

LEAFS, RANGERS, BRUINS VICTORS NHL

MAPLE LEAFS WHITEWASH CHICAGO ON LATTER'S ICE AFTER BATTLING OUT 4-ALL TIE IN TORONTO SATURDAY NITE

Smythemen Tightened Hold on Section Leadership Before Biggest Crowd to Watch Games in Chicago This Season; Maroons, Wings Tie

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The Toronto Maple Leafs tightened their lead on the National Hockey League's Canadian Section last night, defeating the Chicago Black Hawks 7-2 before the largest crowd to see a game here in three seasons—15,561 fans. The Leafs scored five times in the third period. The Hawks, making a battle of it all the way, took the lead in the opening period on a goal by Mush March. About five minutes later, Pep Kelly tied the count, with help from Buzz Boll, and the Leafs went into the lead in the second period in a shot by Sylvanus Apps. Bill Thoms scored the third Leaf goal early in the third period, driving a long shot home from just inside the blueline. Kelly got his second goal late in the third stanza.

Seconds later, Kelly scored again, on a pass from Hamilton, after which with the Hawks repeatedly caught down the ice, Apps and Jackson poured goals into the net. March, meanwhile, scored the second Chicago tally with help from Cully Dahlstrom and Loc Romnes.

EARN 4-4 DRAW

TORONTO, Jan. 17.—Despite the fact that they were outplayed by a wide margin most of the time, Bill Stewart's mild-appearing Chicago Black Hawks managed to squeeze out a 4-4 overtime tie in their National Hockey League engagement with the Toronto Maple Leafs here Saturday night.

JACKSON'S GOAL WINS

BOSTON, Jan. 17.—Young Art Jackson fired a third period goal last night and Boston Bruins rode home to a 1-0 win over Montreal Canadiens in the first victory of the N. H. L. season over the Frenchmen.

Jackson's play-off tally, with about 13 minutes of the game remaining, broke up a Canadian jinx that had extended through three games for the Bruins. Up to last night the best the Bruins had been able to do was gain a draw in one of their clashes.

SMOTHER AMERKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—New York Rangers scored two goals in the second period, then tacked on two more in the third as they coasted last night to a 4-0 win over the New York Americans in an intra-city N.H.L. game. The paid attendance was more than 16,000.

Davey Kerr, the Rangers' veteran goaltender, hung up his seventh shutout of the season to lead the league netminders in this department.

Rangers notched the first marker halfway through the second period when Defenceman Art Coulter backhanded the puck into the Americans' cage during a scramble. Clint Smith gave the Blue Shirts a two-goal margin with less than two minutes of the chapter to go.

Alex Shibicky and Neil Colville clinched the game for the Rangers by scoring on three-man breakaways in the last period.

You may talk all you please about patriotism and religion, but a right good love affair moves a man more than anything else.

MAROONS-CAPS BEAVERS-LEAFS CLASH TONIGHT

Battles At Border And Hub; Capitals Strive To Overcome Hub 1 Point Lead

The Saint John Beavers will journey to the border tonight looking for revenge after suffering their first setback at the hands of the St. Stephen Maple Leafs here last week and an opportunity to close the gap between themselves and the league leading Maroons and second place Capitals.

The Leafs walked off with a win at The Forum in their last engagement when both forward lines—the Desautel, McCarroll, Doucet trio and the MacNichol, Russell, Innes line rammed home a pair of counters in a late rally after skating and checking the locals ragged in the opening periods. With four wins and a couple of draw contests under their belts, the border crew is getting into the swing of things and a win tonight would put them a game and a half behind the third-place Beavers.

LEAGUE LEAD AT STAKE

MONCTON, Jan. 17.—"Dud" James rushed his Maroons through a series of week-end workouts in preparation for the home stand against Big Bill Gill's fighting Capitals here tonight, and last evening stated that he felt the Red Club had snapped out of its slump which has resulted in a five-point margin at the top of the heap dwindle to a single point.

Last night Coach James announced his full team would be ready for action tonight, with young Hank Lavoie being awarded the goal-keeping assignment. A shift may be made in the rearguard in that Len LeBlanc may work with Charlie Phillips while Dud White and Clarence Bastarache will likely team up together.

When British, German, French, Italian and Belgian veterans, foregathered in Toronto, declared 'No more war,' it seems reasonable that the rest of ordinary humanity shouldn't want it either.

MIZE GETS HOMER IN EVERY PARK

GIANTS' TRAINING CAMPAIGN CALLS FOR 18-GAME SERIES WITH CLEVELAND INDIANS

WAGNER WARNS SEMI-PRO BALL CLUBS OF RULE

Czar Declares Sandlot Teams Must Sign Players Properly

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Honus Wagner, commissioner of semi-professional baseball, has issued warning to sandlot baseball clubs signing players under national system of semi-pro player contracts without release. Penalty will result, Wagner said, in team being listed as an "outlaw" by the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress and held ineligible to compete indefinitely in any sanctioned league or tournament in the United States.

Wagner also made known that sponsor, manager, business manager and each player on any "outlaw" team would be suspended indefinitely from ever participating in the national association of leagues or any district, state, regional or national tournament sanctioned by the national association.

Affords Protection

"Our organization is attempting to restore semi-pro baseball to its popularity of a decade ago," Wagner said. "That is the reason we will protect every industrial firm with their players being under contract."

Wagner also announced the machinery that had been set up for the national association of leagues.

Each of the 2,000 leagues, Wagner said, would be awarded a trophy to stimulate organization of more semi-pro clubs.

Altrock Got Profit Out Of Ball Trade

SYRACUSE, Jan. 17.—Of all the laughs Nick Altrock, Washington coach, gets out of baseball, he gets one of his biggest chuckles out of his early days in the game around Syracuse.

