finished workman at third base than the Yankees' Red Rolfe. Although hitting only .275, he is a vital cog in the highest scoring machine in history, a dangerous and versatile figure at the plate, who may punt or hit a home run.

But even Rolfe is dimmed a little by comparison with Mel Ott, who came in from right field at mid-season to become the best third baseman in the National League. For one thing he hasn't Ott's power. The nearest approach the Giants make toward matching the Yankees' attack is Ott—and his 31 home runs.

Curiously enough, with his shift to the infield, the little slugger, who had been immersed in a slump for nearly two-thirds of the season, abruptly began to mace the ball at his normal pace.

The reserve strength of the two clubs is about equal. The Giants have Blundy "They Can't Beat Us" Ryan, and Lou Chiozza; the Yankees, Don Heffner and John Saltsgraver.



As Mr. Picobac turned in to ask for his mail, he found Herb, tobacco grower by instinct and hired man to the highest bidder, seated on the end of the post office steps.

"Hello, Herb," cried Mr. Picobac genially. "What are you sittin' here for? You're not out of a job, I hope."

"This is the first time I sat down for weeks," Herb spoke up. "A hired man ain't supposed to sit down."

Mr. Picobac nodded cheerfully. "A good man like you just naturally don't get a chance to do much sittin', Herb," he said. "A tobacco man is always a busy man."

"Only chance I ever get to sit is when I come to town," said Herb. "I'm waitin' for the bus, that's all."

"Well, Herb, I don't mind telling you I enjoy sitting down once in a while myself," confessed Mr. Picobac mopping his brow. "It seems to rest your hands and face. Your bus ain't due for a while yet. Let's you and me load our pipes from my new seal-tight Picobac pouch and sit down to a mild . . . cool . . . sweet smoke."

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Angered by a newspaper article which quoted Johnston as stating that Commissioners John J. Phelan and Bill Brown "have an interest in Promoter Mike Jacobs' 20th Century Sporting Club," the commissioners intimated they might deny the dapper Jimmy a license to operate here.

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