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## Capitals Ready to Open Against Maroons Tonight at Arctic Rink

### JOE LOUIS PUTS K. O. ON SIMMS IN 26 SECONDS

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 14—Joe Louis, the Detroit Bomber, shuffled out of his corner tonight and let fly with one devastating punch that knocked out Eddie Simms, Cleveland heavyweight, to the amazement of 11,000 spectators.

The bout was scheduled to go 10 rounds but lasted exactly 26 seconds. Louis landed only one solid blow, a vicious left hook that struck Simms flush on the chin.

Simms fell backwards, his arms and legs in the air. Then he attempted to draw his legs under him and waited until the count of 8 before attempting to get up. Simms was groggy and reeling as he regained his feet.

Arthur Donovan of New York, the referee, waved the poker-faced Louis to his corner. Then wrapped his arms around the stunned Cleveland heavyweight, who apparently didn't know what struck him.

The fight, ending with such dramatic swiftness, left the crowd in stunned silence. There was a cheer as the bout began then amazement as Louis struck out with that left hook. The crowd couldn't believe the fight was over.

For that matter, neither could Simms. The blow landed like a bolt of lightning.

It was a short left hook delivered at close range and carrying all the power in Louis' marvelously muscled shoulders.

The receipts were approximately \$50,000, of which Louis received \$20,000.

Simms, standing six feet one and weighing 195 pounds, eight less than Joe, started out to make a fight until that one wallop knocked him sprawling. As the round opened he tore into the Negro, landing five blows to Louis' body and head. He scored first was a left hook to the body and then jolted Louis with two lefts to the head.

The Detroit Dynamiter shuffled in to close range. Getting within striking distance, he swung. Like the speed of a meteor, his left crashed against Simms' jaw.

Simms said he thought the "roof had fallen in." The next thing he remembered, he said, he was walking up the aisle with spectators, who had paid from \$2 to \$15, staring at him.

#### STRADIVARIUS CELEBRATION

CREMONA, Italy, Dec. 15—Citizens of Cremona are preparing to erect a monument to Antonius Stradivarius, the second centenary of whose death falls in 1937. A pupil of Nicholas Amati, Stradivarius improved upon his master's work and raised the art of violin making to perfection. He also made fine violas and cellos. His violins, which are known by names, command fabulous prices. No doubt Premier Mussolini, who has the interest of everything Italian at heart, will extend his patronage to the Cremona celebrations.

### EARLY SESSION IS LIKELY IN ONTARIO

#### Hepburn Will Ask Ottawa to Repeal Canada Temperance Act

TORONTO, Dec. 15—The possibility of an early session of the Ontario Legislature was indicated by Premier Hepburn yesterday after the first Cabinet meeting in weeks. The Premier announced also that the Government would request the Dominion to repeal the Canada Temperance Act and indicated there would be no general election until 1938.

He said he intended to pass legislation at the next session which would obviate the necessity of the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission posting security for costs in any of its court actions with regard to the Quebec power contracts which were cancelled by his Government.

A court order recently required the commission to provide \$127,000 security for costs in its appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the Ontario Appeal Court that the Ottawa Valley Power Co., Ltd., could, without consent of the Attorney-General, sue the commission for non-performance of contract.

The Legislature would most likely meet in February for its regular session, but would be called earlier should the Privy Council hearing be set for early in the New Year.

#### Plan to Violate Act

The Premier said the Cabinet had decided that unless the Dominion agreed to abolish the Canada Temperance Act, the province would encourage the deliberate violation of the Ontario Liquor Control Act in one of the three counties — Perth, Huron and Peel. With the consent of contending parties the Privy Council recently dismissed an action respecting relative restrictive powers of the C.T.A. and the L.C.A. The province is of the opinion it should be sole authority in the matter of liquor laws, Mr. Hepburn said.

In indicating there would not be a provincial general election before 1938, Mr. Hepburn said that while his Government would not go the full term of five years there would be at least two more Legislature sessions before an election was called. He said the Hastings East by-election result on Wednesday was no fair test of his Government's strength.

The by-election resulted in the Conservative Opposition holding the seat with an increased majority over that recorded when it won it in the general election of 1934. Mr. Hepburn also said Ontario ridings would be adjusted before another province-wide election but that no redistribution bill would be introduced at the next session.

