

# NEWS of SPORT

## ST. FRANCOIS NATIONAL LOOK GOOD JUST NOW

### New French Canadian Amateur Team in Montreal Leading the Q. A. H. A.—Beat McGill Easily.

The St. Francois National hockey team, the new French-Canadian team from Montreal in the Quebec A. H. A. so far looks the best amateur club of the sister province.

A report of the victory over McGill University in the Q. A. H. A. is as follows:

St. Francois-Nationals again proved that they are one of the finest aggregations in the province, when they took the McGill squad into camp at the Forum last night in a Q. A. H. A. Senior Group game. The score was 6-2. The attendance was slightly better than at the last amateur, about 800 witnessing the tilt.

As the score indicates, it was St. Francois almost all the way. The French squad kept the rubber in McGill territory the greater part of the game, and the Goudreau-Pedault-Baril combination kept the McGill defense guessing. The Frenchmen showed themselves to be artists at the sweep check and it was only seldom in the first two periods that the McGill wings got away with the rubber. Weakened by frequent penalties in the last session, the Frenchmen did not offer as airtight a resistance as they did earlier in the game and it was only sloppy work around the nets on the part of the collegians and the splendid goaltending of Jerry Reid that kept the McGill score down.

#### Referee Active.

Belligerent tactics on the part of both squads were very much in evidence and Referee Don Smith kept the timekeeper busy by administering 21 penalties in all, 13 of which went to St. Francois players. They were all two-minute banishments. The Frenchmen's heavy bodychecking kept McGill at a disadvantage and the injection of Blinco and Bell to relieve McGill regulars only served to aggravate the fact. The little fellows found it impossible to stand up against the sturdy St. Francois players and as a consequence, the clever play of which they are capable did not materialize.

## AMERICAN COLLEGES UNDER FORMER RULES

Boston, Dec. 8—No attempt will be made by the college hockey teams to shift to the professional playing rules this season, as the colleges have adopted committee of the National Collegiate A. A., which deal severely with fouls.

The new rules limit a team to 12 players which seriously affects Harvard. The Crimson always has made it a point to maintain a large squad throughout the season.

However, if an opposing coach waives this rule and permits Harvard to use any number of players, Coach Ned Bigelow will be able to use all of his men on his varsity squad. This is to be allowed by Technology in the game Friday night by Coach Bill Stewart of the "Engineers", notwithstanding he will be at a big disadvantage as there are only nine men on the Tech squad.

The game Friday night at the Arena therefore will be interesting if for no other reason than as an exposition of the rules that are now to govern college hockey.

PETE LATZO WON.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 8—Rallying gamely in the last five rounds, Pete Latzo, of Scranton, Pa., world's welterweight champion slugged his way to a 10-round victory over Joe Simonich, of Butte, Mont., in the Newark Armory tonight.

## THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN ATHLETICS NOW

### Fascisti Take Control of Sport—National Olympic Committee is an Instrument of the Party.

Rome, Dec. 8—Sporting activities in Italy henceforth will be under the control of the Fascist party.

After a lengthy inquiry into the operation of the various clubs and associations, Secretary-General Turati announced tonight that he had ordered the national Olympic committee to become an instrument of the party.

Deputy Ferretti, president of the Olympic committee, will serve under orders from the secretariat of the party, and the committee will be empowered with direct supervision of all the sporting and physical educational activities of the Nation.

## SOUTHERN N. B. HOCKEY LEAGUE

To date no correct schedule of the Southern League of the N. B. & P. E. I. Section, Maritime Amateur Hockey Association has been published here. It is as follows:

#### First Section.

Dec. 27—Fredericton at Moncton.  
" 28—Fredericton at Sussex.  
Jan. 3—Sussex at Moncton.  
" 4—Saint John at Fredericton.  
" 7—Fredericton at Saint John.  
" 7—Moncton at Sussex.  
" 10—Saint John at Moncton.  
" 12—Saint John at Sussex.  
" 13—Moncton at Fredericton.  
" 14—Moncton at Saint John.  
" 18—Sussex at Fredericton.  
" 21—Sussex at Saint John.

#### Second Section.

Jan. 21—Fredericton at Moncton.  
" 25—Saint John at Sussex.  
" 27—Moncton at Saint John.  
" 28—Moncton at Fredericton.  
" 31—Sussex at Moncton.  
" 31—Saint John at Fredericton.  
Feb. 3—Fredericton at Sussex.  
" 4—Fredericton at Saint John.  
" 7—Saint John at Moncton.  
" 8—Sussex at Fredericton.  
" 11—Sussex at Saint John.  
" 15—Moncton at Sussex.

## OTTAWA CASUALTIES IMPROVING

Ottawa, Dec. 8—Frank Finnegan and "Cy" Denny, members of the Ottawa hockey team, who were injured in a motor accident, are both progressing favorably. Dr. Geo. S. McCarthy, club physician, stated last night.

Denny's condition had so much improved that he left the hospital and went to his home where he will be convalescent for several days.

Finnegan, the more seriously injured, had an excellent night, the doctor reports, and his temperature yesterday morning was normal. While he has a superficial fracture of the skull, further examination yesterday morning revealed no internal injuries and no fears are felt that he will do anything but make a rapid recovery. He is still very weak from loss of blood.

