

Baseball Season Opens In Three Weeks

Gambles Take Lead In Commercial Loop Cup Play-Off Series

The Advance trailing by thirty-two pins as the teams swing into the second set of games to-night. Banquet on Saturday Night Winds Up Season.

Gamble-Robinson's took a thirty-two point lead in the first of the Commercial League Cup play-offs with The Advance on Tuesday night. The second set of three games will be played tonight and the banquet will wind up the season on Saturday.

All the games were very close on Tuesday with the Fruiterers taking the first one by three pins. They also took the second game by a margin of 47 pins and the printers managed to take the last one to cut the lead to 32 pins. Pete Nicolson rounded out a nice 284 in the first game to give Gamble's the edge. Jack Gagnon's 200 helped to keep the fruiterers in the running too. Tommy Bonnah was the only Advance man to get over the mark and he had a score of 209 but all the rest of the printers' scores were just under the two hundred.

Nicolson again flashed to the front in the second game with a dazzling 301 to top all scores for the night. Tait scored 233 for the only other man over the mark for Gambles. Bonnah again led the printers with a count of 261 and Guidice came in right behind with 240. Gambles just topped the thousand mark to take the game by 47 pins. The Advance were desperate in the last game and they sent three men over the two hundred mark. Wallingford scored 234 and Guidice followed with 220. Giallonardo got 209 and the other two scores were a lot below the mark. Gambles got two men over the lump. Lambert with 209 and Tait with 207 did their best for the cause but the team was eighteen pins short.

Honors for the night went to: Nicolson 762, Guidice 651 and Bonnah 640. The scores were:

GAMBLES			
J. Tait	142	233	297
J. Gagnon	200	176	181
H. Lambert	157	156	209
J. Moss	145	154	149
Nicolson	284	301	177
Total	928	1030	973
ADVANCE			
Dunn	185	142	118
Giallonardo	176	150	209
Guidice	191	240	220
Bonnah	209	261	170
Wallingford	164	180	224
Total	925	973	941

Hank Greenberg is Called to Training in United States

Big Tiger Outfielder Leaves \$50,000 a Year Job to Take One at \$21 a Month.

Hank Greenberg closed out a baseball season and perhaps a career by belting two home runs, his first of the year, as Detroit Tigers defeated New York Yankees, 7-4 Tuesday for a sweep of the three-game series.

Greenberg, one of the game's great

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Derby Winner is Favoured to Win Preakness, Saturday

Will Meet Stiff Opposition in Big \$75,000 Race Saturday. Set New Record in Derby.

Whether Warren Wright's Whirlaway, the vagabond king of the turf, returns to rags and rags-like ways or takes a strangle hold on the three-year-old crown will be determined next Saturday when the Kentucky Derby winner hooks up with Bold Irishman in the \$75,000 Preakness at Pimlico.

Its going to be a mighty long time before Whirlaway's record-smashing performance in the Derby is forgotten by the 100,000 who saw the little chestnut burn up Churchill Downs home stretch Saturday with 2:01 and two-fifths clocking. But in Bold Irishman from Mrs. H. C. Phipps' Whateley Stable, he'll meet a horse that also can turn on the heat in that final drive.

The Irishman, kept out of the Derby by a slight injury, is the only high-ranking two-year-old of 1940 that figures to bar Whirlaway's path to the mythical "triple crown," which includes the Belmont Stakes.

Repeat Is Uncertain

Whether Whirlaway will repeat his Derby performance in the Preakness, not even Trainer Ben Jones is sure. The Derby victory, worth \$61,275 and the richest in the stake's history, boosted the earnings for two seasons to \$145,326 for the son of the English Derby winner, Blenheim.

Jones, who won in 1933 with Lawrin, all but slept with his charge for six months. Morning after morning he had Whirlaway learning how to take the turns by having a lead pony force him into the rail. Pictures even indicated Jones dressed up the Derby winner with only one blinker—over his right eye—thus aiding him in keeping to the rail.

Then the night before the big race, Jones sketched a map of the track for Jockey Eddie Arcaro, showing him just where he wanted Whirlaway to be at each point. Arcaro, who had never ridden the colt until Friday morning, obeyed instructions well.

As much as 17 lengths back at the half-mile post, Arcaro moved Whirlaway into a contending position rounding the last turn. Then came the Thunderbolt. He shot between the pace-setting Porter's Cap and Blue Pair, and pulled away to win by eight lengths, running the last quarter in 24 seconds.

