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## BALL IN SOME FORM OR OTHER HAS BEEN PLAYED FOR CENTURIES IN MANY COUNTRIES

Books Written About Ball Games would Strain a Bookshelf — Cricket, Tennis, Baseball, Etc.

LONDON, Aug. 2—We live in the age for ball. It has endured the best part of a century. And at the present time the craze for lashing and coaxing spheres around the place in various ways has reached its most intense point—so far.

East and West, North and South, up and down all the lines of longitude and latitude men, women and children of all creeds and colors occupy their spare time propelling balls over nets, into holes, between goalposts, over the boundary rails, into the bleachers, and in certain juvenile classes, through the glass of any windows that may be conveniently situated for the purpose. So it is not surprising that the manufacturers of balls of all kinds survive their sales-graph with keen satisfaction. Fifty years ago, the complete story of all ball games could no doubt have been written by one man who could do full justice to the subject, and, if he could, the result of his life work would impose a heavy strain on the bookshelf.

### The Italians Had A Word for It

Various reasons have been brought forward to explain why people, in all parts of the world, find a ball such an attractive proposition and have done so—with increasing intensity—since the dawn of history. The ancient Greeks invented the symbolism of the orb, and they developed the simple game of "catch" into quite an elaborate form of dancing to music. The Italians afterward adopted this amusement in similar form and designated it by the word "ballata," from which, as some people argue, are derived the words "ballad" for the music and "ballet" for the dance.

There is exquisite pleasure in exercising the sight, touch, balance and muscular control for even the easiest of ball games, and the various sports which have developed since the ancient days have called for application of these qualities in demonstrating a theoretically profound, yet empirically comprehensible, science. With this evolution has come, of recent years, an intensification and sublimation of the competitive phase of play. A hit, a patch, a kick or a throw, is, after all, a creation and the successful player of games is, to that extent, a self-realizing artist.

"Sportsmanship," a latter-day word so far as its ethical significance is concerned, is, implicitly, the ability to recognize and appreciate the superior creation of a rival. As this is an essential part of social education, the ball can rightly be designated a powerful agent in the process of civilization.

Games, it is true, can be likened to mimic combat, but, under the code of behavior they have evolved, they represent almost as much striving for objective success as they do the attempt to vanquish an adversary.

### The Ball and the Game

The different balls used in various games are now such a matter of course that the majority of people have probably never paused to consider why a football should be an inflated leather affair, why a bowl should be a solid wooden ball with a bias; why a golf ball should be built up of high tension rubber wound round a core; why a cricket ball and a baseball should contain string and have leather covers; why a lawn tennis ball should be a hollow rubber sphere with a felt cover; or why a pony polo ball should be of hickory. It would seem that the ball in the game, in each case, evolved each other, until the sphere best suited to the play, and the play capable of extracting the best quality from the ball, had been produced.

The manufacture of balls is a highly specialized craft. From the village of Teston, near Maidstone, come many of the balls used at Lord's, London—the Mecca of cricket—had several other famous grounds. The products of the Teston craftsmen provide a good example of the way a game has developed a sphere to its particular needs, for a cricket ball has to have resilience appropriate to turf, a suitable density to withstand impact from a heavy wooden bat, and a size and surface convenient to the hand.

### Baseball and Cricket

The national games of England and America, cricket and baseball, retain the two most obvious ways of playing with a ball in their most primitive form—namely, in the throw and the hit—and in baseball proficiency has become greater at both these performances than in any other game. As there has been no necessity, in baseball, to cultivate "break" (alteration of direction) off the ground, pitchers have been able to concentrate upon making the journey of the ball through the air as difficult as possible for the batter, and the batter, in reply, has had to make himself expert in the art of hitting a ball as it comes curving through the air at a tremendous pace from quite a short distance. As the late A. E. Crawley, a well-known English sports authority, wrote in "The Book of the Ball," "the whole thing is literally on a higher plane than the rebound batting and bowling of cricket." That is not to say, of course, that baseball is the more difficult game of the two, for cricket has developed many subtleties along different lines.