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## LEE FOHL FOR TORONTO CLUB IS THE RUMOR

### National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues in Session—Many Rumors of Sales and Trades.

Ashville, N. C. Dec. 9—As baseball men gathered in record breaking numbers for the annual meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, a record also was impending in the number of trades and sales of players discussed, but not completed.

From early morning until night the relative merits and demerits of playing talent in many leagues were cited without serious change thus far in the rosters of clubs.

Many a ball player was declared the "best in the league" by the man who would like to sell his contract and a "no good bum" by another club president willing to buy him but not for much money.

Club presidents, managers, scouts and even umpires, poured in during the day.

The American Association after congratulating itself on a record-breaking attendance of 1,700,000 last season adjourned to meet next week in Chicago to talk of schedules for 1927.

In the absence of an official announcement, friends of Lee Fohl, ex manager of the Boston Red Sox, insisted that he will succeed Dan Howley, as manager of the pennant-winning Toronto Maple Leafs.

Clarence Rowland, American League umpire, who arrived Friday is said to be a special envoy of Ban Johnson, league president. Rowland in addition to his role of unofficial observer, also is said to be seeking an umpire to take the place of George Moriarty, who recently accepted Ty Cobb's job of managing the Detroit Tigers.

Miller Huggins, manager of the American League champion Yankees declared he was not looking for players but the Business Manager Edward G. Barrow was being besieged by clubs of A. A. and A classification for a lift.

One outfielder on the New York reserve list is being sought by seven clubs in the big minors.

## GERMANY IS AGAIN IN TENNIS FEDERATION

Paris, Dec. 8—The tennis federation has voted to allow Germany to compete once more in national and international matches, including Davis Cup competition.

This action was forecast when the United States Lawn Tennis Association sent a letter recommending that Germany be readmitted.

The Federation also announced the ranking for French tennis players, placing Jean Borotra, Rene Lacoste and Henry Cochet on equal terms at the top.

Suzanne Lenglen who turned professional this year and is at present touring the United States, may regain her amateur standing if she desists for five years from professional tennis, the Federation announced.

## FRED M'LEAN COACHING TEAM

Saint John, Dec. 9—The Saint John hockey team had an hour and a half workout at the Arena last night under the watchful eye of Coach Larry McLean. The coach reports a great improvement in the team over previous practices and it looks as if this city is to be represented by a first class aggregation this season. The first home game of the season is scheduled for January 7, so the boys will have plenty of time to get in shape before the opening encounter.

## MELVILLE RICE MOUNT A. RUGBY CAPTAIN

### Also in University Basketball and Track Teams—Belongs to Saint John—Is Well Known Here.

Sackville, Dec. 8—Melville Rice, who was recently elected captain of the Mount Allison 1927 football team, as previously announced is not only a star in the leather chasing game, but he shines also in the basketball floor and on the track, besides showing excellent form at hockey. He has been a regular defence man on the University basketball squad since his Freshman year and his performances at that position have been consistently good.

On the cinders he does his stuff with the same thoroughness that marks his participation in football and basketball, and a considerable number of medals attest his speed on the spikes.

In hockey he is not the expert that he is in these other branches of sport, but he has played for the 1926 squad in the inter-class series and given a good account of himself. He belongs to Saint John.

## TRYING TO BRING DOWN SALARIES OF BALL MANAGERS

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 9—High-priced baseball player-managers are under fire among baseball men gathering for the annual meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

Some of them predict the end of the star player-manager, pointing to the retirement recently of Eddie Collins, Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker and George Sisler as managers.

Miller Huggins, manager of the New York American League club, said that neither Babe Ruth nor any of the other Yankee stars will be offered a contract until next year.

Along with the movement to bring down high salaries is a proposal of Otto Brochert, president of and owner of the Milwaukee American Association club, to limit the price to be paid by major league clubs for outstanding players in the minors. Brochert is of the opinion that \$15,000 is enough for any player and will so propose to the convention tomorrow.

## JACK SHARKEY HAS HARD WORK

New York, Dec. 8—It is up to Jack Sharkey of Boston to whip a lot of so-called heavyweight contenders if he hopes to win a place in the limelight with Sir Gene Tunney. There is no mistake about Tex Rickard having Sharkey signed for fights of great importance as far as the contention goes.

The thing uppermost in Rickard's mind now is bringing Harry Persson and Jim Maloney together in Madison Square Garden Dec. 22. If Persson beats Maloney he will be the first one of Rickard's handy men to try taming Sharkey. If Maloney wins then Jim will get the chance. Paolino, the tree chopper from Spain, is on the list, and if Dempsey comes out with an inclination to get going again the ex-champion and the Basque woodsman may hook up. Then Dempsey or Paolino will meet Sharkey, if the Boston fighter survives. Sharkey's last foe-man will be Paul Berlenbach. Old Dan Hickey was in to see Tex and the chances are that Tex bottled up another attraction.

#### ORE PRODUCTION.

Vancouver, Dec. 8—Ore production at Britannia Mines has increased from 800 tons daily in 1913 to 3,300 tons daily at present. The mine is expected to yield 35,500,000 pounds of copper this year. The silver production is estimated at 10,700 ounces.

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