### CONNIE MACK IS REBUILDING HURLING STAFF

#### A's Manager Believes Team Will Be Contender for 1938 Pennant

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Connie Mack says that the way to build a great ball club is to develop a young, formidable pitching staff and, after it has obtained the necessary experience, "you can go out for the so-called wrecking crew." With that in mind, the Tall Tactician of the Athletics started from scratch a year ago and 1937 will move into the second season of his rebuilding process.

It will be a big step forward, Mack thinks. He will have some fine minor league prospects at the spring training camp, including the two leading pitchers in the Southern Association, whence sprung Harry Kelley, and one of the star moundmen of the Pacific Coast League, Together with Kelley and some of the better-looking kids on last season's staff, Mack believes he will have the nucleus for a team that "will be right in the thick of the 1938 pennant fight."

The Southern loop stars are Almon Williams and Luther (Bud) Thomas. The latter is a young righthander who, after leading the Atlanta team to two pennants in the last two seasons, had been sought by many big league clubs. Buddy Hassett of the Dodgers says Thomas has enough stuff and speed and mound sagacity to win regularly in the majors.

The Coast righthander is George Caster, who had a tryout with Mack a couple of seasons ago and, contrary to the form shown by most rookies, he had no wind-up whatsoever. At Portland last season, Caster gained a reputation as a twenty-game winner and a strikeout artist.

#### How Tigers Missed Feller

The duties of a big league scout sometimes become very exasperating. There is the story coming from Detroit in connection with Scout Steve O'Rourke's failure to land Bob Feller to a Tiger contract.

Scout O'Rourke, however, was too late to add Feller to his list of proteges. He first learned of Feller when the youth was a high school sensation in a little Iowa town. Immediately, he hopped a train for the Feller home-state, only to be told that the young hurler was in Dayton, Ohio, for the National Amateur Federation tournament.

O'Rourke then headed for Dayton. Everyone there was talking about Feller's brilliant tournament performance of striking out twenty-one batters as his team won its opening game, 1 to 0.

Pop Feller, father of the seventeen-year-old righthander, was there and O'Rourke finally cornered him.

"What's your best offer?" asked Pop Feller.

"We'll give you \$2,500," said O'Rourke. "We'll also give Mrs. Feller \$2,500. And we'll give \$1,000 to Mr. Peet (who tipped O'Rourke off about the pitcher). You, your wife and son will get a trip to the world series, all expenses paid. We'll sign Bob to a Beaumont contract and see that he is well taken care of."

Pop Feller said he wanted to think it over. O'Rourke knew that there were other scouts around, so he raised his offer.

"We'll make it \$5,000 to you and \$5,000 to Mrs. Feller," he said.

Pop Feller wanted more time. O'Rourke became suspicious and called the headquarters of the minor league association and learned that Cy Slapnicka of Cleveland had signed Feller to a Fargo contract at \$65 a month.

#### Tribute to Keep Feller

While it is fully realized in Cleveland that the Indians' signing of Feller was a flagrant violation of the rules, because Bob was a sandlotter, veteran observers in the Forest City are of the opinion that Judge Landis is certain to rule the youngster the property of the Indians.

To rule Feller a free agent, it is believed, would be another way of asking either Col. Ruppert or Tom Yawkey to go and get him by the simple method of outbidding all of the other clubs—not directly, because that would be another violation of the rules, but via one of their minor league channels.

There is the further belief that to rule Feller a free agent would cause

### SCHMELING AND BRADDOCK TO MEET ON JUNE 3

NEW YORK Dec. 15—It looks like a merry Christmas for Max Schmeling. He got his first present Saturday in the form of a title fight with James J. Braddock.

Almost before the gallery realized what was going on, the New York State Athletic Commission got the two fighters together and signed them for a 15-round championship battle in Madison Square Garden's Long Island bowl next June 3.

The Garden and the 20th Century Sporting Club will be joint promoters. The contracts call for Braddock to receive 37 1/2 per cent. and Schmeling 12 1/2 per cent. of the gate, but private agreements will raise these figures to 42 and 20 per cent. respectively.

#### SPORT FLASHES

OTTAWA, Dec. 14—President Cecil Duncan of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association announced tonight severance of 'articles of alliance' between that body and the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada.

