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On the Sidelines

Organization for baseball for the summer season is already underway at Fredericton Jct. That's one on the York County League teams. None of the latter clubs organize until 'way along in May some time. And last year this city was even later than that.

Famous sayings: "Me 'n Paul will win only 45 games this year."—Dizzy Dean.

Motion pictures of the recent Canadiens-Rangers game which featured one of the worst series brawls in years, depicts all the drama that was packed in that scrap, with Nels Crutchfield as one of the principals. The audiences which saw it at the Gaiety Theatre here got quite a thrill out of it all. Probably they all secretly hoped they could be present at a scrap like that one. And it certainly was a scrap, with all the players in both teams mixed up in it. Bill Cook had to be sewn up to stay in the game.

The Boston Braves have bucked up. No fewer than nine players have so far refused to sign contracts for the new season. The chief offender is Buck Jordan, first-sacker, who packed and left for home when the management refused to grant him a \$1,500 increase. The others still unsigned are Hal Lee, Leo Mangum, Fred Frankhouse, Ed Brandt, Joe Mowry, Ruppert Thompson, Al Spohrer and Flint Rhem. Holdouts these days are not rare, but the heyday of the holdout when salaries zoomed way up in the thousands has been passed. It is said that a matter of \$3,500 would straighten out the whole tangle.

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California Jumper Says He May Reach 'Ceiling' By Time for the 1936 Olympics.

Cornelius Johnson, negro high jumper of Compton Junior College, Los Angeles, Calif., hopes to reach a mark of 6 feet 11 inches before he retires from competition, but predicts some one will greatly exceed that mark some day.

"In all probability I'll attain my 'ceiling' by the time of the 1936 Olympics," he said, "but I'm not tall enough to make 7 feet 2 inches which I believe will be the maximum. It will, I think, take a man nearly three inches taller than I to do the stunt. It may not be achieved for twenty-five years, but it will be some day. Some fellow standing about six feet will come along some day and do it."

Johnson stands 6 feet 3 and weighs 180. He scaled 6 feet 8-8 inches in tying Walter Marty for the national championship last summer.

A "table of ultimates" recently announced by Coach Brutus Hamilton of the University of California set 6 feet 11.22 inches as the greatest height man could reasonably expect to attain.

SAM LANGFORD'S STORY IS TRAGIC, MAY LOSE SIGHT

Nova Scotia-born Slugger of "Fighting Era" Still Fighting To Save His Eyesight.

NEW YORK, April 1—It is a flip of a coin whether Sam Langford ever again sees God's green earth, the trees, the flowers, the skies, the people who walk upon it!

They performed an intricate and dangerous operation on Sam's lone "good" eye in the Neurological Hospital on Welfare Island, a last desperate effort to prevent old sam from spending the rest of his days in utter darkness.

It will be some time before it can be determined whether the operation has been successful. Only when the bandages are removed will they know that this operation for a detached retina has succeeded or failed. Dr. Jas. W. Smith declared that had Langford come to him three or four years ago, there would have been no question about his seeing again.

Sam lay stretched on a wheeled table, ready for the short ride which was to mean so much in his life. A visitor reached his side.

"Well, well. How glad I am to see you—I was just going to say see you, but I can only feel your hand. How's things going? How's the heavyweight situation?"

"Starting to num, Sam. The scramble for a fight with Baer has the boys on their toes, and there will be a lot doing this coming season."

A sheet covered Sam's huge body. His massive shoulders, once the delight of fight-goers the world over, were covered with a blue sickroom jacket. His head was wrapped in a white cloth, with only his face showing.

"Like to be in the big money again Sam?" he was asked.

"I'll tell you, if I had it to do over again, if I knew as much about the game when I started as I do now, I would have killed the first man who mentioned fighting to me."

And then white-robed attendants came into the room prepared to wheel Langford into the operating room. He waved a big brown hand and called "good-bye."

Organize For 1935 Baseball Season At Fredericton Jct.

FREDERICTON JCT., April 1—At a largely attended meeting here Thursday evening, March 28, it was decided to reorganize the Fredericton Junction baseball team. The following officers were elected: A. Robinson, president; F. Hartl, vice-president; A. Heenan, secretary-treasurer; I. Hawkes, manager; C. Allen, captain.

