



SPORT



On the Sidelines..

The year 1934's highlights in swimming were the surprisingly good showing made by Jack Medica, of Seattle; Albert Vande Weghe, of Paterson, N. J., and Arthur Highland, of Chicago, during an invasion of Japan; the breaking by Peter Fick of the New York A. C. of Johnny Weismuller's universal standard for the 100 meters free style, which had flouted all attacks for a decade; the overwhelming victory gained by Miss Katherine Rawls, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida's 17-year-old prodigy, in the first aquatic decathlon for women ever staged, and the amazing success of Walter Spence, veteran Winged Foot ace, who was believed to have seen his best days.

Doc Almy, Boston Post boxing critic, speaks of the situation in Boston: "It begins to look very much as if Dan Carroll was going to get the 'shot' for Sammy Fuller against Barney Ross for the world's lightweight title—get it insofar as the Illinois State Athletic Commission is concerned. In response to Dan's challenge filed with that body in behalf of Sammy, word was received by him yesterday from the commission to forward his forfeit money, \$2,500, at once. Carroll complied with this immediately. The next step will be for the Illinois Commission to wait upon the managers of Ross and force them to either come to terms as regards Fuller, or risk a possible suspension."

With Newswy Lalonde ordered out of action for 10 days because of illness, Leo Dandurand, managing director of the Canadiens of the National Hockey League, took active charge of the team. He said he would direct the Habitants until Lalonde recovered.

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The Maritime Mercantile Hockey Loop Will Continue

Jackson Worth As Much as Connie Mack's Infield

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—Based on a Toronto estimate, Harvey (Bush-er) Jackson, left wing of the Toronto Maple Leaf team of the National Hockey League, is worth as much as the four aces of Connie Mack's "hundred thousand dollar" infield of a few years ago. Stuffy McInnes at 1st, Eddie Collins 2nd, Barry short, and Home Run Baker at 3rd composed the great infield on which Mack tagged that famous price label.

Connie Smythe refused \$35,000 cash for Jackson, said he was worth \$100,000 and wasn't for sale even at the latter price.

DOESN'T MIND 'EM ROUGH BUT NO VICIOUSNESS

Red Dutton, Americans' Defence Star, Tells of Some Rough Ones

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Red Dutton of the Americans said it was true that you couldn't refine hockey much more without refining the life out of it. "Take that row that happened here the other night," he said. "I don't want fellows to go around hitting each other over the head—although I have been conked many a time and have conked a few myself—but I know just how that came about. They got jabbing at each other and Stewart lost his temper, just as all of us will once in a while."

"Do you know Nels? Well, you would like him very much. There isn't a finer fellow in hockey or a quieter, nicer fellow off the ice. But, as I say, he lost his temper. I know all about it, because I've lost mine at times. Somebody does something to you and you fly into a rage and want to bash him right down into the ice. You forget everything else—the crowd, the game, everything but the fellow who has hurt you intentionally. Then you hit him—or somebody gets between you and him before you can hit him—and it's all over. You cool off and go on playing the game when they let you out of the penalty box, and you either forget about the row or make up your mind you will get even some other time."

"I had a feud once with a fellow that lasted for three or four years. Maybe you remember him. His name was Duke Keats, and he afterwards was with Chicago in the league. But I'm talking now about the time he was with Edmonton and I was with Calgary. He was a veteran when I broke in and he was so much smarter than I was that the only way I could keep him from running me right out of the league was to fight back at him. "What would he do to me? Well, he would slash me across the ankles as he skated past and then turn and sneer at me, or when I wasn't looking he would jab me just hard enough to get my goat. So I began slashing at him and the first thing you knew it was a real feud. Every time we met

SPORTS QUIZ REVEALS SAME STRANGE IDEAS

Lawson Little's Work Said Better Than Dizzy Dean's—Widen Net in Hockey?

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Inquisitive to a fault, the United Press sports department recently queried the country's sport editors on 14 subjects ranging from the effects of prohibition to what's the matter with boxing. A total of 327 replies came in to questions concerning the good year, 1934.

Q: What was the outstanding athletic achievement by an individual?

A: Most of the fellows voted for Dizzy Dean, but I'll take Lawson Little, who grabbed the British and American amateur golf titles. Diz had support, but Lawson worked alone. And when did the Dizzy one ever hurl a game to compare with that last round of Little's in the British Amateur?

Q: What was the greatest controversial sports incident of the year?

A: The refusal of the New York Yacht Club to entertain Tommy Sopwith's protest following the third America's Cup race.

Q: What coach, football, track, baseball or whatnot, did the finest teaching job in 1934?

A: Mickey Cochrane. The Mick took an ordinary bunch of ball players and did something with them other Detroit managers—even those who had Cobbs and Heilmanns and Veachs and Crawfords—couldn't do. I do wish, however, he'd explain that swollen fist Schoolboy Rowe brought to the final, money-on-the-table world series game.

Ballots For Terry

Q: What was the greatest disappointment of the year on the part of a team?

A: Three votes for Bill Terry and his Giants.

Q: What was the greatest disappointment on the part of an individual?

A: I'd say Bob Jones in the Mas-

we were at each other with skates, sticks and fists. It was worth my life to go to Edmonton and worth his to come to Calgary, for, of course, the fans took sides. More than once I had to have the police get me out of the Edmonton rink—and many a time the cops in Calgary had to see Duke safely to his hotel.

"But there's one thing that no hockey player ever forgives in another. That's hitting him with the butt end of his stick. There's a fellow in this league right now—never mind his name—that I'll never forgive for hitting me in the eye with the butt of his stick one night. I thought for a minute my eye was out. Somebody else had checked him pretty hard and he thought I had done it. At least that's what he said afterwards. I am willing to believe him, but at the same time I'll never think well of him again—not because he hit me, but because he would hit anybody with the butt of his stick. No matter how mad a fellow is he has to be vicious to do a thing like that."

