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Banner Season For Softball Predicted In Saint John City

Two City Leagues Likely To Be In Operation Again This Season.

Indications are for a banner softball season in Saint John this summer and with prospects apparently poor for a senior hardball loop, fans will no doubt turn to softball in larger numbers. Rumors are already around about changes in the City League, although reorganization has not as yet been completed. Girls' teams are to operate in the Forum this season and this will therefore provide more space for the other teams. The girls will no doubt miss the good old fresh air obtained from playing in the open.

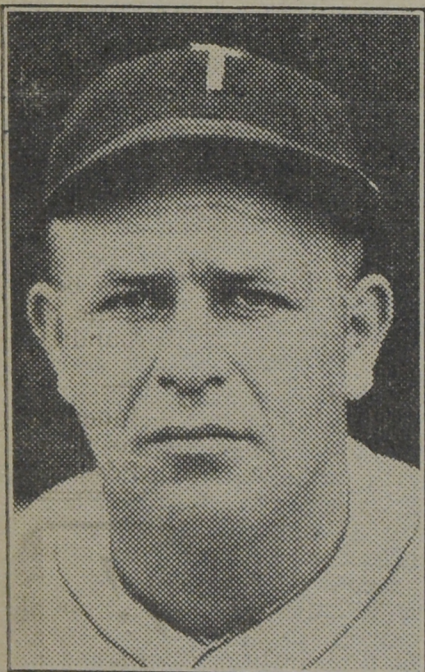
Many of the teams are backed by firms who indirectly receive advertising through this medium, but even at that their actions are a contribution to the sport world and should be appreciated more fully by the general public. It is hoped this year sport fans in the city will turn out in larger numbers to witness the games and the efforts of those trying to further this sport.

While the various leagues are being organized for the season's play, some definite arrangements should be made so that each league will finish around the same time and therefore have the district play-offs completed in time to have provincial play-offs and if possible, Maritime. Last year the district play-offs were held up by certain leagues for reasons which should not have existed. One, for instance, was the not playing of postponed games during the season. This not only held back the play-offs but also upset the league standing during the season and it is hoped the leagues involved have learnt a lesson.

NO NEW STEPS

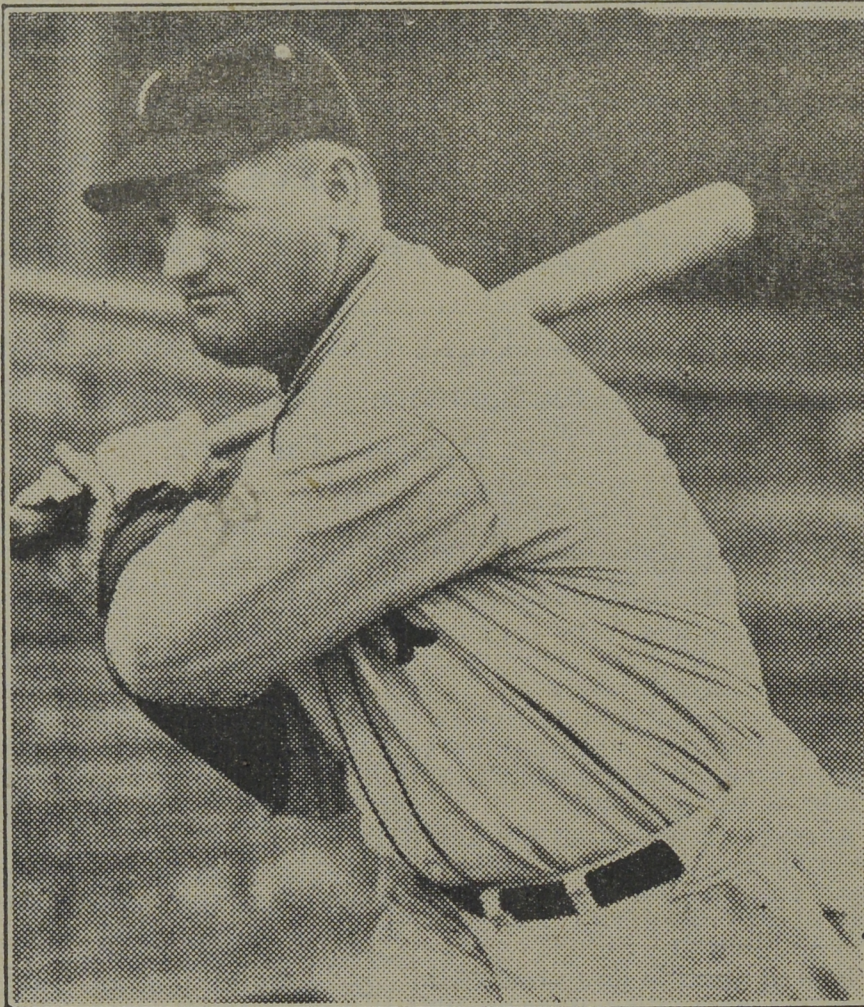
Two flappers were discussing the movies and one asked the other if she had been to see "Thirty-nine Steps."
"Yes," she said, "and I was very disappointed."
"Why?" said her friend, "what was wrong with it?"
"Well," she said, "I thought it was a dance, and it turned out to be only a blinking spy story."

