



### WHYS AND OTHERWISE

AS SEEN BY  
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#### Olympian Weirdness

We'll let Tommy Munns, the sports editor of the Toronto Globe give you some slants on some of the more intimate phases of the recent Olympics today. Munns' comments are especially pertinent to Canadians and to the decisions made by the Olympic committees in the boxing and wrestling contests.

But here is Tommy's version of it:

Many details of the Olympic Games failed to secure a news despatch recording—they were too multifarious for that. Some of them, concerning the boxing and wrestling in particular, are passed along to this department by Charles E. Higginbottom, whose official overseas capacity was manager of the mitt and mat team representing Canada.

Charles Edgebert is a studious individual in any line of endeavor, especially in view of his experiences at Los Angeles in 1932, are interesting. Inasmuch as he does not praise nor alibi the Canadians, except to say that their fourth place in track and field was creditable, nor blame those of our team who failed, it can be said that he has remained as impartial as usual.

First on the list of the Higginbottom reminiscences was an account of the system of judging the wrestling matches. Three officials were placed in charge (exclusive of the referee.) Each gave his verdict by operating a set of buttons connected with red, green and white lights.

The wrestlers started in a standing position and were left to their own devices for six minutes, at the end of which time each judge pressed one of his three lights—red, if he favored the man wearing the anklets of that color; green if he thought the man whose leg carried a band of that hue, and white if he thought they were even.

Best two out of three lights determined the subsequent procedure. If one of the contestants was designated as the leader, he was given top position for three minutes. If the white lights were in majority, a disc was flipped to determine which would assume the role of aggressor. After three minutes the other man took the offensive, and, if the time limit expired without a fall, a decision taking into consideration the entire match was recorded.

During the three-minute rounds the defensive wrestler was not allowed to use an attacking hold unless he could convert it into a fall, something very confusing in itself, as the best-intended holds sometimes miss their objectives.

"This first bout of the tournament," said Higginbottom, "was between an Australian and a Chilean. The Australian had the better of it for six minutes, but the white lights flashed. He had the advantage throughout the remainder of the bout, but, to the astonishment of nearly everybody present, the decision went to the Chilean.

"I wasn't interested in either man, but I joined in the protests, and finally the decision was reversed.

"Along came the second bout, one which I was asked to judge. The men entered the ring with their respective anklets of green and red.

"Then I noticed that the anklets were transposed. I remembered one of the wrestlers from the Los Angeles games, else I would not have known the difference. I

## Baseball Playdowns Are Advancing

### SOME SCATTERED IMPRESSIONS OF MAJOR LOOP BASEBALL IN 1936

NEW YORK, Sept. 5—Some scattered observations as the big league teams race down the home stretch of the pennant struggles:

Two young rookies, Johnny Mize and Roy Weatherly, are topping their respective circuits in the batting tables. If both still are the No. 1 batters at the end of the campaign they will have accomplished an unprecedented feat. Never in modern baseball history has a rookie won the batting championship in either major loop.

Buddy Myer won the American League batting crown in 1935. Hank Greenberg drove in the most runs, tied with Jimmy Foxx for hitting the most home runs, and was voted the most valuable player in the circuit last year. Now both Greenberg and Myer have hung up their spikes for the season on account of injuries and illness. Their complete losses to the Tigers and Senators, respectively, show once again that a player's services are risky, indeed.

Dizzy Dean became the first pitcher to win twenty games. The Diz will have to go some if he hopes to equal his highest victory string—thirty, made in 1934. The only other hurler in the senior loop who has a better than even chance of hitting the twenty-mark is Carl Hubbell, owner of seventeen triumphs. Save for Dizzy and Carl, no pitcher in the league has won more than thirteen games.

#### Lary Leads Base Stealers

The American League's leading base stealer is Broadway Lyn Lary. Brownie shortstop, Lyn has pilfered twenty-seven bases. Last year he finished second to Bill Werber in the fast-dash-and-slide game when he stole twenty-eight bases, one less

had the error rectified, but the same mistake was made in the next bout. Finally one official was designated to make sure that the right anklets were issued."

