

# NEWS of SPORT

## ELEVEN YEARS AGO \$750 WAS PAID FOR HORNSBY

### Bob Connery in 1915 Bought Him Out of the Texas-Oklahoma League at That Price.

Sherman, Texas, Oct. 3—Back in 1915 seven hundred and fifty dollars was considered a fair price for Rogers Hornsby.

That was the sum paid by the management of the St. Louis Nationals for the man who will lead the Cardinals into a world series fray today.

Hornsby was purchased from the Denison Club of the Texas-Oklahoma League toward the end of the 1915 season. Bob Connery, president of the St. Paul American Association club then a Cardinal scout, was responsible for the deal.

Hy M. Finley, country attorney here and former secretary of the Dennison team, who is credited with having discovered Hornsby told of the transaction. It has generally been reported that the price was \$500 but Finley said \$750 was the correct figure.

Hornsby started playing baseball at 17 with the Dallas club of the Texas League but was released after spring training in 1914. Finley said he went to Hugo, Oklahoma club, but that team disbanded in July 1914 and Finley took him to Dennison and with him won the Texas-Oklahoma pennant in 1915.

## ST. LOUIS GAVE TEAM ROUSING RECEPTION

St. Louis, Oct. 4—All the baseball pride that has been swelling in St. Louis' hearts for 38 years burst forth in a glorious reception late this afternoon when a crowd of upward of 100,000 jammed the railroad yards and the streets to welcome home Rogers Hornsby and his Cardinal players.

The demonstration probably was the greatest ever displayed in St. Louis with the exception of that of the Armistice declaration. The Cardinals came home to a howling crowd of fans eager to catch the first glimpse of the players who had captured the National League pennant and evened up the world's series.

New York, Oct. 4—Odds of 6 to 5 and even money on the Cardinals to win the world series were reported by Wall Street wagering firms today. St. Louis ruled favorite to defeat the Yankees in the third game at 6 to 5 also.

One betting house reported placing \$6,000 against \$5,000 on the Cardinals to take the series while another placed a wager of \$10,000 even money that St. Louis will win.

Any subject of conversation is a waste of the other fellow's time if it doesn't interest him.

## Touring Bermuda Team Has no Date for Match With University of N. B.

### Manager J. B. Carr So Informed By Wire Last Night—Big Surprise as Game Was Arranged Last Spring

According to a telegram received last night from the management of the Bermuda rugby team now on tour in Eastern Canada, the University of New Brunswick has been given no date in the itinerary of the Bermudians. J. Byron Carr manager of the U. N. B. team telegraphed several times to the Bermuda team asking for a definite date. The first reply was last night. An attempt will be made to have the Bermudians change their minds.

Arranged Last Spring.

The reply from the Bermuda team which now is in Montreal is the more surprising as negotiations were carried on with U. N. B. last spring in connection with the tour and a game arranged. The guarantee of \$200 was agreed to by the local college and everything "all set" as it was thought. The first schedule of the Bermuda team gave U. N. B. a date at Fredericton. Later it became evident that the Trojan A. C. had been given the same date at Saint John. The effort to straighten out the confusion resulted in the information that Bermuda had no vacant date for University of N. B.

Curious Situation.

The situation is curious as University of New Brunswick through winning the MacTier Cup at Montreal last year is recognized as the champion team of Eastern Canada.

## GUY TROGAN WINNER OF THE TRANSYLVANIA

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 4—Racing was resumed at the Lexington Grand Circuit meeting this afternoon when a program of five races was given and four of them including the Transylvania, finished. It was won by Guy Trogan in handy fashion. The Kentucky stake for three-year-old trotters was undecided after three hard heats with the Indiana filly S. Petrena Harvester, standing best in the summary.

The Transylvania 2.05 Trot (2 in 3) Purse \$5,000.  
Guy Trogan, b.h. by Guy Axworthy Troena (Dickerson) . . . 1  
Guy Richards (Crozler) . . . 2  
Dr. Strongworthy (Murphy) . . . 3  
Favonia also started.  
Time—2.04 1/2, 2.06.

An unidentified man suffering from loss of memory has been picked up in the street near the Sesqui stadium. Are all the sport experts accounted for?

## CARDINAL SAYS TUNNEY IS BOYS' BEST EXAMPLE

### Prince of Church Compliments New World's Heavyweight Champion—Moral Character Counted Heavily.

New York, Oct. 3—Gene Tunney was told by Cardinal Hayes that the youth of the United States look upon him as an example and expressed the belief that they would not be disappointed.

The meeting between the prince of the Roman Catholic Church and the new heavyweight champion took place at the Cardinals' residence in the rear of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The prelate expressed pleasure at meeting the champion. "I understand it was your moral character as much as your physical prowess that enabled you to win," he said.

