



SPORT



On the Sidelines

A rumor down at Minto the other night was that if the Miners didn't beat Fredericton that the higher-ups were going to "junk" the whole team. We're not certain whether it was meant that it was time that Minto, with its imports, was taking the measure of someone, or whether the Pets were easy taking. Answering that last supposition we believe that Messrs. Sleep, Close, Jewett, Thompson and Currie will have a good answer before the season is very far advanced. The Pets look to have a few hard hitting youngsters this season. If they don't go places it'll be a big surprise to those who like to do the experting.

Judging from the opening games of the York-Sunbury baseball loop, the game is due for a boom this season. The chief reason is that the clubs—at least Devon, Minto and Fredericton—seem to be pretty evenly matched. Devon has a veteran club with abundant strength in the box, now that "Johns" Keene has returned to form along with "Bib" Lawrence and Eddie Dinsmore. Minto has plenty of box strength and with additional playing strength from Saint John and Arnold of Marysville and Nichols of this city added, Minto is likely to prove a big contender this year. The Fredericton Pets have a number of youngsters on the club this season who appear to be good recruits to senior baseball here. Weak in pitching strength, nevertheless the locals have plenty of fight and not the least of their power is in the hitting department. Should Bus McLenahan return to his hitting form of two years ago the Pets should outlast any team in the loop.

H. G. Salsinger, the "Umpire" in the Detroit Press, laments the passing of Babe Ruth and tells why Lou Gehrig can never take the place of the former Yankees' player. In the discourse below Mr. Salsinger develops the reason:—

"Gehrig can never be another Ruth any more than he can be made another Cobb, or another Chase. He is of the ultra-phlegmatic type. There was much more thrill in seeing Ruth strike out than there is in seeing Gehrig make a dozen extra base hits. Gehrig is decidedly colorless. He does everything without flourish. His batting is as machine-like as a moving piston. His first-base play is purely mechanical and not above average mechanical at that. He runs in an ordinary way. He has no physical action that distinguishes him from his ordinary fellows. He hits a ball harder than the others, with the possible exception of Jimmy Foxx and, when going at his best, he hits it oftener, but he has no rocketing drive like Ruth nor a peculiar individual batting stance like Ruth. He has an ordinary walk and an ordinary run while Ruth walks and runs like no other player. Gehrig is big all over, well-proportioned; Ruth is much overbalanced, huge only from the hips up, heavy shouldered, wide of girth. Ruth will stand out in any gathering. Gehrig will be just another fellow in the room.

DEVON TOPS YORK - SUNBURY LEAGUE, WON FROM MARYSVILLE

Score 8 to 2 at Marysville Last Night—"Bib" Lawrence Holds Cotton Town Nine to Two Bingles, While Team-mates Collect Ten Off Bob Estey; Percy Minue's Three-base Hit Featured.

Devon jumped into an undisputed position at the top of the York County baseball league, trimming Marysville on the latter's home grounds last night by the tally of 8 to 2. It was a decisive victory for last year's York County and North Shore champs, and gives them two victories and no defeats at the top of the league. In their first game of the 1935 season Marysville could peck only two bingles off "Bib" Lawrence's good pitching. One of these was a three base which went into the bushes past Malloy in right field and paved the way for Marysville's only two runs in the second inning.

On the other hand, while Bob Estey, the veteran Marysville hurler, struck out eight Devon hitters, he also permitted ten hits. Everett Staples, the bubbling second sacker of the Devonites crashed out two of these as did "Sprig" Bailey. Jack Watson, Staples and Bailey each got two base hits indicating power at the bat. The game was undistinguished save for the winner's potency at bat, and Lawrence's brilliant hurling. A fair-sized crowd turned out to see the game, which was the home club's initial appearance for the season. Marysville had a couple of newcomers this year, McDonald at third base, Peterson at second base. McDonald had three errors but completed one putout and made an assist. Peterson's two putouts and an assist unmarred by errors marked him as a comer.

Following are the lineups and summary:

Devon		ab	r	h	p	c	a	e
J. Watson, cf.	.....	4	1	1	1	0	0	
Howell, ss.	.....	4	0	1	1	1	1	
E. Staples, 2b.	.....	4	2	2	2	2	0	
Malloy, rf.	.....	3	2	1	2	0	0	
Young, lb.	.....	4	0	1	7	0	0	
G. Miles, lf.	.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	
Cameron, 1b.	.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Lawrence, p.	.....	2	1	0	1	1	1	
Bailey, c.	.....	3	0	2	4	0	0	
xDeep, 3b.	.....	2	1	0	1	1	0	

It takes much more than ability to hit a ball often, and for extra bases, to make a public idol. Honus Wagner was a much harder hitter than Ty Cobb and a much better fielder than Gehrig, but Wager, like Gehrig, lacked the individual touch. Cobb and Ruth had rare playing personalities. They were distinct individual types. They were above and apart from the field. Their style, and not their averages, made them the greatest two gate attractions the American League has offered. Where a hundred people would pay to see Cobb or Ruth one will pay to see Gehrig. That fact was established during the New York training season this year. The Yankees' exhibition games drew few people while the citizens and visitors of the Southern cities packed the ball parks to watch Ruth in the uniform of the Boston Braves.

