

NEWS of SPORT

YANKEE CLUB FIRM TOWARD RUTH'S DEMAND

Renewal of Contract at \$52,000 is What Club Wants—No Hold-up Tolerated.

New York, March 1—The New York Yankees apparently were making no idle gesture to comply with baseball law when they offered Babe Ruth a renewal of his old \$52,000 a year contract for 1927.

The club intends to stand pat on this proposal, it was learned on good authority, in spite of the Babe's transcontinental ballyhoo for a new contract at the record-breaking figure of \$100,000.

It has been generally supposed by baseball men that with the rise of player value, the Yankees would be willing to go as high as \$75,000 to sign their star home-run hitter but as interpreted in reliable sources the club is not disposed to make any compromise.

Cub to Take Stand.

Neither Col. Jacob Ruppert the owner, nor Ed Barrow business manager, would comment on their attitude today but Col. Ruppert's statement that Ruth's \$100,000 demand was "unreasonable" seemed to support the view that the club is not in a temporizing mood.

The only thing to which Barrow committed himself was an announcement that Ruth's long-delayed letter has arrived, but the interest in this was lessened by the fact that its contents was made public by Ruth in Los Angeles.

The Yankee officials if they stick to a contention that the Babe is not worth more than his previous \$52,000 salary in spite of a big 1926 season and sensational work in the World Series, may be without the services of their colorful star when the season opens. The Babe's letter put his demands on record in firm tones and emphasized that he was prepared to leave the game if they weren't met.

Ruppert's Views Outlined.

However, in urging Ruth to change his mind and accept a renewal of his old contract, Col. Ruppert it is understood will point out to the Babe that he has had an erratic career that he isn't getting any younger that his legs have weakened somewhat and that his famous batting eyes have troubled him a bit in recent years.

It was because of his vision that Ruth was shifted from the sun field in left at the Yankee Stadium to his present position in right field. Club officials feel that the Babe's work under the glare of the Klieg light at Hollywood the past few weeks also may have put an unusual strain on his eyes.

"Ruth even at best, is a big gamble and it takes more than one man to make a club"—that is understood to sum up the Yankee position.

Ruth's case undoubtedly will be based on his good physical condition and confidence that he will have another good playing year, plus his tremendous drawing power. The Babe also may point to the rise in values which has resulted in Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker signing 1927 contracts understood to call for salaries of around \$60,000 each. They have been reported to be as high as \$75,000.

Winning Club First Aim.

In answer to the Babe's contention as to his drawing power, the club may reply that it regards a winning as more essential to big gate receipts than even the magnetism of its biggest star. In 1925, for instance when the Yankees tumbled into the second division, Ruth did not offset the effect of a losing team and the club lost money.

Negotiations with other Yankee holdouts apparently have gained results. Barrow declined to give names, but said today that all but three of the regulars are certain to be at the St. Petersburg, Fla., training camp by next Monday.

Wife—Doesn't your conscience hurt you telling those lies?
Hubby—Why should it? You don't believe me.

Saint John Trojans Qualify by Beating Sussex Intermediates

Score at Sussex 4 to 1—Bathurst Took First Game From Campbellton 3 to 0—Good Games.

Sussex, March 2—The Saint John Trojans won from the Jack's Cats by a score of 4 to 1 in the Arena here tonight. Four hundred fans saw the local boys outclassed by the fast Saint John team whose superiority in shooting was largely responsible for their victory.

One goal only was scored in the first period, which was shot by Tardivel after five minutes play. Play in this period was evenly divided, the Sussex defence breaking up many rushes.

The second period started with a rush, the Trojans showing marked determination. Payne scored two goals and Boomer one on a pass from Payne in a mix up. Kennedy for the home team, scored the only goal of the match for the locals.

The third period found both teams working hard, but neither found the net. The Jack's Cats put up a plucky fight throughout and while they had plenty of speed and displayed good head work, they fell down noticeably in their shooting. Frank Hunter refereed satisfactorily.

Jack's Cats
Goal
Ernest Comeau
Defence
Watson Cuthbertson
Ellis McPhee
Forwards
E. Friars Bayley
Prescott Tardivel
McArthur Payne
H. Friars Boomer
Kennedy Rowley and Angevine
Bathurst Won.