AMERKS SLATED FOR A BREAK-UP, IS LATEST WORD

New Faces to Appear in New York Team When Next Season's Hockey Grind Gets Underway.

NEW YORK, March 30—The Pangars are in—the Americans, quite as definitely, are out. Notice has been served that few of the current Americans will wear the stars and spangles when the next hockey campaign rolls around, but the impression is that Joe Simpson will be in command of the team again. This is as it should be. New players are needed, not a new manager. No part of the fault for the most recent failure of the Americans justifiably can be dropped into Simpson's lap.

The task that confronts Simpson is not a pleasant one. Among the players he must tag for shipment are some with whom he has been associated pleasantly for a number of years and for whom he has a genuine affection. However, if they have not worn out their time as major league players, at least they have got into a rut so deep that only by being sent elsewhere can they hope to get out of it.

Connie Smythe recently said that every year he read about widespread changes to be made in the Americans, but that when he bobbed into the Garden the following season he saw the same old Americans peering at him.

"What is it, anyway?" he wanted to know. "Just a gag?"

By way of convincing Connie that it is not a gag and also by way of giving the club's patrons a break, Simpson must make the promised changes this time. There is a large number of persons in this town who fight and bleed and die in their seats every night at an American game, and they cannot be expected to go on dying forever.

Meanwhile Lester Patrick and the Rangers rate an extra loud cheer for the courageous fight that landed them in the playoffs again. A couple of months ago their chances of achieving the goal were so slim that some of their supporters gave up. But Lester and the Cook Brothers and Boucher and Johnson and the rest of that gallant blue-shirted crew did not give up. That is why they are in the playoffs again.

Crawford May Not Play Again

KINSTON, N. C., April 1 — Pat Crawford, infielder for the St. Louis Cardinals last year, may never again play baseball, it was revealed the other day. Crawford has been in a Kinston hospital several weeks with blood poisoning. Simultaneous with his entering the hospital, announcement was made that he had been chosen 1935 manager of the Rochester Red Wings.

Dr. Floyd Wooten, the player's physician, said Crawford's left hip will probably be permanently stiff. Crawford has not been informed.

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Leafs - Maroons For Cup Finals

CLARENCE DE MAR SEEKS EIGHTH WIN IN B. A. A. RUN

Veteran Marathoner To Make a Bid for Eighth Win in 25-Mile Grind; Gruelling Run Over the Bay State Course.

Chairman C. Desmond Wadsworth of the Boston A. A. Athletic Committee says the first group of marathon runners have filed their entries for the Patriots' Day race to be held on April 19. This is the 39th annual A. A. A. American marathon run.

Heading the first batch of entries received is that of Clarence H. DeMar of Keene Normal School, Keene, N. H.

Clarence says: "You might as well get this entry early as there is no doubt of my intention to compete in the B. A. A. classic."

Back in 1910 he finished second to Freddie Cameron of Nova Scotia and then came back in 1911 and won his first of seven B. A. A. Marathons.

He did not compete in the B. A. A. event again until 1917, when he finished third to Bill Kennedy and Sidney Hatch.

Then he did not start in this race again until 1922, when he again won, and then in 1923 and 1924 he repeated.

In 1925 he finished second to Chas. "Chuck" Mellor, of the Illinois A. C. of Chicago. In 1926 he placed third to Johnny Miles, the "Baker Boy" from Nova Scotia.

In 1927 and 1928 the great DeMar again breasted the tape in first place, and in 1929 when Miles won his second B. A. A. Marathon, Clarence finished in ninth position.

He came back in 1930 to win his seventh B. A. A. race. In 1931 he placed fifth, in 1932 he was 18th, in 1933 he crossed the finish line on Exeter street in eighth position and last year he was 16th.

He is out to win his eighth B. A. A. Marathon in the coming 1935 race.

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Broulliard Sings For Big Scrap

PITTSBURGH, April 1—Match-maker Lew Raymond announced here today he had signed Lou Broulliard of Worcester, Mass., to fight Marty Simmons, of McKeesport, Pa. in the 10-round main event in the Smoky City on April 17th.

CARDS MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO DETROIT, IS WORD

Breadon Says St. Louis Team Would Benefit by Switch To Motor City, If Frank Navin, Tigers' Boss is Agreeable.

