



# SPORT



## On the Sidelines

K—SIDELINES ... orts-df schTH... Frankie LeBlanc, the well known provincial hockey player, was in the city yesterday. This time, however, it wasn't on a hockey mission. Frankie was here on behalf of the Town of Dalhousie re that much discussed Assessment Act bill of the North Shore town. We understand that LeBlanc is almost as much at home on the debating floor as he is on the ice.

Leo MacDonell writing in the Detroit press about the recent championship game between the Olympics and Syracuse, says that "Knucker" Irvine is quite a favorite with the Detroit fans. "A game that on the whole was just another hockey contest was enlivened by a fist fight between Jack Markle, rated Syracuse's leading star, and young 'Knucker' Irvine," the former Moncton amateur star," relates MacDonell. "Markle lost the decision," says the writer, dryly. There is another report from Detroit that Irvine is being groomed for next year's Red Wings.

Ed Hurley, who counsels the Boston sport fans through the pages of the Boston Record, recounts that one of his southern correspondents recently gave him a new low-down on 'Dizzy' Dean, the lippy pitcher of the Cardinals.

"After the clash between the Braves and Cards in which Ruth met 'Dizzy' for the first time the hurler strolled into the Braves' clubhouse after the game," says Hurley's informant.

"What a turnout," he said, referring to the crowd of 6,500, the biggest in Florida's history. "And they all came out to see a mug named Ruth" and he shook hands with the 'Babe' cementing a friendship which probably will endure for the season."

Speaking of Davis Cup tennis competition and the chances for the coming summer, when the various nations will again be at the game, R. E. Hawthorne comments on the new accomplishments of Sidney B. Wood, the 23-year-old youth, who is expected to be one of the chief threats of the United States team this summer. Says Hawthorne:

"It seems fairly certain that Allison will not be equal to the job of taking the measure, either of Perry or Austin, on English turf. The lean Texan will be 31 years years old next December, beyond the best winning age in Davis Cup pay for all except the Tildens and the Borotras. Wood has indicated that playing at his best, and it is a brilliant best, he is capable of defeating any amateur in the game. But he has failed to come through before, either in Davis Cup play or in the U. S. national singles at Forest Hills. He is not yet 23 years old, but an 'infant prodigy' several years ago, he has had the benefit of wide experience on both American and foreign courts. To see Wood when everything is going well in his stroking is to see tennis almost at its zenith. It is difficult to visualize, at such moments, any player being able to withstand his racquet wizardry. He is reminiscent of R. Norris Williams 2d in this respect.

"But Wood's difficulties in the past appear to have been due to 'a state of mind,' for want of a better expres-

## ROWE PREDICTS TIGERS TO WIN PENNANT AGAIN

"Schoolboy" Will Participate in Forty Games This Season Says Big Hurler.

Failure of Schoolboy Lyn Rowe to win the sixth game of the world series last fall put him out of the picture during the winter discussions one of the best pitchers developed in years. But Rowe now pushes himself into the limelight with the prediction the Tigers will repeat this year and he will redeem himself against the Cardinals, if they come through to win again in the National League.

Upon the arm of the Arkansas schoolboy pitcher Detroit is leaning for another shot at the large end of the world series melon. One year ago at this time Manager Mickey Cochrane threatened to ship Rowe to Beaumont to have his ailing arm boil out under the torrid Texas sun. Rowe pleaded for the chance to show he was a major league pitcher.

It was this move that made Mickey Cochrane a miracle man by common consent. Starting in June, Rowe hit a stride that no Detroit pitcher has ever equalled. The big boy accounted for sixteen straight victories before the Macks threw him for a loss in Philadelphia.

Rowe expects to pitch in 40 games this year. If he wins with the regularity of last season, he should hang up more than 30 victories for the Detroit Tigers, it is calculated.

## STANLEY CUP PLAYDOWNS ON AGAIN TONIGHT

TORONTO, Ont., March 28—The Leafs and the Bruins moved into Toronto last night to finish a National Hockey League championship series that will decide, perhaps as early as Saturday night, the durability of two defensive systems. All square with one victory each, the contending forces arrives here confident but extremely respectful of each other. Toronto evened the series Tuesday night by winning 2—0 after losing the first game 1—0 in 33 minutes of overtime. Either team can finish the hostilities and qualify for the Stanley Cup finals by winning tonight and Saturday. If they divide these contests, a fifth will be played next Tuesday.