Conn Asks For 24 Hours To Give Decision of Wolves' Club—Resume Friday Night.

MONCTON, Jan. 3.—The Maritime Mercantile League will continue operating as was laid out by the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association at the original meeting in Amherst on November 21, was the decision of a meeting of the "Big Four" Mercantile League delegates which did not conclude until 1.15 o'clock this morning.

Saint John, Moncton and Charlottetown representatives decided on the stand after J. A. Hanway, K.C., president of the league, and Jack Conn, owner and manager of the Halifax Wolverines, left the session earlier to catch the train for Amherst, where Conn will confer this morning with J. E. Wry, president of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association.

Before leaving the meeting Conn asked for 24 hours to decide whether to stay in the league when he foresaw that the Saint John, Moncton and Charlottetown delegates intended continuing with Mercantile hockey.

If the Halifax club refuses to further participate in the league, Saint John, Charlottetown and Moncton club leaders will revise the schedule which will call for the first game at Moncton Friday night between the Hawks and Beavers. If Halifax considers continuing, then the games will be played according to the original schedule.

The "Big Four" Mercantile League, it was stated at the meeting, has been advised that by following out the original set-up under the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association jurisdiction it can place eligible players of all teams in Allan Cup competition. The league representatives of the Hawks, Abbies and Beavers said they were prepared to fight to see that this is carried out.

ters' Golf Tournament, because it shattered the belief that he was a faultless golfing machine, which neither time nor tide nor high water could defeat.

Q: Name ten individuals you believe will dominate sports page headlines in 1935.

A: Little, Perry, Dizzy Dean, Gehrig, Baer, Helen Jacobs, Cochrane, Dempsey, Mrs. Moody, Cunningham.

Q: What is the best heavyweight fight that could be staged in 1935?

A: Baer vs. Schmeling, which is a tip-off on the condition of boxing.

Q: What effect, if any, has repeal of prohibition had on sports?

A: None.

Q: Boxing is in a terrific slump. Do you think it will come back? When? Why?

A: It'll come back just as soon as a few good fighters come along. A Ross and a Baer can't carry the whole load.

Q: Can you suggest any change in rules of any sport which would improve the game?

A: Football: Permit forward passing from any point behind line of scrimmage; eliminate that rule which calls down any player whose knee touches the ground. Hockey: Widen the net. Basketball: Shoot the referee or take away his whistle.

BOXING GAME NEEDS TALENT FOR NEW YEAR

New Year Expected To Furnish Some Ring Thrills, However

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—This, the New Year of 1935, finds many of those who still stick to their old love—the fight game—asking as to its future and prospects—whether it will shine again—has it deteriorated in the matter of the ability of its personnel—will the days of the million dollar gates ever return, or the glamour and romance which once surrounded it?

Many are the queries along these lines—we have cited but a few, they in themselves covering in a general way the entire subject. Boxing, as we see it, has a comeback chance in this present year, though the prospects as a whole, while much better than in 1934, are not dazzlingly bright.

Lacks Real Talent

While the public is seemingly in the way of having more money to spend for the sport during the present year than has been the case for several seasons, the urge to induce such spending—the lack of magnetic outstanding fistic talent, remains about where it was. The sport is shy performers of merit worthy the attention of those willing to follow them and, until these holes in the ranks are filled and plugged beyond all question, boxing is bound to continue to stumble along as it has been doing.

True, the game got a big break here in Boston a little more than a fortnight ago—but it looked like old times in the Boston Garden to see close to 15,000 fans about the ropes. The boys in the various bouts did finely — put their shoulders to the wheel — played their parts close to 100 per cent. But, to put the show over those behind it had to bring in Baer, Dempsey and Sharkey—merely as exhibits and something extra to look at—an expensive business that can hardly be repeated—that it, not very often. Without them

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Neuritis Gets "Wild Bull" and Halts Comeback

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 3.—Luis Firpo, promising a comeback for years, has given it all up again this time because of an attack of neuritis.

The Wild Bull of the Pampas, whose highlight as a prize fighter came when he belted Jack Dempsey out of a Polo Grounds ring in the midst of taking a championship beating, is quite ill.

His hearing, in the Buenos Aires courts on a charge of implication in an alleged fraudulent land sale has been postponed until late January on the advice of two court physicians.

Central League Opens Jan. 11

DORCHESTER, N.B., Jan. 2.—The Central Hockey League will open here on Jan. 11 when Amherst and Dorchester sixes meet in the initial fixture.

Four teams comprise the circuit, Mount Allison University hockey squad and Sackville being the others.

Home-and-home games will be played by all four.

In past years the Central League has been successfully conducted and a fine brand of hockey resulted. This year, it is reported, all four clubs are evenly matched and keen interest is manifest here as the opening date draws near.

park on summer nights. A story that Maranville will be the mechanical rabbit is false.

A Massachusetts court observes that pedestrians are prone to carelessness. Omitting the last two words helps somewhat to clarify the meaning.

the show, a very good one, probably would have gone over, but far from anything like what it did. A world's champion along with two "ex-s" had to be in there to make it. In a sense they were merely props, and when such props have to be used, affairs in the sport are none too good.

Elsewhere during 1934, outstanding fights where titles and near-titles were involved, the gates drawn were usually worth-while, though much smaller under similar circumstances than those of former years. Of course, to some extent the depression through which we have passed can be held accountable for this, but otherwise, lack of interest has been paramount.

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