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Gehring One of Best Prospects With Detroit Club — Comes From Michigan Farm.

The Detroit Free Press publishes the following from its correspondent in the Augusta training camp:

Augusta, Ga., March 17—If you see a boy who just reached voting age wearing a Tiger uniform and playing regularly at second base in the coming pennant race, consider an exception to the general development of exponents of the national pastime.

Three years ago Charley Gehring wasn't certain whether he would prefer a career on the diamond to farming in his native neath. Fowlerville, Mich., and doubtless he would have remained home tilling the soil or following a plow back of a team of mules if he had not been encouraged to play ball with an independent team in Angola, Ind.

Gehring cannot remember who it was that suggested his playing with the club in the Hoosier village but the baseball populace of Detroit soon will be aware of the fact that his engagement with Angola was the beginning of a brilliant future in baseball.

No thicket brush or corner lot is overlooked by scouts in their quest for talent and it is not strange that up in Angola, Ind., Gehring couldn't escape detection from the prying eyes of these searchers for material.

Word came that a phenom was performing on the club representing the little Indiana town and the Detroit management despatched a scout to look him over. Then Gehring was a gamy kid with the physique of a giant and a pair of hands that made the scout's eyes bulge in wonderment.

In the fall of that year, 1923 Gehring signed a contract and was ordered to report in training camp the next spring. But the jump from the sand lots to the majors was too big a leap for Charley and that summer he was assigned to the London club in the Michigan-Ontario League.

Howley Polishes Him.

Not regarded as quite ready after a year with London, Gehring was promoted, however, and landed in Toronto under the direction of Dan Howley. In the Michigan-Ontario League Gehring's fielding was faultless but his batting didn't come up to the expectations of Manager Cobb.

"He's a better hitter than that average shows," mused Cobb; "We'll see what he does for Toronto."

Through the confidence inspired by Howley, Gehring was a distinct hit with the Leafs and before the Toronto club got around the circuit of the International League the second time last summer Charley created a furore.

While Gehring could only carve but a batting average of .299 with London in a class B league with Toronto in class AA, he massaged the horsehide for .326 and performed surgical operations on more than one hapless pitcher with the sludgeon.

Only "Pep" Is Lacking.

Gehring is a powerful boy six feet tall, and improving every day. But while Howley polished Charley to a point where he will meet the requirements of the exacting Cobb Dan couldn't inoculate him with enthusiasm or, as they say in baseball parlance, fighting spirit.

If Gehring were of the type of player on the field that characterized Donie Bush, "Pep" Young or Pinelli, he would take rank with the greatest second basemen of modern baseball. Perhaps aggressiveness will come with experience or, better still, mental pose just as improvement was so marked in the years he spent with London and Toronto.

Under the circumstances that

Montreal Away to Good Start in Playoff For Title of the N. H. L.

Beat Pittsburgh 3 to 1 Saturday Night — Out-generalled the Pirates — Victoria Cougars Won in Pacific Coast Series.

Pittsburgh, March 21—The "Marauding Maroons" of Montreal, by virtue of a well-planned, systematic form of attack have stolen a two goal march on Pittsburgh in the playdown for the National Hockey League championship.

With the use of strategy in combating the Pirate force that was looked for by the majority to win, Eddie Gerard led his Maroon-clad holders of second position in the league to an honestly earned 3 to 1 victory against the locals Saturday night. It was a rip-tearing battle from start with the youthful Corsairs dashing about like maddened dervishes and the Montreal men with their machine-like charges and iron-clad defense.

More than 12,000 jammed Duquesne Garden for the fray; another 2,000 were turned away owing to lack of seating space, but the seats sold were little used for it was the sort of battle that keeps the gallery on its feet. The line-up:

| Montreal | Pittsburgh |
|------------|--------------|
| Goal | Worters |
| Benedict | Defence |
| Noble | Conacher |
| Holway | Smith |
| Stewart | Centre |
| Broadbent | Wing |
| Siebert | Darragh |
| Rothschild | McCurry |
| Carson | Substitutes |
| Phillips | Cotton |
| Dinsmore | Drury |
| | Lowry |
| | Spring |
| | Berlenquette |

Referee—Cooper Smeaton Montreal.
Goal umpires—John McCartney and Lou Yeager, Pittsburgh.

