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On the Sidelines

Only five teams remain in the scramble for the Allan Cup. These are North Battleford and Port Arthur in the West, Toronto All-Stars in Ontario, and Royals in Quebec and Halifax Wolverines in the Maritimes. In Montreal the opinion is that the winner of the Royals-Toronto series will be favored to cop the cup and start travels after the North American amateur title at New York and the Olympic championships next winter at Berlin, Germany. The Upper Canadians should have learned by this time not to take the Maritime entry too lightly. For the past couple of years it has been all Maritimes!

Eusobe Daigneault, referee of the second play-off game between the Boston Bruins and Toronto Leafs, was the target of a big laugh after the game. It seems that King Clancy, defence star of the Leafs, aroused the big laugh when he shyly admitted that he took a graceful swan dive when Babe Siebert was alleged to have tripped him. Daigneault chased the Bruins' defence man off the ice two minutes and the Leafs rallied to crack home both goals by Charlie Conacher and Harvey Jackson.

"That's one time I fooled the officials," laughed Clancy, "but I'm not even with them yet, for they've fooled me repeatedly."

Clancy's story of his dive aroused the Bruins to a new fighting pitch, but on some sides his story was discounted.

"He's just trying to get our goats," popped up one of the Bruins' stars, who was smart enough to realize that Clancy was trying to spur the Bruins to cut loose with plenty of rough stuff in the rest of the series.

A club like Maroons or Canadiens composed of an orderly quiet lot of fellows has no very hard or fast training rules, says the Montreal Star. The players may smoke as much as they wish. If they smoke too much it shows in their lack of wind and they are cautioned to tone down on the fags. They are not allowed to drink but an occasional bottle of beer is considered harmless, but Gorman for instance is a quick cracker-downer on this practice if carried too far. He does not mind if it is done in moderation, and according to specifications which are that two fistful drinking is out, and that it must be done very lightly. Canadiens allowed beer in their dressing room after the game, a custom in the club ever since the present owners took charge. They figure that by allowing a little leeway in this regard there will be no tendency to break the rigid rule that no beer is allowed at other times.

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Red and Black Nosed Out of Title

Acadia Wins Maritime College Court Title, 37 to 36, in Close Title Game at Saint John

SAINT JOHN, N. B., March 30 — The Red and Blue standard-bearers of Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S., are today supreme in the Maritime intercollegiate basketball sphere.

Last night in one of the stiffest cage battles ever fought on a local floor, they edged U. N. B. five of Fredericton by one point for a 37-36 victory. The "sudden death" encounter for supremacy was played on High School court.

With less than a minute to go before the final whistle likely, with a foul shot, put U. N. B. within one point of the champions. With but 25 seconds left to play it rested with big Bob Davis, centre of the Red and Black, whether a tie would result, necessitating overtime, but Bob failed to come through when he failed to make his shot good for being fouled.

It was a close fight all the way one collegian hand taking the lead and then the other.

Sid Thomas, spearhead of the U. N. B. attack, who played an outstanding game on the guard line, caged five field goals and two foul tosses, which gave him 12 points, while Donaldson placed third with 10 more for U. N. B.

U. N. B. took the lead shortly after the opening whistle when Lilley caged a basket. A few seconds later he was fouled but failed to make the point. Ellsworth missed a foul shot before Holgate came through with a field goal to tie the count. Thomas, on a long range shot, rapped the twines to put Red and Black in the lead, but Ralston tied the score with a nice shot that dribbled through the twines from the side court.

Thomas put U. N. B. in front again but MacLeod and Holgate evened it and then took the lead with two nice baskets. Holgate added another, a fluke shot that hit the top of the backboard and then dropped through the twines.

Acadia—	F.G.	F.	Pts.
Ralston, f	4	1	9
Cameron, f	0	0	0
MacDonald, f	0	0	0

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Rookies To Get His Big Chance

STAFFORD SPRINGS, Ct., Mar. 30—Harold "Kid" Connors was en route today to join the St. Louis Cardinals at the Ashville, N. C., training camp. He has averaged 12 strikeouts per game and 15 victories per season for seven years. Connors is 20 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall and a lefthanded batter. He did some brilliant pitching for the Worker's Co-operative Union team here last season.

FRISCH MAY HAVE TROUBLE WITH HIS CARDS

Dizzy Dean Started Row Last Spring When He 'Popped Off' at Spring Training Camp.

