

W. O. M'GEEHAN OPINES THAT HOCKEY DOES NOT "TAKE" WELL IN EUROPE

Residents of Germany, Czecho-Slovakia Don't Like Common Scraps on Ice, Either—Sport for Sports Sake is Serious Business.

(By W. O. McGeehan)
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Ice hockey, American style, does not seem to be making much of a hit in Europe. It seems that the Germans the Czechs and others who have seen amateur teams in action resent the fact that the American amateur hockey rules seemed to be mixed with the Marquis of Queensberry and the London prizefighting rules.

About a month ago an American amateur hockey team, a group of gentle Bostonians, was engaged in a friendly game with some Czechoslovakians in the sport-loving city of Prague. In the middle of an exciting period one of the Bostonians feinted with his left and clipped one of the Czechs on the chin.

The game was stopped. There was consternation in the rink. When order was restored the Bostonian made a public apology. "Excuse me", he said, "I thought that I was home". But that was not enough. It seems that the Czechoslovaks do not use their fists in playing hockey and they do not hit anything but the puck with the sticks. They never hit their opponents on the shins and they seldom kick members of the other side. In fact, they seldom kick anybody in Prague, except when playing soccer football. Then the Czechs might become inaccurate with their feet, but not intentionally.

One of the last amateur hockey games involving American athletes, played at the Ice Palace in Berlin, involved what the Berlin sports editors called a scandal. In this game a Canadian team and a team of gentle Bostonians were involved. The game hardly had started when one of the Americans slugged a Canadian and the melee became general. In a minute both teams were playing their sticks.

It took the police some time to pry apart the friendly rivals. There never had been anything like it at the Ice Palace. A German is a single-track person when it comes to sport. When he plays hockey he plays hockey. When he drinks beer he drinks beer. Instead of being excited by the free-for-all the German customers booed their disapproval.

The promoter explained that it was customary for hockey players from North America to play that way. They liked to stage those little sideshows. The people expected them. But the explanation got nowhere with the German crowd. They were there to see a hockey game.

Now here is the difference in temperaments. Let us suppose that Yale and McGill met in a hockey game at Madison Square Garden. In the middle of the game a Yale man smacked a McGill man and both teams went to it with the sticks. There would be no hard feelings on either side. It would be accepted as one of those delightful accidents of the game which always are adding thrills.

I have seen various games in the United States and Canada where a fight started accidentally, but I never have heard the customers call for the stopping of the fight. As a matter of fact, the impromptu fighting period seemed to be the most exciting part of the game. If they ever stopped fighting in the games at Madison Square Garden the customers would begin to suspect that the players no longer were trying. They would feel that the boys had lost their interest in the grand old game.

In fact, there is a move in the Canadian-American game of hockey to make blackjacks and brass knuckles part of the equipment so that there may be no suspicion of the intent of the player. Earnestness is what is wanted.

Not Appreciated
When the fight was over in the Ice Palace, the Bostonians and the Can-

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WESTERN FINALS FOR ALLAN CUP AS MONCTON HAWKS SWOOP TO COAST

Vancouver, B. C., April 2—Taking their hockey seriously and with a grim determination to give their best to advance to the final round of the Allan Cup play, Western Canada's senior hockey finalists, Trail Smoke-Eaters and Sackatoon Quakers, rolled into town today and set about preparing for their two game series which opens at the Arena here tomorrow night and ends on April 5.

Just out from the gruelling three-game series with Fort William for the Prairie title, in which they bested the Lakehead champions with a single marker after 211 minutes of hockey, the Quakers arrived this morning. Light exercise and rest occupied their day.

Smoke-Eaters arrived shortly after noon, brimful of confidence and eager for the series in which they hope to make hockey history and bring to the coast province for the first time the Western Canada title and enter the final round for the coveted cup. It will be the Trail's fourth Allan Cup semi-final.

The winner of the series will meet the Moncton Hawks, Eastern Canada finalists, in a three game-series for

the Canadian title starting Saturday April 8. The second game is slated for April 10. If a third game is necessary it will take place Wednesday.

Hawks En Route To Coast
Toronto, April 2—Hockey monarchs of the east, Moncton Hawks made their way into new territory tonight on their way to Vancouver to give the Maritimes their first representation in an Allan Cup final series.

Hawks left here late last night and will arrive in Winnipeg tomorrow morning. The players on the team who formerly made their home in the Manitoba capital will greet friends for a few hours before continuing their journey to the coast.

They expect to arrive in Vancouver, Thursday in plenty of time to put travel stiffened muscles into shape for their first game next Saturday night. "Dud" James, slight centre who was injured in the final Hawks-Niagara game, will be at his old post in the final games the Charley Horse responding to treatment. The other members of the squad are all in fine shape.

GRANTLAND RICE OUTLINES GOLF FAULTS FOR SPRING DUFFERS

(By Grantland Rice)
New York, April 1—A somewhat baffled and bewildered golfer, one from the great army of the average, seeks some advice at the threshold of a new season.

