



WHYS AND OTHERWISE

AS SEEN BY
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Since baseball happens to be a popular pastime on this continent, for very good reasons, and since Germany and her antics of the last few years has earned a place in the public limelight, it is interesting what a German sports authority has to say of a game of baseball as witnessed in Germany for the first time several days ago. The Nazi critic discusses baseball as follows:

"Baseball began its successful career in the countries surrounding the Pacific Ocean," wrote the German authority. "It's outstanding feature is a rhombus drawn in one half of a field, the longitudinal axis of which is equivalent to one third of the longitudinal axis of the whole field. Both teams appeared with nine players. The team with Red stockings attacked first. They lined themselves up outside the field and only one struck at the ball at a time with a wooden baton. When the hit was successful the player was forced to attempt to run around the rhombus. Each such run counted as a point.

"The task of members of the defending team itself were as follows: The most important man is the thrower. He is the one who on professional teams gets the highest wage. The thrower throws the ball at a certain height toward the catcher of his team against the hitters of the adverse team. The catcher must catch the ball if it is not captured by the wooden baton of the hitter. The defending team also had four men who guarded the Rhombus and tackled runners, as well as three people who guard the outlying section of the Rhombus in order to capture the ball of their own team.

"The hard compact ball is thrown with such an impact as to cause injury. One hitter batted it far over the field and succeeded in circling the Rhombus. It seemed difficult to strike this ball, which is thrown with tremendous energy. After three invalid throws a player is out, and the same rule is true if the ball is caught. And also if the ball is thrown into the Rhombus before he finished his run."

Daily Sport Anecdote

When "Kid" McCoy was in his heyday and considered one of the best and most crafty men in his class, there was much ballyhoo about a match between him and Jim Jeffries then at the height of his fame. The Kid's backers were favorable but the kid had no intention of fighting Jim unless he had at least an outside

SPORT



George Johnston N. B. No. 1 Tennis Player

SAINT JOHN, Aug. 17—Six titles were declared at the close of the week's play over the week-end in the New Brunswick Tennis Championships and the remaining three will be decided on the courts of the Tennis Club of Rothesay, this morning.

George D. Johnston, first ranking star of the Fredericton Tennis Club, won the men's singles championship of the province by virtue of a straight set victory over Hugh Little, Halifax junior star, by scores of 5, 6-1, 6-0.

The two players fought it out on more or less even terms in the first set. Little playing a steady, careful game in an effort to slow up the champion's style of play. However, with one set to his credit, Johnston definitely took command of the match and sent his deceptively paced drives and volleys to all parts of the court to run his youthful opponent ragged. The Fredericton star played heads-up tennis all through the week and definitely established himself as New Brunswick's number one player.

Mrs. Jones Title Winner

Mrs. Harold F. Jones, of Halifax, left no doubt in the minds of the spectators that she is the Maritimes' finest lady player and added more laurels to those already won in previous years by annexing the women's singles championships for 1936, defeating Miss Isobel Matheson, junior star of the Northland Tennis Club of Edmundston, in straight sets, 6-2, 6-0.

The scores do not by any means indicate the play, which was close in each game. Miss Matheson, who has been playing the best tennis of her career in this tournament, chopped, drove, bobbed and volleyed at the net but the Halifax lady more than matched her game with burning speed and cleverly executed placement shots. It was a pretty match to watch.

1936 N. B. CHAMPS

Men's Singles

George D. Johnston, Fredericton.

Ladies' Singles

Mrs. Harold F. Jones, Halifax.

Men's Doubles

Eric Woodworth, Halifax, and Lloyd Keating, Moncton.

Ladies' Doubles

Misses Mary and Isobel Matheson, Edmundston.

Junior Men's Doubles

Graham Rogers and Gerald Dryden, Campbellton.

Junior Ladies' Doubles

Miss Marion Little and Miss Margaret Gillmor, Halifax.

(The senior mixed doubles and junior men's and junior ladies' singles championships will be decided this morning).

