

SPORTS FRONT

By NICK FILLMORE

Baseball's Crazy Years

The wildest days that Major League baseball has ever seen must be the mid-1940's—the days of wartime baseball and some of the strangest happenings ever seen in organized sport. It was four seasons of the pros being drafted and balding old-timers and pink-cheeked kids taking their turns. Confusion prevailed, minor leagues folded, but major league players kept at their jobs and fans came out to see them in record numbers.

Due to travel restrictions, big-league teams shifted their spring training bases in such winter areas as Cairo, E. Lakeview, N.J., and Wallingford. Conns. players employed and fan whiners. Scorecards featured air regulations, and fans were urged to throw back foul balls for use in service camps.

Among the news events of those years was the birth St. Louis Browns winning their first pennant in 1939. One of the Browns' ace pitchers that year was Sic Jakucki, a 25-year old ex-paperhanger who returned to baseball after a five-year Army hitch and a long spell in semi-pro ball. Jakucki won 11 games for the Browns, and was rewarded with a start in the World Series. The first pitch he met, a fastball from Stan Musial hit a home run onto the right-field fence. "I threw him a smicker, and it sank out of sight," Sic said.

The Cubs won the '45 flag of pennant from the Yankees, not one of whom caught even half the game. The Series that year, between the Cubs and Yankees, was so exciting that it is still laughable. It was the saddest exhibition of fighting and base running ever seen in the October classic. Thirty-eight players appeared in the same game, but the saddest moment was provided by 40-year old Chuck Hosteler, who had finally made the majors at the age of 39. Carrying an important run for Detroit, Hosteler fell on his back in the play, tried to crawl back to third, but was thrown out.

The mighty Yankees, most of their stars in service, slipped to fourth place in '45, their poorest finish in 20 years. The late George Srinivas, Yankee second-baseman, won the '45 batting title with the lowest batting average in 20 years, 1965. Tony Cuccinello, 37, a 10 in the majors for 15 years, won '45 by a fraction of a point, and was released by the White Sox in 1945. Phil Minton, 42, had been called back by the Dodgers in 1945. Phil Minton, 42, had been called back by the Dodgers in 1945. Phil Minton, 42, had been called back by the Dodgers in 1945.

Johnnie's Hawks Meeting Eager

Johnnie's Hawks have their backs to the wall when they face the RCAF Eagles in Island Intermediate hockey action at the Charlottetown Forum tonight. The Charlottetown team will be going all out to pull this fixture out, as a win will give them a first place tie with the Summerside Combses, but a loss will leave them in second place and thus the Warren Temple Combses would have the Island Intermediate hockey championship.

Canada Stars Are Co-Leaders

By JOHN SHORT
CALGARY (CP) — As ex-Canada and world champions romped to easy victories in the fourth round of the 1964 intercollegiate curling championship Wednesday afternoon to set up a sudden-death battle for the preliminary championship at 8 p.m. MST.



Royals Down Bulldogs 6-2

The fourth game in the finals for the Imperial Oil Trophy was played at the North River rink last night when the Pownal Royals defeated the Hampshire Bulldogs 6-2. Pownal now leads the series three to one.

Ch'town Team Wins Contest

The Charlottetown Centennials defeated the Summerside Peas 6-1 in an exhibition game to promote funds for crippled children at the Charlottetown Forum last night before a crowd of approximately 400 fans.

Uncle Robbie Joins Own Club

During the era of the Battalions Boys in Brooklyn when Willie Robertson contributed little to the sanity of the proceedings, the Dodgers even made him mad by their stupidity and bone-headed play. Uncle Robbie was let up.

Saints Meeting Montague Team

St. Dunstons High School hockey team coached by Jim Cullen will travel to Montague tonight to face the Montague Hawks School team with Stan "Brother" Pearson at the helm.

Morell Downs Souris 32-20

In a regular game of the Kings County Boys Intercollegiate Basketball league played yesterday in Souris, Morell Regional High School boys whined the Souris 32-20.

Souris Girls Down Morell

SOURIS — Roma Macdonald's team won a sudden-death overtime game versus Regional High School Girls and the first place in the Kings County Intercollegiate Basketball league.

Morell Teams Battle Storm Light Docket In City Court

MORELL — The Morell Regional High School boys and girls basketball teams had rather trying experience returning home from Souris last night, only having poor view of the court.



Man. Nips Island Rink

TORONTO (CP) — The fourth-most curling championship Wednesday.

Imperial Oil Trophy Winners

Shown above are the members of the Addie Macdonald curling foursome which won the Imperial Oil Trophy in the conederation hospital competition at the Charlottetown club last night. Left, skip; Addie Macdonald, right.

Toronto Ties Canadiens; Montreal Still 2nd Place

But Hodge had far more luck. The Leafs-Dave Keen and Bob Pulford—hit the goalposts and Mabevich missed two excellent scoring chances.

Standings

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
National League
Chicago 31 22 214 168 32
Montreal 24 21 202 165 81
Toronto 31 25 216 168 74
Detroit 29 27 178 192 60
New York 22 30 182 231 24
Boston 16 38 122 166 204 48

Senator Asks Fair Deal For Eastern Ports

OTTAWA (CP)—Senator Neil McNeil, Ontario, on Saturday speech debate that if the St. Lawrence is to be kept open in winter, remedial action must be taken to preserve the welfare of East Coast ports.

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S' side Junior Legionnaires Defeat Moncton Gedart's

By NICK FILLMORE
Guardian-Patriot Sports Writer
MONCTON — The Summerside Junior Legionnaires battled their way to a 7-5 win over the Moncton Gedart's at the Moncton Stadium last night to capture the first of the best of three N.B. — P.E.I. Junior Championship series. The second game of the series will be played at Civic Stadium on Friday night, and the third if necessary will also be played in Summerside, on Saturday afternoon.

For Summerside it was their hardest battle of the season, as they fought the pressing Monctonians with the Legion boys with two goals and singles went to Dave McKernon, "Cubby" Wilbert and team captain, Cameron Hudson. The game was an extremely close one, with Summerside man given a penalty for kneeling a Moncton forward. Three lights broke out on the ice following the incident and more than 75 fans came over the boards to harass the Summerside players.

Ref officials feared a riot might break out in the final ten minutes of the game, so a special police detachment was called in to keep order. After the game the Summerside team was given police escort from the Stadium.

MacWilliams Leads
Summerside's starry centerman, Paul MacWilliams paced his team's scoring, denting the Moncton's defence with two occasions. Single goals went to Wendall Grady, Allan Gau-

del, Willie Gallant, Dave Marchand and John Poirier. Scoring for Moncton were W. MacPherson with two goals and singles went to Dave McKernon, "Cubby" Wilbert and team captain, Cameron Hudson. The game was an extremely close one, with Summerside man given a penalty for kneeling a Moncton forward. Three lights broke out on the ice following the incident and more than 75 fans came over the boards to harass the Summerside players.

Referees handed out 24 penalties during the game thirteen to Summerside. The penalties included five majors and two game misconducts.

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