







### LEAGUE RACE STAYS CLOSE

Clubs Bunched in Both National and American Leagues

NEW YORK. — Exceptionally close races continue in both the Major Leagues. In the National League only eight-and-a-half games separate the leading Boston Braves from cellar-dwelling Pittsburgh Pirates.

while in the American League the gap is even smaller, nine games standing between the top New York Yankees and the bottom St. Louis Browns. In the National League, the Chicago Cubs assumed runner-up position yesterday by downing the Braves while New York Giants were losing to St. Louis Cardinals. The lead of the Bostonians is but a single game over the Cubs. In the American League, the margin of the Yankees over the running-up Boston Red Sox is one game and a half. Yesterday's Big League scores:

National			
W	L	Pct	
Boston	31	23	.574
Chicago	50	24	.566
New York	28	23	.549
Brooklyn	29	25	.537
St. Louis	26	28	.481
Cincinnati	20	30	.464
Philadelphia	21	32	.429
Pittsburgh	22	31	.415
American			
W	L	Pct	
New York	32	24	.571
Boston	28	23	.549
Detroit	27	25	.519
Philadelphia	28	26	.519
Cleveland	23	23	.500
Washington	24	26	.480
Chicago	20	31	.456
St. Louis	21	31	.404

## Today in Sports

### C.N.R. STILL IS UNBEATEN

Downed High School 4-3 in Rain-Halted Fastball

With an assist from the weather man the Canadian National Recreation Association fastball team preserved their unbeaten record when they edged out the High School nine by a score of 4-3 in six innings of a regular league game at the Gyro Ball Park last night.

In the first two innings both teams were retired in order with Wesch of High School striking out the first two batters to face him. The third man up walked but was caught off second base by a bullet throw from Catcher Jack Sharpe to Second Baseman Symes to retire the side.

Dunbar, on the mound for the railway men, struck out the first three batters and the first three men in the second inning also retired in order on an out-fly fly, an easy grounder and another strike-out.

In the third inning the High School lads came to life after the first two men up struck out. Wesch, on a single was advanced by Shier's bust down the third base line which was bobbed by Hunter on third base for CNRA. Hunter's throw to first was wild and Shier scampered for second. Meanwhile, Wesch was breezing

into third. When Nixon fired the ball into the stands behind third base, Wesch scored standing up as Hunter retrieved the ball and heaved it in the general direction of home plate in an abortive attempt to catch Shier at the plate, and two runs were in.

Two more errors in this inning allowed Forman and Forbes to occupy third and second respectively but Dunbar struck out Hartwig to retire the side. High School pushed over one more run in the fifth inning on three singles and another error to end their scoring.

In CNRA's half of the fourth inning two walks put Tschabald and Berner on the sacks and Schwab's two bagger drove them both across the plate. The Railway men pushed over another single run in the fifth inning on Nixon's second consecutive single of the evening, an infield fly and a single by Tschabald. Two hits and one error in the sixth accounted for CNRA's final tally.

As the students stepped to bat in their half of the sixth it was toss up between the ball game and the rain. When Lavigne, Symes and Kennedy went out in order, the weather man took over and umpire London called off the game. The official verdict on the game was CNRA 4, High School 3.

C.N.R.A. — AB R H  
Hunter 3 0 0

Tschabald	2	1	1
Berner	1	1	0
Dunbar	3	1	1
Schwab	2	0	1
Schroeder	3	0	0
Duncan	3	0	1
Nixon	3	1	2
Boulton	2	0	0
	22	4	8

HIGH SCHOOL — AB R H  
Shier 3 1 1  
Forman 3 0 0  
Forbes 3 0 1  
Hartwig 3 0 0  
Sharpe 3 0 1  
Lavigne 3 0 0  
Symes 3 0 0  
Owens 2 0 0  
Wesch 2 2 2  
Kennedy 1 0 0  
26 3 5

### CHECKER CHAMP ALMOST BLIND

Polwarth Simpson of Regina Plays Largely By Memory

REGINA. — Saskatchewan's checker champion looks at the board only a couple of times during a game and then, even under a special brilliant light, he can barely distinguish the black from the white checkers.

Polwarth Simpson of Regina, almost blind since childhood, won the provincial title last month for the second time. He

### STAMPS PAY FOR COLLEGE

50-Year old Stamps Found on Back of Picture Are Worth \$2,500

TORONTO. — One hundred stamps concealed in an old picture that was rescued from the ash-heap are helping to pay for a civil engineering course at the University of Toronto for Jack Wright, a war veteran now in the second year of the course.

The stamps, discovered by chance, proved to be an unperforated sheet of Canadian postage stamps issued in 1898 and now valued in Canada at \$2,500. The sheet was hidden in the back of an old picture.

Wright didn't know their value until a stamp collector recognized them as part of an issue to commemorate imperial penny postage, the year the rate became the same all over the British Empire. They show the map of the world with the British possessions in red and the inscription "We Hold A Vaster Empire Than Has Been."

Those on the market today, the majority of them cancelled, are perforated and worth about 10 cents each.

A London stamp collector listed a pair of the unperforated stamps at \$80. A New York catalogue lists them at \$50 a pair. Wright believes the stamps will be sold in pairs and said: "It will take about a year to sell them all—but I can wait."

won the cup in 1940 and has been runner-up several times.

His opponent announces each move and Simpson makes a mental note of it. To refresh his memory he can turn on a special light and putting his head close to the board distinguish the checkers.

The light is hard on the opponent's eyes, some of whom wear dark glasses when playing against the Regina champion. Others use a separate board.

Special checker boards are available for blind players but he learned to play on an ordinary board.

"The special boards might be easier but I manage fine this way," he said.

#### Classified Advertising Pays!

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL CHRISTOPHERSEN SKJEPSTAD, DECEASED IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMINISTRATION ACT" TAKE NOTICE that by order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Wilson, made the 29th day of May, A.D. 1947, I was appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Carl Christophersen Skjepstad, deceased. All parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified, to me on or before the 1st day of August, A.D. 1947, after which claims filed may be paid with reference to any claims of which I then had no knowledge. AND all parties indebted to the estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith.

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Panel 2: Blondie says, "THE CHILDREN WILL BE HEARTBROKEN, IF YOU DON'T GET HIM BACK!"

Panel 3: Blondie says, "KEEP YOUR CHIN UP ELMER... I'LL SAVE YOU!"

Panel 4: Blondie says, "QUICK--THERE'S A WILD LION RUNNING UP THE STREET!"

Panel 5: Blondie says, "GOOD--I GET A FIFTY-CENT BONUS FOR LIONS!"

Panel 6: Blondie says, "JUMP, ELMER, LIBERATION IS AT HAND!"

Panel 7: Blondie says, "LOOK EVERYBODY-- ELMER IS SAVED!"

Panel 8: Blondie says, "THEY WON'T GET OUT NOW!"

Panel 9: Blondie says, "IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE MOVED IN ON US!"

Panel 10: Blondie says, "MAYBE YOU CAN LURE THEM OUT OF THE HOUSE WITH THIS STEAK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE FOR SUPPER."

Panel 11: Blondie says, "THAT'S A GOOD IDEA."

Panel 12: Blondie says, "IT WORKS FINE!" and Elmer says, "DON'T LET THEM GET THE STEAK!"

Panel 13: Blondie says, "THEY GANGED UP ON ME!"

Panel 14: Blondie says, "I THINK I'LL FINISH MY NAP!"

Panel 15: Blondie says, "WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE BEANS FOR SUPPER."

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