

# Fanning FOR THE FANS



## SPORT ITEMS IN BRIEF

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THE OLYMPIC TEAM IS ON the boat and nearly over to England by now, and with it Mr. Gilroy and Mr. Marples of the C.A.H.A. Not a word was said about the dismissal of the Halifax players, and if Mr. Gilroy had a clear conscience when he arrived in Halifax just why did he have a bodyguard to see him safely aboard the boat. The only logical thing for the Maritimes to do now is to break away from the C.A.H.A. and give the fans hockey, never mind the Allan Cup, it's here now. A good brand of hockey that is fast, exciting and will give the fan his money's worth will find the rinks filled up to capacity, say, like the Canadian-American League.

SOUTHERN NEW BRUNSWICK League has shown some pretty good hockey at times and one of the big games of the year should be the one to be played here Friday night of this week when the York All Stars will meet the Beavers in a scheduled game. This should be a real game as the All-Stars are in second place and fighting hard to climb to the top. From all reports they have certainly improved since the last game they played here which was at the first of the season, and they have plenty of stars on their line-up and will give the Beavers all they can handle, and possibly the Beavers will not be able to handle them. Who knows. Well, anyway, let's all plan and go to the game.

"SWEENEY" SCHRINER IS leading the National Hockey League's scorers at the present time with 23 points while Ralph "Cooney" Weiland of Boston leads the United States section with 20 points. Red Horner of Toronto has the total of 119 minutes spent in the penalty box, with Allan Shields of the Maroons second with 56.

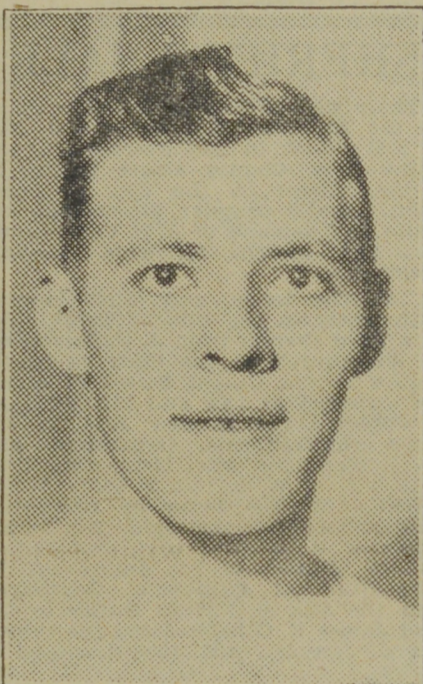
J. NEAL DOW CERTAINLY deserves credit for the coaching of the youngsters in the grand game of hockey, as on one afternoon this week I was privileged to be at the Forum and see the school leagues play-

ing, and was very much enthused over the playing of the youngsters. Their teamwork was fine and every player on the ice was doing his best for his team. In the years to come this coaching will no doubt bring results and Saint John will have a team composed of entirely local talent.

IT JUST SEEMS TO BE IN A day's work for Joe Louis to take on a fighter, as in his last fight with Retzlaff it took him just one minute and 25 seconds to finish the fight, and in his last five fights it has taken him just 16 rounds to polish off five fighters, namely, Carnera, Baer, Uzcudun, Levinsky and Retzlaff.

BABE RUTH IS NOT LINED up with any baseball team for the coming season for the first time in 23 years, but he is playing a good game of golf.