Duncan explained that as far as players on teams allied with the C.A.H.A. were concerned the step meant the only qualifications they would need hereafter to enable them to play would be certificates issued by the Hockey Association itself.

an upheaval in big league ranks. Almost every other team in the league, besides the Indians, has obtained at least one of their players under conditions similar to the Feller case.

FREE TURKEYS AT MAVOR'S—A.

### Lineups For Tonight's Game Are Announced --Mayor Kitchen Officially Opens.

Mayor G. Willard Kitchen and Ald. E. S. Mundle, honorary president of the team, will officially open the Southern circuit in this city tonight, when the Capitals meet the Montcon Maroons.

Moncton hockey team will open the campaign for provincial seniors before possibly one of the largest crowds of the season according to indications. Hockey-starved fans have the opportunity today to buy up the remaining choice seats at Arctic Rink. These same two teams opened the league this year in Moncton on Dec. 1 when the Maroons trimmed the sails of the Capitals, 7 to 2. Pre-season games and early training was a big factor in favor of Maroons.

Manager Olive announced that Cliff Young will be in the nets and Jeff Richards will be held in reserve. A change will be made in defense with the veteran Ralph Goodline replacing Ron Laskey, a rookie this season who turned in a promising exhibition at Moncton two weeks ago. Bob Chalmers will be at his usual place on defense with Goodline and the two will have the support of 'Snap' Thompson as well as Laskey.

Up front Bill Lifford with Bus McLennan on right wing and Mills on the opposite side will lead the attack. The alternating line will be Bun McLennan on right way, Chod Hainings in centre position and John Kilburn on the other wing.

Referee Shorty Clark makes his debut tonight as a hockey referee. Clark is better known for rugby ability with Fredericton teams. His impression in the opening game will govern future in home games for the rest of the season. Major C. A. Williams was the other referee named by the Capitals.

The game starts at 8.15 o'clock

### "HOOLEY" SMITH TO CONTINUE AT RIGHT DEFENSE

BOSTON Dec. 15—"Hooley" Smith must continue at right defense with Jack Portland as his associate in the Bruins' game at New York against the Americans tomorrow night, but next Tuesday the New England fans who gather at the Garden likely will see Reginald Incenter for the Bruins' senior line.

Smith has been a whirlwind and a wonder, but his best position is center. He would have played there but for Eddie Shore's enforced absence. Shore may be able to resume play however, next Tuesday.

Shore was to practice with the Bruins yesterday. There will be no workout today and Eddie will have a rest until Monday, when his condition after practice will determine if he can play next Tuesday against the Americans.

Tomorrow's game will be the first of a home and home series with the Americans, and when the New York senior team comes here next week we shall see Art Chapman, Dave "Sweeney" Schriner and Lorne Carr, one of the best lines of major league hockey.

Joe Lamb, formerly of the Bruins; Harry Oliver, also an alumnus; Harold Cotton, Red Dutton, Allan Shields, Red Dorn, Lloyd Klein, Kalbfleisch and the inimitable Roy Worters will be here with the Amerks.

In days gone by the Americans were not popular with the Greater Boston hockey fans. But last season they qualified for the playoffs, knocking

tonight, with ice conditions promising to be ideal.

### SWEDE OLSEN SCORES 3 GOALS, LEADING GULLS

ST. STEPHEN, Dec. 14—Led by their flashy captain, "Swede" Olsen, Saint John staged a third period rally here tonight to pull victory from defeat and turned in a 4-2 triumph over the St. Croix in a regular Southern League fixture.

The Seagulls went into the third two goals down and soared up the ice to break through the St. Croix defence, and beat the sterling goalie, Gordon Coffey, four times.

One of the largest crowds ever to witness a game here, turned out and saw the St. Croix hustle in the first and second periods to notch a two-goal lead and then falter in the third to go down under desperate attacks by the Seagulls.

Olsen led the Saint John thrusters. The blond-haired winger led his mates on an offensive that would not be denied and he hammered three of the Saint John goals behind Coffey. The other was scored by Don Patterson on a solo rush that started 'Gulls on their victorious march. McIntyre tallied both St. Croix goals when he paired with Lowe, the centre player getting assists on both.

ed off Chicago in the first trials and played Toronto, victors over the Bruins, in the semifinals.

Schriner leads the National League scorers and Chapman is the best playmaker in the league.

The Bruins hope to start another victory streak in New York tomorrow and to continue it at the Garden next Tuesday.

FREE TURKEYS AT MAVOR'S—A.

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