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## HOME RUN CONTEST AMONG FIRST BASEMEN

NEW YORK, July 20—There isn't a Babe Ruth to dominate American League sluggers this season, but for an exciting three-cornered home run race the present marathon gives indications of being the finest in many years. Jimmy Foxx, Hal Trosky and Lou Gehrig, all first basemen and all hitting their best, have thoroughly aroused the interest of the fans as to the ultimate winner.

At the moment Foxx and Trosky are tied for the home run leadership with twenty-two each, and Gehrig lags by only one. A few others, including Bill Dickey and Earl Averill, are several homers behind the pacesetters, and they are not likely to nudge their way into the battle for supremacy waged by the triumvirate of first basemen.

As the season is now at the half-way mark, Foxx, Trosky and Gehrig should finish with a little over forty homers each, if they hold to their pace. Such an ending would be unprecedented in big league history, for never have three players in the same circuit walloped forty or more round-trippers in one season.

Who will win the leadership? That's one for the crystal gazers. Let it be enough to say that all three are exceeding their expectations and those of their well-wishers. Gehrig, who had a distressing start last season, has turned a complete about-face. He is not only rapping out homers but denting the fences with a well-rounded assortment of safeties that make him the popular choice to win the batting championship.

### Trosky Shakes Off Slump

Trosky, in the throes of an abysmal sophomore slump in 1935, has snapped out of it with a vengeance this season. With twenty-two circuit smashes and more than seventy runs batted in, he is improving on a fine freshman year, when he knocked out thirty-five home runs and led some experienced observers to believe he would be Ruth's successor.

Foxx's batting record shows that Jimmy is one expensive piece of rare diamond ivory that is bringing the desired results. His ninety-six hits have sent seventy-one runners over the plate, while he has scored a like number of tallies. He needs but fourteen more homers to equal his entire output of 1935.

There have been several thrilling duels for the home run leadership, but never one that involved three strong claimants. Last year, which yielded a comparatively small homer crop, resulted in a deadlock for honors between Foxx and Hank Greenberg, with thirty-six each. Hank, however, had such a substantial lead through most of the season, that the race did not carry interest until the last day when Foxx blasted out two circuit drives to earn a tie.

In 1934, Lou Gehrig pounded forty-nine pitches into home run territory, to lead Foxx by five, and Bob Johnson had thirty-four. The previous year Foxx had the field to his lonesome. He knocked out forty-eight round-trippers, twelve more than Ruth and fourteen more than Gehrig. In 1932 Foxx led the derby by an even greater margin when he hit his high mark, fifty-eight.

Ruth and Gehrig staged a brilliant battle in 1931 and each wound up with forty-six. Neither Foxx nor any other competitor was near the two leaders in the end. Gehrig actually slammed out forty-seven that year, but because he passed his team mate Lyn Lary on the bases after one of the circuit drives, he lost a clear claim to the title.

### Ruth at Apex in 1930

The year 1930 was Ruth's last as Sultan of Swat. He hit forty-nine home runs that season, eight more than Gehrig and twelve more than Foxx. The Babe comparatively overshadowed every rival in the ten years leading up to that season. In 1929 his forty-six wallops were eleven more than

## SPORT TOPICS

N. H. L. GOVERNORS ANSWER  
THE PLAY-OFF URGE

Possibly the National Hockey League governors thought there was a public demand for more play-off games.

Possibly they thought those play-off games such a good idea that they could, and should, have more of them. At any rate, they met recently at New York and, hardly recovered from the sweltering days of the recent heat wave (or was it because of them?) opened up the possibility of extra play-off contests.

By the new rule the second-place teams will play a two-out-of-three-games series instead of counting total goals in two games. The third-place teams will do the same.

Other arrangements are unaltered. That is, the first two teams, meeting for the N. H. L. title, will play three out of five games. The second-place play-off winners will oppose the third-place winners in a series to be decided by the best two out of three games. Victors will oppose the N. H. L. champions for the Stanley Cup, with three out of five games deciding the world titleholders.

### Nineteen Play-off Games Now a Possibility

Figure out what that means! The league schedule having been finished, six of the teams enter eliminations which can go to a maximum of nineteen games before the Stanley Cup series is over. The absolute minimum, which would be if each series were won in straight games, would be twelve. Neither possibility is a likelihood. Probably fifteen would be the figure to expect.

Whether it be an overwhelming impulse toward generosity or the fear of repetition of the small gates of the last days of the Ottawa Senators and the equally bad business attracted by the St. Louis Eagles, the clubs that don't need a great deal of help themselves have agreed to give New York Americans financial aid and player strength.

A well-balanced league pays dividends, as was emphasized by the race last season, which must have set some sort of record for the bunching of teams. Ernie Savard is willing to spend considerable money on the Canadians and that leaves only the Amerks to be bolstered.

### Gene Venzke's Four Hundred Dollars

Strange indeed are the ways of amateur sports officials. Take the case of Gene Venzke, who finished third in the 1,500-metre race at the United States Olympic trials and thus qualified for the Olympic team.

Venzke contributed an article to a magazine, but was forbidden by the United States Amateur Union to accept the \$400 cheque which was to have been his remuneration.

