

NEWS of SPORT

COBB USES YOU'RE ANOTHER DEFENCE

Says Everything Was Crooked in 1919 Even to Turnstiles—Signal Tipping Was Common Then.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 28—Back in 1919 at the time Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker and others are alleged to have planned to bet on a ball game, betting was common, said Cobb lately. Nothing was thought of it. It was not until the scandal involving the White Sox that betting became a crime.

Before that time club owners, as well as managers and players, bet all the time.

"I do not think it was any more wrong morally to bet on ball games, racing, bear fights or elephant skinning contests after 1919 than it was before," said Cobb today, "except that baseball authorities wrote their moral code that year. They wrote the code, but continued to violate it.

Clubs Cheated One Another.

Ty says it was common knowledge that turnstiles were set to cheat visiting clubs. He admits he never looked at a turnstile in his life, but he knows that it was generally accepted among the players that each club had turnstile fixers.

The visiting team is paid off on reading turnstiles. If they show that 1,000 passed through turnstile the home club pays off on that figure.

It didn't matter whether 1,500 passed through, the visiting club was paid for 1,000 the stiles showed. According to information available, each club owner knew he was being gyped at the stiles, and tried to even it up on his home grounds. "Figures won't lie" was their slogan, but stiles could be slowed up.

Quite a scandal resulted. It was not because fixing turnstiles was regarded as wrong entirely, but it appears that the magnates had a tough time vieing with each other in slowing them up enough.

It is not desirable to name parks which cheated on the registers. It is sufficient to say that it was done.

A travelling Secretary of the Detroit Baseball Club was smart enough to set private detectives to watch the entrances at one park, and discovered he was being cheated. The owner of the club, according to current gossip, is a highly respected magnate in organized baseball today.

Anything to Win Games.

It is only a few years ago that it was considered smart baseball to set up an intricate system of signalling what the opposing pitcher was going to throw. Tickers and flashlights were rigged up in centre field to signal the batter what the next ball would be. Some of the most respected managers in the major leagues are reputed to have done it. It was a cheat and a fraud, and, according to Cobb, Navin Field was not above adopting such tactics.

In view of this fact, it is small wonder that players began to gamble on the outcome of games. The whole thing seemed to be a gamble and it was encouraged by the tactics of the management. Men frankly bet on games in which they participated. Until after 1919 there was hardly a game played on which players did not bet. Betting on the ball field did not stop in 1919.

It hadn't stopped late last year. Personally Cobb says he tried to get a bet down that Heinie Manush could beat Leon Goslin in a race on the Washington ball park last season. It was raining and the game could not start on time. While the boys were waiting to see if the game could be played a foot race from plate to left field was arranged between Manush and Goslin.

All Hands Bet on This.

Cobb went down to the bench and tried to get \$10 or \$15 on Manush. He learned that the entire pool of \$350 had been over-subscribed, and he could not get his bet down. This was fortunate for him, for Manush lost. That story was telegraphed all over the country, and no protest was made, so far as the records show.

According to Ty Cobb, it was no more honest for Heinie Manush and Leon Goslin to run a foot race for a side bet of \$300 than it would have

Sussex Had to Play Overtime to Beat the Fredericton Team 4 to 3

Home Team Had Old-timers Out Again—Twenty Minutes Overtime Before Result Was Decided—Clark Had to Retire From Game.

Sussex, Dec. 28—Two ten minute periods of overtime were necessary here tonight to decide a winner between Fredericton and Sussex, when the Dairy Town boys finally pulled out ahead with a narrow margin of one goal. The final count was 4 to 3.

Six hundred fans thronged the local Arena to witness the game, which was fast from start to finish, featured by clever stick handling and straight shooting.

Each team scored a goal in the first period. Keenan, of Fredericton, being the first to score in 13 minutes. H. Radcliff, with his old time speed and head work, equalled the score in 16 minutes play. There were no further goals in this period, although both goal keepers were frequently called upon to save and both played a remarkable game.

Second Period.

In the second period Chalmers, for Fredericton, made the first tally in three minutes. Hunter followed with a nice shot in five minutes and in six and a half minutes repeated again. This ended the scoring in this period which was somewhat slower than the first.

Two slight accidents occurred during second period. Clark, of Fredericton, slid into the board, injuring his head and had to be replaced. Shortly after Keenan was accidentally struck in the face with a stick but was able to go on.

Third Period.

The third period was a clever exhibition on the part of both teams, Sussex showing great determination to hold their lead, while Fredericton were equally determined to notch the tying goal, which Steen successfully accomplished two minutes before the gong rang. In the first ten minutes of overtime there was no score and it was left for H. Radcliff to make the winning shot, four and a half minutes after the second stanza of overtime.

Fredericton has a speedy team. Steen and Hickson on the defence and Keene, who played wing, were the stars. For Sussex Roach at goal put up a splendid game, while Hay played in old time form. H. Radcliff and Lutz played remarkably well.

The line-up follows:

| Fredericton | Sussex |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Goal | Roach |
| Defence | |
| Hickson | |
| Sterling | Hay |
| Steen | P. Radcliff |
| Centre | |
| Chalmers | H. Radcliff |
| Right Wing | |
| Clark | Lutz |
| Left Wing | |
| Keene | Hunter |
| Forwards | |
| Keenan | M. Radcliff |
| Wade | Friers |
| Lynch | Wade |
| Jack Brown of Moncton, refereed | |

satisfactory to both teams.

LEGLESS MAN IN CATALINA SWIM

Los Angeles, Dec. 28—Charles Zimm, of Oakland, who is legless, has entered the \$40,000 Catalina Channel free-for-all swim on January 15.

been for the Tigers to have taken the same subscription and bet it on themselves to win ball games, though that, of course, was not done.