SCARCITY OF GOOD PITCHERS IN MINORS SHOWN THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, Aug. 17—This has been a comparatively poor year for rookie pitchers in the big leagues, and the dearth of mound talent in the minors is indicative of a more harrowing year for freshmen hurlers in 1937. The cry in the majors, "We want pitchers!" may never be fully answered in the next campaign. Good pitchers are scarce. Good young pitchers are still scarcer.

Around the minor circuits, one doesn't refer to any pitcher as a potential Dean or Hubbell or Warneke. Few if any have shown enough resemblance on the mound to any of the present-day stars. Why this should be is puzzling the best minds in baseball. Some say that the cycle of talent has swung away from pitchers to infielders and outfielders; others blame it on the tendency toward lower salaries in the smaller loops.

At any rate, there doesn't seem to be a pitcher of any prominence in the Class A or AA leagues who isn't well-known to big league ivory hunters. Most of the good ones have been up before, and when the scouts are asked to scour the minors for good young pitchers they find they are up against a fairly discouraging task.

One of the better pitchers in the yearling group is Jack LaRocca, former star right-hander of a New York high school. Jack is owned by the Yankees network. Last year he was with Newark. This season he is out on the Coast pitching for Oakland, and he is said to have one of the best fast balls ever seen in that circuit.

Must Pitch to Corners

It was a well-known minor league umpire who said of LaRocca: "His fast ball is so fast that it is hard to see until it sneaks up on you. If that fellow could learn to work the corners, instead of pitching directly down the center, he would be a real star."

Another outstanding pitcher on the Coast is Jack Salvesson, bespectacled right-hander, who joined the Giants in 1933 as a nineteen-year-old juvenile star, then passed into the hands of the White Sox and finally wound up pitching for Los Angeles. This latter task has been performed so splendidly this year that he is likely to return to the majors. He has had a winning streak of ten games.

Another hurler shunted to the Coast after a short fling in the big leagues may come back again. He is George Caster, once a member of the House of Mack, who came up to the A's without exhibiting so much as a windup of any proportion. He has recorded about twenty victories for Portland.

Manuel Salvo, gigantic right-hander, who was tried out by the Red Sox this spring and found wanting, is a leading hurler with San Diego, a second division team, in the Coast League. Manager Cronin was much impressed by his natural ability, but Salvo lacked something and was sent back to the Coast, whence he came.

Weiland a Big Winner

The Rochester Red Wings, farm of the St. Louis Cardinals, have the pitcher with the best International League record this season. He is the six-foot four-inch Bob Weiland, a left-hander who saw service with several American League teams. Weiland, 30 years old, caught on with the Red Wings last year and he is now recognized as the leading strikeout twirler and a twenty-game winner.

Hard Luck Bill Harris, former Pittsburgh right-hander, is coming through in the International League also. Harris is 36, which seems to be his only drawback for he has rung up two no-hit no-run games this season.

The American Association is also finding it difficult to project its younger hurlers into the limelight.

The pitcher with the best AA record is Lou Fette, a seasoned right-hander of 28 summers, who already has been purchased by the Boston Bees for 1936 delivery. Whitlow Wyatt and Walter Tauscher, another pair of old-timers, who are not strange to the big leagues, have been turning in the most consistent jobs.

11TH OLYMPICS COME TO END, CANUCKS RETURN

BERLIN, Aug. 17—United States aquatic stars captured the unofficial men's and women's swimming titles Saturday as Italy and India won gold medals in soccer and field hockey.

Most of Canada's brigade broke camp. Some headed for home, others to compete in the United States-British Empire meet at the White City Stadium in London.

The Maple Leaf bearers took with them one championship—the canoe singles title won by Ottawa's Frank Amyott. In addition they had the silver medal Johnny Leaning of Windsor won for placing second in the 400-metre hurdles and the second-place silver disc won by the Canadian basketball team which bowed in the finals Friday to United States.

DUSEK AND ROBERT WILL GRAPPLE SOON

MONTREAL, Aug. 17—When Count George Zarnoff and Ernie Dusek were bitterly wrangling as to which one of them would get the bout for the world's title against Yvon Robert next Wednesday night at the Forum, a rougher and tougher member of the family of Dusek, Dusek, Dusek and Dusek stepped in and stole the bout away from both of them.