Good Hitter



A close-up of POOLE, of the Toronto Maple Leafs, who is batting close to the .300 mark and will probably go over that figure before the season is over. His record to date is 13 hits and 74 runs in 46 times at bat. Of those 13 hits one was a triple and four were doubles.

ILL LUCK DOGS IKE BOONE'S TEAM



IKE BOONE'S fine healthy squad of youngsters have not had much luck on the road so far this season, but the Toronto manager is not worrying. There is a long and strenuous season ahead, and he figures his Maple Leafs will soon regain lost ground when the weather gets warm enough to play decent ball. Here is a new picture of the hard-hitting Toronto player-manager.

Interesting Extracts Taken From Memoirs of Prize Ring

Description of Molyneux-Fuller Bout Staged in Scotland in 1814—Expressions Used By Writers Are Pugilistic Gems.

By RAY HANSEN

BOXING enthusiasts of today would undoubtedly greatly enjoy perusing some of the real old time memoirs of the prize ring. As this is not possible the writer is going to give some extracts and data of these, more than a century old bouts, so that fans of today can get some idea of what actually transpired around the beginning of the nineteenth century. The method of challenging, the way the men trained and how and where these fistic battles were waged is interesting history to peruse. In addition the sport writers of more than a century ago had their own style of describing a bout and the terms they used were entirely different from the slang expressions and sayings of today.

Memoirs of the prize ring as published in the Victuallers Gazette and Hotel Courier, printed in London, England, in 1878, and owned and treasured by LeBaron Wilson, gives lengthy details of some of the most outstanding bouts. One selected for this edition was between Tom Molyneux and Bill Fuller and was held on Monday, March 14, 1814, at a well known sporting house, universally spoken of as Sandy Micheson's in the Saltmarket, Scotland. Here at the appointed time the principle room was filled by some of the pugilistic amateurs that could persuade the somewhat eccentric host to allow them to pass into his inner portals. The room was well filled and before each man as he took his seat was placed a mutchkin of whisky.

Every precaution had to be taken as the authorities were opposed to fighting and were on the lookout for the principles. Both

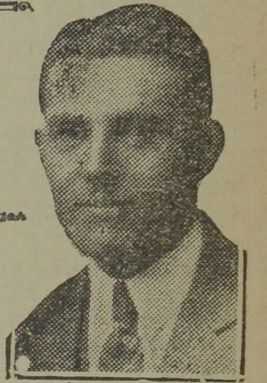
were virtually in hiding, following a period of training, and were secreted in out of the way places until the time arrived for them to put in an appearance. When they arrived no time was lost in disrobing and while the principles were getting ready their seconds tossed for corners. Fuller's second won the toss and he forced Molyneux, the Black, to sit where the sun shone in his eyes. The splendid condition of the latter's muscles won universal admiration. Tendons and sinews stood out on his arms, shoulders and loins like ropes and his slight inferiority in height was far more than counterbalanced by his superiority in weight. Both looked confident and determined. When all was ready Fuller walked into the middle of the ring and offered to bet 20 guineas on himself. Molyneux admitted that he could not afford to take him up as he had backed himself so largely. A friend in the audience shouted for him to take the bet and he would be responsible.