Altrock was a serious left-handed pitcher in those days—way back at the turn of century.

"I'll never forget the time I signed

Plan to Work-out At Baton Rouge Camp Until April 1st

That intrepid explorer of the baseball tundras—Col. William Harold Terry, has charted another spring adventure for the Giants and their travelling companions, the Cleveland Indians, that will test anew their ingenuity, fortitude and digestive organs.

For their annual exhibition tour will carry them into virgin, untrammelled country, seldom before reached by any baseball teams, and not within memory visited by the Giants. From Louisiana into West Texas, and then back by way of Memphis into Kentucky and the West Virginia mountain regions, it is a grand circle tour of the gaslight district that has been planned for them.

The Colonel has made these visits to the smaller baseball centres a distinct financial success in the past, and there is no reason to expect that this one will be the exception.

First Game March 5

It's a long program that has been arranged for the Giants. They play their first game against the Athletics at Lake Charles, La., on March 5—two days before the Brooklyn Dodgers for instance, even report for spring training work.

When the Giants will check in at their Baton Rouge training base has not yet been determined by Boss Terry, but doubtless he has some late February date in mind. He also has been planning an earlier Hot Springs sojourn for the battery-men, but that too has yet to be definitely decided.

The squad will remain in and around Baton Rouge for more than a month, until April 1, to be exact. Side trips to Biloxi, Lake Charles and New Orleans will help to keep the hired hands occupied, as well as a nine-game schedule at Baton Rouge.

The big circle tour with the Indians is to be launched at Lake Charles on April 2.

with Oswego, was sold to Syracuse for \$50, of which I got half, ha, ha," he reminisced.

"Syracuse traded me," he went on, in his recollections, "to Toronto, Ont., where Ed Barrow was the manager. I jumped that club and finished the 1901 season with Los Angeles."

Only Man In League To Perform Feat Last Season

Last title to be decided of all the statistical championships of 1937 in the National League was the All-Around Homer-Hitting title, mythical diadem achieved by mastering the trick of hitting a homer in every park in the league.

Last day of the season. Last inning. Last chance to swing a bat for the official averages. So up stepped Johnny Mize to home plate at Wrigley Field and belted the ball for a ninth inning four-bagger. It didn't win the game for the bright birdlings of St. Louis. It didn't avert defeat. It was only a lost-cause homer, so far as the box score was concerned.

Unique Feat

But it made the stalwart Georgian the only man in the league with a homer to his name in every park in the league during 1937, as well as being his 25th homer in a busy year whose results and records stamped him as one of the most important power men logging lumber to home plate in baseball's senior circuit.

The race for the All-Around crown was tight all year. The season's last day saw four sluggers with seven parks to their respective credits, Medwick, Mize, Collins and Camilli. Medwick and Collins had no chance left for completing their string. Both had missed in Cincinnati and on Oct. 3 as narrated above, their respective teams were locked in deadly combat at Wrigley Field.

The schedule offered Camilli the chance for a last day homer in Boston, the only city he needed to complete his string, but in the final series of the Phillies in Boston Earle

JOE DI MAGGIO, SLUGGING YANKEE OUTFIELDER, VOTED STAR PLAYER OF 1937 SEASON BY N. Y. SPORTS SCRIBES

Little Doubt That His Salary Won't Take Jump As Result of Decision; Reported Offered \$7,500 Raise

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Joe Di Maggio probably doesn't need much argument to clinch his bid for the biggest salary increase this year of any player in the major baseball leagues.

It's the general belief, in fact, that the world champion New York Yankees already have paved the way for a settlement by offering Di Maggio a \$22,500 contract, an increase of \$7,500.

Whatever the moves thus far or to come, it's noteworthy news today that the San Francisco Italian has been voted the 'player of the year' award for his 1937 performances, by the Baseball Writers' Association of New York.

Browne tended first base for the invaders.

Three Runners-Up

So Mize's homer at the 59th minute of the season's 11th hour crowned him king of the all-arounders with Medwick, Collins and Camilli tied for second place. Mel Ott, sharer of the 1937 home run championship with Medwick had been the only National Leaguer to hit one in every park in 1936, but last year he missed in both Boston and Brooklyn.

Besides Ott, seven other National Leaguers hit homers in six of the eight ball orchards. Three of them were Cincy Reds: Ival Goodman, Alexei Kampouris and Ernie Lombardi. The others were Gene Moore of the Bees, Augie Galan, Cubs; Morrie Aronovich of the Phils, and Floyd (Pirates) Young.

Mize made his march to All-Around Homer-Hitting fame the hard way, namely, he tackled the toughest tract first, registering his initial homer of the season on April 22 at Crosley Field.

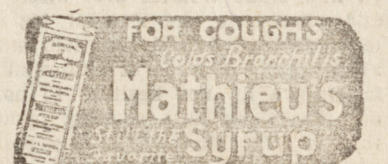
Joe will be one of the chief guests of honor at the 15th annual dinner of Metropolitan baseball scribes, Jan. 30.

Fourth Yank Honored

Di Maggio is the youngest player and the first sophomore to be voted the 'player of the year.' He is the fourth member of the Yankees to gain distinction since the New York writers inaugurated the award in 1931 by naming William Harold Terry of the New York Giants. Lou Gehrig in 1932, Herb Pennock in 1933, and Tony Lazzeri in 1937 were other Yankee recipients.

The award has not been confined to players on the New York clubs. Carl Hubbell, the choice in 1934 for the honor, rounded out the list of Metropolitan selections.

"Dizzy" Dean of St. Louis Cardinals was picked in 1935 and Hank Greenberg, clean-up cloutier of Detroit Tigers, was honored at the 1936 banquet.



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