



# SPORT



## WHYS AND OTHERWISE

AS SEEN BY  
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The Fredericton Capitals are busy preparing for their opening home contest, which is only a week away. The players are rounding into first class shape under Larry McLean's skilful tutelage, and both players and coach are out to avenge that 7-2 loss they took from Moncton last week.

"Conversational operations," as the New York press paraphrases, are scheduled to commence in two New York hotels today, the occasion being the meeting of the moguls of the major leagues to hash over prospects, make trades etc., for the 1937 season. A number of things are expected to be seriously debated.

One thing is that the majors are expected to ratify the new ruling of the minors that now permits any major or minor league representative to recommend players for signing to other clubs. In short this means that any scout may recommend any player to any club of lower classification other than the one by which the scout is employed.

"Bud" Steen, who was considered a veteran at the time the Millionaires cavorted here, is out again with the Fredericton Hockey club. Bud looks in for another good season.

Among the more deadly things the world has to worry about are the peace gestures of Hitler and Mussolini.

## CHINA WAKES UP TO ATHLETICS - INTEREST GROWS

Mass Exhibitions Are Given --- Apathy to Athletics Giving Way With No Points Scored By Team in Olympics

NANKING, Dec. 7.—As a result of China's failure to garner a single point at the 1936 Olympic Games, the Chinese Government is intensifying its efforts to batter down the traditional Chinese passivity toward sports.

Although the Chinese delegation of 79 athletes came back from Berlin with no medals, it did bring a number of fresh ideas. One of these was translated into reality recently when 50,000 citizens of Nanking participated in a mass demonstration of calisthenics and games.

It was the largest demonstration of its kind ever held in China and was the first move of the government to stir up interest of the public in sports. Heretofore promotion efforts have been centred mainly on the schools and various government services.

Emphasizing the importance attached by the government to this experiment in mass physical education, the events were directed by such personalities as General Ho Ying-chin, Minister of War; Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Minister of Education; Dr. C. T. Wang, Ambassador designate to the United States, and Mayor Ma Chao-chun of Nanking.

In the immense throng were not only students and government officials but thousands of civilian workers. Many of them had been virtually conscripted for the occasion by the authorities, but all entered with zest into the programme of formation drills and games. While Western-style sports predominated, there also were exhibitions of Chinese boxing and wrestling, which are enjoying a

new popularity after being long neglected by Chinese of the old school, who looked upon all forms of physical exertion as undignified.

The guiding spirit behind Nanking's mass athletic demonstrations was a comparatively young American-educated Chinese, Mr. Gunson Hoh, for whom the post of national physical director was recently created. Mr. Hoh voiced the hope that the Nanking display would mark the beginning of a country-wide movement for the promotion of athletics, which finally will wipe out traditional prejudice against sports which has held the country back in international competition. Mr. Hoh accompanied the Chinese Olympic team to Berlin and saw it go down to defeat in every important test it encountered, yet he is not disheartened.

"We learned many lessons," he said "which will be of inestimable value to us in preparing for the next Olympic games at Tokyo. It must be realized that this was the first occasion in which China had participated officially in the games. It took Japan only eight years to advance from the bottom to the top flight among Olympic competitors.

"With an enormous population to draw from, there is no reason why China, too, should not progress in the field of sports. By making the nation sports-conscious through such demonstrations as the one held in Nanking we will have taken an important step toward our goal. Heretofore the schools and universities have been about our only source of athletic material."

## ROSE BOWL GAME TO SUFFER BY CRITICISM

Selection of Pittsburgh Calls Wrath Down on Officials

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 8.—Rose Bowl football officials opened the day's mail and sighed with relief. Bombarded for twenty-four hours by a cross-fire criticism over the selection of Pittsburgh as the Eastern opponent in the annual New Year's Day game, they had reason to welcome the mail. It contained checks and request for tickets.

Athletic Director Ray Eckman of the University of Washington, host team of the West, remained confident that the Panthers and Huskies would sell out the huge bowl.

Close observers in Pasadena and Los Angeles were not so confident and dissatisfaction over the fact that undefeated Louisiana State or Alabama was not invited to the coast continued in evidence.

Grins at Alabama  
Eckman, sitting at a football dinner last night, grinned goodnaturedly when the toastmaster, Pat O'Brien, introduced Coach Frank Thomas of Alabama with the comment:

"—and up to forty-eight hours ago Frank Thomas practically leading his boys from Alabama into the Rose Bowl."

