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## DEVON PASTED PETS LAST NIGHT BY 14-5 SCORE

Fredericton Club in Dis-organized Play At Queen's Square Last Night — Only Two More Games To Play — Cameron of Devon Homers.

Fredericton's Pets sank further into the morass of last place, when they took a bad beating from Devon last night at Queen's Square, the score being 14 to 5.

"Johns" Keene appeared on the hill for the winners and was able to keep the Pets from threatening the early lead that Devon piled up. Bert Burgess, former Edmundston player, appeared behind the plate for Devon, though just what his status is in the York-Sunbury league is difficult to figure out just at present.

The Pets started "Bus" McLennahan in the box and were so hard pressed for players that they used several new comers. Five of the regular team were absent. McLennahan was followed by Murray Curtiss in the box, neither faring very well. Cameron, Devon's hard hitting young outfielder, crashed out a home run with the bases full in the second inning.

Only a handful of fans attended the game.

## Burleigh Grimes Tame In Peoria

PEORIA, Ill., July 14—Apparently Burleigh Grimes finds it easier to keep his temper in this city than in any other city in the league. Although Burleigh was chased out of the five other parks in the loop, not only one but several times during the first half of the season, he has yet to be evicted from the Peoria ball orchard.

## Sport Bits

Houston, Tex., July 15. — Official figures released by League President, J. Alvin Gardner show the Texas circuit players to 31,574 paid admissions during the first half of its schedule, an increase of 24,219 over the same period for 1934, despite the fact that an unprecedented number of games had to be postponed because of rain. High hopes are held for equaling or bettering last year's full season total of 710,177.

KNOXVILLE, July 7—Rabbit Bonner, midjet Knoxville shortstop, is considered one of the greatest fielders ever seen in the loop. He had a trial with the Athletics in 1934 and, although Connie Mack was satisfied with the lad's defensive play, he couldn't see Bonner as a hitter.

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## DIDRIKSON AND SARAZEN IN EXHIBITION

Babe Didrikson and Gene Sarazen, considered the greatest team to ever play exhibition golf matches will meet with stiff opposition today at the Woodland Golf Club, where they take on Jesse Guilford and Rosamond "Pinky" Vahey, State women's champion, in the first local match of their tour.

Gene and Babe played their first New England match against Tom Mahan and Johnny Nies at the United Shoe course, Beverly, Sunday and were on the losing end of the score, but Babe delighted the 500 enthusiasts who followed the match by her long driving and ability to call her shots.

A much larger crowd will witness today's match, chiefly to see how the Babe's drives compare with the Woodland "Siege Gun," whom Sarazen declares she can outdrive.

Considered the greatest woman athlete in the world, the rangy Texan has practically given up all other sports in favor of golf and by the time she gets through her present tour with Sarazen, which is being supervised by Bob Harlow, she should be one of the leading women golfers.

## Discovery To Race At Downs

A G. Vanderbilt's Discovery, holder of two world's records and the outstanding handicap horse of the year, will start in the \$10,000 added Bunker Hill handicap, the mile and a furlong test scheduled at Suffolk Downs on Saturday.

Word was received from "Bud" Stotler by Sec. Frank Bryan yesterday that Discovery will be shipped here tomorrow and will remain on the rounds in preparation for the big race, which is expected to attract the classiest distance starters in the East.

Discovery set up a new world's record for a mile and three sixteenths at Narragansett last year when he recently shattered the mark for the mile and sixteenth in New York.

Charleston, W. V., July 17. — Val Picinich, veteran catcher, will endeavor to lift the Charleston Senators out of the ruck, having, been signed as manager of the club by Watt B. Powell, after Russell Young seemed unable to get going. Picinich will be a playing pilot. The Senators scored a double shut-out against Beckley in the first games under Picinich's management recently.

