



SPORT



On the Sidelines

As far as hockey goes in this town whether it be professional, amateur, junior or otherwise, it appears that it cannot survive. It is rumored that the backers of the Junior team in this city are taking licking after licking in the box office end of the game...the only people that appear to be making any money are the rink operators...and then they are even howling about hard times.

It might be a good idea for the rink management to co-operate with the teams a little more in the manner of allotting practices. We know of one team that has not had a practice in two weeks, and then they played two games in one night to meet the foolish whim of someone and their share of the gate receipts amounted to about as much as the rink management are asking this team for an hour's practice. Why should the teams of the York County League work themselves to the bone for nothing except the rather ridiculous honor of providing free performances for the rink?

It is plain to be seen that when the different class playdowns roll around none of the Fredericton teams will have enough money to carry on and once again Fredericton will be out of the running, which will be quite according to custom.

Of course we might suggest that the teams play all their games in the rinks of the teams they will meet in the playoffs, but then the people of Fredericton and the rink management would say, "That isn't fair!" And so there you are...no matter which way the worm is turned, you can only see one side of it.

In view of the baseball situation in New England this seems to be the right time for a good hot rumor to the effect that Babe Ruth will purchase the Boston National League franchise. It looks as though the Babe would have to buy a club to get a job as a big league manager.

When the National League club owners meet in Boston next Friday they will not have to waste time picking a site for the first ten home games on the Braves' schedule. A good guess is they will not be played in April. Frigid Boston climate and snow will turn 'em into July double-headers.

Ford Frick, new chief of the National League, can safely predict an exciting pennant race for this year. It has developed into a dog fight already.

If the owners of the Phillies are thinking about putting any sort of races in their tiny ball park then they can pick only one kind. Foot races between midgets.

The Dodgers have been invited to operate the Reading club of the N. Y.-Penn League as a farm next season. Business Mgr. Bob Quinn of the Brooklyn club is in Reading today looking over the situation.

A couple of years ago the Dodgers operated the Jersey City club of the International League. Jersey City isn't in the league any more.

The Dodgers will have a new trainer named Penner next season. Even with a Penner around Casey Stengel will continue to handle all of the gag lines.

NEW MONCTON HAWKS HAND BEAVERS 3 TO 2 TRIMMING

Climbed Into First Place By Last Night's Win; Goalers Put Up Good Display—Fist Fight.

MONCTON, Jan. 28 — Moncton's fighting Hawks tonight climbed into first place in the New Brunswick Mercantile League by nosing out the Saint John Beavers, 3 to 2, in hockey that bristled with thrills, spills, high sticks and which climaxed with a brief but spirited fist fight between Len Burrage of the Hawks and Ray Gettiffe of the Beavers.

Gettiffe and Burrage tossed lefts and rights at each other on three different occasions in the last minute of play despite frantic efforts by Referee Herbert and the various players to break up the row. Finally the pair were separated and sat side by side in the penalty box as the final minute of play ticked off.

Charlie Marshall and "Duke" Campbell gave the Hawks a one-goal margin in the first, although Ray Gettiffe helped the pair poke the disc past "Skeet" Kuhn in attempting to clear. In the middle frame the Hawks went into a two-goal lead at the 9.36 mark when Al Medinski rapped home Len Burrage's rebound shot. Gettiffe snapped up Archer's rebound at the 10.04 mark and scooped it into the hem as he was tossed to the surface.

Monty Muckle gave the home pack another counter in the final period when he patted Irvine's pass into the hem and sorrell-topped Sherwood made the count 3 to 2 when he walked right through the Moncton rearguard who failed to drop the tail-board and slapped the puck into the net on the opposite side to which Jimmy Foster was guarding.

Tonight's affair produced some fine goal-keeping by both Jimmy Foster between the uprights for the homesters and "Skeet" Kuhn in the Beaver goal, with Foster stealing a bit of the show. His rearguard failed to keep him well protected and time after time he rushed out of his area to break up dangerous looking Beaver assaults.

Ross Winner!

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 28—Barney Ross, of Chicago, easily defended his junior welterweight boxing championship at Miami Municipal Stadium tonight by winning a 10-round decision over Frankie Klick, San Francisco challenger.