"For some time," he writes, "the thought has struck me that my golf game is about the same now that it was eight or 10 years ago. I am no better and no worse. With all the golf I have played there should have been some improvement, at least. I have noticed this same condition in regard to most of my golfing friends. Why is this? Is there nothing we can do to lower our score, at least to find some improvement?"

There is a single answer to the first puzzle. Most golfers fall into certain fixed faults, which in time turn into fixed habits.

These faults may seem to vary at certain times with wood iron or putter, but in the main they remain constant. Since a certain cause produces a certain result, the results will be about the same as long as the causes remain unchanged.

adians shook hands and tried to resume their game, feeling that they had given the Germans something extra in the way of a run for their money.

But the crowd took matters into its hands. They threw chairs, steins, tables—anything—on to the ice. They wanted to block the rink. They wanted to make the play impossible. The Americans and Canadians had never run across that point of view. The Germans had come to see a hockey game and nothing else. They felt that they had been cheated.

It seems that you could offer anything else to an American crowd, but as long as you gave them a fight they would be satisfied. Of course, if you intimidated to an American crowd that there would be a fight and it turned out to be only a hockey game, no matter how brilliant, there would be a certain amount of growling.

They expect fist fights in North American hockey games now. There does not seem to be any way to stop them, because obviously, a hockey player cannot compete in the game while he is handcuffed.

Where Sport Is Serious

"I should think that this exhibition would indicate to the German people how seriously the Americans take the game of hockey," I said to Herr Otto Steinhauser, professor of athletics at Munich.

"It does not," said Herr Steinhauser. "If they were serious hockey players they would play hockey and keep their mind on the hockey business instead of fighting. How can you be serious if you are all of the time fighting? The customers did right to stop the game. Hockey is a serious sport and when you play if you should play it instead of amusing yourself with fighting."

Lets Game Run Along

There isn't any doubt that the average golfer lets his game run along the same average, year after year.

This is because he uses the same swing or the same methods year after year. Even if he tries out some new idea, which seems to work for a short while, the chances are he will soon return to the same old ways.

Answering the next question—some cure to work on—is not quite so simple. And yet it is far from being a hopeless matter, as many thousands from the ranks of the average have shown.

In the first place, it might be well to consider the most common faults that lead to lack of improvement and so many dismal trips to sand and rough, to thicket and woods or habits? 1.—Too much stiffness or tension in addressing the ball—in taking a stance. There is a lack of ease and comfort. The feet are too firmly planted—the grip is too tight—the legs are about as pliable as hydrants.

Stand a Trifle Straighter

The first thing to consider is to stand a trifle straighter, with a more relaxed feeling in taking your stance.

2.—The average golfer takes the club up with the right hand, using little or no body turn. He either lifts the club head or rushes it back, and this leads to hitting with the right hand and right side. The main result is bringing the club head down outside of the line of flight—which is always disastrous.

The cure here is to build up the left hand, wrist and arm—to make a habit of starting the swing with the left hand and firm left arm, fairly straight, letting the left side turn naturally. If the back swing is started with the left hand and arm in control, it is a much simpler matter for the left side to turn in a natural, normal way.

3.—Hitting too quickly—rushing the down swing—not completing the back swing.

It is Tommy Armour's opinion that this is one of the most common and most harmful of all golfing faults.

Fred Waring sings and conducts his vocalists in college glee club specialties over the radio, but he was refused membership in the glee club at Penn State.

George Givot, the "Greek Ambassador of Good-Will" on the Old Gold programs, speaks with a perfect Greek accent. But he was born in Omaha, raised in Chicago, and has never been in Greece.

Gracie Allen, the dumbercracker de luxe, reads books on philosophy.

Mark Warnow, CBS orchestra leader, is regarded as an expert football statistician by his fellow artists, but Mark has seen only one gridiron game in his life.

TURNING the DIAL

Moncton Hawks in the Allen Cup FINALS! Sound good, doesn't it? In fact we like to say it over a few times to taste the fine lusciousness of the words. "Turning the Dial" congratulates Moncton and the Hawks for their magnificent gesture.

We can't help handing out words of praise for our own "Knucker" Irvine, "Dud" James and Bill Miller, all three New Brunswick products, and all three very important cogs in the Moncton Allan Cup machine. These three players were outstanding in the Hawks-Niagara Falls battles in the Maple Leaf Gardens.

The foraging Hawks take away any inferiority complex the Maritimes may have been feeling for the last ten years regarding its hockey teams.

It's nice to feel that we here in New Brunswick possess the best senior amateur team between here and the Rocky Mountains—mayhap to the fringe of the Pacific Ocean!

Fredericton's Capitals of 1931-32 don't look so bad by comparison with the rest of Canada's hockey teams in the light of the recent happenings. Fans here didn't realize, perhaps, that they were watching some of the fastest amateur hockey played anywhere in Canada, two years ago.

