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Detroit Captures 7th Cup

ALBERNI TAKES GAME LEAD IN FIRST OF CAGE FINALS

PORT ALBERNI — Alberni Athletics took the first game of the best-of-five Canadian Senior A basketball championships off the Sault Ste. Marie Gunners by an 84-66 score here last night.

After a slow and ragged start Alberni went on to outscore their opponents 2 to 1 and showed a 51-26 score at the half. Coach Elmer Spencel paced the win for Alberni, scoring 30 points. Lukenda was top point-getter for the losers with 20 points. Second game of the series will be played here tomorrow.

Delvecchio Sparks Win Over Habitants

By W. R. WHEATLEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

DETROIT (CP)—The hockey world today saluted Detroit Red Wings for their seventh Stanley Cup victory and Alex Delvecchio, 23-year-old crew-cut centre who had such a big hand in the accomplishment.

In the big clutch game Thursday night Red Wings had too much power for the Montreal Canadiens and took it with a hard-earned and well-deserved 3-1 decision.

Delvecchio sparked Wings triumph with two goals, one in the second period and one in the third. Between them came a goal by the formidable Gordie Howe. With the Montreal game fast fading, Floyd Curry averted a shutout less than six minutes from the end.

The Wings' jubilant celebration and the presentation of the Stanley Cup at centre ice wound up the bitterly fought series in which all victories were scored on home ice—four in Detroit and three in Montreal.

Thursday night's game wasn't the most brilliantly played of this final series. Nevertheless it was an all-out hard-hitting affair that went to Red Wings by right of superiority.

The man who probably created most havoc among Canadiens in their effort to get a sustained offence rolling was little Tony Leswick. The tough winger, who broke up last year's overtime final, scooted all over the ice and tirelessly disorganized Montreal's big scoring line of Boom Boom Geoffrion, Jean Beliveau and Bert Olmstead.

Curry and his linemates Ken Mosdell and Calum Mackay were the most effective on Canadiens offensive thrusts.

The Red Wings had a comfortable margin on shots, Plante having 33 directed at him and Terry Sawchuk 22.

Fourteen penalties were called by referee Bill Chadwick who is retiring after this season, seven against each team.

The series provided a record for total goals score—47. The former record was made in 1943 when Detroit and Toronto amassed a total of 43 goals.

Howe's 20 points in semi-final and final are also a record. The old record of 18 was made by Toe Blake of Montreal in 1944.

Another record to fall was that of the highest scoring line. Howe, Earl Reibel and Ted Lindsay have pushed the new mark to 51, two more than the mark set in 1944 by the Montreal line of Toe Blake, Elmer Lach and Maurice Richard.

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Jackie Predicts Toughest Year For Willie Mays

NEW YORK — The ever growing punishing pressure on Willie Mays makes this the toughest of all years for New York Giants' brilliant centre fielder.

So says Jackie Robinson, the Dodger star, who as the first Negro to play in the majors, had to surmount the greatest pressure ever heaped upon a baseball player.

Long after Brooklyn had outlasted Giants 10-8 in a wild slugfest at the Polo Grounds Thursday Jackie remained in the clubhouse relaxing.

"I'll tell you what was the most significant thing about our victory," he said suddenly. "It was our ability to stop Willie Mays.

"You know something I don't envy Willie. He'll be playing under the most terrific pressure all year more than he can handle, I think. Everybody is expecting him to duplicate or better his great season of 1954. They won't settle for anything less. Look what happened out there today. Every time he came to bat, the fans started yelling for a home run.

"Every place, everytime, it's we want Willie, we want Willie. Wherever the team goes, Willie is the centre of attraction. Sure Willie is great, maybe the greatest. But he's still a kid."

Arctic plant life consists mainly of arctic willows, mosses and grasses.

Board Suggests Parley On Roosevelt Park Plans

The Prince Rupert Parks Board will issue an invitation to representatives from the city's Senior Baseball Association to a meeting for a full discussion of the board's plans for maintenance of the grounds at Roosevelt Park.

Decision was reached after the board last night received a letter from Don Hawryluk, secretary-treasurer of the senior league regarding the board's plans to drain the playing field.

Mr. Hawryluk said the association understood the cost of the project had been estimated at $200 which would leave little or no funds for other work at the park.

Commissioner Hugo Kraupner said that the board should meet with the association to outline the board's projected plans for the park.

Application of the Prince Rupert and District Football Association for playing time allotment for the senior league this year was turned over to Commissioner R. C. Barbour to co-ordinate with other groups using Roosevelt Park.

Commissioner Kraupner was appointed to meet with Prince Rupert Little League officials regarding the league's request for materials to extend the backstop along the first and third base lines at the diamond in Algoma Park. League president Jim Foster informed the board that league work parties would erect the extension.

