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Basketball At The Olympics To Be On Tennis Courts

United States Team Is Highly Rated by Experts.

The supposed superiority of American basketball over the European court game will have to be thoroughly demonstrated in the forthcoming Olympics if the U. S. expects to walk off with the first international basketball title in the history of the sport. Reports daily trickling out of Berlin where the games will be played, definitely indicate that everything unhelpful is being instituted as part of the debut of the dribble diversion on the Olympic stage.

The games by the latest ruling will be played on a pair of tennis courts, surfaced with a patented material rather than in one of the eight fine gymnasiums which are located within a few hundred yards of the proposed home made courts. Only if it rains, will they compete indoors.

All of the United States representatives have been bred on indoor basketball as have most of the European representatives, so the selection of the outdoor court is something of a mystery to say nothing of a new high in international athletic silliness.

Sixteen nations in Europe have adopted basketball with Italy, France and Estonia, proving the three hotbeds of the sport. Some 25 nations are expected to compete in the Olympics with Estonia as the European favorite.

LINK WITH THE FOUNDER OF FAMOUS CRICKET GROUND

London, England—The death is announced of Miss Florence Lord, the great-grand-daughter of the founder of the famous Lord's cricket ground. Miss Lord was ninety years of age.

Thomas Lord was born at Thirsk in 1755, and went to London as a young man, and became associated with the London club which was the forerunner of the M.C.C. In 1780 the club moved to White Conduit Fields and was known as the White Conduit Club. Other moves followed until Lord finally found a site in the then rural district of St. John's Wood, and in 1814 the present "Lord's" was opened.

In 1931 Miss Florence Lord presented to the M.C.C. a portrait by Morland of her great-grandfather.

EDDIE COLLINS RECEIVES A GOLD PASS

Eddie Collins, general manager of the Red Sox, and for 25 years one of the greatest second basemen in the game, has received his lifetime gold pass from the American League in recognition of his long service as a player in the junior major. Collins' quarter of a century of active service gives him the distinction of performing longer than any player in major league history, except Bobby Wallace, with whom he is tied.

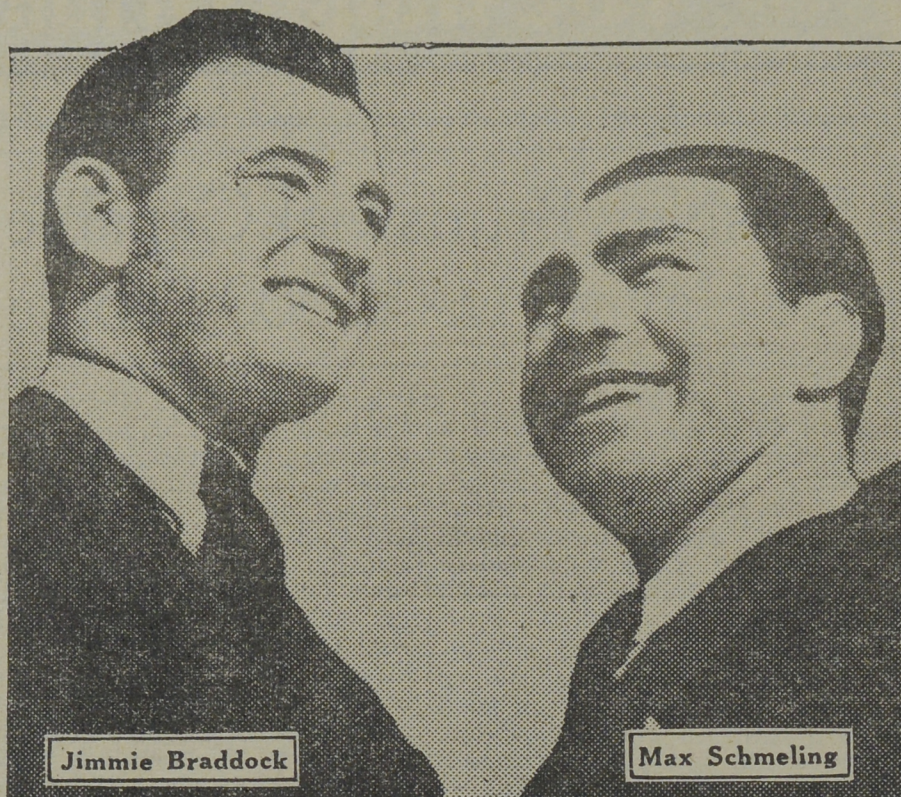
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Jimmie Braddock

Max Schmeling

This interesting close-up of JIMMIE BRADDOCK, left, world's heavyweight champion, and MAX SCHMELING, former champion, who recently returned to the United States from his home in Germany to fight Joe Louis, was taken as the two met in New York City.