Bathurst, March 2—Bathurst shut out the Campbellton boys here tonight with a score of 3 to 0 in the first of the Intermediate play-off games. A large number of fans witnessed the game which was considered one of the best exhibitions that has been seen here in years.

The ice was in perfect condition and the players kept going at full speed throughout the entire game. "Lightning" Luce was the outstanding performer in the game. He made all three scores for his team and if it had not been for the marvellous saves of LeBlanc, the Campbellton goalie he would have hung up a larger score.

First Period.

The first period was fast and clean with no penalties being handed out. Bathurst had the edge in territory play. Luce got the first goal, 17 minutes after the face off. Both teams turned in some nice combination plays. The period ended 1-0 in favor of Bathurst.

Second Period.

Play was rougher in this period. Fournier was given two minutes in the box for tripping Smith. Duff followed shortly afterwards for holding Luce. Both goalies were kept busy. There was no scoring in this period.

Third Period.

Luce started this period with a rush up the left wing and beat LeBlanc to it with a shot from the blue line, a half minute after play opened. Fournier was given another rest in the box for tripping Trites. Aubie was banished for cross-checking Duff. With 30 seconds to go

the Trojans scored their fourth goal. The game ended 4-1 in favor of the Trojans.

OTTAWA CLUB DENIES TRUTH OF BETTING CHARGES

Ottawa, March 3—Redmond Quain director of the Ottawa Hockey Club and in charge of its legal affairs made the following statement:

"Our confidence in our players is absolute and the club will as usual take any necessary legal steps to defend itself and players from insinuations that such confidence might be misplaced. None of the players or executive ever bet on the games."

Luce swooped down the left channel and shot the third and last goal. Messrs. Wilkins, of Campbellton and Carroll, of Bathurst refereed.

Campbellton
Goal
Leblanc Bond
Defence
Duff Landry
Bellevue Kinsman
..... Hines
Forwards
Trites Fournier
R. Duff Luce
Harvey Aubie
Substitutes
Fraser Barberie
Smith Kane
..... Curwin

HALIFAX RINK HAS GOOD GRIP ON THE TANKARD

Toronto, Ont., March 1—Registering three successive victories in their morning, afternoon and evening engagements the Halifax rink, skipped by Professor Murray McNeill secured a strong hold on the MacDonald Brier Tankard and the Canadian National curling championship here today.

Halifax is now leading in games won by a comfortable margin. The rink from the Maritime City climaxed a splendid day of curling by defeating Toronto tonight 14 to 10. New Brunswick kept very much in the running for the championship by defeating Sarnia in the evening series 13 to 5.

The standing of the rinks including tonight's games are as follows:

	Won	Lost
Halifax	4	1
New Brunswick	3	2
Sarnia	3	2
Yellow Grass	3	2
Halifax	2	3
Montreal	2	3
Toronto	1	3
Quebec	1	4

KENTVILLE LOST AGAIN TO BOSTON CLUB

Boston, March 2—University Club again downed Kentville's fast aggregation here, tonight taking the game by a score of 2 to 1 and the series by a total score of 7 to 5. Kentville plays the Halifax Crescents on home ice Saturday night in the first of a two game series to decide the championship of Nova Scotia.

VICS AGAIN GET SHUTOUT

Davos Platz, Switzerland, March 3—Montreal Victorias defeated the Davos team here by the score of 9 to 0. Frank Carlin, Joe Lamb, Dave Campbell and Wes King scored two goals and Torry Shibley, one.

BABERUTH TO GET \$70,000

New York, March 2—Babe Ruth, "home-run" king of baseball, today, came to an agreement with the New York Yanks under which he will receive a new three year contract at an annual salary of \$70,000.

Clifford—I love you more than I love myself, darling!
Gloria—So do I dear.

EXPERTS TO CHOOSE BRITISH PRO GOLF TEAM

Vardon, Braid and Taylor the Three—Team Will Go After the U. S. Title in June.

London, March 2—Harry Vardon, James Braid and J. H. Taylor, renowned as "the great triumvirate" in days when they were supreme in the first class of golf, have been appointed by the Professional Golfers' Association to select the team of British professionals who are making an attack on the United States open championship at Oakmont in June.