Mayhap, it would not be amiss to prophesy that in case the Allan Cup comes to rest in New Brunswick, that a certain group of Fredericton sports may endeavor to make the Fredericton Capitals bigger and BETTER than ever.

SOME COMMENT ON BIG LEAGUE TEAMS IN TRAINING

New York, N. Y., March 31—From sixteen major league training camps come interesting opinions from competent judges of baseball talent. Those who have looked over the world champion Yankees at St. Petersburg have arrived at the conclusion that Joe McCarthy will have a much more formidable pitching staff when he begins the American League pennant race and that the team is better equipped with reservists than last season. Fred Walker and Dusty Cooke being ready for service as regulars or second string men. As a matter of fact, the Yankees, according to many observers, can win the pennant right over again whether Babe Ruth plays or not.

Giants Improved

Bill Terry, McGraw's successor as manager of the Giants, surely has improved the inner line of defense by obtaining Blondy Ryan and Bernie Jackson and Hugh Critz. The addition of George Davis to the outfield already is getting fine results, while Catcher Mancuso, in point of activity and physical condition, is much more valuable to the team than Shanty Hogan, Terry's big problem is the development of Pitchers Schumacher, Starr, Parmelee, Shores and Spencer to support the experienced Fitzsimmons, Hubbell and Bell.

Reconstructing The Dodgers

Max Carey of the Brooklyn Dodgers has fortified first base by signing Oje Judge, formerly of Washington to alternate with or supplant Del Bissonette. Carey is reconstructing his pitching department, including the new men Walter Beck, Ray Benge, Owen Carroll and Ray Lucas. The Dodgers will carry a heavy batting punch if Joe Stripp begins the National League grind at third base.

Cubs The Same Team

Chicago's National League champions, the Cubs seem to have been strengthened in batting by the acquisition of Babe Herman, erratic right fielder. The rest of the Cub team is virtually the same as last year, the pitching burden to be shouldered by Warneke, Root, Bush, Malone, Grimes and Tinning, all right-handers.

Hope To Win Pennant

Pittsburgh's chances to capture first honors depends on the come-back of Freddie Lindstrom, former Giant, who will play center field. Lindy in 1930, batted .379 in 148 games, but since then his stickwork has been deficient. Manager Gibson looks for a steadier infield because of the experience gained last season by Floyd Vaughan, shortstop and Tony Piet, second baseman.

The Pirates' chief also expects better pitching from Bill Swift, Harold Smith, Bill Harriss, Chagnon and others comparatively new men to help the veterans, Swetonic, French, Meine, Kremer and Waite Hoyt, former Yankee ace.

"American Airways" carried 5,598 passengers in February this year, an increase of 75 per cent. over February of 1932. As if such evidence were more up-in-the-air this year than last!

TORONTO LEAFS FORCE BRUINS, RANGERS ARE IN

Toronto, April 2—Hardest-fought championship duel in several seasons the Boston Bruins-Toronto Maple Leafs series for the National Hockey League title became a sudden-death game affair today as four contests of the fivegame battle left them with two victories each. Finalists for the Stanley Cup will be decided in the fifth game Monday night.

First of the series to be decided without overtime, Toronto Maple Leafs hurtled to 5-3 victory Saturday night in a thrill-packed game that sent a record crowd of 14,500 odd wild with excitement as the teams abandoned the close-checking, cautious style for a wide-open game productive of more goal than the combined total of three previous overtime contests.

Breathtaking speed crammed the play from the time the first goal was scored 32 seconds from the opening face-off. And this style of play sent Charlie Sands, Port Arthur rookie, into stardom with a brilliant display that brought the well-built youth two goals and placed him in the key-passing position for another.

Detroit, Mich., April 2—Taking advantage of a frantic Detroit offence, New York's fast Rangers won their way into the Stanley Cup finals of the National Hockey League here tonight beating the Detroit Red Wings, 4 to 3 in a terrific match and maintaining a lead of 6 goals to 3 in their two-game total series.

The Wings, trailing 2 to 0 by virtue of their defeat by that score in New York Thursday night, came out with a slashing, driving offence that won them a goal before five minutes of play, Johnny Sorrell scoring on Hay's assist.

But the Rangers, watching for every threat the Frantic Detroit drive gave them, tied the score within a few seconds, when Ote Heller-grabbed Sommer's pass, as Earl Siebert sat in the penalty box.

Meridian, Miss., April 3—A new industry, growing of tung oil trees, is spreading inland from the Mississippi coast. One oil company has 1000 trees planted, all of them about three years old and said to be making a promise of satisfactory yield.

The trees were introduced to this country from China several years ago. They are grown for a valuable oil, which is extracted from nuts borne by the tree.

The industry is still in the stage of an experiment, but the trees have been planted 200 miles inland.

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