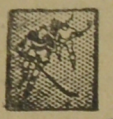




# SPORT



## On the Sidelines

Rugby in New York earns almost a column of space in the sport pages these days, indicating a pick-up in interest in the English brand of football. On Saturday the New York Rugby Club proved too experienced for the ruggers from Long Island University, defeating them 21 to 0 on a slippery field.

There is only one manager in the nine-club National Hockey loop who was not rated as a star hockey player. He is Tommy Gorman, manager of the Maroons. Gorman was a good Lacrosse player and once was selected on an all-Canadian team to tour England.

A new high-powered rifle is being perfected in United States rifle shooting circles. The rifle is a new automatic, which although it is no heavier than the present .30 calibre magazine type, can be shot three times as fast and with much less wear and tear on the user. Developments in small arms ammunition opments in small arms ammunition too, have doubled on the range of the normal bullet. All this sounds more like a war than it does sport.

If Bill Brown, New York State Athletic Commissioner, has his way with his confreres, Brigadier-General John J. Phelan and D. Walker Wear, Max Schmeling's next bout will be with James J. Braddock and not with Max Baer. The white-haired sage sees no reason why the German deserves the championship shot without first eliminating the sharpshooting Irishman, who surprisingly punished Art Lasky in Madison Square Garden on Friday night. This stand of Brown, coupled with the fine showing of Braddock against Minnesota's pride, upsets James J. Johnston's astutely laid plans for the summer, yet it presents the Garden with another chance to make money. The feeling among the critics is that Joe Jacobs, Schmeling's manager, has a contract with the Garden for the German to fight Baer for the championship in June, notwithstanding results in the recent elimination series. Johnston will probably reveal the presence of this document at the commission meeting today. Thereupon Brown will exert his influence and command the German's appearance against the New Jersey Irishman, the first of that race to become prominent in heavyweight circles since Gene Tunney stepped down. Joe Jacobs declared that his fighter will meet no one except the champion.

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## BUNNY AUSTIN'S WIFE BARES NET AMATEUR'S LIFE

All Work and No Pay,  
Declare Wife of British  
Star--Give Best Part of  
Life to the Game.

It has been left to pretty Mrs. H. W. Austin, petite actress-wife of Bunny Austin, Britain's No. 2 net star, to put the dollars and cents of amateur tennis squarely before the public and explain why the world's leading racket wielders are seeking relaxation of the amateur rules forbidding them to play for money.

For months she has been "amused" at stories of fantastic fortunes allegedly being made by tennis "shameless." Now she thinks the time has come to tell the world that the amateur net game takes the best years of a man's life without giving him anything in return but newspaper headlines and trophies.

"It costs plenty to maintain status as a front rank star; the expenses are high and the returns small," was the theme of a letter addressed to newspapers by Mrs. Austin.

He Gives Up All

"The life of a prominent player entails innumerable sacrifices," she wrote. "He must give up all ordinary amusements, be away from home for weeks at a time, diet himself persistently and observe the strictest training. Travelling frequently all over the world is not as amusing as the public may believe and the expenses are extremely high.

"His travelling and hotel costs are only paid when he is representing his country, and even then they do not cover the minimum outlay. At small tournaments he must pay for every penny of his expenses, including entrance fees, hotel accommodation and railroad fares.

"Such players as Fred Perry and my husband are giving up the best years of their lives to the game and they are not making a penny profit out of it.

And Gets Nothing

"People talk glibly of amateurs receiving retaining fees from racket makers and athletic stores. The answer to such gossip is that my husband has never received any such fees and that in order to remain an amateur he has turned down good business offers.

## Ralph Bellamy Pays Series Bet After 15 Years

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Mar. 26—A 15-year-old wager on the 1920 World Series between Cleveland and Brooklyn was paid today.

It was a \$10 bill, collected by Thomas Rickson, New Orleans insurance salesman, from Ralph Bellamy, film actor.