He left Hugh Nesbitt's Staretor and Lou Tufano's Market Wise to fight it out for second with the decision going to Staretor and the remainder of the field strung out far down the stretch.

POOR FELLOWS

There have been at least nine Eskimos murdered by violence way up on the desolate Belcher Island of Hudson Bay. This may be explained by the fact that the Eskimos have just found out what "civilized" men are doing and want to get in on it.—North Bay Nugget.

Police Looking For Boys Who Want Baseball

The T. P. A. A. has issued a call for baseball players. The Advance has been asked by the T. P. A. A. to spread the word that they need applications for positions on their teams. Any boys interested in playing baseball this year are urged to fill out application forms and leave them at the police station.

The boys are asked to fill in their name, age, playing position, etc., and leave the forms with the police and they will be placed on teams with boys of their own age. It is important that the applications be left at the police office as soon as possible because the earlier the league gets started the more baseball the boys will be able to play.

Sudbury Team Wins Ont. Intermediate Basketball Title

Sudbury Inco All-Stars Lose Second Game But Win on Round.

Sudbury Inco All Stars lost to Toronto Deer Park in Sudbury last weekend, 38-33, but their 52-47 victory in the first of the two-game total-score series, gave them a round score of 23-25 and the Ontario intermediate "B" basketball championship.

Inco's maintained a lead on the round score until just past the half mark when Toronto went ahead 24-23. From then until the end neither team had more than a six-point margin. The difference was made by Redpath dropping a nice shot to assure victory. Toronto—Mitchell, White (13), Glennie (4), Ferriman (2), Jarby, Whittle (19), Saunders, Hickson, Sudbury—Hann (10), Redpath (12), Borovich (7), Wornow (1), Heggie (4), Hiehy, McNab, Hart (2).

Bobby Walton Plans to Play for Royals During Next Season

Star of Sydney Millionaires Plans to Leave for Montreal in June.

Kirkland Lake—Arriving back in Kirkland Lake Monday after playing for Sydney Millionaires in the grueling Allan Cup series with Regina Royals, Bobby Walton said that he plans to go to Montreal early in June to take a position there. Bobby plans to play for the Montreal Royals in the Quebec Senior Hockey League next season.

"In that final game against Regina the team to score the first goal was the one to win," Walton said. "When we started the game the temperature was around 80 degrees, and the players were knee-deep in a thick fog. By the

start of the second period all you could see was a team mate's head above the fog which kept rising from the ice.

"Those Royals are a great team and are worthy of having the Allan Cup. I believe that us Sydney Millionaires 'burned out' ourselves in the first two games. We also played a hard series against Montreal and just didn't have the necessary drive to finish in front."

According to Walton, Mel Snowdon and himself are the only former Blue Devils headed for the Montreal club. There has been a report current in hockey circles that Dick Kowinak and Johnny McCreedy are also heading to the Quebec metropolis.

Present Allan Cup to Regina Rangers at Big Celebration

First Saskatchewan Team to Win the Mug for Twenty-Seven Years.

Regina Rangers, senior amateur hockey champions of Canada, today had the Allan Cup in their possession, the first Saskatchewan team to hold it in twenty-seven years.

It was presented to President M. A. Currie of the Rangers by Robert Martin at a civic banquet, which followed a parade and reception at the City Hall in Regina, Tuesday.

Mr. Martin performed the same duty twenty-seven years ago when he presented the much-travelled trophy to the Regina Vics.

Face-on-Barroom Floor Poem Worth \$5,000 a Year

John Henry Titus, at 95 years of age, has one claim to fame. It dates back 69 years, to 1872, when, while a young tannery worker, he got the idea of "The Face on the Bar-room Floor," a ballad which—says the Philadelphia Record—has brought him half a million dollars and is still good for \$5,000 a year.

He wrote the 120 verses on bits of bark and leather and after recopying them, walked into the office of the Jefferson (O.) Sentinel (his father, William K. Titus, was editor), and laid the manuscript down on one of the desks.

But fathers and editors aren't always appreciative of genius (we know how it is) and the immortal epic wasn't published until two years later. When it was printed, however, there was no stopping it.

It became the shibboleth of reformers from coast to coast, although Titus still insists his work is a satire and not the moralizing document some have made it out to be.

But the poet doesn't object to the misinterpretation as much as he does the corrupted versions of the ballad that have cropped up.