Summary:
First period, 1, Pittsburgh, Smith, 16.20.
Second period, 2, Montreal, Noble, 14.00; 3, Montreal, Dinsmore, 1.45.
Third period, 4, Montreal, Phillips, 5.34.

Victoria Leading.

Victoria, B. C., March 21—Victoria Cougars gained a two-goal lead in the first game of the finals for the Western Hockey League championship here Saturday night by defeating the Edmonton Eskimos, 3 to 1. It was a fairly open game with Victoria holding the edge except in the early part of the first period. The second game of the series will be played in Vancouver Monday night. The line-up:

| Victoria | Edmonton |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Goal | Stuart |
| Holmes | Defence |
| Loughlin | Shore |
| Traser | Stanley |
| Centre | |
| Federickson | Keats |
| Wings | |
| Walker | Gagne |
| Cart | Sheppard |
| Substitutes | |
| Sharrow | |
| Oyston | Anderson |
| McIntyre | |
| Benson | |
| Referee, Mikey Ion. | |
| Judge of play, Carl Battell. | |

marked Gehring's rise from security in baseball to the majors would be difficult for a boy to strain himself from being conceited over his success. It is foreign to Charley's nature to be anything but retiring however and strong influences will have to be brought to bear on him before he will change demeanor. Howley tells of how he would make his debut and then he obliged to his head to avoid laughing right loud when Charley would say, "Right fellows, let's beat them today."

Summary:

First period: No score.
Second period: 1—Victoria, Foyston from Loughlin, 4.45; 2—Victoria, Halderston, 7.15.
Third period: 3—Victoria Hart from Loughlin, 2.20; 4—Edmonton, Stanley from Gagne, 10.05.
TRURO

SCOTLAND WON THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

London, March 21—Scotland laid the "Twickenham jinx" yesterday.

For the first time since the English Rugby Union began playing their international games at Twickenham, 15 years ago, they were defeated on that ground, and the Scots made it decisive enough, ringing up two goals, one dropped goal and one try against England's three tries, 17 points to 9. Incidentally the Caledonians retained the coveted Calcutta cup, while the Sassenachs had to rest content with the "wooden spoon."

Saturday's stirring encounter was witnessed by His Majesty the King, to whom the players were presented prior to the game.

Scotland thus for the second year in succession won the international championship, securing the points over Iceland by a bare margin in scoring average.

TRURO TIED AT BOSTON

Boston, March 21—The Truro Bearcats hockey team and the Pere Marquette retired from the Arena ice exhausted last night after battling to a 2-2 tie in an overtime game. The game was easily the fastest played in Boston this winter.

The puck-chasers from Nova Scotia came from behind in the third period to tie the score. This was achieved when "Doggie" Kuhn drove a sizzling shot past several Pere players into the cage. A few minutes before the Bearcats had been on the defensive, but a sudden, daring shift changed their luck.

DOUBLES MEET BY CHANCE IN RESORT HOTEL

Excelsior Springs, Mo., March 20—To "be yourself" is a difficult trick of individualism for H. T. Cherry, Tama, Ia., paper mill magnate, and J. J. Deaner, Okmulgee, Ok., oil man, here today.

Unrelated and strangers, the two met yesterday for the first time. Cherry, wearing a light gray suit, light gray hat with a black band, and his usual countenance, entered a resort hotel. Deaner, appearing likewise and doing likewise, entered. Both walked to the clerk's desk, registered and, in turning around, collided.

"Be yourself," was Cherry's thought. "Deaner's thought. They regarded each other. A crowd gathered to observe their bewilderment. Finally, the management engineered an introduction, presenting Cherry to Deaner and Deaner to Cherry.