Stan Coveleskie was pitching against Burleigh Grimes, Rickson said, and I noticed the fellow next to me was pulling as hard for Brooklyn as I was for Cleveland. We bet \$10. In the excitement after the game—the score was 3 to 0—I forgot to collect.

He said he recognized Bellamy several years later, when he saw the actor in the pictures.

Bellamy bought Rickson a new hat for interest on the bet.

## YOUNG RIVALS FOR THE CROWN OF BOUCHER

There are two young hockey players in Toronto who may, some day, give the judges who pick the National League's Lady Byng trophywinner a headache if they ever make the "big time."

They are Ross MacTavish, aged 15, and "Bill" Gibb, aged 14, voted the most gentlemanly players in their divisions in the Winnipeg Midget Hockey League. MacTavish, who stars on left wing for Panthers of the "A" division, and Gibb, who patrols right wing for Excelsiors in the "B" group, have never served a penalty in five years of hockey.

MacTavish played two years with Queenston, in the Winnipeg Playgrounds League and with Panther paperweights and flyweights. Gibb played with Church-Andrews, in the Playgrounds League, for three seasons and with Excelsior flyweights last season.

"If such suggestions were true, and amateurs were able to make vast profits, why should Perry have ever considered turning professional, or my husband have consistently declared that that there must be professionals as well as amateurs in the game?"

"If Perry and my husband were actors who drew crowds of the same size to see them perform they would earn thousands of dollars a week. As it is they are paid nothing.

## A GAME GUY, MAX SCHMELING IS ON WAY TO TOP

Defeat of Steve Hamas  
Puts German on Path  
To Title Fight With the  
Champion, Max Baer.

When Max Schmeling stopped Steve Hamas he punched holes in Jimmy Johnston's embryonic elimination tournament and put himself right into the Garden Bowl with Max Baer, for in view of what happened in Hamburg the other heavyweights will have to wait. The Black Uhlan has come riding back.

Johnston, proceeding on the theory that Schmeling or Hamas would win by a narrow margin, had planned to toss the winner into the scramble indulged in by Carnera, Impellittere, Lasky and Braddock, but the smashing victory scored by the German knocked the props from under such a plan. Jimmy hasn't said so as yet, but it is inevitable that he will. Max Schmeling has shown him a short-cut to the biggest fight gate a fight has drawn since Dempsey used to put the dollars into the camper a million at a clip.

A Baer-Schmeling bout is a natural now, even if the German once did go down before the raking fire of the champion. He was beaten by Hamas once, too, but that night he wasn't the fighter he must have been in Hamburg recently. The great struggle he waged against Baer—he was moving out in front when Baer nailed him with a looping right hand in the 11th round—plus the decisive fashion in which he belted out Hamas, places him far ahead of the fumbling Carnera and Braddock, who put Lasky out of the running Friday night when the New Jersey fighter made one of the greatest comeback fights seen by a New York sport gathering.

As a matter of fact, the situation could not have been more suitably arranged for Johnston if Jimmy had arranged it himself. He loses a couple of elimination bouts of doubtful drawing value and gains a title bout that will need very little ballyhooing, if any, to fill the Bowl to the rim. Anell Hoffman has been saying all along that the only one of the contenders who had a chance with Baer was Schmeling. Few doubted him at any time, but now everybody agrees that he has the right idea.

The manner in which Schmeling has hammered his way back after heart-breaking defeats by Baer and Hamas give him a better chance to regain the title than any former champion has had in a long while. He threw away the Baer fight by letting Baer take pot shots at him in the first round and he isn't likely to do that again. He knows now that Max can punch, and if Max (Baer) isn't in better shape for him than he was for Carnera the old gag about champions never coming back may be riddled out there under the stars some night in June—or whenever Johnston decides to hold the match that was made in Germany.

