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Yorks, Beavers Play Here Tonight

Battle Between First and Second Place Teams Expected to Produce Fine Game

The York All Stars, fresh from their two game victory on the road, are all groomed to meet the league leading Saint John Beavers in a regular league fixture here tonight. A battle between the first and second place teams, the game promises to have all the qualities of a playoff game. Although not according to the recently drawn up schedule, the game is being played in place of St. Andrews-Yorks game that was listed for here tonight. The St. Andrews-Yorks game will be played at a later date. The Beavers, who were listed to play the Senators in St. Andrews last night had that game redated to February 3. Otherwise the present schedule will be played as published a few days ago. The Yorks will be at full strength with their regular lineup, with Young in the Black and White goal. It is expected that Minue and Pickard will be back on the defence with Chalmers

and that practically the same forward line that played the Beavers here before will line up on the ice tonight. The Beavers will be out to hold their apparently strong position at the top of the ladder and will present the same lineup they had here for the last game in which they nosed out the Yorks 6-5. The Beavers have been beaten by only one of the Southern League teams this year, and that was in an exhibition game Monday night when Rothesay Oaks beat them 6-4 before 4,000 non-paying customers in the Saint John Forum. Coach Archie Williams of the Yorks said last night that his team expects to come out of tonight's fray with a win tucked under their belts, and if they are working the way they did here against the St. Croix's it will not be at all surprising if they hand the Beavers a two or three goal trimming.

Gaztanaga Sits Tight in Cuba

HAVANA, Jan. 9.—Isidora Gaztanaga would like to get out of here. The Havana climate is swell, the food and life is easy but Gaztanaga would rather be elsewhere. Gaztanaga's fight with Louis evaporated when Mike Jacobs, promoter of the proposed brawl, discovered that the advance sale was only \$1,200. The fight left Havana just like that, but it left Gaztanaga in Havana and here he seems doomed to stay for some time. Gaztanaga and the Cubans are not at odds. On the contrary there is the utmost harmony between them. They are souls with a single grudge. Calling off the fight saved Gaztanaga from hitting the canvas but it also kept him from gathering in a considerable sum of money. And it kept the Cubans from gathering in considerable sums of money. It is hard to tell whether Gaztanaga or the Cubans hate Jacobs the most. What keeps Gaztanaga in Cuba is a contract signed in the United States, a contract in which one Sol King of New York is the other party. Isidore will sign anything. He has signed a lot of things including a lot of contracts with fellows who pose as fight managers. The last one he signed with, it seems, is this Sol King. Gaztanaga says he has no manager. Solomon says he has and Solomon is it. Furthermore, he has informed Gaztanaga that he will attach any money that may be due him at any time in the United States. Isidore has been told that Solomon can do nothing to him in Cuba where there are no fellows running round with contracts and bothering you.

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SENATORS PICK TRAVIS TO FILL SHORTSTOP GAP

Five Players Last Season Failed in Joe Cronin's Former Station

The latest bit of baseball news from Washington is that Cecil Travis will be tried at shortstop next summer. Late last summer, Manager Bucky Harris was convinced that the stringy, twenty-two-year-old athlete was not a third baseman, and placed him in left field. At the same time, Owner Clark Griffith was equally strong for Travis as a third baseman. Now, it seems, the two are willing to compromise by moving Travis to the short stop, a vulnerable spot since the departure of Joe Cronin.

If Travis can prove his worth as a shortstop he will relieve a complicated situation in the Senators' camp. The Harrismen have a promising recruit in Buddy Lewis, up from the Southern Association to cover the hot corner. They have also seven outfielders, so Travis will not be needed on the picket line. But shortstop has been the weakest link in the Senators' lineup during the past season, no fewer than five men having taken a fling at the post without success.

Lyn Lary was the first candidate to fill Cronin's place on the diamond, but was a flop both at bat and in the field. He was subsequently traded to the Browns for Alan Strange, but Strange could not hit big league pitching and was relegated to the bench. Ozzie Bluege did well over a short stretch of games until the strain of covering so much ground began to tell. Ralph Kress, the Senators' jack-of-all trades, was too slow to satisfy Bucky Harris. Last in line was a rookie, Johnny Mihalic, who belongs at second base.

Started Career as Shortstop Travis will not be a newcomer at shortstop, though it has been four years since he last played the position in competition. He began his career in organized baseball as a shortstop with Chattanooga but his rangy arms gave him the appearance of a third baseman, and he subsequently held down the hot corner until Harris shifted him to the field. Travis is one of the fastest runners the Senators have. If speed were the only requisite of a good shortstop, he would not fall down in that position. Travis has also a good throwing arm, though it may take at least one month of arduous training to fit him to draw a bead on first base from the short field. The big question mark is whether he can work smoothly as a double play team with Buddy Myer. If he can pivot quickly and not be upset by flying spikes, the chances are he will make the grade at short. With Myer at his left and Lewis at the other side, he should not find it too hard to remain steady.

The fielding records indicate how well Travis worked at third base last season. Only Red Rolfe of the Yankees had a better fielding percentage than he, while none of the other third basemen participated in as many double plays.

