

# NEWS of SPORT

## CALEDONIA WANTS NEUTRAL FIELD IN 1927

**Halifax Should Not Have Everything — Give Wanderers Credit of Being Able Team With Advantages.**

The Glace Bay Gazette re the Caledonia-Wanderers playoff makes a suggestion which certainly should be followed in a playoff series. It is:—

"Next season if Caledonia can get the Wanderers away from their own back yard they would at least have an even break for the McCurdy Cup. The Caledonia boys are not kicking at the outcome of Saturday's game, but they contend that the Wanderers should have at least agreed to play for the cup on neutral grounds."

### Opinion of Wanderers.

The same paper expresses the following opinion of the Wanderers:—

"Apart from native ability, there was really no comparison between the Caledonians and the Wanderers. The latter have a tremendous advantage in environment, which fact enables them not only to secure superior coaching but to meet numerous first class teams in fact most of the best teams in Eastern Canada. Their friends are of the opinion that had they had the same opportunities for training and practice that the Wanderers have had, and of being pitted frequently against first-rate players, the result of Saturday would have been different."

### Two Players Hurt.

In Saturday's game against Caledonia, Dr. Murray Logan of Wanderers had a rib broken and his leg badly bruised, and F. Shaw also had a rib broken in the first half. Both players however showed their gameness by not only continuing their play, but were important factors in the victory.

## U. S. FOOTBALL IS LESS FATAL

New York, Dec. 2.—Football with a toll of eight deaths and 200 serious injuries in the United States proved less fatal during the season just closed than in 1925, when 20 youths died of hurts received on the gridiron. The badly injured numbered only 50 in 1925, however.

The average age of youth who died from football hurts is again 19 years as in previous seasons. While formerly at least one man has died each year on the gridiron, each death occurred in a hospital in 1926. A broken neck, once considered certain to cause death, was less fatal this year, three persons recovering from the injury. One youth, in upper New York competed this season after suffering a broken neck a year ago.

The bulk of major injuries that forced players from contests for three weeks or more consisted of broken shoulders, arms, legs, ankles, wrists and ribs. Regular physical examinations tended to reduce the number of deaths resulting from physical defects.

## COLLINS MAY LEAD THE REDS

Cleveland, Dec. 2.—Following the announcement by Tris Speaker that he had resigned as manager of the Cleveland Indians and was through with baseball for good, Cleveland baseball fans began casting about for a possible successor of the famous Texan.

Jack Macallister, who has been with the Indians for twelve years as scout, coach and assistant manager, is regarded as a likely successor to Speaker. Eddie Collins, who recently was released as pilot of the White Sox, has also been mentioned.

## HOCKEY NOW MAJOR SPORT

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 2.—Hockey is to be made a major sport by Yale, the first time a large American university has given the game the high classification. A feature of the schedule for the coming season will be with Notre Dame in Madison Square Garden, New York on January 8. The Notre Dame hockey team will make its first appearance in the East.

## CANADIENS CHECK ST. PATS BY SHUTOUT

**Habitant Team Came Back Winning 2 to 0—Morenz Not in the Game.**

Montreal, Dec. 2.—The spirited dash of Toronto St. Patrick's in the National Hockey League was halted here tonight when the Canadiens defeated them 2 to 0.

The locals came back to the form promised a few games ago and their forwards played their usual lightning game in front of a tightened defence. The likewise fast Irish couldn't get by Leduc and Gardiner, or Moran.

Pete Lepine, playing the regular centre berth while Howie Morenz was going easy on his bad knee, opened the scoring column after three minutes of the opening period on a pass from Gardiner in front of the nets after the latter had cleared a rush on his own goal and went up centre ice. Joliat showed his old elusiveness in getting around Corbeau for the second and final score near the close of the second period. St. Pats made a supreme effort to grasp victory in the final session, but the Habitant defence and fast moving forwards were too much. Their spirited forwards were a menace throughout and Hainsworth was called upon to make some brilliant saves.

Howie Morenz the flashy centre did not start up tonight's game.

### The line-up:—

Canadiens	Goal	St. Patrick's
Hainsworth	.....	Roach
	Defense	
Gardiner	.....	McCaffrey
Leduc	.....	Corbeau
	Centre	
Lepine	.....	Carson
	Wing	
Joliat	.....	Bailey
Boucher	.....	Day
	Substitutes	
Morenz	.....	Bourgeault
Mantha	.....	Brydges
Moran	.....	Bellefeuille
Gagne	.....	Cox
Larochele	.....	Denneny

Summary:  
First period—1, Canadiens, Lepine 6.01.  
Second period—Canadiens, Joliat, 17.11.  
Third period—No score.  
Penalties—First period, Mantha; second period, Leduc, Corbeau, Lepine; third period, McCaffrey, Bellefeuille, Lepine and Bourgeault.

## C. A. H. A. AND N. H. L. AGREE ON RINK MARKING

Toronto, Dec. 2.—President Frank Calder, acting for the National Hockey League and other professional organizations, and W. A. Hewitt, Chairman of the Rules Committee, acting for the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, have agreed on a plan to have these in all hockey rinks under the jurisdiction of these two organizations marked the same for both amateur and professional hockey games.

On all rinks 200 feet or over in length the blue lines will be sixty feet from the goal line; on all smaller rinks the blue lines will be one-third the distance between the goal lines.

There is no change whatever in the playing rules of either the National Hockey League or the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, but the marking of the ice is the first step towards obtaining uniformity in the rules for the game of hockey.

