



WHYS AND OTHERWISE

AS SEEN BY
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The York county tennis tournament opens today with the possibility of all kinds of good tennis being played. Naturally the playing of George Johnston, who captured the New Brunswick men's singles title in the provincial tournament at Saint John last week, will be an attraction. How "Sid" Bartlett, Sammy Page, and the rest of the singles players in this part of the province will fare in the face of Johnston's present brilliant form will be of first interest. Then, there are the ladies, Miss Dorothy Rowan, Miss Spike, Miss Cormier, Miss Webb, and others to watch. The Daily Mail Sport Page will carry a day-by-day account of the play with a little court atmosphere thrown in.

It was George Johnston's second New Brunswick men's singles title. The blonde stylist was at the peak of his form in Saint John, and if, as some people claim, Johnston habitually concentrates too seriously on perfecting details of his style, then it didn't seem to interfere with his tournament play last week. Perhaps some of his critics can learn something by watching his play. The Fredericton player's exhibition at Saint John was superb from every standpoint of play. Possibly not the strategist that Jack Babbit was, Johnston is more finished and now at 22 he is New Brunswick's outstanding tennis player.

Joe Louis and Jack Sharkey meet tonight. It is Joe's attempt to show that he's already on the way back into the picture after Schmeling's surprise victory and Sharkey's chance to convert the "bomber" into a bursted bubble. If Louis can't beat Sharkey tonight it'll be a tough blow to Joe's future, and a gloomy evening for Harlem. But think of Ma Sharkey and the children if the Squire loses.

The King of Hoboes has gone domestic. J. Leon Lazarowitz comes along and tells us that hoboing isn't so hot. We never expected that from him. The King of Hoboes was here a few weeks ago, and when we asked him what the sport of kings and hoboes was, he said it was the "road." The "freedom of the road." That's what he called it. Someone in Fredericton has changed his mind about freedom it seems. In Halifax this week he's responsible for the statement that "there's a certain party in Fredericton. I've promised this certain party I'd settle down. So as soon as I visit Cape Breton for a while and see about something in Brooklyn, N. Y., my home town, I'm going to do just that." No, we don't know the certain party. But that is neither your business or mine!

Harry Prescott, one of England's great boxing impresarios, died a few days ago. He left a great many friends, and some good thoughts on the fight game. Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney were intimate friends of his. He knew the heavyweight champs and saw the rise and fall of countless celebrities. In his famous book "Memories," he said: "Boxing, like most sports, seems to run in phases. We get depressions and periods of glory. That was a wonderful heavy in the '80's and '90's—Connett, Fitzsimmons, Tom Sharkey, Jim Jeffries, Joe Choynski, and Peter Jackson. John L. Sullivan was at the end of his extraordinary career then. He was the last man to fight a championship battle with bare knuckles. He was an aggressive, indomitable fighter with a steam hammer punch, but a good showman too."

Our Daily Sport Anecdote
An American in London, remembering Wellington's saying that "Waterloo had been won on the playing field of Eton," decided to see at least one good game of cricket. He went to the Oval and tried to get into the spirit of the game. At first he found it hard going. The leisurely changing of the players in the field when the "sluggers" took the bowling, the "stone-walling" of the careful batter at the other end, threw him into a gentle

FAVOR CUBS TO WIN NATIONAL LOOP PENNANT

Cards and Giants Are Second Choices—Great Fight in Progress

Players' forecasts of the outcome of the National League pennant race show that the Cubs are favored to win with ten votes, the Cardinals are second in favor with eight, and the Giants are rated third best, drawing four. None of the other teams is seriously considered as a possible flag winner.

Those who like the Cubs say they believe the team will win because it has better balance than any of its opponents; because it has more good pitchers than the others; because its center line defence is superb, and because it is bound to start hitting better than it has, and when that happens it will be in a fine position to run up a string of victories comparable to its pennant rush of 1935.

The most serious fault of the Cubs, it is felt, is that thus far this season they have been unable to show any superiority over the Cards in hand to hand battles. They have appeared to marked advantage against all of the second-division outfits, but when they are faced with an important series their hitting skids to a new low, and the burden is placed squarely on the shoulders of their pitchers.

In this respect, it is said, the Cubs never present the opposition with runs that aren't well earned. "You have to work harder to get one run against that bunch," said one player, "than you have to get two against some of the other teams in this league."

