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MARITIME HOCKEY LOOP WILL FUNCTION NEXT SEASON

Meeting at Amherst Last Night—Moncton's Stand Uncertain—J. A. Hanway Re-elected President of New Circuit

AMHERST, N. B., May 17—The Maritime Hockey League will operate during the 1935-36 season. This was decided here tonight by representatives from Saint John, Halifax and Charlottetown who met in annual session.

It was stated that a definite stand from Moncton would be received within the course of the next three weeks. There is a strong possibility, it is believed, that Moncton will have a team.

J. A. Hanway, K. C., was re-elected president of the league for the fourth consecutive term. R. M. Ross, Amherst, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Dr. A. F. Taylor, Moncton, was returned to the vice-presidency and William A. Ryan, Saint John, was named second vice-president. D. A. MacKinnon, Charlottetown, was named honorary president. It was the first time such an honor had been conferred.

Mr. Hanway, president, called at-

tention to the unique record of Maritime hockey when making congratulatory remarks to John Conn, manager of the Halifax Wolverines, Allan Cup champions. Mr. Hanway stated that to his knowledge the M. H. L. was the first organization of its kind that had provided three consecutive Allan Cup winners in Canadian sport. He eulogized the Wolves for their wonderful achievement of the past winter when they won the Allan Cup after being put out of active competition earlier in the year. Similar remarks were made by J. E. Wry, president of the M. A. H. A.; C. D. Shipley, secretary of the M. P. B. A. A. U. C. and J. V. Montague of the St. John Beavers.

Mr. Conn in making a modest reply to the congratulations of the league gave full credit to Coach William Stuart and members of the team. He said that he felt confident that the Wolverines would make an excellent showing in the Olympic games.

RUTH HEARD TO SAY HE'S PLAYED HIS LAST GAME

Rumor That Braves To Use Famous Slugger As Gate Attraction—Babe Slumps at Bat.

CHICAGO, Ills., May 17—Babe Ruth is on the verge of quitting base ball, according to word drifting back to Chicago from Boston.

After Lon Warneke, Cubs' ace, struck him out twice in Sunday's game against the Braves, Ruth came back to the Boston dugout and said in a voice loud enough to be heard in the stands:

"I've played my last inning of base ball, I'm through".

Ruth didn't make a hit in the three games against the Cubs, and Tex Carleton, Larry French and Lon Warneke all were pitching to him. The Babe has made only six hits this season and has a season's batting average of only .171.

Rival pitchers think Ruth's batting eye is gone forever. They're fooling him with low pitches he can't seem to see. Ruth also is having trouble in the outfield. He can't go back for a long fly ball, or come in for the short ones. At least three of the Cubs' hits in the Braves' series would have been caught by an ordinary outfielder, in the opinion of base ball men.

The Braves' officials are said to be pleading with Ruth to make one western swing with the clubs as a drawing card before announcing his permanent retirement as an active player.

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FREDERICTON TO HAVE STRONG BOXING TEAM

SAINT JOHN, N. B., May 18—Interest in the New Brunswick Amateur Boxing Championships to be staged here May 1st, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. I. in co-operation with the sports committee of the transportation festival and jubilee celebration is running high at the present time and already several entries have been received.

Yesterday, Humphrey J. Sheehan, chairman of the committee in charge of the bouts, reported that Cecil Covey, Ron Laskey, Dallas Laskey, K. Corbett and Alex. McLeod, all of Fredericton, have signified intentions of taking part. Local mitt slingers are getting into shape with daily workouts at the Y. C. M. I. under the supervision of Art Garnett. Among the local boys who have filed entries are Al and Bill Ledden, C. Gougen, E. Bonner, Patterson and Willett.

Within the next week it is expected that a strong team of Nova Scotia battlers from Amherst will forward entries for the classic.

YANKS TURN OUT TO BE "HITLESS WONDERS" NOW

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 18—The "hitless wonders" of the American League no longer are the Chicago White Sox but the New York Yankees.

It's only a coincidence that the departure of Babe Ruth has been followed by an abrupt decline in the batting power of the Yankee machine. The Babe himself is hitting .171, but that's no reason for Joe McCarthy's more youthful and agile crew to take the slugging toboggan at the same time.

The Yankees not only are at the bottom of the league but so far not one of the regulars has clubbed his way into the .300 class. Tony Lazzeri, now hitting around .270 tops the list.

The other regulars are all far down, and Capt. Lou Gehrig, who was last year's league hitting king with a mark of .363, has only a pale .253 to show for his efforts so far, though he collected three hits yesterday.