To replace Ruth the American League will have to wait for another ranking player of vivid personality and individuality. Gehrig will never take Ruth's place.

xx Brewer		ab	r	h	p	c	a	e
McIntyre, 3b.	.....	0	0	0	2	0	0	
Totals	.....	31	8	10	21	5	2	
Marysville		ab	r	h	p	c	a	e
McDonald, 3b.	.....	4	0	0	1	1	3	
Meehan, rf.	.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	
G. McPherson, lf.	.....	3	0	0	3	0	0	
Doherty, cf.	.....	3	0	0	1	1	0	
F. Minue, ss.	.....	3	0	0	0	2	0	
P. Minue, 1b.	.....	3	1	1	5	1	1	
Peterson, 2b.	.....	2	0	0	2	1	0	
Estey, p.	.....	2	0	0	0	4	0	
Totals	.....	25	2	2	21	12	4	

x—Ran for Bailey in 6th inning.

xx—Batted for Deep in 6th inning.

Score by innings:

Devon 5 0 0 0 2 1 0—8

Marysville ... 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—2

Summary—

Three-base hit, P. Minue. Two-base

hits, J. Watson, E. Staples, Bailey.

Stolen bases—Malloy, Young, G.

Miles, Peterson, Estey.

Struck out—By Estey 8; by Lawrence 5.

Bases on balls—Off Estey 2, off

Lawrence 3

Hit by pitcher—L. McPherson by

Lawrence.

Wild pitches—Estey, Lawrence 2.

Passed ball—L. McPherson

Earned runs—Devon 3, Marysville

2.

Left on bases—Devon 4, Marysville

6.

Time of game—1.35.

Umpires—T. Donovan, Fredericton,

and E. McPherson, Marysville.

ENGLAND IS MAKING LITTLE THEIR GOLF IDOL

LONDON, Eng., May 31—Lawson Little, the blocky shotmaker of California, has captured the favor of all England.

Last year he won the British Amateur golf championship, beating James Wallace by the overwhelming score of 14 and 13 in the final, but the English were skeptical of his greatness. Wallace had cracked up, they said.

But when Little turned the trick again this year, by the meager margin of 1 up in a gruelling and sensational match with Dr. William Tweddell, the English crowned him a true king of the fairways and set out to treat him as one of a royal family.

After the final match at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea Saturday last, Little, along with Dan Topping, Greenwich, Conn., and Harvey Shaffer of New York, flew down to London for a month's respite from the golfing wars.

He found London's doors thrown open to him and invitations pouring in to play exhibitions on courses from the Isle of Wight to Scotland's northern shore. He will accept a few of them later but for the present he will enjoy London's jubilee season, forgetting the deep traps and short putts that hang on the lip.

Wherever he goes he encounters acclaim. Said Fred Robson, veteran British pro, "When his putter is working he's as great a golfer as Bobby Jones or any man who ever lived." In England, where Jones is a golfing hero, that's a compliment.

There was praise too for the doctor who shot 2-4-3-3 from the twenty-seventh through the thirtieth holes to catch Little. Henry Cotton, 1934 Open champion, said he considered this feat one of the finest four holes ever shot under such circumstances.

Seven New N.B. Champs Crowned

Ron Laskey Won Middleweight Championship and Alex. McLeod Cops Welter Title For Fredericton—Handsome Trophy To Al Ledden, of Saint John, For Best Exhibition of Evening—Our Own Correspondent Enters Ring.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SAINT JOHN, N. B., June 1—As a result of the New Brunswick Amateur Boxing Tournament held here last night at the Forum, seven new provincial champions were crowned, among them two Fredericton boys. The new champions are—112-pound class, Benny Wood, Saint John; 118-pound class, Fred "Puddy" Hayes, of Saint John; 126-pound class, Adam Dupuis, Saint John; 135-pound class, Al Ledden, Saint John; 147-pound class, Alex. McLeod, Fredericton; 160-pound class, Ron Laskey, Fredericton. The 175-pound title was not awarded, the fight between Corbett and Waring both of Fredericton, being declared no contest by Referee O'Leary in the second round. There were no entrants in the heavyweight division. The bouts were for the most part hard fought slugging fests, seven ending in knockouts, three of which were technical K.O.'s.

A handsome trophy cup donated by an anonymous Saint John boxing fan for the entrant judged to have made the best showing of the evening was awarded to Al Ledden, of Saint John, who fought three times to become the new lightweight title-holder. In his opening scrap with R. Anderson, also of Saint John, only one blow was struck, a terrific right to Anderson's jaw, which ended the evening's entertainment as far as Anderson was concerned. In what might be called the outstanding scrap of the evening, Ledden took Cece Coveney, of Fredericton into camp via the decision route. In his third fight, Ledden, using a hard right cross to the jaw, K. O.'ed Jimmy Willett in the third stanza.

The curtain raiser was a rather slow exhibition of poor boxing put on by two Saint John boys, F. Wharton, 114, and Mark Rowan, 115. Wharton was awarded the decision.