Cubs Need Outfielder

The Cubs' greatest need is for one more outfielder of pennant winning ability. For a while it seemed they had their man in Ethan Allen, but the fleet-footed veteran was spiked on his left hand by an umpire in a scramble at a base, and he has not played with the same efficiency since. Neither of the two reserve outfielders, Tuck Stainback and Johnny Gill, has lived up to spring expectations.

Those who favor the Cardinals are impressed by that team's ability to rise to the occasion. The Red Birds have a powerful hitting club, an outstanding outfield, a brilliant shortstop in Leo Durocher, and as one of the players said "a knack of winning these loosely player, 10 to 8 ball games."

There were the lame arm suffered by Paul Dean, the illness of Stuart Martin and many other injuries of less importance. Before the season started it was feared the team would not have the reserves to fill gaps caused by injuries and illness. Today the team is set, save for a shortage of pitchers that has been more

doze. Blinking his eyes, he shook himself awake. There must be fine points about the game, known only to the occult, those entitled to wear a school tie. Perhaps it was the spirit of the thing. He set himself to get the spirit. He noticed that a gentle murmur of applause, like the rustle of a breeze among the sedge, swept the audience occasionally. "Well played, sir," "Well run," and again—"Well caught, oh well caught." That was it! The delightful courtesy of the players and the audience toward one another—none of that hoarse "bar-racking" of the rival players so popular in God's country. He began to applaud in the English manner with gentle enthusiasm. "Well run, sir," "well caught." Several Englishmen turned around and seeing that the fellow—evidently a Transatlantic cousin by his dress—seemed to know a little of the fine points of the game, smiled at him benignly. Evidently the bouncer was keen as mustard.

All went well until on a close single the slugger ran his companion out. In the frantic effort to beat the speeding ball to the wicket the poor fellow caught his toe in the crease and pitched head foremost into his own "stumps." As the balls flew into the air and the poor batsman plowed a furrow in the soil with his chin the American sprang to his feet, anxious to applaud the only piece of action of the afternoon. "Well fell, sir, oh, well fell."

Louis is 7-5 Favorite

FIGHT FACTS

Jack Sharkey's Hand Not Hurt Badly Enough to Hold Up Fight Tonight With Louis.

BOSTON, Aug. 18—According to word received from Johnny Buckley, the manager of Jack Sharkey, the former champion will go through with his engagement with Joe Louis at the Yankee Stadium tonight.

Sharkey feels the wound caused by Eddie Malcom will not stop him from entering the ring and going through with the 15-round battle with Joe Louis.

Interest in the bout did not diminish in the least in this vicinity, for Dave Arata and Mike Green continued to supply their customers.

Arata was notified at the office of the Goodwin A. C. by Mike Jacobs not to alter the plans that he had made, while Mike Green who is the local representative of the Twentieth Century Club of New York, was told that everything was O. K. for the bout and Sharkey would positively fight Louis.

This means that the drive to Buckley's Gym on Friend street and to the Goodwin A. C., Washington and School streets continued.

And a report emanated from the office of the State Athletic Commission in New York that none of the members will go to Orangeburg to examine Sharkey, for they feel that the injury caused by Malcom's head or fist is not serious enough to order a postponement.

In the interim the former champion will engage only in light exercise. He will not box again until he enters the ring.

than slightly overcome by the rubber armed Dizzy Dean.

Cards Favored for Series

The feeling is also fairly general that the Cards would have a better chance to beat the Yankees in the next world series than would the Cubs or Giants. This, because of the elder Dean, who more than any other pitcher in the circuit could be expected to quell the heavy hitting American Leaguers. Dizzy would be tossed into three games if the series went to its full length of seven contests.

As for the Giants, they are the choice of some of the players because the schedule is heavily in their favor. Most of the inter-sectional warfare has been completed, so they will be facing the weaker Eastern teams while the Cubs and Cards either cut each other's throats or cross bats with the irates and Reds.

The two big ifs in the Giant's camp are Hal Schumacher and the question of whether the team can win on the road more often than it has in the past. There are several other problems such as the condition of Bill Terry and Sam Leslie and the ability of the team's younger pitchers to hold to the pace.

If Terry's team were more successful against the Cubs and Cards, it would unquestionably be the more popular choice of the players. The Cards have won ten out of seventeen games against the New Yorkers, and the Cubs have defeated them in nine of sixteen.