Revival of Horse Racing Is The Aim of Local Sportsmen

Old Moosepath Track Being Put in Shape, Barns Being Erected and Grounds Fenced in—Many Fast Horses Owned Locally.

By RAY HANSEN

EVERYTHING points to a big revival of horse racing here this season. That this sport is again due to become one of the leading pastimes in these parts is already assured. The revival of this fascinating pastime is not due to the efforts of promoters seeking financial gain, but to men who love the sport and are willing to spend their own money and devote their time to place it on a sound footing. Its revival will be hailed with delight by a large number of enthusiasts, who would sooner watch a horse race than eat.

The great revival is to be inaugurated on May 25 when the first big meet of the season will be staged at old Moosepath Park. This famous old racing ground is now being put in shape. The track is being given expert attention and should be as fast as ever in its history when the starter sends the first lot of racers away on the holiday. The grounds will be fenced in, a total of 14 new stables will be ready to house the racers and seating accommodation will be provided for the fans. In order to meet the large expense the sponsors of the revival are only asking the sporting public to purchase tickets for the opening day. This money will be used to help defray expenses incurred.

At a recent banquet plans were discussed and necessary action taken to have everything ready for the grand opening. The sport has been dead here since 1930, but once started again it is expected to become more popular than ever before in the history of local racing. The fact that many fast horses are owned by Saint John sportsmen should do much to intensify interest.

At the present time Cecil M. Alexander is one of the largest owners and keenest enthusiasts in the Province. He loves the sport and is sparing no effort to make the grand opening an unqualified

success. Together with Roy M. Lawson he has Betty S. and The Great Guy, two horses who will be heard from before the season is long advanced. Mr. Alexander and Percy Bridges of Gagetown own Hanover Courier and he and Joe Arrowsmith own Oh Boy Fisher. In addition to these horses James T. Alexander has Squire Honover and W. J. Alexander, Miss Mutch. Fred King has Morning Express; Jimmy Ritchie has Peter Fernboy and Jimmy O'Neill, Henry Hayes has Grace Symbol, Leo McNamara has Don Carlos and Alex Long has Bonny May.

In addition to local horses there will be three here from Wickham owned by Lee D. Jones. They are Theodore Guy 2.02 1/4, champion ice horse of New Brunswick and holder of a world's record for three-quarters of a mile on the track; a colt, Colonel Upton, imported this spring from Prince Edward Island, a half-brother of Lucky Lindy 2.09; also a green gelding, White Sox. Another colt being sent here is owned by Win Allingham.

It is expected that by May 1 all horses will be in actual training at the track. Cecil Alexander's string will be handled by Johnny Conroy of Truro.

If present plans materialize races will be held on week nights and Saturday afternoons. One or more big meets will be held during the season when some of the fastest horses campaigning in Eastern Maine and the Maritime Provinces are expected to take part.

HOLLINGSWORTH FINALLY GETS RANGE

When Al Hollingsworth holed out with a victory over the Pirates recently, it was recalled that the big lefthander was beaten six straight times by the Blues last season without the solace of a single win.

SPOTS of Sport

By RAY HANSEN



THE LOCAL BASEBALL SITUATION WAS still very much in a muddle, at the time of writing, despite the fact that the opening date of this great summer pastime was less than a month away. The only definite information the writer could secure was that the Pontiacs were organized and ready for the season's play. They were contacting outside teams with a view to bringing them here for exhibition games. The Y. M. C. I. Trumps were only partially organized and there seemed some uncertainty about their plans. They went so far as to approach Clem O'Connor to induce him to manage the team, but nothing further was done. Perhaps when the Brunswick-Balke-Collendar trophy bowling tournament is over the "Y" boys will get down to business and complete their organization. If they do so there was talk of them taking over the East End League Park for their home grounds and arranging for a series with the Pontiacs, who were expected to use Shamrock Park. Another rumor was going the rounds that an effort was being made to secure a lease of the latter park and to hold all senior games there. The lack of definite action has caused fans considerable speculation and they are wondering just what will transpire before May 25, the official opening day. The Philadelphia Giants are prepared to come to Saint John to open the season providing they secure a large guarantee with a percentage option. Other fast teams from the New England States are also willing to come here if satisfactory arrangements can be made. From present indications there will be no City League this year as St. Peter's have definitely disbanded.