### SEMI-FINAL ROUND

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 23—Montreal Maroons and New York Rangers were riding the rails toward the metropolis last night for their semi-final round battle in the Stanley Cup wars.

Advices were that both squads would be at full strength when they match brains and brawn at Madison Square Garden tonight in the first game of their total-goal series for the right to meet the survivors of the current National Hockey League title struggle between Boston and Toronto.

Jubilant over their victory over Montreal Canadiens in the first-round knockout play, the Rangers also had cause for joy in the fact no further casualties came to riddle their ranks.

sion. Either he regards the issue too lightly and is lacking in the true match play instinct that made famous such court fighters as Francis T. Hunter and Bill Johnston, or his penchant for aiming only at the bullseye as he shoots direct for the lines and the top of the net, leaves him too slender a margin of safety on his shots.

## Hack Wilson Trying To Make a Comeback

GULFPORT, Miss., Mar. 28—Hack Wilson, once the king of sluggers in the National League, now a member of the Albany club of the International League, who expects to make a comeback with the minor league club, has lost 21 pounds during the training grind here. Hack is highly certain that he will make a comeback and return to the major league again.

## SIDNEY WOOD BEING GROOMED FOR DAVIS CUP

Frail Tennis Star Puts Self in Physical Culturist's Hands on Advice of Gene Tunney.

NEW YORK, March 28—They were lunching together more than four months ago, when Sidney B. Wood, Jr., United States' second ranking tennis star, addressed Gene Tunney:

"Gene," asked Wood, who is twenty-three years old, "how does a fellow go about building up his body?"

Wood, who is slated to draw a singles assignment on the United States Davis Cup team again, has been handicapped in his court adventures by a frail physique.

"Well, if you can't go into the mountains for half a year," Tunney said, "turn yourself over to Artie McGovern."

That was Nov. 15, 1934. Wood weighed only 137 pounds. Today he has broad shoulders, a thick chest, slim waist and sturdy legs.

"I saw in a minute that he was the same type as Johnny Farrell, the former national open champion," said McGovern. "He was weak in the middle. There were no muscular walls there to hold his stomach in place. It's a pretty common condition with most athletes except boxers."

McGovern put Wood on a diet. Smoking and all forms of alcohol were taboo. Wood was ordered to drink two quarts of milk between meals.

Then McGovern put him through a light course of exercises with a gymnasium wand, weights and medicine ball. Slowly the course was increased to running on a treadmill and bicycle riding.

After the first month McGovern concentrated on his charge's mid-section. Wood sat on a stool two feet above the floor, slipped his feet in a pair of rubber braces on the floor and then leaned backward until his head touched the boards. Then he straightened up.

Interspersed with punching a heavy bag, making knots on a treadmill and routine calisthenics to limber up, Wood has been going through this form of abdominal exercise.

"He weighs 146 pounds today and he's as hard as a rock in the middle," said McGovern. To illustrate this McGovern shot a straight right into Wood's stomach. The tennis player took it without wincing.

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## Toronto To Allan Cup Playoffs

Toronto All-Stars Score Heavily Against Ottawa Canadiens in 11 to 0 Play-off Game.

TORONTO, March 27—Outclassed in every department of play but gameness, Ottawa Les Canadiens went down before the flashy Toronto All-Stars 11-0 here tonight in the second game of their Allan Cup play-downs series. Toronto won the first game in Ottawa Monday 3-2 and will now meet Montreal Royals with the first game in Montreal March 29.

Canny Kenny Grivel, hero of the first game, and big George Parsons were high scorers for the night with three each. Captain Teddy Oliver, Garney Large, "Shorty" Robinson, "Whitey" Farrant and Ab Grant completed scoring with one goal each.

## DOESN'T HOPE MODERN MAN WILL RUN FASTER

California Prof. Says Modern Man Isn't Running Any Faster—Better Conditions Has Increased Speed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Mar. 28—Track coaches eager to get full credit for "developing" star athletes may not like it, but Dr. Horace Gray has the scientific analysis of nearly a thousand 100-yard dashes to back up his conclusion that "sprinters are born, not made." Dr. Gray of the Stanford University school of medicine comments on his technical report that: "It appears speed is a trait that is inborn. You either can or you can't run fast. I doubt if a track coach teaches very much to a sprinter."