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## WOMEN'S PLACE IN PRO SPORT WORLD IS GROWING ONE

Wethered An Outstanding Success — Not All Sports Are Open However — Didrikson Failure

Philadelphia, July 17. — The dust had scarcely settled on Miss Jacobs' last return, and Queen Helen Moody had received only part of the flood of congratulations on Wimbledon's tennis classic, when the cable brought the inevitable offer to turn pro. This time the Los Angeles Legion lads seek to end the exciting rivalry which has revived interest in women's lawn tennis. There is no question that, were it possible many an ambitious promoter would have paid \$50,000 to \$100,000 for the privilege of staging Saturday's "Battle of the Helens" taking a handsome profit on receipts beyond those figures. But Wimbledon would not then have played host; more likely Wembley had. The latter is England's famed soccer stadium in which they pack 150,000 spectators or more. Wimbledon was overflowing with 17,000.

Yet nothing professional tennis could offer would carry the drama and pent feelings of this climax to a "playing-through" tournament for the all-England title, symbolic more or less of world domain on the courts. One meeting, perhaps, but after that the edge would be gone. None of the professional playing-through tournaments carry the lure that they should; a series of matches palls quickly.

Which brings up the question, raised to your agent by Gene Coskreay, a diligent reader; Why don't more women adopt professional careers in sport? Do they shrink from its publicity, is there no future, or is the game unproductive of cash?

### Joyce Wethered Outstanding Success

We asked Miss Joyce Wethered those questions during her visit here, but the greatest of women golfers had no answers. One rather expected her to demur, recalling the difficulty they had in getting her to turn pro, even in the face of serious family financial reverses.

But when I wanted to know why she held back, she would only say that her personal inclination was against professionalism. Yet the game has been very good to her.

Miss Wethered, now winding up her ten-week tour, will net in the neighborhood of \$10,000—income of \$1,000 a week—with less, if anything, of the hurly-burly attendant to amateur tournaments.

Adding income as advisor to customers in a London store, and extra earnings she may get from endorsements of one kind and another, I would say that \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year would not overstate Miss Wethered's annual proceeds from golf.

Is this not a fairly successful career for the talented woman athlete to consider?

### Babe Didrikson's Failure

Yet very few have tried, and still less have succeeded. I believe that Miss Wethered with her English approach, her personal charm and shyness, and determination to maintain dignity in the doing at all costs has finally pointed the correct path to feminine achievement in the professional sports field.

Miss Helen Hicks is the American counterpart of Miss Wethered; turning professional she became a "business woman golfer" in the manner of George Von Elm some years ago. Miss Hicks signed with a sporting good firm, plays exhibitions, devotes herself to furthering good golf among the ladies.

She is allowed to play in the women's open championships, and like Miss Wethered may compete against amateurs under U. S. G. A. supervision in exhibition matches. While we have no way of knowing, Miss Hicks

undoubtedly has an excellent yearly income from her contracts.

A third woman golfer who only recently got onto the right track is Mildred Didrikson, of Beaumont, Tex. As stated before in this column, Miss Didrikson is probably the outstanding example of how not to begin a girls' professional career in athletics.

Leaping to fame as a track and field star prior to and during the last Olympics, Babe Didrikson allowed herself to be exploited in several ways, all without great profit to herself and with most damaging effect on her future. She immediately lost her amateur status while apparently seeking to maintain it; her earnings from various ballyhoo stunts, ranging from girls' basket ball to pitching for the House of David ball club, in all probability never netted what Miss Hicks or Miss Wethered received in a month.

### What Happened to Suzanne?

It remained for the U. S. G. A.'s disqualification to set the Texas girl right. She is now following in the steps of Wethered-Hicks and may some day rival the former as an outstanding girl golfer.

One does not have to concentrate on women golfers to see that professional sport has not been very well exploited by the ladies, however. I think of Suzanne Lenglen's tennis tour and the sudden manner of its demise, and with it the career of this feminine French wizard.

Undoubtedly Suzanne was tops among the racket wielders. Good as became Helen Wills and Helen Jacobs if we read rightly the reports of tennis critics, neither has or had the game to match Lenglen's at best. And yet her professional career was like a skyrocket—it flared across the heavens in one rush of fire, then blinked into darkness and was heard of no more.

One wonders how much Suzanne earned in that brief fling as a pro. The same goes for Mary K. Browne, who after giving up her amateur rating for a time, returned to play amateur golf. There have been numerous girl athletes in track and field who accepted or declined offers which didn't promise much of an income.

