



SPORT



On the Sidelines

Table tennis is a coming game. Don't let anyone kid you that it isn't. Recently at Pontiac, Mich., more than 125 entries were received for the Oakland County table tennis championship. Play will be conducted over a three-day period. First it was softball parodying baseball and now tennis is being taken for a ride.

Discussing pitching motions in his column, "The Umpire" in the Detroit News, H. G. Salsinger, says that among the leading 26 pitchers in the American League, 22 are overhand pitchers, two are "three-quarters" overhand and the other two are side-arm. Says Salsinger: The overhand delivery makes for control. Pitchers can aim the ball better. For overhand aiming, Schoolboy Rowe offers a fine illustration. Rowe's control is almost flawless when he uses the full overhand motion. He lacks control when he does not complete the arc and get his full follow-through.

The best example of underhand pitching in the league is offered by Elden Auker but he, too, was an overhand pitcher until a broken shoulder, received while playing football, made it impossible for him to pitch overhand and he had to develop the underhand motion. He became a "submarine" pitcher purely through an accident. He would probably be a better pitcher had he been able to continue the overhand delivery.

Overhand is the natural way for the great majority of pitchers to deliver the ball. Most of them would be ineffective if they tried side-arm. There is nothing new in pitching styles and there never will be. All the methods of delivering a ball have been tried in the distant past.

Little can be changed in baseball. The bats today are somewhat different from those used thirty and forty years ago. They used to come in various shapes and sizes but with thick handles. Today the handle is thin. Ty Cobb used thin-handled bats. They were easy to handle, compared with the thick-handled kind. Babe Ruth prefers thin-handled bats. And the champions set the styles.

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HORSES HAVE AS MUCH SENSE AS HUMANS

Tom Berry, the Veteran Trotting Horse Driver, Tells Incidents of Hoss Racing Sense.

Here's what Tommy Berry, veteran trotting horse driver said when somebody argued with him that horses have no sense.

"Don't tell me," he countered, "that horses aren't smarter than a lot of humans I've seen. Every emotion that you and I have is duplicated in a horse. I've seen them proud, jealous, sulky, aloof, obstinate, courageous, defiant and cunning. As an illustration of what I mean, many colts or fillies in our own harness sport indulge in the various reactions I've given you. If I should happen to pass up a horse in a stall on any particular morning, when it has been customary for me to stop a moment and stroke its head or merely speak to it, that beast will put on the greatest exhibition of jealousy you ever saw."

Tommy went on to explain that in Bertha C. Hanover, a filly that stepped three heats in the Hambletonian Stake at Goshen last August, he had a good example of sulking, well mixed with disgust, plus a dash or two of obstinacy and defiance.

"That filly would step along perfectly in training sprints," Tom told us. "But, say, put her in a race where she knew by a casual look around that she had competition, and that washed her up. No amount of wheedling or coaxing helped. Ordinarily as well mannered as a duchess in a drawing room, Bertha simply refused to act normally in a race.

"Trickiness and cunning in a horse are every bit as common as in individuals, too. I know, without question, that horses recognize each other when they come up the track to score for a heat. Some week-kneed ones, with an inferiority complex, simply back down and quit. Others figure out ways and means to beat the other fellow—just as humans do.

"Peter Manning, the fastest trotter we've ever developed, with a record of 1:56 1/4, didn't leave anybody in doubt concerning his horse sense when he came onto a race track. A great horse he was—and he knew it. Coming onto the track from the paddock gate Peter would haughtily and carefully scan the entire mile circuit, take a squint at the grandstand and then trot like a general on parade to his post. He had courage, pride and plenty of real cunning in his old head, if I'm not crazy myself."

MISKOLCZ, Hungary, March 27—Rioting in which gendarmes wounded nine persons broke out today as a result of rumors that a man had been buried alive in a cemetery here.

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TORONTO LEAFS, MAROONS AND RANGERS WON PLAY-OFF GAMES LAST NIGHT

Death Walks Among Horsemen In Last Few Weeks

BOSTON, March 27—Death has claimed an unusual number of old-time horsemen in the last few weeks. Among them were M. F. McDonald, for fifty years a prominent dealer in harness and saddle horses in the New York market; Frank P. Fox, octogenarian trainer and driver, of Cornish, Maine; Richard Rosemire, nonagenarian, of Dubuque, Iowa, who was driving races sixty years ago in the Northwest; Webster Williams, 79, of North Anson, Maine, who once owned St. Croix, 2:14 3/4, and George a Graoves, 84-year-old amateur reinsman, of Boston, who owned the three-year-old trotter Frolic that took a record of 2:07 in last season's campaign.