As a batter, Travis is considered the best on the Senators, Myer notwithstanding. True, Buddy commanded the best average in the league, but he is a veteran with eleven years of big league experience, while Travis is still learning. Myer never hit as high as .315 before last season. Travis, it is admitted around the circuit, is a natural hitter who may soon lead the league in the averages.

Never Below .300 Mark In four full seasons of organized baseball Travis has an average of approximately .335. He has never fallen below .300. He had just reached his eighteenth birthday when he joined the Chattanooga club as a shortstop and proceeded at better than a .400 clip before the season closed. Incidentally, Myer's activity in the field last season was probably more remarkable than were his batting

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THE UNION JACK SAFE

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 9.—People in Britain who protested against changing the red dye in the Union Jack were getting upset unnecessarily, one of New York's foremost color chemists said yesterday. A British Government order directed other dyes be substituted for the traditional cochineal dye previously used on the flag, and many people called the substitute dye "rust instead of red." "They're wrong," said the chemist, "for synthetic red dyes, derived from

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Cliff Young, the curly-headed net-minder, will be between the uprights for the Yorks while the versatile Ed. Staples, who played the last three games, takes a rest. Whether the curly-topped lad can do any better than the Devonite is not known, but it seems that for this game the Yorks will depend more on experience than on youthful brilliance.

Percy Minue and Dave Pickard, regular defencemen who did not make the trip to Charlotte County, will be back in the lineup and will hold down the defence with Bob Chalmers. It is expected that the Yorks will be playing a fairly close defensive game tonight and that the rear guard will be called upon to hand out some heavy body checking, which probably accounts for the large scores. But tonight the experts are looking for some real heavy rear guard work.

MANY NEW PLANS FOR 1936

MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—Changes in its merchandising policy on cigarettes will be put into effect this week by Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada. The form of packaging will be altered on certain brands in order to make for more convenient handling, while the retailer will benefit by a wider margin of profit. There will be no change in the retail prices, and the new policies will be made available by the end of this week and expanded at a series of sales conferences to be launched early in the year.

Increasing the margin of profit for the retailers is said to have been made possible by the larger volume of business handled by Imperial Tobacco and by plans to eliminate premiums during 1936. Cigarette sales have risen nine per cent in Canada in 1935 according to official figures.

This week Imperial Tobacco paid the 15th consecutive dividend on its ordinary stock. An amount of \$826,969 was distributed. Thus, on regular interim account, dividend payments for 1935 are brought up to \$3,307,861.

The new plans dovetail with a general agreement that has apparently been reached in the industry to eliminate tobacco and cigarette premium coupons and also odd-sized or cut-rate packages. Forecast several weeks ago, these plans have apparently been definitely formulated.

The only exception to the no-premium plan will be in the case of one or two brands which will continue to offer cards redeemable only for decks of playing cards. It is believed Imperial will offer no cards in any of its products. In fact within the past two weeks many brands which formerly carried cards have omitted them for the first time in years. Existing premium depots which have been doing a land office business in recent weeks will be definitely closed by June it is expected.

coal tar, are readily less susceptible to light than the cochineal". The cochineal is a dye obtained from the carapaces of a species of louse called the coccus cacti. The females are captured just before they lay their eggs. Their bodies are boiled and then by a complicated chemical process the red dust is obtained from which the dye is manufactured.

Clearing the Air

Just as, to some extent, the moving picture has reformed itself, it seems something similar is to follow in purging the air of a great deal of vocal affliction. Again the cure comes from within. A group of music publishers has put a ban on broadcasting of certain songs that have insisted on coming in through the receiving set. Apparently listeners-in are not to be assured at all hours that "Life Begins at Sweet Sixteen," nor to cultivate the mental state that will enable them to "Picture Me Without You." The trouble seems to be over the question of license fees.

The promise in this announcement is that, while these offerings really are tuneful, something will be done to clear the air of the terrible stuff inflicted on radio owners by some of the crooners. It would be interesting to learn the purpose of a song writer who has this kind of drivel set to music:

"Come and see the maple tree. Just you and me will dance with glee about the tree. And then said she, 'I'll go with thee, and dance with glee about the tree—the maple tree.'"

Some of it, of course, is worse than that, but not much. And when a really malicious crooner gets hold of a theme like this there appears to be murder in his heart. As he proceeds, it is like the tighter twisting of a thumbscrew; and people who love good music, and must listen, cling tightly to their chairs, bite their lips and suffer in silence, because—and here is the tragedy of it—other people enjoy the stuff.

Of course, this may be regarded as a "high-brow" attitude toward the crooner and all his works. But there is nothing "highbrow" about drawing a distinction between a beautiful melody well sung and a senseless jingle of words moaned along the radio lanes. Most great songs have real literary merit, but anything that will rhyme does for the crooning fraternity. Perhaps an extension of the ban—without an "additional license"—placed on some of the better-class musical offerings may be made to include atrocities wailed by the crooning crowd. If so there will go up from many homes a heartfelt "For this relief much thanks."

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