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## CARNERA MAKES CLAIM DRUGGED IN LOUIS BOUT

Arriving at Naples, Big Italian Said He was Affected by Foreign Substance While On Ropes.

NAPLES, Aug. 2—Waiting until he set foot on native soil before he made his charges, Primo Carnera, former heavyweight champion who arrived yesterday from the United States, said he was "drugged" before he was knocked out in the sixth round of his recent fight with Joe Louis, Detroit Negro, in New York.

"I never felt better in my life than the minute when I stepped into the ring to meet Louis," said Carnera. "I was sure of victory, especially after the first round when Louis' blows failed to hurt me. However, in the second round I suddenly became ill, and my legs trembled and the ring whirled around me. It was impossible for me to keep my arms in a position to ward off the Negro's blows. Even a baby could have defeated me. I do not know what it was but I was certainly affected by some foreign substance which placed me at the mercy of the Negro."

Carnera termed Louis a "second rate" and said that in a fair fight he was positive he could easily defeat him. The Italian giant explained the reason he waited until he reached Italy to first mention the fact that he believed he was "drugged," was because he feared he would provoke the ire of American promoters by such charges.

GARRISON, N. Y., Aug. 2—Primo Carnera was "scientifically drugged" when Joe Louis hit him, Bill Brown, member of the N.Y. State Athletic Commission, said yesterday in answer to charges Carnera made in Italy that he had been drugged in his battle with the Detroit Negro.

"Louis did as sweet a job of eliminating Primo as I have ever seen—and Primo didn't have to be drugged to be out on his feet by the second round," Brown said.

"Primo's charge is the silliest thing I ever heard of. He was scientifically drugged when Louis hit him in the first round."

Brown said the commission probably wouldn't investigate the Italian's charges.

"But perhaps we may ask him to prove them when he returns to this country," he added significantly.

Daily Mail advertisements bring results.

### The Honors Are 50-50

Which came first, the game or the ball? A similar question is often asked about the hen and the egg, and one can only conclude, in connection with games, that so far as the fundamental notions of play were concerned, the use of a hard ball would suggest the use of a club or bat with which to hit it, and the use of air inflated one would suggest propulsion by the hand, arm, head or foot. Once play commenced, the possibilities of each game were exposed and the improvements in the ball occurred through experiment, accident, and, of course, through inventions in manufacture. The honors of evolution, in other words, are about 50-50 between the game and the ball with which it is played.

The attainment of harmony between the ball and the striking implement has been a gradual process. Originally, no doubt, the same sort of stuffed ball was used for the several different games; then came the inflated ball, made from animal bladders, and, subsequently, variations on the theme of the two basic spheres—the solid and the hollow—to satisfy freshly-discovered requirements.

## Tennis Tournery Finals On Today

All Matches in Finals Except Men's Doubles to be Played Today — 13 in all—Eaton and Wilson Forge Ahead — George Johnston, N. B. Player Out of Singles.

The New Brunswick Tennis Tournament entered its final stages today, the finals being reached in mostly all events. All the matches in the finals will be played today with the possible exception of the men's doubles. There will be thirteen matches in all.

Thrilling matches were played in the Men's singles before R. Wilson and J. W. O'Hara emerged as the finalists, Wilson beat G. Raper, and O'Hara defeated George Johnston in the semi-finals after stirring matches. The elimination of Johnston and Raper put out the last New Brunswick players, but they didn't go down before hard fights. R. Wilson and A. Eaton beat J. W. O'Hara and G. Raper, the score being 3-6, 6-1, and 6-4.

The Fredericton doubles pair, Sid Bartlett and Johnny Kilburn were beaten by E. Woodworth and L. Keating.

In the Junior Men's singles Hall and Hauck are scheduled to meet in the finals. This match will be interesting in view of the fact that Hauck trimmed Hall in the senior singles.

In the Ladies' singles, Miss A. Jones and Mrs. J. V. Woodbury will meet in the finals.