MUNGO TRIES VANCE TRICK OF FLAP SLEEVE

Flapping Sleeve of Big Brooklyn Hurler Distracts Attention of the Batter—Vance Used It.

Big Van Lingle Mungo is a throwback to the days when the Dodgers had Dazzy Vance overpowering opposition with terrific speed and a curve ball that was almost as fast as his swift one. Mungo is not as spectacular as Vance, but he has the speed and curve which reminds one of the Dazzler in top form. Also, Mungo is now imitating the right-hander who immediately preceded him as the ace of the Brooklyn pitching staff in another way.

Remembering, when Dazzy was having his big seasons, how he used to flap a torn shirt sleeve in the faces of enemy batters and thus distract their attention from the fire balls that sped up to the plate? Well, Van is now working with the right sleeve of his sweat shirt torn just enough to allow that part of the garment to hang loosely and flap as he goes through his wind-up with the batter watching him. Van wore a shirt with a torn sleeve as he whirled through a four-inning workout in yesterday's game at the Orlando, Fla., training camp between regulars and yannigans.

National League batters finally got tired of looking at Vances torn sleeve and complained to John Heydler, president of the league. Pretty soon Vance got a needle and thread, sewed the sleeve and did his pitching without the benefit of flaps. Whether Mungo intends to flap a torn sleeve this season is not known. When asked about it last night, he said he didn't know and explained that he had ripped the shirt because it had fitted him too tightly around the forearm.

May Call in Seamstress
If Mungo elects to pitch with flapping sleeve, he may soon hear batters complaining just as Dazzy did, and Ford Frick, now boss of the league, may be asked to call in a seamstress. Vance did not need a torn sleeve to make him a winner and strikeout artist. Neither does Mungo, for he is equipped with so much natural pitching ability that you cannot keep his name off the list of the top-notch hurlers. Van had plenty in addition to a tear in his sleeve. In his four innings no runs were made off his delivery, and he yielded only one hit, a double by the powerful Ken Strong in the third game. Van did not walk a batter. His only strikeout victim was Dutch Leonard, who opposed him on the mound.

Leafs Even Series With Bruins With 2-0 Victory—Maroons Beats Black Hawks 1-0—Canadiens Eliminated by Rangers

THE GARDENS, Boston, March 26—Toronto Maple Leafs evened the National Hockey League championship series with Boston by defeating the Bruins 2-0 before another capacity crowd of some 17,200 fans here tonight.

The "kid" line of the dashing Blue-shirts wrecked Boston hopes of chalking up two straight victories by brekina away from their close-checking opponents to clash the puck past Cecil "Tiny" Thompson twice within a period of less than three minutes in the third period of the fast, exciting match.

Charlie Conacher, the league's leading marksman started his team on the road to a well-earned triumph by blazing a shot into the far top corner of the Bruin cage at 9:50. Albert "Babe" Siebert, husby Boston defenceman, was in the penalty box when Conacher took Harvey Jackson's pass for the goal. Just after Siebert returned Jackson broke through to snare a loose puck Conacher and Joe Primeau had tried to feed him and easily beat Thompson for the clinching marker.

Maroons Victors

CHICAGO March 26—Chicago Black Hawks, defending Stanley Cup champions, tonight fell before Montreal Maroons 1-0 in a bruising overtime battle before 17,681 spectators, largest crowd of the Chicago season. Defeat swept Chicago out of the 1935 Stanley Cup race while Maroons go on to meet New York Rangers in the semi-final, Chicago and Maroons had finished second in the season's race.

A major penalty to Lola Couture for clubbing Dave Trotter insensible in the third minute of overtime was the final deciding break in the long battle that started in Montreal last Saturday and extended through six periods of scoreless play.

A minute after Couture and Trotter left the ice Baldy Northcott took a pass from Bob Gracie, picked up the rebound of his own shot and scored the winning goal at the 4:02 mark in overtime.

The general opinion was that Couture, brilliant Chicago wing, had struck Trotter accidentally during a furious struggle for the rubber to the right of the Maroon net. Trotter fell face downward and then rolled over on his back. He was assisted from the ice, Couture was ejected while the crowd booed referee Jerry Goodman of London for the penalty.

Canadiens Eliminated

MONTREAL, March 26—Montreal Canadiens hung up their skates for the season tonight, eliminated by the New York Rangers from the N. H. L. play-offs. The Canadiens held the New Yorkers to a 4-4 tie before 13,000 hopeful fans here tonight but lost out on the round by a 6-5 score, Rangers having beaten them 2-1 in New York Sunday night.

One goal up when the game began, Rangers played canny hockey to keep that one goal lead intact.