The importance of this will be realized when it is pointed out that the final decisions were rendered on slips of paper, green on one side and red on the other. Hence the judges did not need to name the opponent, merely to pencil-mark the correct color. A switch of anklets, then, worked a grave injustice.

It seems that the system was just as confusing in boxing. Green and red sashes were worn by the mittsters, but their corners were not marked, as is the case on this continent. In some instances boxers wore white tights with red trimmings, and then donned red sashes.

C. E. H. says that the boxing decisions were positively weird, and he wasn't confining his remarks to any particular part of the tourney. On one occasion an English boxer floored a Chinese boy twice, once for a count of seven; then stopped him, but was disqualified for allegedly hitting after the break. This verdict later was reversed, after much protesting. His remarks about the ludicrous officiating are supported by Ewin Schwangart, who is back in Toronto after sending special Olympic articles to The Globe.

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than that of the Red Sox athlete. Larry, incidentally, is playing a fine all-round game for the lowly Browns.

Paul Derringer, the Reds' bad boy is likely to be traded next winter. Paul has lost sixteen games, more than any other pitcher in the league this year. It is said that Manager Pie Traynor of the Pirates is taking a keen interest in Derringer and will put in a bid soon after the season ends.

Home run production in the American League has quieted down since the season turned the halfway mark. Early in July it appeared that the only way the league could fail to set a new homer record would be to handcuff Gehrig, Foxx and Trosky. It seems today that the junior loop sluggers will have to quicken the pace if they hope to establish a new mark. The league must add 125 more home runs to its present total to surpass the record of 708 round-trippers made in 1932.

The Phillies have lost fourteen in a row despite the fact that they are second only to the Cardinals in team batting. The Phils also have pounded out more home runs than any of the other teams in the league. Yet, they are six games behind the seventh-place Dodgers and destined to finish the season in the cellar.

#### Simmons Hitting Hard

Al Simmons, Detroit's veteran outfielder, has come up with a rush the last few weeks and his present batting average is .320. Before the season started, Manager Mickey Cochrane wanted to make a wager with Manager Jimmy Dykes of the White Sox who sold Simmons to Detroit, that the flychaser would finish the season with a mark of .325 or better. Dykes, however, was of the same mind as Cochrane and believed Simmons would get going even as late as the middle of June, when Al was in the throes of an abysmal slump. Now it seems that the judgment of both pilots may be vindicated.

In Chicago they are saying Billy Herman is not only the best second baseman in his league, but the equal of Charley Gehringer, the Tigers' stellar infielder. Billy, they say, has no weakness either at the plate or in the field, and in a year or two will be ready for comparison with the greats of the keystone sack.

Six of the eight regular first basemen in the American League are batting well over .300, and it may not be long before they are joined by Sunny Jim Bottomley of the Browns. The veteran infielder is hitting better than in the last five seasons, and only two of his mates have driven in more runs than he this year. It was about four weeks ago that Sunny Jim said he was ready to quit the game pending the word of a physician.

### Giants To Train In Cuba In '37

NEW YORK, Sept. 5—The league-leading New York Giants will do some of their 1937 spring training in Havana, Cuba. Manager Bill Terry and the Giant officials expect an early training grind in Cuba to be a great aid to the squad.

### Bill Cook Is Likely Assistant Blues This Year

NEW YORK, Sept. 5—There was a rumor in New York hockey circles tonight that Bill Cook, old right-winger of New York Rangers' No. 1 attack line, would be appointed assistant manager of the Blueshirts before pucks and snow start to fly.

Lester Patrick, general manager of the club, was scheduled to confer today with Col. John Kilpatrick, president of Madison Square Garden and the Rangers. Creation of such a post for the elder of the cagey Cook brothers may have been one of the matters discussed. Neither could be reached tonight for comment.

Patrick earlier said the Rangers who last season finished out of the National Hockey League playoffs for the first time since their organization, were in for a face-lifting. Youth was the promised keynote of the rebuilding operations.

Appointment of Bill Cook as assistant handler of the Blues would be a means of making a vacancy for a younger player, while retaining the great playmaker for pinch-hitting purposes.