## Olympic Recruit



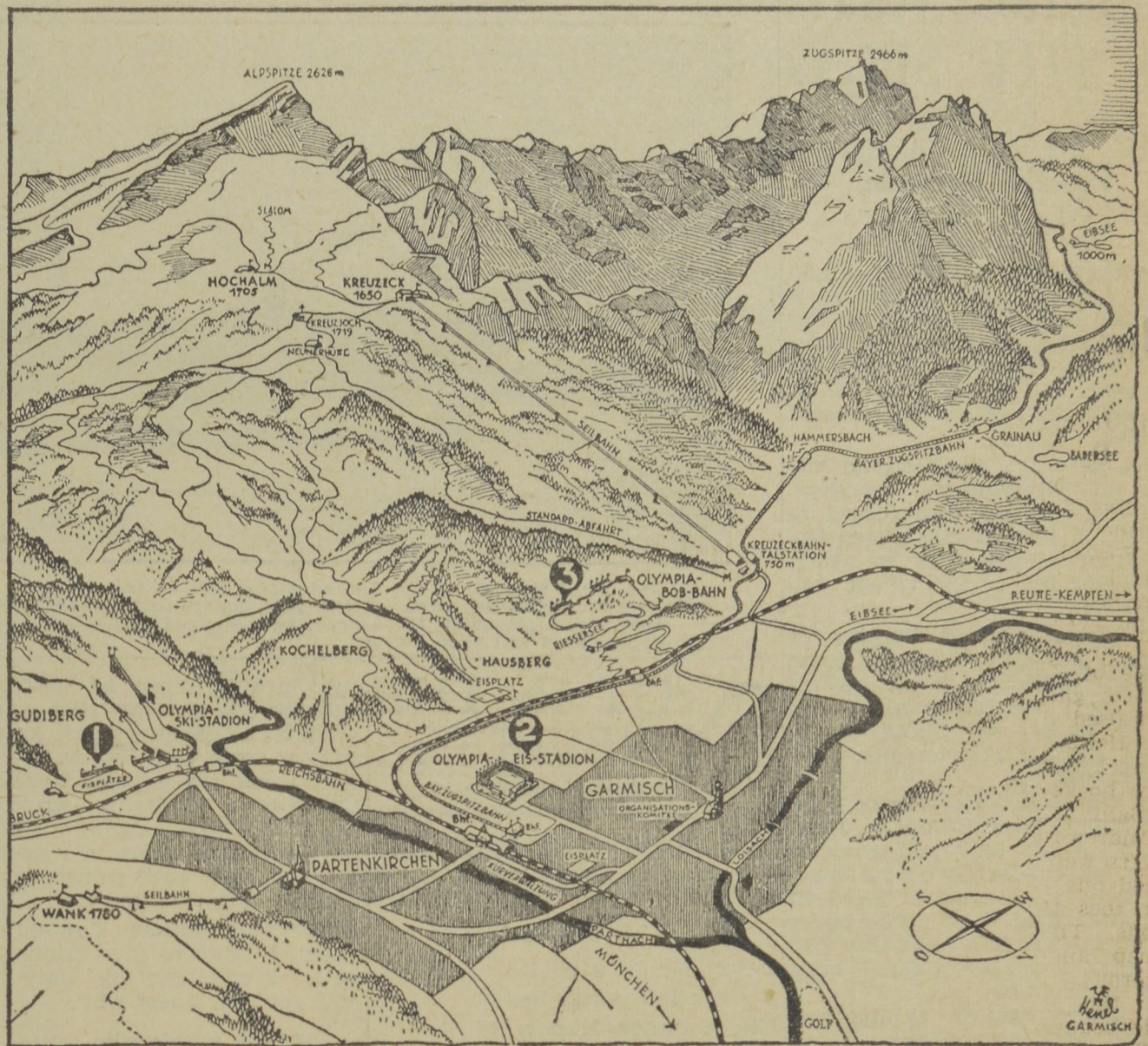
Here is a close-up of "PUD" KITCHEN, one of the recent additions to the Canadian Olympic hockey team. He has greatly strengthened the defence of the Olympic team, and should prove a valuable help when the team starts the heavy Olympic assignment. Kitchen was playing with the Toronto Dukes.

## QUEEN OF SPORTS



CHARLOTTE DABNEY HALLORAN, Los Angeles socialite, with her crown as queen of Southern California winter sports, enjoys some tobogganing at Big Pines, California.

## SCENE OF FOURTH OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES



When the Canadian hockey, skating and skiing experts reach Germany to participate in the Olympic Winter Games, this is where they will compete. The map shows the Garmisch-Partenkirchen district, where the games commence on February 6th, and No. 1 is the ski stadium, No. 2 is the hockey and fancy skating rink, and, above it, on the "Hausberg," the slalom slope. No. 3, Riesser Lake, is the location of the bobsled course.