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Squire Sharkey at 33 Has Tough Row to Hoe—Louis' Backers Confident

BOSTON, Aug. 18—A serious mental hazard, in spite of vigorous denials from his training camp, looms up for Squire Jack Sharkey on the eve of his important comeback battle, and this so-called mental hazard may develop into a severe physical handicap before his fight with Joe Louis, the dead pan bomber from Detroit, goes very far tomorrow night.

As you've probably noted, the Chestnut Hill Squire and tavern keeper is susceptible to cuts and bruises these days, even in training camp melees, while in the old days, when he was always in there taking the punches, he seldom suffered from such cuts as recently halted his boxing at Orangeburg.

First it was Eddie Mader, one of Sharkey's favorite sparring partners, who opened a cut over the Squire's left eye. Sharkey laughed it off. It was completely healed within a few days and there was nothing to worry about. But when Ed Malcom, a Negro spar mate, opened another gash on Sharkey's left eyelid, it was a different story.

To hear Sharkey tell it, Malcom butted the eye open, but as the Negro was paid off and chased out of camp, he insisted that the cut was the result of a punch. All of which makes little difference. It simply provides Joe Louis with a perfect target for his right and he'll center his attack against this eye from the outset.

But Sharkey has shown to tendency to cut before these two incidents. Usually when a fighter lays off for a long time and then returns to the ring, he cuts and bleeds much more easily. And so it is with Sharkey, so it seems.

Before a half-dozen punches were landed in Sharkey's last fight here with Parson Phil Brubaker, the Californian, the blood was streaming down Sharkey's face. It proved a severe handicap at the time, too, for as you'll recall Brubaker had landed a near fight-ending punch at the very outset and Sharkey was forced to

overcome such a handicap and regain his balance hardly before the fight was fairly under way.

Plans Cagey Fight

At the time it was pointed out that a more experienced fighter would have stopped Sharkey right there. But the Squire waded through the round and later turned what seemed certain defeat into victory.

And there is no assurance that the Squire will not face exactly the same conditions early in his fight with the Brown Bomber. If he cuts and bleeds as easily as it seems chances are that Louis will open one of those old cuts early in the opening rounds, and against a puncher of the power of Louis this provides a serious handicap and one which it is doubtful that Sharkey will overcome.

But if Sharkey is permitted to put his own fighting plan into operation against the tan tornado, you'll find him keeping far away from Louis' dreaded right in those early rounds. Sharkey has it all figured out that Louis is a deadly puncher, if he is able to land his pet wallop early in the fight but loses his dynamite the longer the fight goes. And it's Sharkey's plan to play a waiting game in those early rounds, permitting Louis to tire himself out.

Yet Sharkey at 33 may find his plans tattered and torn long before the gong sounds for the end of the opening round for Louis will be just as anxious to carry the battle to his older opponent from the start as Sharkey will be to keep away. Of course Louis must conquer that mental hazard provided when Schmeling knocked him out. Usually it's quite difficult for a fighter to stage a comeback, especially after he has taken his first knockout. But Sharkey never was considered quite the puncher that Schmeling is and no doubt this will make a difference.

Meanwhile as the belligerents prepare to break camp to await the opening gong, the cauliflower industry doesn't know exactly what to expect.

How They Size Up

NEW YORK, Aug. 17—Tale of the tape for the Joe Louis-Jack Sharkey 10-round fight here tonight:

Louis	Sharkey
Age	33 years
Weight	196 lbs.
Height	6 ft 1 3/4 in.
Chest (normal)	44 in.
Chest (expanded)	48 in.
Reach	72 in.
Biceps	13 1/4 in.
Forearm	11 1/4 in.
Waist	36 in.
Neck	16 1/2 in.
Thigh	25 in.
Ankle	12 in.
Calf	15 in.
Wrist	8 in.
Fist	11 in.

Around the Big League Circuit

American League	Won	Lost	P.C.
New York	74	29	.656
Cleveland	64	52	.552
Detroit	62	52	.544
Chicago	60	56	.517
Washington	58	56	.509
Boston	58	57	.504
St. Louis	42	71	.372
Philadelphia	39	74	.345

National League	Won	Lost	P.C.
St. Louis	63	44	.597
New York	66	46	.589
Chicago	65	46	.586
Pittsburgh	57	55	.509
Cincinnati	55	57	.491
Boston	51	60	.459
Brooklyn	45	6	.405
Philadelphia	39	72	.351

American League	R.H.E.
At Chicago—	3 10 3
Cleveland—	7 7 1
Batteries—Allen, Lee and Becker; Lyons and Sewell.	
At Washington—	R.H.E.
New York—	5 9 3
Washington—	7 11 0
Batteries—Gomez, Wicker and Jorgens; Whitmill, Cohen and Bolton.	