It is probable that the party will consist of nine players. They will also contest for the Ryder Cup. A fund of \$15,000 is being raised here to defray the expenses of the trip.

AMHERST AND SUSSEX TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

Amherst, N. S., March 2—Amherst is preparing for a hard battle with Sussex on Friday night in the first of the home and home series to decide the championship of the Northern Section. If Amherst wins a novel situation will exist as a Nova Scotia team will hold the New Brunswick championship. While the Amherst players are confident that they can defeat Sussex on home ice, they are naturally uncertain of the outcome of the game in Sussex, where Sussex is accorded a definite edge in play, although the two arenas are very similar in type of playing surface.

COLLECTING ELEPHANTS IS A BAD JOB

Five years ago a New York man picked up a small ivory elephant, exquisitely carved and placed it on his desk. He claimed it had inspirational powers, as it was so solemn and quaint that many an idea came to him when gazing at it, says the Antiquarian Magazine. Presently another elephant was added, this time a bronze one, and later a third, an ebony piece, was placed beside the pair. Then a friend gave him a pair of china elephants.

Thus without realizing what had happened he became a collector of elephants—and the forms, sizes, shapes and kinds he had unearthed is unbelievable. He has spent the past year in the Orient, bringing back with him many hundreds of specimens. The most remarkable were found in Burma and Siam. But all over Asia and Africa he roamed and was compelled to become a student of the history and religion of the Orient to keep up with his collection. This elephant hobby has developed the most unique collection, he thinks, in the world.

CAUGHT WITH WHISKEY.

Richford, Vermont, March 1—An entire professional hockey club—the Boston Tigers—was held here today when customs officers discovered 85 quarts of whiskey in a special car occupied by members of the team. Officials tonight were deliberating whether to arrest the athletes or to fine them and allow them to proceed.

The Tigers were returning from Quebec City, where they engaged the local team in a scheduled fixture of the Canadian-American minor pro league.

Freshman—When I proposed to the dear girl she fell on my shoulder and sobbed like a baby but finally she put her arms about my neck and—

Sophomore—Yes, I know all about it. I rehearsed it with her.

Garnet—Can't you wade through that book?
Ruby—No; it's too dry.

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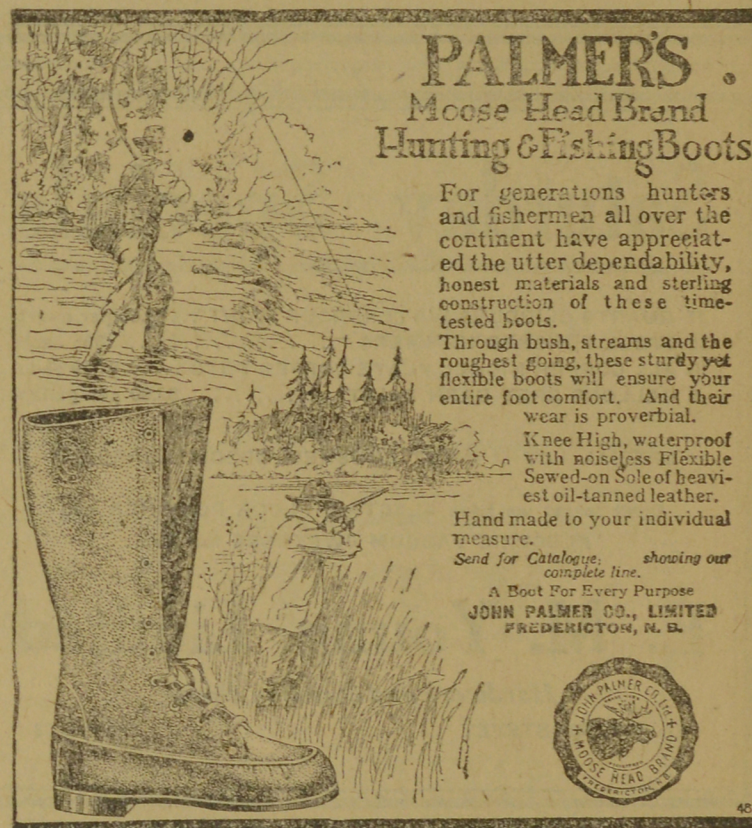
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