All rinks must be marked this winter according to the new regulations. In the C. A. H. A. rules there is no offside for the defending team in the defence area, the same rules as last season in this regard prevailing.

Here are some figures we found in print: "Five years ago there were 5,000 hair dressing shops in the United States; now there are 22,000." And the remarkable thing about it is that there is less hair to dress.

## BILL CARRIGAN WELCOME TO FANS OF BOSTON

**Will Try to Get Heinie Wagner to Join Red Sox as Assistant Manager.**

Boston, Dec. 2.—Bill Carrigan has signed to manage the Red Sox for 1927 and 1928. Out of baseball since the fall of 1916, Carrigan talked with President Robert Quinn of the Boston Club for five minutes at Fenway Park and then agreed to sign.

To Boston fans Carrigan is one of the biggest men in baseball, the great manager of the Red Sox during the Joe Lannin regime, who led his team to World Series titles in 1915 and 1916. Accordingly his consent to come back and manage the team is being hailed with enthusiasm.

Carrigan comes to manage a cellar team, but Quinn believes, as do others, that the Sox are far from hopeless, and that under the guidance of a man of ability and character such as Carrigan happier days are around the corner for the Fenway Park faithful.

### Accumulates Fortune.

When Carrigan retired from big league baseball he was rated one of the game's wealthiest players, in a class only with Ty Cobb at that time. He went into the banking business at Lewiston, Maine, his home and was in a large lumber syndicate. Now he is reputed to be wealthier than ever, but for some years has withdrawn from an active part in banking or other enterprises. It is said his wife did not want him to return to baseball, but now she is quite content for him to return to the game.

Nothing was said about the money involved in today's transaction, but it seems assured that it is much heavier than the amount involved in taking care of any manager any Red Sox team ever had. He turned down \$25,000 a year from President Harry Frazee, and also turned down offers from the New York Americans when Colonel Houston and Colonel Ruppert were looking for a manager. President Quinn, however, made no statement of the terms.

### Wants "Heinie" Wagner Back.

It took Joe Conway, President of a sporting concern in Boston, an old friend of Carrigan's, many trips to Maine, interspersed with much persuasiveness, to get Carrigan even to consider the job. Love of the game was unquestionably the determining factor in his return.

Carrigan said that he would make an effort to get "Heinie" Wagner, his old shortstop and pal, to leave his lumber activities at New Rochelle, N. Y., and come back to the Red Sox as assistant manager. Quinn made it plain that Carrigan will be the man to pick his assistants.

## CALIFORNIA HOCKEY UNDER N. H. L. RULES

Montreal, Dec. 2.—California professional hockey players are to be governed by National Hockey League rules.

This was the official information received this morning by President Frank Calder, who incidentally has been invited to take a little trip to Los Angeles and face the puck at the official opening a week from today.

## THREE BLIND MICE ON WESTERN COLLEGE TEAM

Cleveland, O., Dec. 2.—Notre Dame had its "Four Horsemen," Penn its "Four Magicians," and John Carroll University boasted during the season just ended of its "Three Blind Mice."

Pat McDonnell, playing in the backfield, and Bill Herzog and Dick Quinn, who held down the first positions at tackle, were totally blind in the left eye.

McDonnell and Quinn injured their eyes in football games in previous years, while Herzog's blindness grew out of eye strain during high school days.

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL TENDS TO MASS PLAY

**So-called Open Play Going Into Discard — Field Goal Used More Generally for Scoring.**

New York, Dec. 2.—The attack in football, after a brief forward surge last year, again has felt the checking influence of sturdier defensive work. Records for the season just closed reveal the average scoring power of college teams throughout the country to be at its lowest ebb in five years.

These figures, covering the regular campaigns of 120 representative aggregations in all sectors of the gridiron front, show a grand total of 13,960 points in 917 games.

The decrease in the average game score also is notable for the five-year period, scaling from 19 to 14.6 points, but the latter figure represents a slight advance over the 1924 average, which was 14.5. There has been comparatively little change in the game average, in fact, over a four-year stretch.

### Passing Attacks Weak.

The downward scoring trend for 1926 may be traced directly to the general ineffectiveness of passing attacks that flourished last season on a wide scale, to the increased emphasis upon all-around team defense and to the development of more close order attacks. There were plenty of thrills for those who like the features of the "open game" and the pass, but, among major teams, there was a distinct return to the more old-fashioned running games, with variations, and to the use of the field goal as a vital scoring weapon.

Analysis of the team figures discloses 38 games decided by field goals and 25 by the margin of a single point after touchdown, both totals setting new records. Safeties were the only scores in four contests, while 30 ties many of them in the most important games, were recorded.

## JIM MALONEY BEAT GERMAN

New York, Dec. 2.—Jimmy Maloney, new Boston strong boy, battered Franz Diener, of Germany to defeat in a fierce ten-round final bout of Tex Rickard's heavyweight elimination tournament tonight. Diener was battered continually under a hail of smashing punches, but managed to keep his feet throughout. Maloney weighed 201; Diener 186.

## WEIGAND GOT K. O. IN FIRST

New York, Dec. 2.—Art Weigand Buffalo southpaw scored a one round knockout over Al Rood, New York battler, in the first of four ten round contests in Tex Rickard's heavyweight elimination tournament tonight. A flock of crashing left hooks to the head floored Rood for the long count after 2 minutes and 42 seconds of fighting. Weigand weighed 176 1-2; Rood 181.



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