Now both find it hard to establish self identity. They are as alike as their own shadows.

BASKETBALL TEAM OF GIRLS ON BIG TOUR

Red Grange With Edmonton Commercial Graduates as Drawing Card—Olympic Champions of 1924.

Edmonton, March 21—The Edmonton Commercial Graduates Club, women's basketball champions of the world who swept everything before them at the 1924 Olympic games will leave here on April 2 for a sixteen-day tour of the large eastern American and Canadian cities, co-starring with "Red" Grange, 1925's football sensation. Tentative arrangements have been arranged for games in Toronto, New York, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

The program calls for practically a game every night a severe test for a team carrying a tone substitute but the regulars have always played full time where there has been anything at stake. The team is captained by Connie Smythe, considered the greatest player the women's game has produced.

U. OF T. HAS HARD TASK

Toronto Globe: University of Toronto is no stranger to the Allan Cup having brought it back to the East from Winnipeg in 1921. Whether or not the Blue and White will renew its acquaintance with the most-coveted hockey trophy in the world remains to be seen. The student sextet must overcome two very strong teams if the handsome mug donated by Sir Montague Allan is to be brought back to this city. Ottawa will furnish the keenest kind of opposition in Ottawa on Saturday night and back here next Monday. Should the Toronto team survive the round, it will be called upon to meet the Western representatives in the final. Port Arthur has a lead of three goals on Regina which latter represents British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba by virtue of the elimination of the champions of three Provinces. Port Arthur, present holders of the Allan Cup are almost sure to meet the Toronto-Ottawa winners.

VAN BUREN HIGH WAS DEFEATED

Chicago, March 18—In the inter-scholastic basket-ball tournament at Loyola College late tonight, St. Louis Union High defeated St. Mary's High of Van Buren, Mo., 22 to 11.

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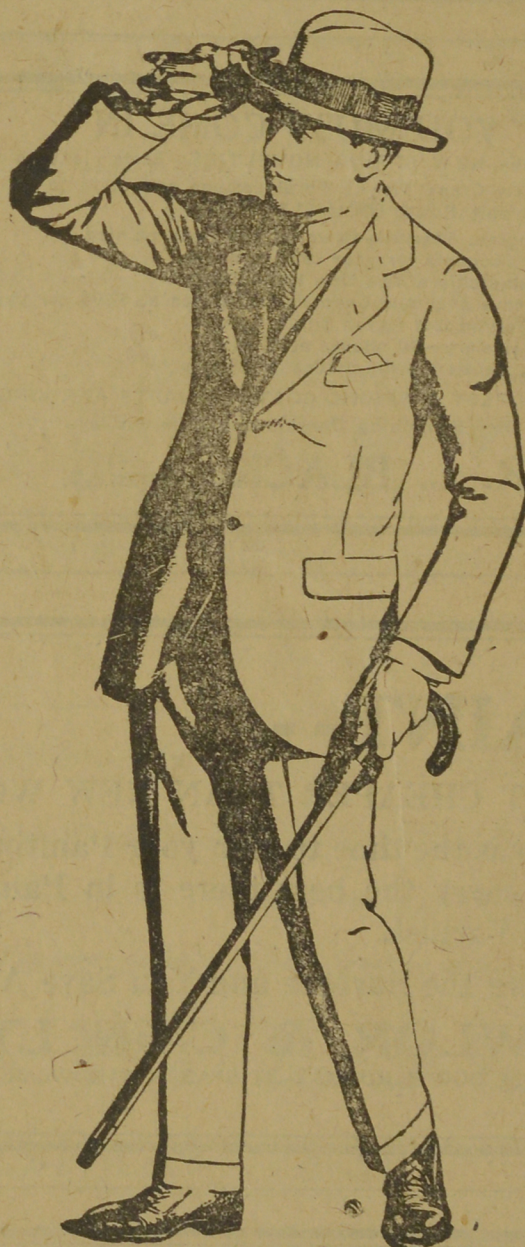
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