Madison Square Garden had a capacity crowd for Saturday night's basketball program. Proving that Flemington, N. J., hasn't the only court that is packing 'em in.

Connie Mack has released Bing Miller from the Athletics, so the veteran outfielder can get a job with the Red Sox. Merely a friendly gesture on Connie's part. Next summer Bing will try to show his appreciation by banging out timely base-hits off Mack's pitchers. That's the way those things generally turn out.

When it comes to reading the opposition's signs Miller is in a class by himself. Eddie Collins, business manager of the Red Sox, is another expert in getting signs. With Miller on the playing field and Collins in the grandstand, the Red Sox should not miss a thing next season.

To Max Baer's list of knockout victims will be added those he puts to sleep when he croons over the radio.

Fight fans will have a difficult time getting away from Baer. If they stay away from his four-round exhibitions he'll break into their homes with a four-minute croon.

MEDWICK GAINS SPOTLIGHT WITH BROTHERS DEAN

Cards' Young Outfielder Is Made Popular By Work in '34 Series

Before Detroit fans showered Joe Medwick with fruit in the world series the Cards' young outfielder was none too popular with rooters. All that interested Medwick in baseball was his hitting. Fans' appeals for an autograph invariably found the St. Louis outfielder in a worrisome frame of mind over his shrinking batting average. Unlike some other headlined heroes, Medwick did little to build himself up, but the rooters of Detroit just showered him into one of the most dramatic situations baseball ever has known.

St. Louis club officials think that the fans' barrage will keep Medwick in the spotlight of baseball with the Dean boys, but the opinion is held by others that the Carterest, N. J. boy will be up among the greats only as long as he sees fit to cater to the fans, and Joe won't do that unless he rolls up his basehits.

There were times in the St. Louis campaign of 1934 when it looked as though it might be expedient to bench the hard-hitting Jersey player, whose climb to the big league was made within two years of professional playing. Medwick slumped on the road, dropping from among the league sluggers to less than .300.

Slump Saved His Job

St. Louis players told Medwick that the slump saved his big league job, for only when he was down among the puny hitters did he pay attention to his outfielding. His arm is one of the joys of baseball, but there were those who believed that Medwick would never would be able to use that arm to its best advantage. As an outfielder he was none too spectacular until he began to show signs of waning at the plate. Then he took up the trade of playing for hitters. His speed helped, and his arm did much to keep base-runners close to their sacks when a hit went in his direction.

The Dean boys were not the only causes of worry to Manager Frank Frisch. Medwick's fielding was a headache a day, but as he did his best to return to his slugging habits he found time to listen to suggestions. The result was some stirring catches that heartened the pitchers and made Frisch remark that Medwick was on his way at last to real big league glory and not on his slugging alone.

Teams that win championships are those whose players click. Along about the same time that the Dean boys were trying to put gray hairs into Frisch's head, Medwick also was causing him trouble. In their famous run that started late in the summer the Cards had some valuable assistance from the Deans and Medwick, the problem players.

Likes to Hit Bad Balls

All three reached their playing peak in the world series, Medwick in fact,

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SCIENTIFIC TESTS SHOW WAY TO OVERCOME FEAR

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 29—The tradition that an aviator who has crashed his plane must fly again as soon as possible to avoid losing his nerve has been given a scientific basis by a series of experiments which have just been completed at the Harvard University psychological laboratories.

According to the results of these tests, a person who has been frightened can best overcome his fear by immediately placing himself under the same conditions which accompanied the original shock and seeing for himself that nothing happens.

Delay Makes Fear Intense

Dr. Carl E. Smith, who conducted these tests emphasizes the need of immediate repetition of the act. Delay for a short a time as 24 hours, he has found, usually is sufficient to make the fear an intense and permanent one.

Dr. Smith's measurements of a person's fear were based on the fact that when a person is afraid, the electrical resistance of his skin is noticeably changed. Delicate instruments have been designed to measure this change.

This alteration in the electrical resistance of the skin is somewhat similar to erection of the hair and dilation of the pupils of the eye in terrifying circumstances. Psychologists explain these phenomena as being the preparation of the body for combat a natural procedure in case of fear.