One of his conclusions is "the rate of speed in running of which school boys are capable has been shown to be correlated with age and hence, to be one of the phases of general growth which is susceptible to mathematical treatment like growth in size of the body as a whole and of its various organs, systems and activities."

To obtain his data Dr. Gray and Frederick J. Daly, principal of a San Rafael, Calif., high school and a former coach at Yale, made 992 tests by having youths from 9 to 20½ years run that many 100-yard dashes.

The average 100-yard dash speed of the boy of nine years was ascertained by Dr. Gray to be 16.6 seconds. Each six months the boy cuts off a tenth of a second until he is 10 years and six months old, whereupon he begins to chop off a fifth of a second every six months.

At 12½ years he whittles off 4/10 of a second and he keeps getting faster consistently until he reaches the age of 20 years and six months, when he (the average) can run the 100-yard dash in 11.5 seconds.

In Dr. Gray's opinion there probably has been no increase in man's fleetness in the last 40 years or more, perhaps not in modern times. The better records, he is inclined to think, are due to the fact more youths are trying to run and therefore more exceptional individual performance is brought out, and to the fact better running tracks are available and other physical conditions improved.

A Farrell mother yesterday presented to Buhl Hospital in Sharon, Pa., one of the strangest cases in its history—the births of two four-pound sons thirty six hours after she had given birth to a four-pound girl.

## GOLDEN MILLER FAVORITE FOR GRAND NATIONAL RACE FRIDAY

Ninety-seventh Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase Running Awaited With Interest—Interest in Fredericton High As Local Man Draws Golden Miller, Favorite.

The 97th Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase of four miles, 856 yards, recognized world championship test for jumping horses, will be run this afternoon over historic Aintree's treacherous course. For many reasons it should be one of the most interesting competitions in the long history of this classic.

After last Wednesday's final declarations only 28 of an original nomination of 66 remained eligible, a circumstance which guarantees one of the smallest fields that ever has gone to the post for this coveted blue ribbon, and consequently assures a race in which the hazards of racing luck should be minimized to the nth degree. Of these 28 no less than six will sport United States colors and right now there seems much brighter than on outside chance that for the fourth time the prize may be carried off by an American owner.

The Hon. Dorothy Paget's Golden Miller, which won the 1934 Grand National, in the winter books is held a prime favorite to repeat and with good reason. In winning with ridiculous ease last year this horse stepped down under a pull to the finish line in 9:20 2/5, clipping seven and three-fifths seconds off the course record that Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark's Kellsboro Jack hung up in his 1933 triumph. A week ago last Thursday, for the fourth consecutive time, Golden Miller won the Cheltenham Gold Cup of three miles and three furlongs, recognized trial for the Grand National.

### Added Weight An Added Factor

In this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup victory Golden Miller beat John Hay (Jock) Whitney's Thomond II. only three parts of a length, although he finished much the stronger of the two. It must be remembered that the Grand National course is more than a mile longer. But it also must be remembered that Golden Miller and Thomond II. carried equal weights of 168 pounds in the Cheltenham. In the Grand National Golden Miller will be top weight at 175 pounds, conceding eight pounds to the Whitney ace.

Golden Miller ten days ago ran the Cheltenham Gold Cup course in 6:30, 27 seconds faster than it had ever been run before. Yet by no stretch of the imagination could it be con-

ceded that he gave Thomond II. an eight-pound beating. And in the opinion of Jock Whitney (at least it was his opinion when he sailed from U. S. shores) Royal Ransom at 162 pounds is the more dangerous of his entry. Jock was of the opinion that Thomond II. might have beaten Golden Miller last year had he not been almost knocked down three-quarters of a mile from the finish at a time when he was moving up fast and making what momentarily seemed a winning rush after having been restrained off the early pace. Still the owner is slightly doubtful of Thomond's ability to carry on successfully to the end of the long Aintree route as he is a small horse even though all heart.

## Legalized Pari-Mutuel Betting

CONCORD, N. H., March 28—Gov. H. Styles Bridges today announced he had signed the bill legalizing pari-mutuel betting in New Hampshire for four years. The measure provides that at least 80 per cent. of the employees at the track at Rockingham Park in Salem must be New Hampshire residents.

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