Several heads got together, it seems, and the difficulty was solved by having Venzke endorse the cheque and hand it over to the custodians of the U. S. Olympic funds.

If, as is the case with the Canadian athletes, the U. S. Olympic trip expenses are \$300 per man, the Olympic Committee makes a profit of \$100, and Venzke, retaining his amateur standing, gets his trip to Berlin.

Either that \$400 article violated the rule or it didn't. Venzke wouldn't have been allowed to run professionally, even though giving his remuneration to the fund, so what's the explanation, if any?

### Perfection of Running Style

Venzke is the stylist of the millers, so much so that he generally is referred to as the "picture runner." Phil Edwards, who will oppose him in the 1,500-metre event in the Berlin games, might well qualify for the same title.

There is real poetry of motion to the smooth, seemingly effortless, stride of the dusky Edwards, and, though he isn't likely to beat Venzke, Cunningham or San Romani, to say nothing of Britain's entrants, he and Venzke will provide a pretty sight if they happen to be drawn in the same heat.

Gehrig made. The previous year he hit fifty-four, which was twice as much as Columbia Lou, in second place, could produce.

In 1927 the Babe set the present big league record of home runs, sixty, which many at that time believed would never be equalled. Gehrig again followed on his heels that year with forty-seven.

Home run interest has ebbed somewhat from the high point of 1927. It is, however, regaining the close attention of the fans today not because there is one superb hitter but because of the extraordinary efforts of the three first basemen, Foxx, Gehrig and Trosky.

The recruit was very, very raw. The sergeant had become very, very raw, too, in a different way.

After again neglecting to obey a word of command, the sergeant roared out:

"Did you 'ear 'About Turn'?"  
"No, wot abah't 'im?"

## MINTO TENNIS CLUB PLAYED DEVON CLUB

The Minto Tennis Club motored to South Devon Saturday afternoon and played a return tournament with the South Devon Club. Tea was served on the club house verandah. The tournament ended in a tie 5-5, with two events unfinished owing to darkness. Ladies Doubles: Mrs. M. Thurtrott and Mrs. B. MacFarlane (M) won from Miss B. Armstrong and Miss Mary Henry, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. Miss M. McLaggan and Miss A. Sterling (D) won from Mrs. H. Wright and Mrs. L. Kent, 6-2, 6-4. Mrs. M. Thurtrott and Mrs. V. Wheeler (M) won from Mrs. R. Perley and Miss M. Sterling, 6-1, 6-2. Men's Doubles: R. Brown and W. Neill (D) won from A. Lyons and H. Gunter, 6-2, 6-1. G. Henry and F. Neill (D) won from Z. Paul and A. Patterson 4-6, 6-3, 8-6. H. Thurtrott and R. Wright (M) won from G. Estabrooks and C. McElman 4-6, 6-0, 6-3. G. Henry and C. McElman (D) won from L. Crawford and I. Gallant, 6-4, 5-2. Mixed Doubles: Mrs. H. Wright and H. Gunter (M) vs. Miss B. Armstrong and R. Brown 6-2, 3-6, (unfinished); Mrs. B. MacFarlane and A. Lyons (M) won from Miss L. Bailey and W. Neill, 6-3, 6-2; Mrs. V. Wheeler and A. Patterson (M) won from Miss E. Crawford and G. Estabrooks, 7-5, 6-3. Miss Jean Hoyt and R. Brown (D) won from Miss V. Miller and W. Dickson, 6-2, 6-1; Mrs. L. Kent and Z. Paul (M) vs. Miss M. McLaggan and W. Neill, 2-1, unfinished.

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	Won	Lost	P.C.
New York	58	30	.659
Cleveland	49	39	.557
Boston	48	41	.539
Detroit	46	40	.535
Chicago	46	40	.535
Washington	45	42	.517
Philadelphia	28	57	.329
St. Louis	27	58	.318

National League			
	Won	Lost	P.C.
Chicago	53	31	.631
St. Louis	53	33	.616
Pittsburgh	44	41	.518
New York	45	42	.517
Cincinnati	42	41	.506
Boston	41	46	.471
Philadelphia	33	52	.388
Brooklyn	30	65	.353

American, National Leagues—No games scheduled.

International League		
At Syracuse—	R.	
Buffalo	1	
Syracuse	5	
At Baltimore—	R.	
Toronto	6	
Baltimore	11	
At Albany—	R.	
Rochester	11	
Albany	5	

## DEVON WINS FROM MINTO 3-0

In a bad fifth inning for the Minto nine the Devon Baseball Club took advantage of the breaks and crowded in the only three runs of the game to further lengthen their lead in the York-Sunbury Baseball League on the Devon diamond tonight.

Allowing four hits while he struck out twelve men, 'Dinny' Dinsmore, sturdy little hurler for the Devonites, backed by good fielding kept the slate clean for Devon through the nine innings.

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Batteries—Minto: Burnett, Kiley;  
Devon, Dinsmore, Boyne.

## LEFTY BROWN CONSIDERS YANKS HEAVY OPPONENTS

Lloyd Brown, one of the Indians' left-handed pitchers, today talked about the Yankees and his job of pitching against them.