Jimmy Willett, 133 1-2, easily out-fought G. Robinson, 134, and won on a technical K.O., the latter leaving the ring at the end of the second. Both are Saint John scrappers.

The first featherweight scrap of the evening, between Adam Dupuis, 124 1-2, and C. Goguen, 124, also ended in a technical K. O. Referee O'Leary putting a stop to the bout late in the second in order to save the plucky little loser further punishment. Dupuis was continually aiming at Goguen's nose, which was a sorry looking sight after several of the former's hard straight lefts had connected with it.

Cece Coveney, 134, of Fredericton, knocked out S. Thornton, 134 1-2, of Saint John with a right hook to the jaw after one minute and 40 seconds of fighting to win the first lightweight bout of the evening.

The next fight also resulted in a K. O., but in even shorter time, R. Anderson, 134 1-2, of Saint John, being sent to the canvas for the count of

ten by a terrific right to the jaw from the glove of Al Ledden, 135, seven seconds after the first canto began. This was the only blow struck.

The first scrap between the 147-pound boys ended in a K. O., E. Bonner, 146, of Saint John, taking the ten count after Pat Keleher, 140, also of Saint John, had driven a hard straight right to Bonner's jaw one minute and 23 seconds after the fifth round began. Bonner was saved by the bell in the fourth, the referee having reached the count of eight over his prostrate body when the gong sounded. Keleher was easily the better boxer of the two. He used his straight lefts and rights to good advantage in avoiding the wide swinging lefts and rights that characterized Bonner's style.

The seventh bout, between Dallas Laskey, 110, 15-year-old Fredericton High School student and Benny Wood, 112, of Saint John, for the 112-pound title was awarded to Wood on decision of the judges, after the scrap had gone the full five rounds. The local boy was easily the more clever boxer of the two, his defense being especially good. The scrap was fairly even up to the fourth round, with Laskey perhaps having a slight edge over his opponent. Wood, however, came in during the last two rounds with smashing rights and lefts to take the decision.

Ron Laskey, 160, rangy Fredericton scrapper and the new holder of the New Brunswick amateur middleweight title, battered out a win over Frank Church, 155, of Grand Lake, to take the title. Church was tough and he was game, but his boxing skill could not begin to compare with that of the Fredericton boy. The hard-hitting local youth put everything he had into his punches, and still Church came back for more.

Featherweights Fast

The 126-pound class final in which Adam Dupuis, 126 1/2, tangled with Bill Ledden, 124 1/2, was a hard fought and blood bespattered contest. The former was awarded a close decision after five rounds of hard fighting. Dupuis drew first blood, smashing Ledden's nose in the initial stanza, while Ledden evened matters up in the 3rd by cutting Dupuis' ear and hammering at it for the remainder of the fight. Both are Saint John boys.

Fredericton Boy Clever

The 135-pound semi-final, between Cece Coveney, 134, of Fredericton and Al Ledden, 135, of Saint John, was a rare exhibition of pure boxing skill. The first round was fairly even. In the second Ledden gave the Frederic-

English Golf Arrives In U. S.

NEW YORK, May 31—Joyce Wethered, English golfing star, has arrived to see the sights and incidentally to play some golf for money.

The tall, pleasant faced woman with the prematurely grey hair who has won the British women's golf title four times, faces a pretentious schedule of more than thirty matches. Never before has she been farther from her native heath than Southern France and she was enthralled by the new sights as her ship steamed into New York harbor the other day.

Miss Wethered was confident she would give a good account of herself here.

"If I am on my game," she said, "I expect to play the championship courses in even fours or very close to it."

Big League Scores

National League
New York 15, Boston 3.
New York 4, Boston 2.
Pittsburgh 4, Cincinnati 1.

American League
Cleveland 6, Chicago 2.
St. Louis 5, Detroit 6.
Boston at New York (rain) double-header tomorrow.

Washington at Philadelphia (to be played as part of doubleheader tomorrow).

ton had everything he had and took th round decisively. The third canto, too, was also Ledden's by a slight edge when he forced Coveney to his knee for the count of one. Coveney attempted to stand up to Ledden and return Ledden's bullet-like compliments, but was forced to retreat and cover up. In the fourth round Coveney staged a comeback to take the round but was outpointed in the fifth by Ledden, who was awarded the decision.

Alex. McLeod, 138 1/2, of Fredericton, decisively trimmed Pat Keleher, 140, of Saint John, to win the welterweight title. McLeod went at his opponent with both fists flying continuously. Referee Frank O'Leary stopped the bout late in the third round to save the Saint John lad from further punishment.

Fred "Puddy" Hayes was awarded the 118-pound title by default when F. Wharton failed to appear for the final bout of that class.

In the final bout on the card Al Ledden, 135, kayoed Jimmy Willett, 133 1/2, to take the 135-pound crown, one minute and 45 seconds after the beginning of the third round. The blow that sent Willett to the canvas was a right cross to the jaw. Up to the time of the kayo it was easily Ledden's battle, he having forced the fight all the way.

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