"My poem," he begins, and you can tell he's gone through this business thousands of times before, "my poem starts out this way:

"As the pine in somber lay,
'Twas a barmy autumn night,
And a Godly lot was there
That oversaw Joe's bar-room as a court on the square;
And as song in wit as story ekes of oaken door,
A vagabond slept slowly in askan upon the floor."
The Hugh D'Arcy version that so many people recite, Titus explains, goes like this:

"'Twas a balmy summer evening, and a goodly crowd was there,
Which well-nigh filled Joe's bar-room on the corner of the square;
And as songs and witty stories came through the open door
A vagabond crept slowly in and posed upon the floor."
"D'Arcy used the phrase, 'balmy summer evening,'" Titus points out. "Evidently, he didn't know the word 'barmy' means full of harm or froth. He talks of a goodly crowd where I speak of a Godly lot—meaning sanctimonious lot." The vagabond of the poem was based on a real person, Titus, who has written hundreds of other poems that aren't generally known, has just returned from a tour of army camps in the Southern States.

Presentation Made to Mrs. T. J. Thomas

St. David's Welsh Society Ladies Show Appreciation

Mrs. T. J. Thomas, 29 Cambal avenue, was hostess on Monday at an afternoon tea for the women of the St. David's Welsh Society, who spent many weeks in making the flowers for the successful flower show at the Harmony Hall, from which a total of over \$160 was donated to the Bombed Victims' Fund.

During the afternoon, on behalf of the ladies present, Mrs. R. S. Dewar presented Mrs. Thomas with a beautifully engraved fountain pen, as tribute to her work in connection with the show. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. J. J. Grant, Mrs. J. Williams, and Mrs. D. Thomas in serving a dainty lunch, and a pleasant afternoon was spent by the group.

Dancing and friendly games of bingo made the St. David's Welsh Society Social evening in the Hollinger hall on Tuesday a great success, and a thoroughly enjoyable event. The kitchen committee served a dainty lunch during the evening.

Another Pair of Car Thieves are Captured at Barrie

Two Boys Steal Car in Timmins on Monday Morning and are Captured at Barrie Yesterday.

On Monday morning the Timmins Police received a complaint that a car had been stolen from Elm Street North and immediately started an investigation. The car was a Ford Coupe bearing license numbers 1V964 and was the property of Miss Mary McMahon.

Information was received by the police yesterday morning that the car had been stolen by two boys in town and that they would probably go to Toronto or Barrie. At one o'clock yesterday afternoon police sent wires to Barrie and Toronto bearing a description of the car and the boys, and last night at ten minutes after six they received a telegram from the provincial police at Barrie that the car and the two men had been taken into custody and were being held for the Timmins police.

One of the boys that was arrested was a juvenile and the other was Lloyd Doolan, of 203 1/2 Elm Street South, Danny McMahon, brother of the girl whose car was stolen, left early this morning, accompanied by an officer of the police department, to return the car and prisoners.

Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon asked this morning that Inspector Cox of the provincial police detachment in Barrie be publicly thanked for his fine co-operation in the matter.

The two car thieves will appear in police court here next Tuesday.

Maurice Chartrand was charged under the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act with, "while being a prohibited driver he did drive a motor vehicle while his license was still under suspension." It was reported that his license was suspended over a year ago. Chartrand was also charged with driving a car with defective brakes.

Leonard Spinks, of 85 Commercial Avenue, was charged late last night with having wine in a public place. Police allege that they encountered the man at the corner of Rea Street and Commercial Avenue with a bottle of wine in his pocket.

Timmins police issued a warning this morning to people who are placing posters and advertising circulars on telephone poles. It was pointed out that this is an offense and that any who are caught will be prosecuted. Complaints were received from the Telephone and Power Companies that there were a lot of thumb tacks and nails in the posts that endangered the lives of the linemen.

Young Car Thieves Given Stiff Term in Court Wednesday

Seraphin Houle and Emanuel Grenier charged with the theft of a car from Timmins some time ago were brought into court on Wednesday morning and both pleaded guilty to the charge. Houle was also charged with stealing a second car this week that was recovered the next day. Both were given terms of eighteen months and with Houle the sentences were to run concurrently.

Both boys, who were only 18 and 19, pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing Dr. MacKechnie's car on April 12th in Timmins. The guilty pleas were accepted and some evidence was taken.

A statement that had been dictated by Grenier was presented to the court and the statement read that he knew nothing about the car being stolen till he was in North Bay. Grenier said that he was picked up by Houle, who said that he was a taxi driver from North Bay, and that he had decided to drive down with him. When he got to North Bay he was told that the car they had gone down in was stolen in Timmins. That was the first time that he knew that the car had been stolen, his statement said.

