

# CANUCKS TOP MAROONS; WINGS NOSE BRUINS

### THREE QUICK TALLIES IN FIRST STANZA ASSURE VICTORY AS CANADIENS DOWN ANCIENT RIVALS 5-1 ON MONTREAL ICE

### Detroit Stops Boston 3-2 As Shore Is Penalized For High-Sticking; Habitants Step Into Tie With Leafs For 1st Place In Canadian Section

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—Canadiens scored three quick goals in the first period and played sound hockey the rest of the way tonight to defeat Maroons 5-1 as the bitter intra-Montreal hockey feud was renewed.

By winning, the Habitants stepped over New York Americans into a first place tie with Toronto Maple Leafs in the Canadian Division of the National League.

The victory marked by high sticking and constant bickering, levelled the series for the city title, in which Maroons won the opener 3-0. Only the third Canadian goal tonight was scored while both sides were at full strength.

Canadiens added to their mounting score totals, for there were two assists on all but one of their goals, but the five were evenly divided.

Babe Siebert, Paul Haynes and Gus Mancuso poured in counters in the first and Walter Buswell and George Mantha completed the total in the third. Mancuso's goal was the first in the big league for the rookie.

The first penalty shot under the new N.H.L. rule was called in the first period when Des Smith, former Saint John and Charlottetown amateur, tripped Haynes. Gagnon took the shot from behind the red line and fired wide of the net.

Veterans Win for Wings

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The reunited veterans of Detroit Red Wings' front line led the National Hockey League champions to a 3-2 win tonight over Boston Bruins in the section leaders' third straight defeat.

The last two Detroit tallies were rammed in while Eddie Shore was in the penalty box.

The Boston defence star drew a major in the third period for high-sticking Doug Young, and while he was half way through his five minutes sentence Hea Kilrea slapped in the winning tally after combining with Marty Barry and Larry Aurie. The latter supplied the other two Detroit counters during the second and final minutes of first period play.

Both Boston goals, scored by Bill Cowley, former Halifax Wolverine, came when the Red Wings were short handed. During the final minute, Manager Art Ross pulled out goalie Tiny Thompson.

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SPORT DUST

—BY—

"Timmy" Green

Bill Sharpe, Campbellton goalie who was signed at the first of the season to kick them out for the Capitals, has gone back to Campbellton. It is understood that he didn't measure up to the specifications and expectations of the bosses of the Capital crew. Cliff Young, local goalie who turned in such a nice job of keeping the Capital nets clear last season will be wearing the pads when the next whistle blows.

At the same time, McLaughlin, the Chatham forward was allowed to go, apparently for the same reason. If arrangements can be made, Chapman or last year's Maroons aggregation will be brought here as well as Radcliff, at present with the Moncton team. Both these boys are good, and should stiffen up the lines to an appreciable degree.

The Beavers and Maroons clash tonight in Saint John in the first time they have met since the pre-season series in which Saint John came out on top. To the victor goes the spoils—the top rung of the league ladder, and with this to goad both teams on there should be some wild and furious hockey.

The Habitants thrashed the Maroons last night and climbed into the position with the Leafs for the leadership of the Canadian section. At the same time that the Canadiens seem so strong this year, the Maroons are certainly weak—weak. The Leafs seem to find no more difficulty in walking away with Clancy's crew than do the Canucks.

The two leagues have split on the "dead ball" issue. The National circuit wants the slow pellet but the American says "thumbs down" and voted for the retention of the lively little pill. . . . The Bruins are apparently falling off their perch—the Red Wings handed the Boston crew the third straight defeat. . . . At the same time it seems to indicate that the Wings are well out of their recent slump. . . . The Halifax Wolverines won the league opener with the Kentville Wildcats in decisive fashion, 8-2. . . . Gene Tunney says Schmeling will K.O. Louis when they again meet. It wouldn't surprise us either. . . . That's all!

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## Minor Ball Finally Back on Its Feet

### 1937 Season Was Most Successful In History

In the midst of plenty, Judge W. G. Bramham, president of the minor baseball leagues, sounded a warning.

The 1937 season was the most successful in history. The 37 leagues that started the season finished. They attracted 13,500,000 paid admissions in regular league games. They finished the season without adding liens to baseball territory. And they have paid off all but \$25,000 of liens on the books in 1937 — the darkest year of the small loops.