### Not All Sports Open

Why should this be? Why should we have thousands of men cashing in on athletic talents and only a few women? Naturally there are some sports which do not offer opportunity to ladies—boxing, wrestling, base ball, football, hockey, and I was going to say turf but just remembered Elizabeth K. Daingerfield and her mighty horse establishment in the Bluegrass—but on the other hand there are several others which are not attempted.

The \$25,000 offered the two Helens for one tennis match, is no inducement. But when Mrs. Moody decides to quit amateur tennis, if she should be so inclined, is there any reason why she shouldn't become the outstanding authority on the women's game?

What of all the girl swimmers?

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## Another "Dizzy" Dean Yarn Out

St. Louis, July 17. — Sam Breadon, president of the St. Louis Cardinals and Branch Rickey, vice-president, today denied that Dizzy Dean had been traded to the Chicago Cubs for delivery after the 1935 season.

"Not a particle of truth to the report," Breadon declared. "In fact, we've never talked about trading Dizzy to anybody. The Cubs have never indicated that they'd want Dizzy even if we wanted to trade him."

Rickey was characteristically explosive when asked regarding the report. "Absolutely nothing to it," he declared. "As a matter of fact, no club in the National League has approached us regarding Dizzy Dean."

## DAVIS CUP TEAM TO MEET GERMANY

LONDON, July 17—The United States Davis Cup team, which will meet Germany at Wimbledon this week end for the right to play England for the 1935 cup, today began light practice in preparation for the matches.

In accordance with the ruling of their manager, Joseph Wear of the United States Davis Cup committee, who does not believe in excessive practice, the players had laid off all tennis since their Wimbledon matches more than ten days ago.

Tomorrow they will have another light work-out after which they will rest up until the week end of play.

The players chosen for the inter-zone final with Germany are Wilmer Allison, John Van Ryn, Donald Budge and Sydney E. Wood.

"I will not announce the singles and doubles line up until Friday," Wear said today. "All the boys are in good shape and I am optimistic regarding our chances."

Allison and Van Ryn, runners up in men's doubles at the recent Wimbledon tournament, were considered the likely doubles team. Wear indicated he had not yet made up his mind who would play the singles matches against Germany.

Portland, Ore., July 17. — Hack Wilson, who was transferred to the Portland club by Albany of the International League, has asked the Beavers to guarantee his transportation to and from the Coast and has imposed other conditions before he will report.

Gertrude Ederle's early experiences in trying to earn a living are a sad commentary on a girl's way in professional sport. Not until Trudy landed a position in a New York style shop has she been able to capitalize through grievously in need—on being the first woman to swim the English Channel.

Indeed, looking upon the difficulties which until the present faced the average woman in the professional sport field, one might say they constituted even greater obstacles than lie between the coasts at Calais and Dover.

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## Vines-Perry Match Hailed As Greatest Of All Time

(By John Lardner)

Little Bill Johnston says we have a good chance to win back the Davis Cup, and it will be swell if we do but the Davis Cup, the Moody-Jacobs match, and all the other highlights of the tennis season will dim into insignificance if British promoters go through with their plan to stage a special contest between Frey Perry and Ellsworth Vines.

That will be the world's greatest tennis match, because the two boys in question are the world's greatest tennis players. I don't think there's any doubt of that. I've heard it argued that Nusslein, for one, is Vines' equal, but the argument has no force. Once in a while Nusslein will beat Vines—but when the callow Californian turns on the heat there is no professional who can touch him.

The question is, can Perry touch him? The public and most of the experts seem to think he can. Fearless Freddie is on the crest of the wave now, hailed everywhere as the greatest player alive and seldom if ever denying it. When he smothered Jack Crawford and pulverized the Herr Baron von Cramm in the recent social outing at Wimbledon, he looked so good that the experts got together and voted him perfect on all tickets, including the conservative.

Perry really is perfect, of course, in the common or Kunk & Wagnallsense of the word—"having all the qualities, excellences, or elements that are requisite to its nature or kind; without defect or lack; consummated; supremely excellent; complete." You could say the same thing about a great brand of automobile, though, of course, when the machine gets nudged by a locomotive at a grade crossing its perfection does it no good whatsoever.

BARNES CROSSING, Sask., July 16—Three boys were drowned and a fourth rescued with difficulty by another bather in the Beaver River here today.

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