President Sam Breadon of the St. Louis Cardinals, has let it be known in an impromptu discussion of major league baseball affairs that he is eager to transfer his world champions to Detroit, Sid Keener, sports editor of the St. Louis Star-Times stated in a despatch from Bradenton, the Cardinals' training camp.

Breadon made this revelation, Keener declares while sitting in the press box recently at Bradenton watching the Cardinals take a 13 to 8 lacing from the Detroit American Leaguers. "In his open talk," the despatch states, "Breadon intimated that he would make overtures to the two major leagues during the coming season to rearrange the current set-up of the National and American leagues."

"He said he believed baseball would profit by changing St. Louis to a one club major league city, leaving the St. Louis Browns as the sole representative in the Missouri metropolis and by moving his own National League franchise to Detroit."

"We can put this over in baseball if Frank Navin, owner of the Tigers, will take a sensible view of conditions," said Breadon. "I can swing the deal from the National League angle. By that I mean I have received the consent of the National League magnates to transfer my Cardinals to Detroit. However, we must convince Mr. Navin that it would be a good thing for everyone concerned in baseball before we can put it over."

Saint John, N. B., March 30—A tow-headed youth who flew from obscurity to fame by beating the Mollison's time in the Australia-to-England flight, embarked yesterday on the liner Duchess of York for England. Through with seeking world flying laurels, Charles J. Melrose, 21 seeks a thorough training in the more prosaic field of commercial aviation.

"I'm not going in for any more long-distance flying," Melrose said. Enroute from Australia, he and his mother, Mrs. H. W. Melrose, crossed Canada from Vancouver.

He flew from Australia to England in eight days and nine hours while Jim and Amy Mollison did it in eight days and 23 hours. Melrose was given the only 20 years, the youngest and most inexperienced airman in the competition.

HUNTINGDON, Indiana, March 30—Because Grace Young had to walk home in her stocking feet, Lawrence Yahne, who removed her shoes and fled with them last night, was given the alternative of returning them or serving 30 days in jail for assault and battery.

Yahne told Mayor Clare Bangs in the City Court that Miss Young, a former sweetheart, "threw him over after he lost his job".

The girl walked home for another pair and filed charges against Yahne.

Leafs Take Deciding Game From Bruins—Maroons Oust Rangers In N. H. L. Play-offs.

TORONTO, Ont., March 31—Hero of a dramatic 11th-hour recovery that lifted Toronto Maple Leafs out of the deepest shadows of defeat and fired the men in blue to their second National Hockey League championship in three years, 21-year-old Regis (Pep) Kelly, Irish Rookie from North Bay, Ontario and St. Michael's College, was the toast of this jubilant town today.

In a thrilling finish here last night, Kelly blasted two shots into the Boston cage—the first less than two minutes from the end of the third period, the second less than two minutes after the start of overtime—to give Toronto a 2-1 victory over the Bruins and clinch the series three games to one.

A joyful crowd of 14,850, the second largest ever to see a hockey game in Maple Leaf Gardens nearly mobbed the curly-headed Kelly, signed by the Leafs last fall on the strength of his great junior record. He helped Newmarket Redmen win the Canadian Junior title in 1933 and the following season played for St. Michael's College when the Irish school boys won the Memorial Cup.

It was as gripping a finish as any hockey crowd ever saw, including as it did a free-for-all fight that opened the way for Toronto's smashing drive. With two minutes and 10 seconds of the thirds period left, the Bruins hung tenaciously to a 1-0 advantage and a hope that the series would be forced into a fifth and deciding game.

MONTREAL WINS

MONTREAL, P. Q., March 31—For the first time since 1928, Montreal Maroons have reached the final round of Stanley Cup Play. Seven years ago New York Rangers beat the big red team for the world professional hockey title in a hard-fought five-game series.

Last night 11,000 excited fans crowded The Forum here to watch Maroons eliminate the Rangers from the 1935 Stanley Cup series and qualify to play Toronto Maple Leafs in the finals.

It was a 3-3 tie here last night, but Maroons won the round 5-4, having set up a 2-1 lead over Lester Patrick's team in the first game at New York City last Thursday.

Three sets of Maroons forwards tied up the Ranger raiders with a devastating system of close checking. They followed the Rangers into their own territory and broke up their rushes as they were forming. They stood poke-checked attacking Rangers consistently. The Montreal defence gave Alex. Connell great support except for a few instances of careless clearing.

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