The raised hair served both added protection and terrifying appearance to man's ancestor's in times of danger. The same phenomenon is visible today in the case of a dog which encounters a strange canine. The widening of the pupils of the eyes afforded the prospective fighter a keener eye for the battle.

Subjects Given Shock

In conducting his experiments, Dr. Smith gave his subjects a harmless but unpleasant electric shock to cause fear and then measured the fear when the conditions were reproduced but no shock given.

A list of words was read to the subjects and at the mention of keyword "cat" each was given the electric shock. All showed immediate fear reactions on the instruments which measured the electrical resistance of their skins, as was expected.

After all the subjects had been given their first shock of the mention of the word "cat", half of them were sent away, to return in 24 hours, and the other half were forced at once to go through the experiment a second time. On the repetition of the experiment the person was connected with the electrical apparatus as before but no shock was given, although the word "cat" was mentioned several times in the list of words.

Fear Passes Quickly

Those who took the test immediately after having been frightened showed

topped his best previous performances at the bat. It has been said of Medwick that he would be the leading batter of the circuit if he would stop hitting at bad balls, but he has insisted that he hits bad balls farther than he does the good ones.

When the Cards come bounding along next season it will be worth while noting the acclaim for Medwick, the lad who lives for his base-hits.

WILLIE LOGAN IS MARITIME SKATE CHAMP

SAINT JOHN, N. B., January 29—Amassing a total of 110 points, Willie Logan of Saint John was crowned king of Maritime indoor speedskaters last night at the Maritime championships held at the Forum.

More than 5,000 fans saw Logan disqualified in the half-mile event by taking a swipe at Tommy White, youthful South End athlete, on the back stretch shortly after White had accidentally jostled him at the turn and then witnessed him stage a great comeback to take a close one-mile classic—with White right at his heels.

Logan took the 220 and 440-yard dashes, the mile and placed second in the two-mile grind which was won by White.

Miss Elizabeth Flemming shared honors with Logan by capturing the senior girls' title when she defeated Miss Dot Logan, a sister of the new champion, in the final event for women, the half-mile.

Jim Coffroth, former San Francisco promoter, although living in San Diego or Los Angeles, has a desk in the office of Charley Harvey on Broadway, New York. Charley attends to all the Eastern business of the famous sports promoter.

mild anxiety at the mention of the word but, in the majority of cases, the fear passed away quickly.

Those who returned to take the test 24 hours later, however, almost invariably showed great anxiety on the delicate instrument at the mention of the word "cat", and these showed continual fear throughout the experiment. On some of these subjects, Dr. Smith even removed the shocking electrode and assured his subjects that the shock would not be repeated, but even this had no appreciable effect in diminishing their anxiety, he found.

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LEFTY GROVE SIGNS 1935 RED SOX CONTRACT

Collins, Yawkey Refuse To Reveal Terms to Fire Ball Star

All fears of a long drawn-out salary fight with Bob "Lefty" Grove, Red Sox southpaw as the central figure were dispelled yesterday with the announcement by Eddie Collins, business manager of the club, that the big left-hander, whose fire ball lost its heat for some strange reason last year, had attached his signature to a 1935 contract.

A boost or a cut? Well, now that's something else again and a detail that Collins flatly refused to discuss, but there was considerable excitement over Grove's contract signing. Collins going so far as to rush to New York to supervise the event, which occurred in Tom Yawkey's office.

Grove shook the snow from his heels and made the trip from Lonaconing, Md., to New York for this salary confab with the big guns of the Sox, knowing little about the terms of the contract to be offered him. Yet Grove was highly pleased at the finish and Collins also seems a trifle joyous that the occasion was carried off so smoothly.

The southpaw ace will start his 11th year of major league baseball next season and his record last year of having won only eight games against an equal number of lost games was his worst since he broke into big league baseball. Never before did Grove fail to reach double figures in victories.

Looking in the proverbial pink, according to Collins, Grove has been keeping in condition by hunting most of the winter, although he has been developing his wind and legs by playing handball. Grove refused to make any predictions about 1935, but he felt certain that he will regain his stuff and prove a winning hurler for the Sox.

And Collins and Yawkey are equally optimistic.

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