THE LOCAL BOWLING SEASON IS NEARLY OVER. THE numerous leagues throughout the city have concluded their schedules and are either playing off for the championship or have already done so. Banquets are being held and plans are already under way for reorganization next fall. At the present time all interest is centred on the big yearly classic, the Brunswick-Balke-Collendar trophy tournament which will be conducted on Arthur Porter's alleys on May 5, 6, 7 and 8, through a special arrangement with Harry Black, whose team is defending the cup. The entry list was so large that Mr. Black found it impossible to tell the tournament on his four alleys. As it is, the tournament will run into four days with Mr. Porter's eight alleys available. The team from Ellsworth, Me., is causing considerable speculation as they are said to be a strong, well-balanced quintette. Fredericton are expected to put up a great fight for the trophy, while Porter's team, on their own alleys, should turn back any opposition. The Y. M. C. I. have a strong team and Black's are bound to be heard from. Just what kind of a team Martel will bring from Halifax is also causing speculation. The sister city can boast of some mighty fine candle pin bowlers and they may prove the "dark horse" of the tournament. There is some talk of Frank Kiley arranging to accompany the Dartmouth team. If that materializes they will attract more than ordinary attention as the former local star is very popular with players and fans. He is conceded to be one of the most consistently good bowlers in the Maritimes and his chatter is a feature in itself. If Frank accompanies the team he is sure of a royal welcome by all local bowling enthusiasts.

THE MARTIME PROVINCES SEEM TO BE BECOMING MORE popular yearly as a playgrounds for many of the most outstanding sportsmen in the United States. Jack Sharkey, a former heavyweight champion of the world, recently spent eight days fishing in Yarmouth County inland waters. He is said to be very much enthused over fishing and shooting and thinks there is no place in the world as good, for this type of sport, as the Maritimes. Jack Dempsey, another former heavyweight champion of the world, is also keen on New Brunswick. It will be recalled that he spent some time hunting in the woods back of Penobscus prior to losing the championship to Gene Tunney. Many of the most outstanding baseball stars of the major leagues visit this Province yearly in quest of big game. Eddie Collins, Tris Speaker and other former players have been regular visitors. They all agree that they consider a vacation in these parts in quest of moose, deer or bear their ideal of a good time. Although the weather has been too cold for good trout fishing hundreds of enthusiasts are getting equipment ready for an early trip to some favorite lake. Merchants who handle this line of sport goods are looking for an exceptionally good season, based on the fact that despite unfavorable weather conditions sales are consistently good. As the 24th of May this year falls on a Sunday and the following day will be observed as a holiday it is expected that an unusually large number of enthusiasts will spend the week-end trout fishing.

FROM NOW UNTIL JUNE MIKE JACOBS WILL BE A BUSY man paving the way for another pugilistic triumph when the two most outstanding contenders in the world meet to decide who will get the first chance at the heavyweight title, held by Champion James J. Braddock. Joe Louis, who is conceded to be one of the greatest fighters of all time, will not need any building up propaganda, but Max Schmeling of Germany will require a lot of publicity in an effort to give fans an impression that he has a chance to defeat the sensational colored fighter. Promoter Jacobs figures he will gross \$1,500,000 from this fight, but it is just a question if the million mark will be reached. Schmeling may be a fairly clever boxer, but he has never demonstrated any great hitting power and it is going to take a young man, with nerves of steel, a body as tough as a pine knot and a two-fisted hard fighter to sidetrack that Detroit whirlwind. Schmeling may last a few rounds, but it is a three-to-one bet that he will not stay the limit. Louis is too fast and has proven that he is a natural fighter with ter-

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