As a result Jack Ganson brings Rudy Dusek into the ring against Yvon Robert on August 19 at the Forum with the world's title, the \$10,000.00 diamond belt and the American Wrestling Association championship at stake.

Zarnoff and Ernie Dusek reached a deadlock when both demanded the bout with Robert here last week, and when Ernie thought that Matchmaker Ganson was inclined toward Zarnoff he called his brother Rudy on the telephone, in New York.

Befriends An Acquaintance — Gets Him Out of Jail

ANAMOSA, Iowa, Aug. 17—Johnny McGrath shook off the memory of 25 months in the State Reformatory today and turned to that job promised by the friends who got him out—James J. Braddock the world heavyweight Boxing Champion.

The State Parole Board, mainly on the strength of a plea by Braddock, yesterday let McGrath off from the balance of a 10-year sentence he drew for breaking into a Shenandoah, Iowa, cafe to steal a bottle of beer.

Braddock, a friend of McGrath in their New Jersey boyhood, appealed in person to Governor Clyde L. Herfing several months ago and followed up with a letter to the parole board, promising to "employ John McGrath in my publicity department" at no less than \$35 a week, and to supervise "his social activities."

MINTO MEETS ST. CROIX CLUB ON WEDNESDAY

SAINT JOHN, Aug. 17—The semi-final series of the New Brunswick baseball playdowns between St. Croix of St. Stephen and Minto Miners will open Wednesday night at Minto, according to word received last night from Leonard H. Webber, secretary-treasurer of the St. Croix Club. The game will start at 4.30.

The St. Croix Club, formerly St. Stephen-Milltown Kiwanis, is regarded as strengthened 50 percent this year and look for a short series with the Minto Club, despite the fact the Miners cleaned up on their old rivals, Devon, who gave St. Stephen nine anxious moments in N. B. playdowns in years past.

The second game of the semi-final series is scheduled for St. Stephen on Friday, starting at 5 p.m., Atlantic Standard Time.

Minto's remaining home games, according to Mr. Webber, will be played at Devon, a closed park figuring on the removal to that town. At Minto the playing field is an open one.

Notes From the Fight Camps

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., Aug. 17—There was a general feeling of elation in Joe Louis' training camp today over the spirited form shown by the Brown Bomber today in his workouts for his comeback battle against Jack Sharkey Tuesday night. Alert and bubbling over with a spirit and enthusiasm strangely missing in previous workouts, Louis zipped through four speedy rounds of boxing, two against Willie McGee and two against young George Godfrey.

Experts at the ringside agreed that Louis' boxing was superb and his punching fast and accurate. "He's just beginning to hit his real stride," explained Trainer Jack Blackburn. "He'll be even better next time and better than that when he finishes training Sunday."

Sharkey Sure

ORANGETHURGH, N. Y., Aug. 17—Weighing a trim 198 and as cocksure of himself as ever, Jack Sharkey today entered the "home stretch" of his training campaign for his 10-round fight with Joe Louis next Tuesday night.

The Lith resumed boxing yesterday after a one-day layoff and impressed all who saw him with his condition and his sharp boxing.

He boxed four rounds against three spar-mates and shook them all with short left hooks.

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It's Family Affair!

ST. WENDELL, Minn., Aug. 16—If they just had a couple more brothers for umpires the Sowada family figure they'd be all set for their exhibition game with the Holdingford team of the great Soo League.

The St. Wendell line-up consists entirely of Sowadas—Ernie, pitcher; Felix, catcher; Leo, 1st base; Clarence, 2nd base; Val, 3rd base; Eugene, shortstop; Moses, leftfield; William, centrefield, and Alphonse, rightfield.

A couple of Sowada cousins were drafted in case any of the brothers need relief.

LURE OF YANKS STILL BRINGS 'EM IN AT THE GATES

NEW YORK, Aug. 17—Babe Ruth was the greatest ball player and most colorful figure the game ever knew. When he departed from the Yankees there were many who said that Col. Ruppert could rip thousands of seats out of the Stadium and give them away because they never would be needed again. There also was considerable moaning around the American League circuit because the Yankees without Ruth would be just another ball team and would pack the parks no more.