Grenier was asked if the statement was true and he said that it was not. The magistrate made it quite plain that he was being asked if the statement was true or not and he still insisted that the statement was false.

Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon gave testimony about the theft of Dr. MacKechnie's car. He said that the car had been stolen here on April 12th and had been recovered four days later on the outskirts of North Bay in a damaged condition. He understood that the car had been driven past North Bay and had then returned there.

In the case of the second car, Detective Ernie Gagnon said that it had been found at Callander and the driver had been arrested on information that had been supplied from the Timmins police. He had gone down to bring the car and the prisoner back. After hearing the evidence Magistrate Atkinson sentenced each of the boys to eighteen months hard labour with the sentences of Houle to run concurrently.

A charge against a woman of having deliberately poured hot water on a dog was dismissed by the magistrate when it was learned that the complainant was merely trying to collect a hospital bill for the dog.

Marguerite Talbot was given judgment in a wage dispute in court on Wednesday morning. It was shown

Baseball Season Opens May 28th

Hollinger and McIntyre Will Square Off in League Opener.

Plans have been made to have the opening game of the Temiskaming Baseball league at the Hollinger Ball Grounds on May 28th. This was decided at a meeting of the Northern executive of the T. B. L. this week.

A tentative schedule has been drawn up and has been forwarded to each of the team managers for their approval. The entire schedule will probably be announced at a meeting of the Temiskaming Baseball League at Kirkland Lake on Sunday. The Northern section of the T. B. L. will be made up of the same three teams as last year, Hollinger, McIntyre and Porcupine.

Hollinger and McIntyre teams are entered in the Ennis Cup competition but the fate of the Kirkland Lake teams is not yet decided.

Dance for Graduate Nurses to be Held on Friday, June 6

It was decided to hold the annual graduation dance for the nursing graduates of St. Mary's Hospital on Friday evening, June 6th, plans for the event being made at a meeting of the nurses' Alumnae on Wednesday evening in the auditorium of the residence. The Badminton Club will be the scene of the event, and further arrangements will be completed at the meeting to be held on May 28th.

Good to Have Word That Government Has Wakened

(From Toronto Telegram)

Hon. James L. Ralston is not only an excellent speaker but he is also fortunate in the ability to have his words broadcast and rebroadcast over the government-owned radio system—a fortune shared equally by other government orators not so gifted in speech. It was well that other commitments of the government-owned radio system did not render it inconvenient to broadcast to the people of this country his warning to an international gathering of Rotarians that the most dangerous enemy on this side of the Atlantic is the idea that we have plenty of time. We have, he said, to steel ourselves to strive and work just as resolutely and just as hard as if the enemy were at our gates.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Ralston's colleague, the Minister of Labor, was listening in. The latter's lack of interest in the strike in a Montreal rolling mills might undergo a change if the necessity for an all-out effort were realized. Instead of finding an excuse for doing nothing in the fact that the rolling mills did not have a war contract, that fact might stimulate thought as to whether there was not something the plant might do to advance the war effort.

It is good to gather from Mr. Ralston that the government no longer thinks of limited participation or half-way measures, and that before we have got far into the third year of the war this highly industrialized country may be producing almost everything in the way of equipment, munitions and armament. We shall, he said, shortly begin to produce field guns, and then tanks (at long last) and Lee-Enfield rifles, and before the year ends naval guns, anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns. That the government has been spending money Canadians know. Some of it, it has been felt, has been spent unwisely—it would be surprising if such were not the case. Party government is no guarantee against wastage. But the huge sums which have been and are being collected from the taxpayers should represent a tremendous contribution to the anti-Axis strength. In the light of what Col. Ralston has said, any degree in which it is less than it might be is tilting of the balances in the favour of Hitler.

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HERE'S HOW FREE CITIZENS DO IT

These are selective service troops of the United States army assigned to learn coastal defence with 12-inch mortars at San Diego. They are in the army because their elected Congress voted peace-time conscription. So great has been the speed-up in U.S. defense industry because the people have awakened to their danger that the free citizens of the great republic have accomplished in 10 months what it took Hitler's slave-nation two-and-a-half years to do, says the president of the U.S. Manufacturing association. Air Marshal "Billy" Bishop, visiting California plants, expressed himself "amazed" at U.S. aircraft production.