The board also referred to the city works department the question of draining off stagnant water, adjacent to the playing area at Algoma Park.

Shamrocks Get Top Boxla Star

VANCOUVER — High-scoring defenceman Lou Landess, a prize catch in the Intercity Lacross League player war, has been snared by Victoria Shamrocks.

Three clubs — Victoria, Mount Pleasant Indians and Pilseners — were after Landess, who has played all his boxla with New Westminster Salmonbellies over the last six seasons.

He was regarded as New Westminster's most valuable player last season.

League secretary Tom Gordon was immediately notified Thursday night that Landess' transfer form — unopposed by Salmonbellies — will be forwarded to him by the midnight deadline tonight.

1954-55 Basketball Awards To Be Given Out Tonight

Trophies for winning teams in the 1954-55 Basketball season will be awarded tonight along with two individual awards at the annual wind-up dance of the Prince Rupert Basketball Association dance at the Civic Centre.

Highlight of the presentations will be the announcement of the winner of the Bobby Houston Memorial Trophy winner for the most sportsmanlike player and the Daily News Trophy winner for the most valuable player.

Also to be awarded are the Sun Life Trophy, given annually to Senior B League winners, which will go to Manson's Omegas, who also won the playoffs and the Civic Centre Association Trophy.

The Grotto Trophy and George Cook Trophy will be awarded to Frizzell's and Sunrise who won the Intermediate boys league and playoffs respectively while Dom's will receive both the Cree Cup and the Heilbroner Trophy for their taking both the Senior girls playoffs and league.

Trophies will also go to Sport Shop who won the Junior boys championship and to Manson's who finished top of the [illegible]

Start of presentations has been slated for 10:30 [illegible] Civic Centre Auditorium [illegible] Brown, PRBA president [illegible] day

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Seals Outhit But Win 4-3

By The Associated Press

Portland Beavers [illegible] Francisco 11-7 Thursday but the Seals made [illegible] blows count and [illegible] a 4-3 Pacific Coast League ball victory.

The Seals, playing [illegible] park, got two runs [illegible] and two in the fourth [illegible] 2-1 edge in the series [illegible] land.

Hollywood took [illegible] from Seattle, thumped [illegible] 7-2, while Sacramento [illegible] Oakland 4-3 and [illegible] beat San Diego 4-1.

Last Night's [illegible]

By The Associated Press

Los Angeles: Johnny [illegible] lin, 192, Detroit, [illegible] Charlie Powell, 210, [illegible] (6.)

Dallas: Bobby [illegible] Kansas City, knocked [illegible] Pharo, 192, Birmingham [illegible] (6.)

Milwaukee: Sugar [illegible] son, 153, New York, [illegible] Oils, 164, Milwaukee, [illegible]

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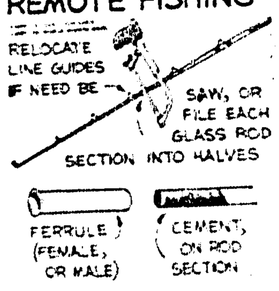

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Spring Madness Sees Cubs At Top Of National League

By The Associated Press

If Stan Hack, the smiling man who manages Chicago Cubs could figure a way to make his players full-fledged optimists instead of first-week worriers he might be cracking that April curse come September.

Cubs haven't challenged since 1946, but they're leading the National League today unbeaten in three games and looking out lose hits by the dozen. It's a spring-time madness Hack seems to instill in his lads.

Hack took over just before the 1954 opener replacing Phil Cavarretta who was accused of defeatism.

Cubs this spring have lunged the opposition (St. Louis and Cincinnati) for 42 hits with six home runs and 12 doubles. It's the same old crew doing the damage. Randy Jackson, Hank Sauer and Dee Fondy, with the help of some later day Cubs, Ernie Banks and Gene Baker.

BUT HOW LONG?

The question is, how long can [illegible]

Thursday Jim Jeffcoat, Jackie and Banks gave Cubs three home runs in the ninth and 10th innings to beat winless Cincinnati 5-4. The clouts, part of 13 hits, covered up an old Cub weakness, undoing the damage of early fielding errors that let the Redlegs tie it at 2-2 in the seventh.

The victory kept Cubs a jump ahead of Brooklyn and Philadelphia, also unbeaten but having played but twice. The Brooks pasted the world champion New York Giants 10-8 and Phils beat Pittsburgh 4-3. St. Louis and five home runs beat Milwaukee 8-7 in 11 innings in the other National League game.

In the American League, Cleveland marred Detroit's home opener 5-3 to keep pace with unbeaten Boston, which beat New York Yankees 8-4. Chicago White Sox defeated Kansas City 7-1 on Sandy Consuegra's three-hitter. Rain washed out Baltimore's night game at Washington.

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