When Ty Cobb said that prior to 1919 the management of baseball condoned gambling he meant just this—that they all knew of the signal tipping, the early announcement of pitching selection, the fixing of turnstile, and other methods of gaining an advantage.

| SOUTHERN N. B. LEAGUE | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|------|------|------|
| | Won | Lost | Tied | Pts. |
| Moncton | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Sussex | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Fredericton | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Saint John | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

HISTORIC GAME OF RUGBY WITH SIXTEEN MEN

Present Lieut. Governor of Ontario Played in Such Game With the Halifax Wanderers in 1891.

The Acadian Recorder says:

Hon. W. D. Ross, who has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, to the great delight of Nova Scotians, was not only a prominent forward of the Wanderers football team, but took part in the famous disputed game of thirty-five years ago, when the Wanderers through a misunderstanding played sixteen men. The game which was with Dalhousie College, took place on Thanksgiving Day in 1891. A Wanderers player who intended to go away for the holidays, held his place with the team, as usual, not knowing of any substitute. G. C. Hart had been invited by a member of the Club to take his place, was on hand, and did not know of the other player being present. Both took their places on the forward line, playing the entire game, and the discovery that they had played 16 men was not made until later, the facts coming out in conversation, and the next morning a member of the W. A. A. C. notified the League Committee of the fact.

The Wanderers' team besides Lieut. Gov. Ross, included W. A. Henry, A. M. Bauld, W. G. Robertson, J. Norwood Duffus, Harold Oxley, Frank Grierson, H. W. Johnson, D. R. Clarke, W. B. McDonald, E. Duffus, A. A. McKay, G. C. Hart, A. Harley, A. Acklom and G. A. Tracey.

Dalhousie's team consisted of Crosby, E. Bill, Graham (the present Justice Graham), Willard Thompson, Fraser, Johnson, Gordon, J. D. Logan Mackintosh, Dixon, Webster, McKay, Shaw, J. W. Logan and Harold Putnam.

Dr. Guy Carleton Jones was referee; G. S. Troop was touch line judge for Wanderers, and J. A. McKinnon for Dalhousie. The Wanderers won two tries to one. W. A. Henry scored both tries for the Wanderers, and J. D. Logan the other.

Among those who played with the Wanderers that year were G. C. Cassels, now manager of the Bank of Montreal in London; R. McColl and J. G. MacKintosh.

TOLD M'GRAW ABOUT POSITION

John McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, is often made the target of letters from bushers. He usually got quite a laugh out of them, but one persistent seeker for a job got on his nerves.

McGraw broke all the existing customs and wrote the youngster as follows:

"How could I consider you? I don't even know your position."

A few days later a package addressed to Manager McGraw arrived at the New York headquarters.

The photograph inside showed a young sap neatly clad in a baseball uniform such as is awarded as a premium with a carton of cigars. The young man had his hands on his knees.

And the letter was brief. "Enclosed is my position," he wrote. "Please mail transportation."

CHICAGO FANS EXPECTED FRENCH SPEAKING TEAM

Canadiens Were a Surprise to Them—One Writer Stated Club Interpreter Was Carried Along.

Montreal, Dec. 28—Chicago sport writers had some funny ideas about the Canadian Hockey Club players before they played last week, but they began to become doubtful about the truth of what they had been told during the game, it is learned with the return of the tri-colored squad from its victorious tour of three cities.

When the Flying Frenchmen arrived in the Windy City they found that the people there were being given some strange information about them. One enthusiastic scribe in particular announced that this was a team "from the French colony of Montreal," and that "very few players could speak English." In fact, he went on to say that the club carried "its own interpreter on each trip," and that "the manager gave his signals during the game in French, in order that he might keep secret his instructions from the opposing sextette."

It took Aurel Joliat to dispel some of these reports. The game had been on some time and Joliat was getting a rest. The diminutive left winger had his heart right in that game and he was watching every move intently. As one of the team mates made what he considered a false move, he shouted right out at him at the top of his voice in no uncertain manner.

"Some of them speak English," piped a surprised voice from the press seats to the rear of the bench, and Trainer Eddie Dufour smilingly assured him of the fact.

TIRED OTTAWA TEAM NOSED OUT N. Y. RANGERS

New York, Dec. 28—Ottawa took the ice against the New York Rangers here tonight and, aided and abetted by three valuable substitutes, came off with a 3 to 2 victory, despite the fact that they had been outplayed practically throughout the game.

The Rangers put up one of their best displays of the season here. On the other hand the team from the Canadian capital appeared worn out. Clancy, Boucher, Nighbor, all failed to show any of their real form. The subs came to the rescue, however, and their plugging finally gave the barber-poled outfit the laurels. Over 10,000 witnessed the game.

MONEY-WON CLASSIFICATION IS ADOPTED

Toronto, Dec. 28—The second annual meet of the Dominion Harness Horse Association, held here last night, relegated the absolute record system of classifying horses and henceforth the horses on tracks in membership with the Dominion Association will be classified according to the amount of money won.

The president in his address outlined the progress of the association during the last season. The financial statement was satisfactory to the members.

Officers elected: President, J. H. Locke, Toronto; vice president, J. W. Curran, Toronto; second vice president, Dr. Whiteley, Goderich; third vice president, J. Meade, Toronto; fourth vice president, J. Perry, Toronto; secretary, J. W. Palmer, Richmond Hill; treasurer, A. R. Ecclestone, Toronto.

Vancouver, Dec. 28—A local representative rugby team defeated Stanford University, California aggregation, here Saturday, 8 points to 5. The game was played on a field made slippery by snow.

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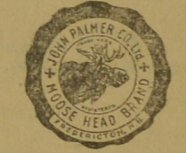
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