## Saturday Night Musings OF THE SPORT WORLD

HOCKEY seems to be coming into a favorable position once more in New Brunswick. The fans had an idea that there was nothing so good as those games which led directly to the Allan Cup. In the Big Four there was some good hockey and at times there was some that was not particularly inspiring. In the present New Brunswick Southern League there is some good hockey being played. The games are becoming interesting and the style of hockey is just as good as the Big Four, although the players lack somewhat in the finish displayed by some of the more experienced players of the Big Four. But Big Four players had to have finish or they did not play.

Friday night the writer was in the Forum when St. Andrews played against Saint John. The fan that did not enjoy the game has something wrong with him. While the score was one-sided the play was far from that. The St. Andrews boys were smaller than the Saint John representatives but the visitors seemed to take on anything that came along. They were not afraid to give and take bumps and they could carry the puck. What they lacked was ability to shoot on the net, and some more experience. But the improvement in St. Andrews since their first visit here this season is remarkable. There is a team that will bear watching and when they come to Saint John again the Forum should be packed to the doors.

While on this hockey matter it is peculiar what a lot of attention is given to a scrap which may take place between players on the ice. Newspapers make a lot of them and it was noticed that Saturday night the radio announcer stresses the fights which occur in the Toronto rink. That fellow even tells how the spectators fight among themselves. It looks as though Saint John and St. Andrews players had been listen-

ing to the radio for they were full of scrap and their exhibitions of wrestling and socking made those on the sides feel that the players at least were enjoying themselves. The spectators, too, were getting their money's worth and anyone who likes to see gamey hockey should attend these games at the Forum.

## Britons Learning To Play Baseball; Well Patronized

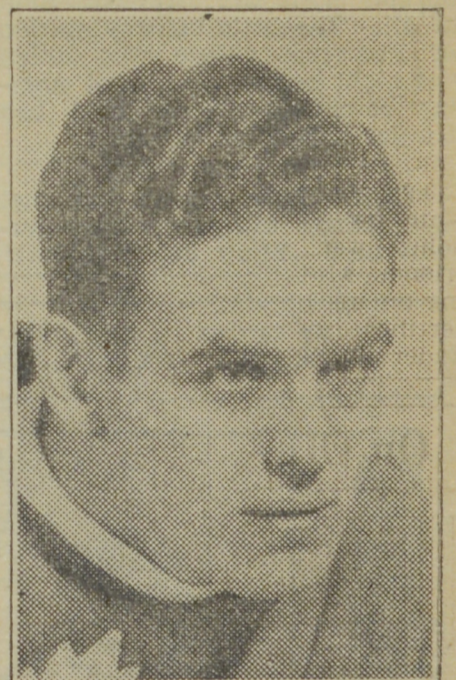
### Must Unlearn Cricket Says Writer in Pearson's Weekly.

Britain is taking to baseball, said the writer of an article in Pearson's recently. Already it is a well-patronized attraction in this country, and although it only started as late as 1924 in Liverpool, last summer it was launched as a national game.

"The trouble in this country is that Englishmen are not born to baseball like they are to football. It makes a great deal of difference when you have grown up watching a game. You learn about it by instinct," R. H. Holland, a Canadian baseball expert, said to me.

"When you see Englishmen playing cricket they generally catch the ball with both hands. In baseball they have to learn to catch with their left hand and throw with their right. That is why it is in the coming generations that we shall look for great English baseball players. Quite a number of schools are already taking it up, though at present we often have to get the teams from several schools in one district, instead of from one single school."

## He's Good



BILL THOMS, of the Toronto Maple Leafs, who is scoring with the leaders this year. A tireless player and a good checker, Bill improves each year.

A baseball training school has been started at Wembley Park, where lessons are given afternoon and evening. There are two "diamonds," as the field is called. Anyone can go and learn free of charge. In a few months the school is moving to a larger ground, where it can have an up-to-date pavilion as well.

To many of us the baseball equipment seems a trifle grotesque, but there is a good reason for everything.

Baseball is one of the hardest and fastest games, and as it is played with a hard ball the players need protection. The extraordinary-looking striped shirt and trousers are made a very thick material. All the hard throwing that has to be done is a great strain on the arm muscles, and they have to be kept warm to make them go on working properly all through the game. The trousers are padded down the hips and thigh, because sometimes players have to hurl themselves down and slide along the ground on their side.

The "catcher" who stands behind the batsman wears a steel mask over his face, and his glove

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