Ranger forwards clung to Canadiens' sharpshooters like leeches

The Ranger defence played close in and refused to be drawn. When hard pressed they flung the puck far up the ice. They took what breaks came their way and turned them into goals.

OTTAWA, March 26—Births in Canada during the first nine months of 1934 numbered 167,061, and the birth rate was 20.6 a 1,000 population, as compared with 17,186 and a rate of 21.5 in the same period of the previous year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today.

CAN GEORGE YOUNG MAKE A COMEBACK?

Toronto Swimmer Who Made and Lost a Fortune Can Come Back, Says Johnny Walker.

Twenty-three years ago a Scotsman came to Canada and settled in Toronto. His speech was so Gaelic you could scarcely understand him. But this was no handicap. He was jovial, his rotund form soon became a fixture at swimming events, and after seven years he finally gained a position as swimming instructor at West End Y.M.C.A. That was in 1918.

At the same time a beefy youngster with a penchant for riding in motorcycle sidecars and who derived particular pleasure out of swimming joined the Y. The boy was eight years old. The Scotsman took to the boy like the boy took to water. Eventually a great friendship was built up between the youth and the Scotsman.

And in that way, in case you haven't already guessed it, Johnny Walker and George Young first became friends.

Since that time much has happened. Both have gone far. Johnny has risen to the pinnacle of his profession, that of coaching marathon swimmers.

George Young, in 1927, at the age of 17, overcame the hardships of a trip to Catalina Island in company with Bill Hastings on a motorcycle. The petrol buggy broke down. They hitch-hiked for miles and finally reached their destination. There George won his first big race, the Wrigley Marathon, and a purse of \$25,000.

Praise, Plus

For two years his achievement was lauded in the press. They acclaimed him from Catalina to Alaska, talked of his epic struggle against the blood-boiling tides of Catalina, of his stout heart, his will to win for his mother's sake. Citizens of Toronto banqueted him. They built a statue at Catalina in his honor. Toronto gave him a home. The movies were frantic to cash in on him. Vaudeville tours were arranged. He made \$2,000 a day for two weeks—or at least he supposedly did in personal appearances at United States theatres. Everything was perfect. The boy was "made." Everyone admitted it and there was not a dissenting voice as praise was heaped on him. The ovation compared with that given Lindbergh. He had his place in the world's hero hall of fame.

Then—Oh, it was nothing short of disastrous—things began to happen of seemingly even greater consequence. The human lust to beat down a winner finally became greater than the easy task of handing out plaudits.

Soon talk was circulated that Geo. Young had been "fleece." All the money he had made had been lost. He did not know how to take care of himself. He was a sap, a dumbbell. All the good things once said about him were forgotten. It was cruel.

Whether or not such was true, the fact remains Young announced he would swim in the C. N. E. marathons to recoup his fortune. That, too, was disastrous for a spell. He went through the agony, limb-numbing, and heart-breaking grind of trying to mas-

Night Baseball To Be Inaugurated In Cincinnati Park

Night baseball, at once the fear and hope of a tottering major league structure, will be inaugurated in the National League at Cincinnati shortly after May 20 next with the most elaborate ceremonies that the agile mind of its author is able to devise. President Roosevelt, it is hoped, may be persuaded to turn on the \$50,000 lighting system from a special switch at his desk in Washington. Mayors, governors and national correspondents are to be invited from distant points in an effort to make it a gala evening.

Criticizes Liberals For Not Opposing Govt. Legislation

OTTAWA, March 26—A new note in Canadian politics was struck in the House of Commons today when Sir George Perley, acting leader of the administration, criticized the Liberals for not opposing government legislation.

As a prelude to the eight-hour day bill passing through the House and defeat of the proposal of A. A. Heaps (Lab., Winnipeg North), to enact a six-hour industrial day and 30-hour week, Sir George accused the Liberals of lack of courage. He told them they criticized the government's reform bills but voted for them all—an untenable position.

"The leader of the opposition," the acting prime minister went on, "has stated in this House he will not permit these social reform measures to be made an election issue but he will find these are the election issues."

The Liberals, replied Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, their leader, were criticized if they blocked legislation and criticized if they didn't. "As I see it," he exclaimed, "the duty of the opposition at the present time is to give the people the right to say who shall govern from now on" With that end in view his party would continue to take as little time as possible in parliamentary debates, attempting to expedite the election.

ter Lake Ontario. He couldn't do it.

His once staunch admirers, those who had lauded him at civic receptions, swore "he could not swim at all." They were convinced in their own minds he was towed across Catalina.

But faithful Johnny Walker says he is going to persuade George to make another comeback and that he is betting on his former pupil to come through with colors flying.

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