Washington officials announced that the ticket sale will get under way Monday at headquarters (132 East Colorado Street) here.

Prices have been set at \$4.40, \$3.30 and \$2.20. The \$4.40 tickets are between the goal lines, the \$3.30 seats between these lines and end zones and the remaining 30,000 seats at \$2.20 behind the goal posts.

Head Coach Jimmy Phelan, enjoying a brief vacation here and hobnobbing with fellow alumni of Notre Dame, announced he would call the Huskies to practice in ten days or so and bring them on to Pasadena about December 20.

## BILL COWLEY LEADS N. H. L. SCORING LIST

Former Halifax Wolverine Showing Rare Form

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—Slim Bill Cowley, the smiling centre who stepped up to the "Big Time" from the Halifax Wolverines, took over the scoring leadership among former Maritimers in the National Hockey League during the last week.

The six-point total he has picked up with Boston Bruins sent Cowley one upon Eddie Wiseman, New Brunswick-born New York American, who has led the Maritimers to date.

Meanwhile today's N. H. L. statistics showed Ray Getliffe of the Bruins, formerly of Saint John Beavers and Charlottetown Abbies, brought his point total to five and drew even with Wiseman, who went scoreless during the week.

Cowley's points were split evenly between goals and assists, three of each. Wiseman had three goals and two assists, while Getliffe's tally stood at two goals and three assists.

Just three points behind the leaders—Neil Colville of Rangers and Aurie of Detroit—Cowley was in a tie with Pratt of Rangers for sixth place in the league's American Section. Pratt also has three and three.

Cowley, always one of the league's cleanest players, is one of the few leaders who have yet to see the penalty-box gate swing behind them. He has not been sent to the mourners' bench yet.

Jack Keating continued to boost his lead in the International-American

## Curling Club Elects Officers

SOUTHERN N. B. LOOP GAME IS MOVED AHEAD

MONCTON, Dec. 7.—Moncton Maroons will play hosts to Rolfe Robertson's St. Stephen Hockey Club here tomorrow night in a scheduled Southern hockey loop contest moved ahead. Originally slated for Wednesday night the game was moved ahead to tomorrow by local club officials to day and the two clubs will renew the aern cycle fight tomorrow evening.

The appearance of the St. Stephen Club is arousing a bit of interest as on most previous occasions when a St. Stephen club was booked for a sports attraction here it was their baseball club, but with Robertson, Donette, McIntyre and Cameron added to their last season's left-overs the border town is icing a good collection of pucksters.

In their first game the St. Stephen team were noosed out by the Saint John Seagulls 3 to 1 in a game featured by some great and fancy network by Gordon Coffey, who is a student with the St. Croix pack.

can League by scoring a goal for Providence Reds over Buffalo on Sunday night and boosted his total to date to 13 points made up of five goals and eight assists. Keating formerly played for Saint John Fusiliers and Saint John Beavers before going to the New York Americans. He went from the Amerks to Providence where he has been ever since.

J. H. Malcolm Heads Curlers -- 8 New Members -- Curling Starts Within 10 Days.

J. H. Malcolm was elected president of the Fredericton Curling Club at the annual meeting here last night. He succeeds H. Lester Smith. L. C. Macnutt is honorary-president.

Other officers elected were as follows: First vice-president, M. B. Morrison; second vice-president, A. H. Porter; chaplain, Rev. Dr. George E. secretary, A. McF. Limerick; treasurer, J. E. Page; auditors, C. R. Barry, George Proud. The management committee is H. B. Colwell, B. V. Flieger, A. H. Porter and ex-officio members, H. Lester Smith, J. E. Page and J. H. Malcolm.

Eight new members were admitted to the Club at the meeting. They were J. M. Scott, Robert Fitzrandolph, J. W. Sears, E. Ligullette, Dr. A. L. Gerow, Edward R. "Bus" McLennan and W. W. Kinghorn, the last two named being admitted as junior members.

The management committee reported that extension repairs had been made to the building including the extension of the ice surface from three to four sheets and the installation of a new lighting system. Flooding has been started at the rink and it is expected that members will be curling within a week or ten days.

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 6.—Amherst police are on the lookout for a gang of boys who have been breaking street lights. More than a dozen on residential streets have been smashed by stones.