### MONTREAL WELTER BLOOMS

MONTREAL, Sept. 5—Joe Marsh, rising young lightweight boxer developed in Montreal's amateur rings has taken growing pains of late and has blossomed out as a full blown welterweight according to his manager Lou Wyman.

Marsh, campaigning in New York the past three months, recently turned in such a good performance against Joe Rossi at Bronx Coliseum, that the promoter immediately matched him for an eight round main bout with Johnny Horstman. This fight will take place at Bronx Coliseum, Tuesday Sept. 8th.

Following this fight Marsh will leave for Montreal along with Maxie Berger for the latter's fight here with Tony Sacco, the Boston speedball at the Forum, Sept. 10th.

Marsh after a brief visit with his folks in Montreal returns to New York where he has fights lined up with many outstanding welterweights in the Manhattan area.

Lou Wyman plans to fyle a challenge with the Canadian Boxing Federation on behalf of Joe Marsh for a Dominion title bout with Gordon Wallace, of Vancouver, now given rating as the welterweight champion of Canada.

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## FREE FOR ALL AT ST. STEPHEN CAPTURED BY BUDWENGER

### Was Given Stiff Battle By Calumet Budlong — Other Winners at St. Stephen Fair Races

ST. STEPHEN, Sept. 4—After Morning Express threw a shoe in the first heat of the free-for-all in the St. Stephen Exhibition harness meeting today the race was a bitter one between Budwenger, owned by T. V. Holdaway of Houlton, Me., and Calumet Budlong, of Mrs. M. Ballard's stable, North Sydney, N. S.

Budwenger, who took the opening heat, lost the second as Calumet Budlong made the best time of the day in 2:08 3/4. Avery pushed Budwenger in under the wire in a blanket finish in the third to take the race. Billy Hood handled the reins of Calumet Budlong, and in both the first and third heats he tried to send the Sydney horse in front but the Maine thoroughbred just nosed him.

Morning Express owned by Fred King of Saint John, was distanced after throwing a shoe in the opener. Other winners of the day, the final programme of the meet, were John Dean, who won the 2:21 trot and pace and Hanover Courier in the classified race.

The Dean horse, owned by A. M. Morris, Saint John, took the second and third heats after placing behind Klondyke Grattan, owned by C. M. Alexander, Saint John, in the first heat. Hayes drove John Dean to victory and Johnny Conroy was behind Klondyke Grattan.

The best time for the race was 2:13 in the second heat.

In the final race of the day, the classified, Alexander's Hanover Courier came through with flying colors, despite the fact that entries were bunched. He took the race in straight heats. The best time in the race was

in the second heat which was run in 2:13. The summary:

2:21 Trot and Pace  
John Dean (Hayes) ..... 2 1 1  
Klondyke Grattan (Conroy) ..... 1 2 3  
Martindell (McDonald) ..... 3 3 2  
Northern Prince (Avery) ..... 4 4 4  
Emma C. (Dowse) ..... 5 5 5  
Lottie W. (Rockford) ..... 6 6 6  
Time—2:15 1/4, 2:13, 2:14 3/4.

Free-For-All  
Budwenger (Avery) ..... 1 2 1  
Calumet Budlong (Hood) ..... 2 1 2  
Morning Express (King) ..... dis  
Time—2:08 3/4, 2:13, 2:14 3/4.

Classified Race  
Hanover Courier (Conroy) ..... 1 1 1  
Brave Arion (Smith) ..... 3 3 2  
Preferred Stock (Avery) ..... 4 2 3  
Grace Symbol (Hayes) ..... 2 4 4  
Mabel Jr. (Dowse) ..... 5 5 5  
Time—2:14 1/4, 2:13, 2:15.

Starter, J. R. Calkin, St. Stephen; Judges, A. F. Beek, Calais, Me.; Thos. Belyea, Gagetown, N. B.; T. J. Doyle, Fort Fairfield, Me.; Timers, W. A. Hyslop, St. Stephen, and Frank Littlefield, St. Stephen.

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