But, warned the minor league head, there are indications that the minor league magnates are itching to increase salaries, enlarge the player-limits and succumb to other reckless spending which helped to spell ruin five years ago.

"When they have a good season they are likely to padlock the doors of experience behind them—discard the Ford and buy a Pierce-Arrow," said Bramham.

"In other words some of them advocate tilting the salary and player limits, and remove restrictions that curb violations, join the high-steppers all of which is likely to lead to financial cramp come from July 4th to the season's end."

Revived Slowly

Minor league baseball had shrunk to a new low back in 1932 and 1933, but with a change of administration Joe F. Carr of Columbus, Ohio, took over the assignment to promote new leagues and revive old ones.

Carr and his helpers worked slowly but industriously, and year by year the pulse beat increased, until last year a new high was reached.

The most remarkable feature of the growth, however, was that in the biggest year not a league exploded.

It was generally featured that with so many new leagues, and new cities that the experiments would result in some extra loud crackers about the Fourth of July.

But this didn't happen.

For the last two hours Carr has proceeded conservatively, advising against starting some circuits that were proposed to him.

If Carr didn't think everything favored a complete success, he advised the enthusiasts to wait another year.

It is likely he could have started half a dozen more leagues last season, but he chose not to do so. It may have worked out satisfactorily, but the veteran promotion man was sceptical in spots.

Depends on Health

Just what expansion there will be in 1938 depends on Carr's health, to some extent.

The veteran has been sick since late in the summer, and for a time was in a serious condition in a Columbus hospital. But he appears to be on the road to recovery.

Several proposed leagues have been awaiting his return to the field and he hopes to be back on the job by the first of the year.

It is probable that at least half a dozen new circuits, or old ones being revived, will start the 1938 season.

There are still many sizeable cities without representation in organized baseball, and Carr will not be satisfied that his job is finished until he has exhausted all possibilities.

In addition to the cities in the United States that are without the baseball ranks now there are many Canadian cities considered good prospects, either in all-Canadian leagues, or as members of border leagues.

There are also a few Mexican border cities anxious to play ball. Recently Jurazek made application for membership in the Arizona-Texas League.

President Bramham believes minor league baseball will continue to prosper if it will proceed cautiously and watch the pennies and nickels along the way.

This year's International League race was perhaps the most one-sided in history, but the attendance was the best in the history of the league.

Three Augusta pitchers, Prendergast, Brown and Boyd, finished the season with perfect fielding averages. They engaged in a total of 52 games.

Dizzy Dean is keeping busy this winter operating a gasoline station in Bradenton, Fla., and taking care of an alligator sent to him by an admirer.

Joel Hunt, former Cardinal outfielder, is line coach of the Louisiana State University football team.

The Baltimore Orioles' 1938 infield is the oldest in the league, averaging over 30 years.

### MOST UNUSUAL CHAMP



HARRY JEFFRA

Harry Jeffra, new bantamweight champion of the world, is somewhat out of the ordinary among topnotchers in sport. He is unspoiled with success.

He spent the week following the winning of the title playing golf and caddy for a golfer he admired in a fall tournament. After a brief rest he asked his manager to arrange a match for him in Baltimore, his home town.

Baltimore is not one of the big towns on the boxing map. The crowds are not large and the purses are small. Harry could make lots more money elsewhere. But he wanted to fight a bout is champion in his home town before his home town friends.

The Dundee boys, Joe and Vince, left Baltimore to fight for world titles, and won them, but neither appeared in a home town ring. They had more lucrative engagements.

Babe Ruth, a poor boy from a Baltimore institution, left his home town in his first year of baseball glory and excepting for exhibition games there, never returned for public appearances.

Neither did Harry desire to appear in his home town in a set-up match. He asked his manager to have the promoters get him a tough opponent. And the promoters did just that — getting Indian Quintana, the fourth-ranking bantamweight.