It may be the weather or that the boys are pressing a bit. Certainly hitters like Gehrig, Bill Dickey, Ben Chapman, and Earl Coombs—all with

CARDINALS TO GIVE ROOKIES A LENGTHY TEST

Kid Pitchers of World Champions To Be Given Lots of Chances To Show Stuff.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 17—Before the world champion Cardinals blow into New York some startling form changes may take place in the National League. New York supporters of the champions have been a bit worried about Manager Frisch's men, but from the Missouri metropolis comes reassuring word that the Cardinals are stronger than they were last year at this period of the race. A slow start in 1934 made the Saint Louis team look weak, but after dropping most of their first games they hit their stride.

Manager Frisch at present is frankly concerned about his pitchers, notwithstanding the presence of the two Deans. He has been trying out his young hurlers and they seem to lack big league confidence. Their stage fright is so apparent that Dizzy Dean has been known to circulate among them, saying:

"Up here in the majors ain't no different than in the minors, only it is easier because you have a team that can hit and field".

Frisch is determined to have his novices, Norbert Kleinke, Ray Harrell, Ed Heusser and Mays Copeland, face all the big batters of the league before passing final judgment on them. It seems to be his opinion that Hallahan, Tinning and Haines are doubtful quantities. Bill Walker, he believes, will win a good share of his games. So the problem is to find a starter among his four young hurlers.

Further experiments might uncover another pitcher like Paul Dean, who was not driving the boys away from the plate with his skill when he began the 1934 campaign. Frisch's patience enabled Dean to become a starting pitcher and compensated for the sale of Bill Lee to the Cubs from the St. Louis farm at Columbus. Paul has improved until today some close observers believe he may have a better season's record than his more famous brother, Dizzy.

No other St. Louis team in years has had so much playing personality as the present champions, but the home attendance figures this season are disappointing. Even when the Cubs were at St. Louis the Cardinals did not draw well.

Through the East the spirited Cardinals are expected to attract large crowds.

PALACE ALLEYS BOWLERS DEFEND MARVEN TROPHY

Palace Alleys five of this city successfully defended the Marven Trophy here last night when they turned back Porter's Lucky Strikes, of Saint John by 9 pins. The scoring was high with the Capital trundlers turning in a total of 1,614 to Porter's 1,575. Porter's had a nice single in the third with 588.

Kelly, of Porter's was high man for the single with 138, and Foshay, also of Porter's topped 132 for second high. Tracey of Fredericton took high three with 340. The Saint John pinmen took a severe beating in the second string after losing the first by 13, and although they turned in a nice third were unable to come within reaching distance by the 39-pin margin.

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Life-time marks of .310 to .345—figure do much better as the season develops.

CONNIE MACK STILL LOOKS FOR LEAGUE RACE

A's Leader, However, Doesn't Pick Browns or His Team to Cause Any Trouble in A. L.

DETROIT, Michigan, May 17—Connie Mack, veteran manager of the Athletics, gives the Detroit Tigers other teams, not including his own, a fighting chance to win the American League pennant this year.

The tall, 72-year-old leader of the Athletics, with an idle afternoon through postponement of the Tiger Athletics tilt because of rain, paid tribute to the ability of his former star, Mickey Cochrane.

"A lot depends on Mickey", Mack said. "He pulled his club through last year and he may do it again. He has a great competitive spirit. There is nobody quite like him.

"I think the race this year is a free-for-all. Everybody has a chance except our club and St. Louis, and I'm not saying much about our club. We got off to a bad start, but we may come along. I even hate to leave St. Louis out.

"This year is a lot different from last. There are a lot of good clubs in the league. Personally, I like Cleveland. You know, there's such a thing in base ball as a team's year. Last season it seemed to me it was Detroit's year. I sort of sensed that. This season I think it's Cleveland's.

"Maybe I'm wrong. Chicago is coming along strong. Boston has a good club, and of course there's always Mickey. You can never count him out. He did wonders with Detroit last season, but I think Detroit will have to play awfully good base ball this year to win".

The Athletics' manager last season was one of the few experts in the game to pick Detroit as pennant winners. He made his choice and stuck by it. When Detroit went into a slump near the close of the campaign, Mack predicted that Detroit would come out of the slump and go on to win.

EVOLUTION OF THE SALE AND ITS WORKINGS HERE

Crack salesmen used to resent the good natured term of "peddlers" that country outsmers loved to apply to every caller with something to sell.

"Today", said a New York manufacturer of an article widely sold to drug stores, "your crack salesmen are peddlers in the real sense of the word. They buy their stocks from us and pay cash for them. Then, they go from store to store in their territories and deliver and collect as they take orders".

He explained that the practice of free-lance salesmen in competitive lines within the last few years had driven his firm to that method of selling and said, furthermore, that the firm's trade no longer seemed to regard the method as undignified.