Frank Frisch probably has some problems to solve as he goes about getting the Cardinals into shape for the attempt to win another pennant, but beyond that of preventing his players from becoming overconfident none of the problems is very obvious. Last spring Frank was not as fortunately placed as he is as this is written.

It was at Bradenton last year that the bickering and squabbling on the club, which was later to assume rather serious proportions, got under way as a result of a remark by not always tactful Dizzy Dean. Somebody had asked Dizzy how many games he thought each Cardinal pitcher would win and Dizz, generous in his allotment of victories to himself, his brother Daffy, Bill Walker and Bill Hallahan, had almost run out of the 154 games at his disposal by the time he got around to Tex Carleton, and when that was reported to Tex the battle was on. Childish as it seems in retrospect—childish as it was at the time, for that matter—the row was begun on a club already split three ways by those who thought Gabby Street should have been retained, those who would have preferred having Jimmy Wilson named as Street's successor, and those who had sworn allegiance to Frisch.

By the time the season was well under way the discord resounded in clubhouse and dugout. It is a tribute to the Cardinals that, after fighting among themselves for a good part of the season, they had enough fighting spirit left to go out and lick everybody in sight, including the Tigers—and it is a tribute to Frisch's skill as a manager that he was able to harness this fighting spirit in a crisis and turn it to his advantage.

What the Mdivani lad will do, after the five-and-ten heiress divorces him is not clear, unless it's to look around in some of the better stores.

Ideson, f	1	0	2
Holgate, c	6	4	16
Larrabee, c	0	0	0
Ellsworth, g	0	1	1
MacLeod, g	4	1	9
Lockhart, g	0	0	0

Total	15	7	37
U. N. B.—	F.G.	F.	Pts.
Inch, f	2	1	5
Donaldson, f	5	0	10
Likely, f	0	1	1
Davis, c	1	2	4
Thomas, g	5	2	12
Lilley, g	1	0	2
Cuthbertson, g	1	0	2
Total	15	6	36

GET N. B. TITLE

Woodstock, N. B., March 29— The St. John Trojans won the senior basketball championship of New Brunswick here tonight. Although they lost to the Woodstock Senators, last year's champions, 41 to 34, they won the final round 80 to 74 by virtue of a victory at Saint John the first game.

Hockey Scores

Allan Cup Playdown:

North Battleford 8, Port Arthur 2 (Western final. First of three-game series).

Montreal Royals 9, Toronto All-Stars 2. (First of three-game series for right to meet Halifax Wolverines in the Allan Cup semi-finals).

Saint John Series

St. Peter's 7, Beavers 2.

SCHEDULED TONIGHT

N. H. L. Playdowns

Boston Bruins at Toronto.

Stanley Cup Semi-Finals

New York Rangers at Montreal Maroons.

SPEED KING IS HONORED

WASHINGTON, March 30—The United States and Great Britain share so great a friendship they never go to war, Sir Malcolm Campbell, famous British auto speed king declared today on the steps of the Capitol after receiving a silver plaque from the hands of Vice-President Garner.

The silver plaque was donated by the city of Daytona Beach, Fla., where Sir Malcolm has been racing his gigantic Blue Bird car. He set a world's record of 276.816 miles per hour.

A Tennessee sherr makes his arrests by calling up people he wants and requesting them to come see him. "I want you to come to the jail," he says courteously, "and I have a six-shooter here that says you will."

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SPORT WRITER TELLS HOW HOUSE OF DAVIDS CAMPAIGN

Cy Peterman, Philadelphia Scribe, Comments On the Long-Whiskered Boys and Their Habits, Good Players Afeld, He Writes.

(By Cy Peterman)

FORT MYERS, Fla., March 30— Legend has it that the Biblical Samson derived his mighty power through his hair. I always took that yarn with reservations until I heard about whiskers yesterday from a group who should know.

Perhaps they aren't so devout as the cult name it implies, but the House of David ball players certainly look like latter day saints. Facially, the Apostles themselves don't appear more evangelistic. But there is more than appearance in those beards.

"Don't you birds ever feel the urge to call a general strike, walk into a barber shop some hot day, and come clean with yourselves?" I put the question squarely to Bill Steineke, a converted catcher who plays third base, and who spent the winter in Scranton, Penn., raising a beard. Bill Steineke's bush has the architectural features of Charles Evans Hughes' but the tint is a mellow brown. He says it took him three months to vegetate his phiz.