Mickey Says He Wants Pitchers

DETROIT, Dec. 7.—Returned from a long rest, Mickey Cochrane, manager and vice-president of the Detroit Tigers, announced some of his plans for next year when, he hopes, his baseball team will once again be in the championship money.

Bronzed and smiling, Cochrane, looking in the pink of physical condition following his Wyoming hunting trip and several weeks of golfing under California sunshine, announced he was in the market for pitchers.

Surveying prospects for 1937, he said: "It's pitchers we need. We'll trade or we'll buy if the right ones show up."

The Tiger chieftain planned to visit New York to attend major league sessions Dec. 8, 9 and 10.

"I don't know just how much trading will be done at these meetings," he declared. "Everybody needs the same thing—good pitchers. We're ready to do business with any of them, but, as you know, good pitchers are about the scarcest thing in the world."

Postmaster General Farley has kissed the Blarney Stone, just as a matter of custom and not that the stone has anything to give that Mr. Farley doesn't have at present.

It remains hazy just what Tugwell's connection can possibly be with molasses. This is one of the things he was not accused of in the recent campaign.

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## SUGGESTIONS FOR FOOTBALL RULE CHANGES CONSIDERED

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—There are plenty of indelible reminders of the topsy-turvy 1936 intercollegiate football season, over except for a few nightcap contests, but none stands out so prominently as the "kick heard around the world" and the confounding pass-interference rule.

They've given the fans plenty to talk about and the officials a lot of headaches as well as criticism. Probably they will be the chief topics at the football rules committee's annual session later in the winter.

From all sides the consensus seems to be "something should be done about them"—the kicking, accidental or otherwise, of a free ball, and interference on forward-passing plays. But what?

The kicking rule was booted into unaccustomed prominence in the Yale-Navy game when Larry Kelley, the Elis' all-American flankman, kicked a loose ball toward Navy's goal, recovered it and then the Elis scored to win the game, 12-7.

Officials Must Decide

"A free ball may not be kicked or kicked at." That's what Article 4,

Section 1, Rule 10, says. But a supplementary note adds that no penalty shall be imposed if the ball be kicked "accidentally." Officials ruled Kelley's "soccer play" was accidental.

A variety of suggestions have been offered by various leaders.

Charley Bachman of Michigan State expressed the opinion, shared by others, that the penalty should apply whether the ball is kicked accidentally or not. W. D. Maginness of Lehigh, president of the Eastern Association of Football Officials, would bring the ball back "to the spot where it was kicked" and give it to the team that recovers it.

Dartmouth almost lost its second straight victory over Yale and was held to a tie by Princeton as the result of the rule forbidding interference with a forward-pass receiver.

Navy gained a 7-0 triumph over Army after a similar penalty, which calls for the award of the ball and first down for the offended team at the spot where the foul was committed. Where the foul occurs in the end zone, however, the offended team is given the ball on the 1-yard line, first down.

What Tasker Would Do

Harvey Harman of Penn. Tom Thorp, prominent Eastern official; Pop Warner of Temple and Dutch Bergman of Catholic believe the penalty should be cut to 15 yards from the spot of the preceding down. J. Wilder Tasker of Rutgers would abolish the rule entirely and permit passing from any point behind the line of scrimmage as it is in professional football.

Harry Stuhldreher of Wisconsin, Frank Murray of Marquette, Earl Blaik of Dartmouth, Ray Watts of Baldwin-Wallace and others think the rule needs clarifying so that officials may more readily determine whether illegal interference has occurred. Jim Crowley of Fordham and Jack Hagerty of Georgetown agreed the present penalty is "too drastic."

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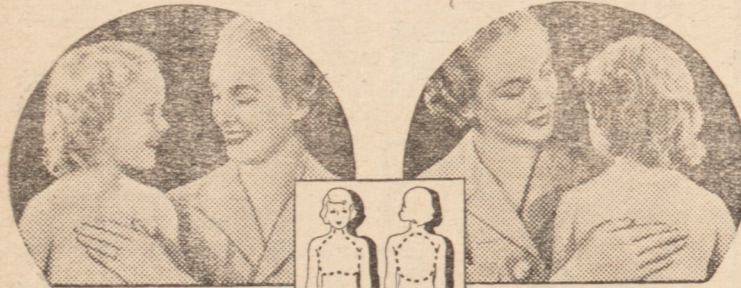
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