Incidentally, if you're looking around for a game guy, you could do worse than to pick Schmeling for your model. The young man's whole career is an object lesson for those who are tempted to run at the first sign of a bad break against them. Max first had to learn about fighting the hard way, because he had no one to teach him or help him in any way when he was a kid in Hamburg and had his imagination fired by a shadow of Dempsey on the screen. He won the championship on a foul, lost it on a hotly disputed decision, was knocked out by Baer and blew a decision to Hamas. After all that the average fighter would have been ready to give up, but it was after that that Schmeling really began to fight. In his last two engagements he dismantled Neu-

## Canzoneri - Genio Called Off by the Jimmy Johnston

Negotiations for a lightweight bout between Tony Canzoneri and Leonard Del Genio for this Friday night fell through and there will be no Garden bout this week. Del Genio was willing, but the former champion peevish because Ambers had stepped into the Ross bout, refused to meet the youngster unless the financial intake was greater than Johnston wanted to guarantee. Johnston turned down the demands and the Garden will be dark Friday night.

Originally Johnston planned to pit the two elimination winners, Carnera and Braddock in the Garden ring, April 6, the last open date before the circus moves in, but Carnera jumping to the Mike Jacobs - Milk Fund camp spoiled those plans.

## "PIE" TRAYNOR PICKS PIRATES IN THE LEAD

Recent Trade Brings  
Big Jim Weaver and  
Guy Bush and Herman  
to Bolster Pirates.

March 26—The Pittsburgh Pirates in the first few weeks of the National League pennant race will run 1-2-3. In the closing weeks of the season they will also 1-2-3—probably first.

That today was the confident prediction of their manager, "Pie" Traynor.

He is still bubbling over with satisfaction at the deal in which Freddie Lindstrom and Larry French went to the Chicago Cubs in exchange for Jim Weaver, Guy Bush and Babe Hermann.

"With Hermann and the Warners, Pittsburgh will have the strongest offensive outfield in the National League", Traynor beamed.

Hans Wagner, greatest of the great diamond stars, now a member of the Pirates' "board of strategy", also was pleased with the trade.

"Weaver and Bush are going to strengthen our pitching", said Wagner. Then we have three youngsters who are ready for the big show. They are Berkhofer, who came from Albany of the International League; Osborne of the San Francisco Missions of the Pacific Coast League, and Cy Blanton of Albany, N. Y., and Tulsa, Okla.

"We certainly got the better of the trade with the Cubs—and the Cubs believe they got the best of it, so there you are.

"One thing is certain and that is, while Lindstrom is a fine boy and a

sel, who had seemed to be punch-proof up to that time, and battered Hamas lopsided.

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## Yanks Depend On Speed for 1935 Baseball Season

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Mar. 26—The Yankee machine, once a juggernaut that wrecked the opposition with irresistible power, is looming as a streamline model this year. It is built for speed, which is something new in the way of Yankee teams.

Chief Scout Paul Kritchell, resting in the dugout today after warming up the pitchers who were to work in batting practice, pointed to the bustling diamond, where the infield was alive with players and the outfield dotted with picket men pulling down fungoes hit by Coach Joey Sewell.

"There's real speed out there," said Kritchell, "more than I've ever seen on this club before. Look at that Hill. He can fly. And Chapman, Selkirk, Hoag, Walker and Rolfe. Old Combsie can slow down a lot and still be faster than half the fellows in our league, too," he added.

"What club in our league has more speed?" asked Kritchell.

At that moment—and up to this moment—none of his listeners could give him an answer.

"I'll bet no team can get a relay team together that can beat the relay team we could make up. I'll pick Chapman, Hill, Selkirk and Rolfe—yes, Rolfe; he moves faster than you think he's going—and then sit back and watch any one beat 'em."

All Kritchell says is true. Jesse Hill, the 26-year-old Californian recalled from Newark may turn out to be the fastest man in the league. Already there is a controversy raging in camp as to whether Chapman or Hill is the faster.

great ball player, he will not be missed in our outfield with Herman playing in his place. Babe's big stick is going to win a lot of ball games for the Pirates and he is showing great improvement in his fielding.

Wagner prophesied the National League race would be among the Pirates, Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals.

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