Before their current trip is over the Yankees will have drawn more than 200,000 since they last saw the Stadium, while the attendance in the Bronx this year has been the largest in the club's history, in spite of the fact that several times thousands had to be turned away because of lack of room due to the reconstruction of the bleachers.

The answer, of course, is that baseball is greater than any one man in it at any time. The Ruths and the Cobbs and the Speakers depart, but the Deans and the DiMaggios and the Rowes come surging up and the game goes on and the crowd are as big as they ever were and sometimes bigger.

It isn't always easy to remember this, especially when a great and glamorous player is at the peak and the crowds flock to see him wherever he plays. It seems then that he is indispensable to the game and that when he leaves it there will be no one to take his place and the crowds will fall off and the game will suffer irreparably.

But in the years since Abner Doubleday started the boys throwing a ball around cooperstown many a great player stalked across the baseball scene and made the crowds roar and then passed from view, but the crowds went on roaring. The only difference was that the crowds were roaring for somebody else.

Bear this in mind the next time somebody starts to talk about this player or that one saving baseball and reflect that no matter how valuable he may have seemed at any given time, no player ever wrecked baseball by stepping out of it.

Trouble Pot Brews in National

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 17—Gerry Nugent, president of the Philadelphia National League Baseball club, today denied rumors he will trade Manager Jimmy Wilson to the New York Giants and name Hans Loeber. Present coach, in his place.

Irked by the Phils' poor showing, Nugent will dispense with Wilson's services after the 1936 season closes. The report held. It was reported Loeber will be signed at a much lower figure than Wilson's \$19,500 salary and that Bill Terry, Manager of the Giants, is anxious to acquire the Phil pilot to catch and assist in handling the pitchers.

"It's a lie!" Nugent declared. "I have often discussed the management of the club with Wilson but I have never accused him of mismanagement. About next year I have nothing to say. We don't sign our managers during the season."

YORK COUNTY TENNIS TOURNAMENT STARTS TODAY

Got Straight Set Victory Over Hugh Little of Halifax in Men's Singles Final — Other Champions.

The York county tennis tournament was scheduled to get under way this morning on the local courts. George Johnston, whose brilliant play in the New Brunswick tournament this week carried to the top, will likely meet "Sid" Bartlett, of this city in the men's singles, and in the ladies' singles, such York county stars as the Misses Helen Spike, Dorothy Rowan, and Yvonne Cormier will meet. Sammy Page of Marysville is another entry for the men's singles. With Peterson also, scheduled to enter the singles. The weather was not entirely suitable this morning, but the sun momentarily threatened to break through the clouds. The tournament should provide some good tennis and keen competition.

SPORT DUST

NEW YORK, Aug. 15—Begins to look like the Jack Sharkey-Joe Louis fight will do what a Broadway columnist would call the "old floppo" . . . if the show grosses \$100,000 everybody will give three long cheers including Mike Jacobs who deserves a better break . . . Jack is down to one meal a day trying to get in shape . . . a big glass of orange juice is all he allows himself until 5 p. m. . . Charles Atlas, the physical culturist, suggested the diet . . . he predicts it will add another defeat to the Brown Bomber's record . . . or, yeah?

Washington Senators will be the newest entry in the United States Eastern Amateur Hockey League. The club will be formerly admitted at a meeting Friday when a 48-game schedule will be drawn up. The six teams will play a split schedule, the winners of each half meeting in the championship playoff.

This corner and the rent money went down with Ed Lasater in the Hambletonian yesterday . . . was that some sort of a record for pitchers? Wes Ferrell set yesterday when he clouted two homers in consecutive innings? . . . Guess you noticed the score board said six runs for the Sox . . . and that the summary said Ferrell batted in just six of them? . . . nice going . . . a southern scribe quotes a prominent member of the Red Sox as saying the Beaneaters are righting themselves.

Jack Onslow, the old catcher, calls George Jeffcoat of the Dodgers, the most astonishing kid pitcher he's seen in years . . . says nobody else ever came out of Class "D" League with a curve like George's . . . Jesse Owens was adjudged the best dressed man on the Manhattan during the Olympic team's trip across.

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