Harry Jeffra, in many ways, is a most unusual champion. In the first place he wanted to play baseball, but

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## BEAVERS AND MAROONS MEET AT PORT CITY TONIGHT TO DECIDE LEADERSHIP OF SOUTHERN N. B. HOCKEY LEAGUE

### Beavers vs. St. Croix Contest, Scheduled for Friday, Postponed; Expect Sudbury Wolves, 1936 Allan Cup Champs, To Play Saint John Six

SAINT JOHN, Dec. 8.—Tonight at The Forum a battle royal is expected when the Saint John Beavers and Moncton Maroons hook up in their first league game of the season in an endeavor to take top spot in the Southern N. B. Hockey League.

Both clubs are tied to date, each having won a pair of league fixtures, trimming St. Stephen and Fredericton on home ice. The Beavers have yet to take the road and it will be the Maroons' first trip away.

Tonight's will be the last league fixture of the week here, it was announced last night, as Friday's game with St. Stephen has been postponed to later in the season in the anticipation that Sudbury Wolves, last year's Allan Cup champions, will play the Beavers here that night.

As the Sudbury team sails from Saint John for a hockey tour of England and Europe, negotiations are being made to have them play here and the Beavers' Hockey Club has quoted a substantial guarantee to have them face the Beavers.

The game tonight should be another of those tough affairs, for it is understood that the Maroons are just as good as they were in the pre-season series and a little better.

MONCTON, Dec. 8 — Dud James will lead his Moncton Maroons into Saint John tonight to tangle with Herbie Gibbs' Beavers for the leadership of the Southern N. B. Hockey League. Each team has a pair of wins in two stars and tomorrow evening one or the other will be resting at the top of the heap unless the clubs play a draw.

Coach James will have his full line-up here in action tonight and expects his crew of pucksters to come through with a victory.

### FEATHER CHAMP ON HIGH ROAD TO BIG MONEY

Johnston Says Henry Can Trim Ambers and Barney Ross

Henry Armstrong, featherweight champion of the world, is on the high road to success.

Already he is being boomed for the lightweight and the welterweight crowns.

Jimmy Johnston, until recently the matchmaker of Madison Sq. Garden, believes Armstrong can beat both Lou Ambers, the lightweight king, and Barney Ross, chief of the welterweight division.

"I think he'd knock out Ross easily," said Johnston.

"Ambers would be a tougher proposition for him. His left would bother Armstrong, and he would dance away from Henry's dynamite. He probably would last the route but would lose the decision."

Armstrong can fight every night. He's strong and full of fight. He likes it.

Mike Jacobs, astute promoter, believes Armstrong is on his way to make a million dollars—and be the first little man to reach that golden goal.

Right now Jacobs has four battles in view that would give Armstrong a tenth of that million dollars. They would be with Enrico Venturi, Davey Day, Pedro Montanez and Lou Ambers.

Promoters look upon Armstrong as

one of the best crowd pleasers to come along in recent years. For this reason alone he stands a good chance of getting some consideration as a challenger for the crowns in the next two divisions.

The ball party to be occupied by the new Hollywood club in the Pacific Coast League originally was built for midget auto races.

For agreeing to permit a club in Hollywood, an adjoining city, the Los Angeles club will receive a percentage of the Hollywood receipts for the next 20 years.

Stephen McKeefe, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers is 83 years old. He made his fortune in plumbing and also helped build the Brooklyn bridge.

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### Detroit Park Slugger's Paradise

The Detroit baseball park has wrested from the Yankee Stadium the honor of being the best home-run orchard in the American League. One hundred and forty-nine homers were made at Navin Field in 1937, as compared with 135 at the Stadium. In 1936 Navin Field ranked fourth in the production of four-sackers, but it looks as if the sluggers had acquired the range of the revamped ball yard which now is undergoing another face-lifting.

Right-hand hitters were the ones to make most of the home runs at Navin Field, gathering 107 of the 149 circuit smashes. Of the 91 homers to the credit of the Tigers at home only 20 were by the lefthand hitters, Greenberg, York and Gerald Walker alone accounting for 57.

The Yankee Stadium was the second most prolific in providing home runs with 135, followed by St. Louis with 116; Chicago with an even 100, Boston and Philadelphia each with 97, Cleveland with 70 and Washington bringing in the rear once more with 42.

Bill Terry is planning to buy a new home in the suburbs of Memphis at a cost of \$75,000.

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