Following were yesterday's results:

### MEN'S SINGLES

#### FOURTH ROUND

G. Raper defeated S. Bartlett, 6-1, 6-8, 6-1.

G. D. Johnston defeated L. Keating, 6-8, 7-5, 6-1.

### SEMI-FINALS

R. Wilson defeated G. Raper, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5.

J. W. O'Hara defeated G. D. Johnston 6-4, 7-5, 6-0.

### LADIES' SINGLES

#### SEMI-FINALS

Mrs. A. F. Jones defeated Miss J. Jardine, 7-5, 6-2.

Mrs. J. V. Woodbury, Maritime champion, defeated Miss I. Matheson, 6-4, 6-3.

### JUNIOR MEN'S DOUBLES

#### FOURTH ROUND

H. Little and A. Barry defeated F. Fewer and E. Tweedie by default.

### SEMI-FINALS

H. Little and A. Barry defeated H. Grant and B. Stewart 6-1, 6-4.

D. Robinson and H. Hauck defeated J. and D. McAvity, 6-1, 6-1.

### FINALS

H. Hauck and D. Robinson defeated H. Little and A. Barry, 6-3, 6-0.

Hubert Hauck of Aroostook and Donald Robinson of Moncton are junior men's champions.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

#### SEMI-FINALS

Miss L. Manny and Miss J. Jardine defeated Miss D. Rowan and Miss H. Spike, 6-1, 6-4.

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### FOURTH ROUND

Mrs. A. F. Jones and Mrs. F. V. Woodbury defeated Miss B. Inch and Miss E. Bartlett, 6-1, 6-2.

Miss C. Keating and Miss J. O'Hanley defeated Miss J. Dukin and Miss M. Wetmore, 6-4, 6-1.

Miss D. Rowan and Miss H. Spike defeated Misses M. and I. Matheson, 6-3, 6-3.

### JUNIOR LADIES' SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

Miss C. Lord defeated Miss C. O'Brien, 6-4, 6-0.

### JUNIOR LADIES' DOUBLES SECOND ROUND

Miss H. MacKay and Miss C. Harrison defeated Miss J. Crawford and Miss J. Ganong, 6-1, 6-4.

Miss C. Lord and Miss E. O'Brien defeated Miss M. McKenzie and Miss C. Sullivan, 6-1, —5.

### SEMI-FINALS

Miss M. Crocket and Miss P. Rowan defeated Miss E. Lord and Miss C. O'Brien, 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.

### MIXED DOUBLES

#### FOURTH ROUND

Miss I. Matheson and R. Carter defeated Miss H. Spike and R. W. Ganong, 7-5, 6-1.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

#### FOURTH ROUND

R. Wilson and A. Eaton defeated R. Carter and V. Knight, 6-3, 6-2.

J. W. O'Hara and G. Raper defeated H. Hauck and P. Webber, 6-3, 7-5.

S. Bartlett and J. Kilburn defeated G. Johnston and G. McAvity, 7-5, 6-3.

E. Woodworth and L. Keating defeated S. J. Freeze and W. L. Robinson, 6-2, 8-6.

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## Outdoor Life On Sport Fields

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 — On the theory that outdoor life builds better bodies, the United States Government has agreed to spend more than \$19,000,000 in work relief funds on sports fields within the next few months.

The works progress administration announced today that President Roosevelt has approved of \$19,097,976 for athletic fields, stadiums, swimming pools, golf courses, armories and tennis courts in 10 states.

## SPORT IN BRIEF

### WIGHTMAN CUP TEAM SAILS

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., Aug. 2 —

The British Wightman Cup team sailed on the Majestic today to meet the picked United States women's tennis team at Forest Hills, August 16-17.

Also sailing was Helen Jacobs, who lost to Helen Wills Moody in the all-England championship. She said she would be back next year for another try.

M. D. Horn, captain of the Wightman Cup team, said he thought the British squad had an excellent chance to win the international trophy for the first time since 1930, especially as Mrs. Moody has announced that she will not play for the defenders. The team consists of Dorothy Round, Katharine Stammers, Mrs. Phyllis Mudford King, Freda James, Nancy Lyle and Evelyn Dearman.

The Daily Mail is the only "daily" in New Brunswick with a full radio page and programme.

B. Stewart defeated J. Coleman, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

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