"Our original star salesman", he added, "still stands at the head of the class. Within all his big salary and liberal expense account of the old days, he is faring about as well as he ever did. It's just an evolution in salesmanship brought about by unemployment and hand-to-mouth buying".

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MICKEY COCHRANE KEEPS HIS TIGERS HUSTLING

Rain or Shine, Mickey Makes Them Get Out and Practice—No Laying Around on Rainy Days—Connie Mack Said To Be Too Easy With His Charges—Need Slave Driver.

"That's just so much water over the dam. Nothing makes me sicker than to hear about games we 'should have' won."

Cy Perkins, old eagle eye of the iron mask, was speaking as he sprawled lazily on a divan in the hotel. Cy in this wise acts as the buffer for Manager Mickey Cochrane, who at the moment was looking dourly at the raindrops beating against his home on the outskirts.

We had been speaking of the American League race, of its closeness, of games lost by various clubs (including the A's and Tigers) which might as easily have been won.

"Yes, but they were lost. This post-mortem stuff doesn't go in the stand- ings, and nobody ever won a pennant moaning over close ones that got away. I'm sick of hearing about the fly ball which fell safe in right, or the pitch the umpire didn't call. I'm nauseated with the boys who claim an alibi for defeat—what about the other team out there on the field? Give 'em credit."

Perkins on Pitching

"We got licked six straight. We might have been eight behind Cleveland if Joe Sullivan hadn't pitched us to a win down there last week. But I'm going to bust any of our men on the nose if they start bawling the games we have lost."

Whereupon Cy revealed a few ideas on pitchers. He says the club with the most pitching—quantity as well as quality—will win out in what is become the screwiest, openest and most inviting flag race the league ever saw.

Do you realize what all these postponements mean? They presage double-headers in hot June and July, days when a pitcher is staggering at the sixth, wilting in the seventh, half dead in the eighth, and very lucky to be on his feet in the ninth. Well, when a number have to be relieved, and when there are two games three days in a row, you can deduct a few things on what may happen. The pennant race is not yet straightened out, nor will it be for many weeks.

"I am looking for the clubs with big fellows, those who can stand the gaff, to come through best in that pull," Cy declared. "I look for the pitcher who has the zip on his fast one, who, when in a jam, dares to fire that ball through, with plenty of stuff on it, to win. Those teams who have pitchers who can't bear down in the clutch, who get wishy-washy and ease up to be sure they get it over—flooie to their chances.

Cochrane Has His Laugh

"I think Detroit has that kind of

pitching. I think we are the club to beat out. I'm not positive we will repeat and win the pennant, but mark me down for this: Whoever wins it has to beat us."

Cy got up and walked across the lobby. A number of the A's came in from the movie. They are restless, lying around, inactive. I decided to learn further how the situation is handled in the lair of the Tiger, so got a grip on friend Cochrane's ear.

"Say, what's the weather report for tomorrow?" Mickey demanded.

"Rain and cold," I replied.

"Great guns, when do we see the sun again?"

Then the old Cochrane flashed into form. He broke into roars of laughter.

"Say, Cy, how do you like your ball club by now?" he whooped at me. "Boy, do they look good down there in seventh."

Your agent drew himself erect with some dignity.

"And how long is it since you have vacated the lowers?" we asked.

Mickey had to grin at that one, too.

Running in the Rain

"Yes, but we're reforming now," he declared. "Your club still has to get along." He was duly advised that the A's had come to Detroit especially primed for that function, and after a little more raillery the serious matters of how to run a ball club in the rain was brought up.

"They'll get out of shape if they sit around this time of the season," Mike informed. "You can call me crazy if you will, but the Tigers were dashing around in the mud today, and colds, croup or pneumonia, they had a workout. It's bad enough not to play, but missing workout is a sure way to hit the skids."

And that suggested probably the real trouble with the A's, injuries notwithstanding. They sat around idle 10 days after Spring training. They didn't even play basket ball or limber up in a gymnasium. They grew stale waiting for the season to open, and they lost ball games right and left as a result. Today no number of explanations will wipe out 11 losses against them, games that could as easily have been won.

A's Need Slave Driver

Even now they aren't keeping the blood in circulation. If they get into uniform, a number fail to take a run around the park. Pitchers in particular seem to have a few ideas on how to keep in condition.

What the A's need more and more is a tough Simon Legree to put them through their paces. Mickey has the right idea. Rain, snow, sleet, the non-exercising ball club suffers more by remaining indoors.

And so they sit out the wet spell in the West, nearly all American League teams remaining idle, piling up trouble for the future, worrying about games that are lost, trying to recapture water that's long over the dam.

What will it all come to? Only September will tell.

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