Detroit at St. Louis—To be played at a later date.

Boston at Philadelphia—To be played at a later date.

National League
Brooklyn-New York (rain).
(Only game scheduled.)

HELGOLAND IN GERMAN POLICY

Admission by Reich That It Is Refortifying Island Indicates Nazi Course

BERLIN, Aug. 18—The tiny twin rocks of Helgoland, rising in steep red cliffs from the white sands and cobalt waters of the North Sea off Schleswig-Holstein, became a symbol of much that is happening in Europe today when the German Government admits for the first time that it is re-establishing its pre-war naval base there, which it is forbidden by the Treaty of Versailles to do.

It has been an open secret for some time that fortifications were being rebuilt on Helgoland. They were dismantled and destroyed after the world war. Diners feasting on the famous Helgoland lobsters in local restaurants have been seeing more khaki-clad labor service youths about than could be explained by the undertaking of any peaceful project there. Lately summer visitors to the popular beach have claimed they could even see the snouts of big guns already in place.

Much in Little

But the German Government had nothing to say about this until now. It has managed to say a good deal in a very few words. The statement published here concerning the discussion in the British House of Commons recently says in part:

"The military measures at Helgoland which were discussed in the House of Commons yesterday, follow from the re-establishment of German military sovereignty, which also in the case of Helgoland has suffered under the Treaty of Versailles."

At the same time it is announced here that Sir Robert van Stittart, British Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, is coming to Berlin soon for a visit, during which he will reside at the British Embassy. This visit is officially described as a purely private one, and maybe it is.

Presumably, however, there are no laws preventing Sir Robert from discussing Anglo-German relations and even Helgoland with his host, Sir Eric Phipps, the British Ambassador, and if by chance Sir Robert should encounter Baron Constantin von Neurath, the German Foreign Minister, at the Olympic games or a tea party, it is inconceivable he would be so rude as to refuse to speak to him just because he was on a "purely private visit."

Action Is Symbolic

Re-fortification of Helgoland and the manner of its public announcement are symbolic in two respects of the relations of the powers in Europe today. First, it shows that Germany is determined to go the limit with its re-armament and other policies—without asking anybody. Germany is not "asking" any more; it is "telling." It is "telling them" only when it is ready to do so, what is more. The Reich apparently did not tell the British anything about Helgoland until the British had found out about it themselves.

Second, this example of German policy also shows that Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler definitely does not consider that the Reich has yet won that "equality of rights" without which he has so often assured the world there can be no tranquility in Europe.

For if German military sovereignty was impaired by the disarmament of Helgoland—which it certainly was—and if re-fortification of the island "follows" from the re-establishment of sovereignty, then German equality of rights in other respects is still very far indeed from being so. So presumably is tranquility in Europe, and a good many other things are due to follow the re-establishment of German military sovereignty.

These facts have been apparent for some time, but the Government itself never before made them quite so clear officially.

Czechs a New Objective

Life is like that in Europe today. Germany has only just begun to fight for what it considers its rights and it is going to keep right on fighting for them. Especially since nobody shows any signs of being able or willing to do anything effective to oppose the Reich.

With the routes to the east through both Poland and Austria temporarily barricaded—although nobody knows how solidly—by treaties, Germany is now turning its attention to Czechoslovakia. The Reich is sounding out Prague with the view of concluding some kind of agreement which would include provisions for the improved status of 3,500,000 German-speaking Czechs who now lie between two German pincers.

This improved position could be brought about in a manner highly pleasing to the Reich by the setting up of some kind of federalized form of government in Czechoslovakia, which would give the 3,500,000 German-speaking Czechs a large measure of autonomy—a status something like that of Danzig for example.

German policy works in a variety of ways its wonders to perform, and not the least interesting of these is the way pressure is applied in a half-score countries here every time Berlin presses the button (or, if you prefer, takes its finger off a button). It is not entirely an accident that Henlein, leader of the German party in Czechoslovakia recently visited London.

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