"These aren't half as uncomfortable as you'd imagine," said Bill. "I'd rather wear 'em than get a clean shave. The trouble is mornings. We have to comb 'em out every day or they get shaggy. Be surprised how much debris can get caught in such a network."

Rags Rangnow, whose brother is president of the Bux-Mont League around Philly, had the Samson theory, however.

230 Games Ala Russ

"I believe they give a man strength" he declared. "They must give us something, or we couldn't play 230 games in a season."

The House of Davids, according to Lou Murphy, their manager-secretary-booker agent and boss, are the only authorized club of the cult. He admits they are not the only team bearing the House of David billing, however.

"We were sued last year, you know, by the cult from Benton Harbor, Mich. Yes, it's still alive, although not as publicly as in the days of 'King Ben' Purnell. The main result of the case was to settle our claim to the name."

One year there were no less than five House of Davids brushing about the country. Ray Doane, the Muscatine, Iowa, promoter, has one now, but it isn't the real McCoy, according to Murphy. As far as that goes, I doubt if Murphy's is. When asked if any of his men ever were inside the cult's church, he said about half, but looked the other way when he said it. I doubt if Matt Ramsey, Henry Sloane or Joe Woods, all former semi-pro ball players about our fair city of Philadelphia, would cheer at Lou's declaration.

I do know a good share of the boys turn up for mass at the Rev. Brennan's church across town, for the padre told me. And I don't think the Cult of David prescribes mass at Catholic Church altars. However, we are not so interested in such matters, so let Murphy resume the floor.

Iron Men in Beards

"A good player has a chance to make about \$225 a month on this club. We play mostly in the South and East, working north with the summer. Travel in cars. Occasionally we play three games a day, a Sunday double bill and one at night. That's tough going, but we make the money. The boys don't seem to tire.

"Some of them also play 100 basketball games every winter—Steineke, Woods, Jeff Carney, Sebastian among them. They wear whiskers on the court, too.

"We trained a week this spring, started March 10. At Palatka, up the

State. Not bad. We get in shape playing your big league clubs. Look out there, we're only a run behind the A's now—might overtake you."

I said this was doubtful now that Lieber has control, and was proved right when the Mackmen won. The defeat didn't bother the Davids a bit. They piled, sweaty and unwashed, into cars and went to the hotel to clean up.

Sloane and Carney were more disturbed because their pals made public a big "snipe hunt" on which the pair were the goats it took place near Palatka, Sloane and Carney holding the bag with lighted lantern for two hours.

Snipe Hunt for Rookies

A kind-hearted Floridian saw them at midnight in the palmetto burn, wised them up and returned them to town. They are having a tough time living it down. Sloane, a former hurler on Eddie Gottlieb's team, was quite concerned.

The Davids remain a pretty fair attraction. Between innings they have a little comedy routine, a sort of juggling act. All wear the beard, which is compulsory. Woody, well known about Philadelphia, has a noble black one with curls. Rangnow's isn't much better than some of the days when he skipped a shave with Went-Olney.

Fifteen men comprise the squad. Some are veterans of four to eight years, like Mike Janesko, who pitched a good game against the A's. He played in most of the 230 games in some capacity or other, but not until he entered a game for his home town, West Alton, Mo., was he spiked last season.

Some of them get a chance in the big time. Ed Sawyer, for instance, is with Newark, property of the Yankees. Like Harry Forman, who played here last year with the Davids, he is an outfielder. Forman and Andy Strevecos, second baseman, were also taken by New York and will play with Norfolk this summer.

Good Players Afeld

One of the few semi-professional clubs to go in for spring training, the Davids eke out a living, help pay expenses, and have quite an edge on most rivals before they start through the villages and towns of their tour.

They play good ball, being fast in the field. Occasionally the management finds a slugger, but not often. Sluggers are soon picked up by organized teams. The Cult curvers are fair to middling lads who can chuck it by the townies in most places, but have to enjoy a very good day to get by against major league hitters.

It's a long and dusty trail, that of the Davids, but they seem to like it. To my mind, the whiskers would be quite a nuisance, but they veto the charge. So perhaps Van Dykes are a help. If, as with Sansom, hair on the head, face and maybe chest does make for muscle, that explains why these iron men don't soon wear out.

A handwriting expert put in a bill for \$12,000 for his services at the Hauptmann trial. Is there a particular cemetery to which he wants the money taken?

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