"They're a powerful team without a weak spot in the lineup, but, and this may sound strange, I'd rather pitch against them than any other team in the league," said the southpaw. When I'm working against the Yanks, I have to bear down all the way, and that's the way I like to pitch. I've found through experience that if I let up against a so-called weak hitter—I'm not talking about the Yanks now—I have trouble when it becomes necessary to bear down against good hitters. I can't get going again. Working against the Yankees a pitcher never comes across a spot in which he can let up. Heavy hitters come up to the plate, one after the other."

What is Brown's opinion of Lou Gehrig's batting prowess?

"I think he's the best of all Yankee sluggers," replied the Indians' left-hander. "He gives all pitchers trouble, and I'm not an exception. Lou will hit any sort of pitch, and he is always apt to slam a ball out of the park. He'll get a home run even on a pitch that fools him. He did against me in the Stadium this year. He started to swing at the ball and then tried to check himself. He hit the ball, and it went into left field for a home run, and it cost me the game, Charley Ruffing won, 2 to 0."

The Indians will move out of the Yankee Stadium after tomorrow's game and on Sunday the White Sox will be here for a synthetic double header. The Sunday twin bill was created by moving up the single contest scheduled for next Tuesday. The Yankee-White Sox series will be three games.

George Uhle, who gave up pitching at the end of the 1934 season, is again an active member of the Cleveland team's staff. He will be used as a relief artist. He returned as an active player after showing signs of his old time form while pitching in several exhibition games the Indians played this season.

GERMANY, July 21—It was indicated today an agreement, upon an amicable settlement of wartime sabotage cases, was reached at a meeting of German Government representatives and attorneys for the German-American Mixed Claims Commission.

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## SHARKEY TO FIGHT LOUIS ON AUGUST 18

NEW YORK, July 21—Jack Sharkey, veteran Boston heavyweight, was selected today as the man to start Joe Louis along the commercial trail.

Mike Jacobs' 20th Century sporting Club signed Sharkey and the Detroit colored lad for a 10-round bout at the Yankee Stadium, Aug. 18.

Johnny Buckley, who has managed Sharkey since long before he won and lost the world's heavyweight crown, came down from Boston to sign the contract.

"Nothing was said about terms, but it is believed each fighter has agreed to a 20 percent of the net receipts with the milk fund cutting in on the gate.

Sharkey, now in the midst of what so far has been a successful comeback campaign, was elated. The Squire of Chestnut Hill believes if he can win from the Negro, he will put himself back in the thick of the heavyweight doings and maybe land a chance to win back the title.

Sharkey won the crown by pouncing out a close 15-round decision over Schmeling at Long Island on June 21, 1932. He dropped the title to Primo Carnera a year later.

His comeback campaign began last November when he knocked out "Unknown Winston" twice in what was to have been a 10-rounder at Boston.

Sharkey will begin training in Boston at once.

At a popular \$10 top price, Mike Jacobs believes a Sharkey-Louis fight will outdraw a proposed return match between the Negro and Max Baer. Al Ettore of Chicago also had been considered as an opponent for Louis.

### PROGRESS MADE IN TREATMENT OF DIABETES

Nearly 15 years ago now the world was startled with the announcement that a substance had been discovered which, when used in the body of a patient with diabetes would increase the utilization of sugar.

The primary thing that is wrong with a diabetic body, which makes it different from a normal body, is that it is unable to utilize carbohydrates except in limited amounts. The deficiency is known to be due to a lack of the internal secretion of the pancreas. The substance which is secreted by the pancreas is known as "insulin" and its property is to allow the body to utilize carbohydrate. Therefore, when carbohydrate, or sugar, increases in the blood in the diabetic body, the use of insulin will reduce it.

The impression, as happens with so many medical discoveries, that in insulin we had a 'cure' for diabetes, was never the idea of the discoverers of insulin nor of the medical profession in general. Insulin was simply another method of control, which had to be used with the diet formerly established, and in no sense could it be supposed that after treating with insulin for a short time, the diabetes would disappear. Diabetes is a chronic disease which can be controlled, but which nevertheless lasts for life and has to be controlled for life.

The use of insulin, however, has been of enormous value, especially in the treatment of diabetes in young people and children. It has, however, one or two serious disadvantages. One is that it must be given hypodermically a method which becomes very burdensome to the patient in the course of time, and the other that its action is extremely rapid.

Recent researchers have been directed to overcome both of these disadvantages. There have been many studies which indicate that insulin can be absorbed when rubbed into the skin in proper concentration, or instilled into the nose. It is to be hoped that in the near future some form of insulin to be taken by mouth will be perfected.

The question of rapidity of action is one which seems to have been over come by the combination of insulin with certain substances called "protamines." These protamines form a loose chemical combination with insulin and when this product is given the insulin action may last up to 8 or ten hours. In other words, the insulin is gradually released.

This is a great advantage because in its ordinary form insulin is used up probably within a period of two hours at the most. This means that the body must be loaded up, as it were, with carbohydrates for use before the insulin can take effect. With the employment of protamine insulin no such fluctuations in dietary intake are necessary.

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