He complimented Tunney upon the modesty he has displayed since winning the championship.

The Cardinal also spoke highly of the privacy Tunney's mother has insisted upon since her son leaped to world-wide fame. He remarked that it was as "rare as a work of antique" in these days of modern publicity.



FAMOUS MARATHONER

Johnny Miles, of Sydney Mines, N.S., the wonderful little runner, who will meet the best long distance men of Canada and the New England States in October for the Halifax Herald Marathon Trophy.

She (anxious to impress)—I've just put my furs in cold storage.  
He—Ha, ha. Tha's good—never heard it called that before. My watch and cuff links are there, too.

"What part of the play did you like best?"

"Oh, Mama it was the moment I was talking to Mr. Robert."

## HARGRAVE AND MANUSH LEAD MAJOR HITTERS

### Hornsby Drops Out of National Lead First Time in Seven Years—Other Statistics.

New York, Oct. 3—Two hundred and sixty-three players took part in National League games during 1926, 194 playing in more than 15 contests and 69 in less than 15. For the first time since 1919 when Roush led the league a batter other than Rogers Hornsby tops the hitting list. Eugene Hargrave, Cincinnati catcher is the player who leads with a percentage of .353, in 105 games.

Hazen Cuyler, Pittsburg, who scored the most runs in 1925 again led his circuit with a total of 112.

Eddie Brown, Boston outfielder, rapped out the most safe hits 202. Jim Bottomley first baseman of the pennant winning Cardinals, secured the most total base hits 304 topping his teammate, Lester Bell, in this respect by 5. Bottomley also led in making two baggers with a collection of 39.

Paul Waner, Pittsburgh, gained the lead in three-baggers with 22.

The home-run leader was Lewis ("Hack") Wilson, Chicago slugger, who made 21.

The leading base-runner was Hazen Cuyler, Pittsburgh who bagged 35 steals. He led both leagues.

Leading Batsmen.

Bressler, Cincinnati, .356; Hargrave, Cincinnati .353; Christensen, Cincinnati, .343; Smith, Pittsburg, .345; Standaert, Brooklyn, .345; Stephenson, Chicago, .337; Kelly, Chicago, .337; Waner, Pittsburgh, .335; Brown, Boston, .331; Leach, Philadelphia, .329; Jackson, New York, .328; Grantham, Pittsburg, .327; L. Bell, St. Louis, .325; Roush Cincinnati, .323; Cuyler, Pittsburg .321; Wilson, Chicago, .321; Southworth, New York and St. Louis .320.

Leading Pitchers.

Won Lost P.C.  
Kremer, Pittsburg . . . . .20 6 .769  
Hamel, St. Louis . . . . .13 4 .765  
Rhem, St. Louis . . . . .20 7 .741  
Meadows, Pittsburg . . . . .20 9 .690  
Reinhart, St. Louis . . . . .10 5 .667  
Rixley, Cincinnati . . . . .14 8 .636

American League

New York, Oct. 3—During 1926 a total of 242 players took part in American League games 188 of them appearing in more than 15 contests, while 54 appeared in less than 15 games.

"Hemie" Manush, Detroit was the leading batter with a percentage of .380, eight points in advance of Babe Ruth, New York. Manush is the second Detroit batter to lead in two years, Harry Hellmann having gained the leadership last year.

Ty Cobb, Detroit manager hit for a mark of .339 making the twenty-first season the fiery Georgian has hit over .300. He has done this in consecutive seasons and has passed the mark of Adrian ("Cap") Anson, who hit over .300 twenty times but did not do it consecutively.

By rapping out 47 home runs, Babe Ruth raised his mark of lifetime record to 356.

Leading abtmen.

Manush, Detroit .380; Ruth, New York, .372; Fothergill, Detroit, .364; Hellmann, Detroit, .363; Burns, Cleveland, .361; Goslin, Washington, .353; Wambsganns, Philadelphia, .352; Falk, Chicago, .344; Collins, Chicago .344; Simmons, Philadelphia .344; Rice, Washington, .339; Cobb, Detroit, .339; Mostil, Chicago .330; Schang, St. Louis .330; Miller Philadelphia and St. Louis .322; J. Sewell, Cleveland .321.

Leading Pitchers.

Won Lost P.C.  
Uhle, Cleveland . . . . .27 11 .711  
Pennock, New York . . . . .22 11 .667  
Shocker, New York . . . . .19 11 .633  
Faber, Chicago . . . . .15 9 .625  
Reuther, New York . . . . .14 9 .609  
Marberry, Wash'n . . . . .12 8 .600

Butcher—Anything else?  
Jones—Yes, I want a pound of liver—and include a dozen liver pills if it's as sick looking as he liver you gave me yesterday.

Smith—What do you do with your dull old razor blades?  
Jones—Shave with 'em.

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