When this was settled no more time was lost in getting under way. After a few seconds sparring the Black made a determined and impetuous rush to close quarters, making every ounce of his weight tell. Fuller withstood the onslaught gallantly and some rattling good exchanges ensued, one of which clearly set the blood trickling down Tom's cheek and giving first blood to Fuller, the Norfolk man. Then getting hold of each other they struggled desperately for a fall. Bill going down but not heavily. In the second round betting was brisk and everybody was in capital temper

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SPOTS of Sport

By RAY HANSEN



THE LOCAL BASEBALL SITUATION IS BEGGINNING to look a little more encouraging. Joe McGrath, manager of the Pontiacs, has contacted some of the fastest teams in the New England States and is arranging playing dates. The Boston Colored Giants are booked to appear here Monday, May 25, and from that on visiting teams are expected every Saturday and holiday until the close of the season. He also expects to have the famous House of David team here. This aggregation of ball artists is considered one of the best attractions outside the major leagues and fans will look forward with interest to some official announcement as to when they will actually appear here. It is expected that one or more former major league players will be with the outfit and local enthusiasts would undoubtedly welcome an opportunity of seeing them in action. The Pontiacs have strengthened their team this year and should be able to make it interesting for the majority of the visiting nines. Their greatest weakness last season was in the box, but this has been overcome and, with Lefty Kerrigan and Doe Masters on their roster, they should be able to put up a fast brand of ball. At the time of writing it was expected that final arrangements would be completed to secure Shamrock Park for these feature exhibition games. Those who have charge of the Park are arranging for considerable improvements, which should add to their attractiveness as a sports centre. If the Pontiacs make a good showing this season the outlook is bright for the future of the game in this city.

ACCORDING TO WORD RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM DETROIT Joe Louis, leading contender for the heavyweight championship crown, now held by Jim Braddock, very reluctantly relinquished his first base mitt and started training for his coming bout with Max Schmeling of Germany. Joe is very enthusiastic over baseball and is reputed to be a clever player. Despite his 190 odd pounds he is said to be active on his feet and able to cover a lot of ground. He has been a member of a colored team in Detroit for some time. His manager, however, is not anxious to see him playing ball with so important a bout pending, for fear he will sustain some injury to his fingers or hands. As a result from now until after his big bout, scheduled to take place next month in New York City, he will be forced to confine his activities to boxing and the usual training routine.—Al McCoy, who is well known to local boxing fans, has ambitions to possess the heavyweight crown. He has been training in Boston and expects to start a campaign in the next few weeks that will land him a match with either Jimmy Braddock or Joe Louis. McCoy is highly regarded to matchmakers throughout the country, who are bidding for his services. He is a colorful, aggressive fighter and may yet land either the light heavyweight or heavy crown. Andy Neidreiter, who is booking attractions for Ebbett's Field, Brooklyn, is after Al for a non-title bout with John Henry Lewis for May 27. Matchmaker Rip Valenti would like to get McCoy's name on a contract to meet Jack Sharkey, former heavyweight champion of the world, Bob Olin or King Levinsky. If he continues to make good McCoy has practically been assured of a title match with John Henry Lewis at the New York Madison Square, Long Island Bowl. Local fans, who saw McCoy in action, will follow his career with interest.

"LEFTY" GROVE IS CERTAINLY GETTING AWAY TO A great start this season. His pitching to date has been equally as good if not better than ever before in his career. The great southpaw, who was termed "Connie Mack's lemon" two years ago, has amply demonstrated since that he was well worth the fortune the owner of the Boston Red Sox paid for him. Last year he staged a great comeback and this season he may set a new mark in the American League. His pitching has not been so consistently good since his great year with the Athletics. He is showing a wonderful change of pace and his control has been at times almost uncanny. If he continues to win a good percentage of his games and the other Red Sox pitchers, particularly Wes Ferrel, can come through, the Boston team has a mighty good chance to win the pennant. Jimmy Foxx, who has been batting in clean-up position with the Red Sox appears to be trying too hard for home runs. A few days ago he struck out four times in a row. He was putting terrific force behind his swings and this undoubtedly was the reason he was fanning. His hitting has been very good in the majority of games and he is up with the leaders in "runs driven in." The Red Sox have a good collection of hitters and if they ever start to click it is going to be "just too bad" for opposing pitchers. The Detroit Tigers have been having some hard luck, but they are still a dangerous collection of ball players and are bound to be heard from before the season advances. The Yankees are making a great fight for the pennant this year and if their pitchers continue to turn in good performances they will be a strong contender for the championship. When Connie Mack wrecked the Athletics there was a lot of sympathy passed out to the "grand old man of baseball," but the way his young team is going at the present time it does not appear that he is in need of pity.

ACCORDING TO WORD BROUGHT BACK BY GRAHAM FOSTER, formerly of the Trura Bearcats, hockey is becoming a mighty popular game in Scotland. Graham spent the winter coaching the Scottish Ice Association team in Glasgow. When he returns in the fall he intends to take along with his eight Canadian players to form the nucleus of a strong team. The Scottish magnates are now sold on the idea that if they hope to compete with some of the leading English teams they must draw on Canadian talent until such times as their own boys learn the game and acquire more proficiency. England has turned

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