



WHYS AND OTHERWISE

AS SEEN BY
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Bill Laskey, who has maintained an interest in the sport world at considerable expense of time, is at present conducting boxing classes at the University of New Brunswick gym, putting the college boys through the fundamental stages of the boxing art.

The word is that Italy and Il Duce are proud of Joe Di Maggio, the New York Yankee rookie outfielder who proved such a sensation during the baseball season. When you tell a group of gesticulating Italians that Joe is just about the best thing in baseball they say "si, si," bow and smile and scrape and are tickled to death.

The Brooklyn Dodgers will have no less than Burleigh Grimes, famous spitballer, to manage them next year. Grimes was a great hero in Brooklyn at one time with his gruff, swaggering manner and was one of the outstanding pitchers in the big league. What brought him most fame probably was his celebrated tiff with Mickey Cochrane in the St. Louis Cards-Philadelphia Athletics world series of a few years back, when "Pepper" Martin was running wild on the bases. Grimes and Cochrane engaged in a verbal battle every time Cochrane faced Grimes at the plate, and after the series they even kept it up by telegraph. Remember?

Controversies of a more financial than mysterious origin almost held up the opening games in the major hockey league season openings. The Amerks-Black Hawks opener had its difficulties because of the uncertainty of the Amerks' franchise problem. However, the event passed off all right with no riotous immediateity felt at any rate. Fredericton fans would have liked to have seen "Knucker" Irvine lined up with the Amerks but he will likely see service with the New Yorkers before the season is over.

Professional hockey for the Maritime Provinces next winter? Well, your guess is as good as ours.

A total of 27 clubs are entered in the Montreal senior and intermediate basketball leagues, which indicates a steady growth in the game. In this city basketball has fallen away off. Formerly it was the most popular of the indoor sports. Badminton has made the most devastating inroad on basketball. Partly because everyone can play it and because it's less exhaustive. And also because it's a good lot of fun.

A current report is that Hugh Warburton, Roger Gaudette, Columbian Ethier, Paul Armand Montreal senior hockey stars are stranded in Paris. If the report is true these players will be found on clubs somewhere in Canadian hockey for the winter.

Certain sports are less "hazardous" than others. Grantland Rice is the authority for the following alignment of sports in point of danger to athletes: "Football, polo, wrestling and lacrosse are classified as the 'very hazardous' college sports. Soccer and crew are 'highly hazardous.' Boxing, touchball, football, basketball and hockey are simply 'hazardous.' Baseball, handball and fencing are 'low hazard' sports. Of the minimum hazard group, such as track, swimming and volleyball, tennis ranks lowest in days lost through injuries. In football, cerebral lacerations, mishaps to the spinal vertebrae, abdominal injuries and septicaemia rank in order of seriousness. The lower limbs are involved in 40 per cent of all gridiron accidents, with the knees and ankles suffering most frequently; the head and neck next; then the shoulders; the arms and hands, and lastly, the pelvic region. Tackling causes the most injuries, blocking next."

MAPLE LEAFS GO ON, BUT
JOE PRIMEAU JUST WATCHES

Joe Has Been in the Game For Ten Years --- Now Only a Rooter For the Leafs

TORONTO, Nov. 7.—As Maple Leafs start the National Hockey League season there will be missing from their line-up the familiar face of Joe Primeau, whose retirement from the sport makes it impossible to reassemble the famous "kid line" scoring unit in anything but a social reunion.

"Chuck" Conacher and Harvey Jackson, bodies well conditioned, skates newly sharpened, ambitions keen as ever, are ready to launch on another campaign which will be both arduous and zestful for these competitively-minded athletes. They'll be back in the thick of the cavalcade of one of the world's most thrilling sports—but Primeau won't be with them, which is a subject of regret for his former teammates, the Leafs' management, and the fans alike.

But Joe will be on the job. Instead of being one of the Leafs' No. 1 players, he'll just about qualify as their No. 1 supporter. Their battles still will be his, and he'll be as anxious for victories as though he were helping to earn them.

"How does it feel to be out of hockey after ten years in the National League?" I asked him last evening.

"I don't know. I'm just going to start to find that out tomorrow night," he said.

"But I don't think I'm going to like it," he added.

It's "Ten Years After"

It's just ten years since Primeau made his advent to the National League, wearing the uniform of the New York Rangers. Conn Smythe, who has piloted the Leafs to many successes since then and, while doing so, found time to make Maple Leaf Gardens a reality, was the Rangers' manager then. He was a "Primeau fan" as well as his manager from the start, and when he and the New York club management came to the parting of the ways he took Primeau with him. He didn't recommend him to the Leafs—he personally bought his contract from Colonel Hammond, and, in effect, said to Joe, "Come on, we'll string along together."

String along they did, and with Conacher and Jackson making their sensational jump from junior rinks to major league company, it was the playmaking Primeau who was the centre of the "kid line" which, without him, is like the Three Musketeers with Athos, Aramis or Porthos removed.

In commenting on the retirement of Primeau, which, announced last season, really becomes effective with the playing of tonight's game, it is pleasing to remember that he has been noted almost as much for his gentlemanly playing as for his effectiveness. There was an award for that kind of conduct, and Primeau won it once. He might have had it annually, but there was another player just as gentlemanly, one Frank Boucher, who, in the virtual toss-up preference that decided which of the two the Lady Byng Trophy would go to, usually had the slightest of advantages over the Toronto boy. Too bad that a choice ever had to be made between such a pair!

Remarks from Sideliner
Primeau will be with the Leafs in person as well as in spirit as much as possible. He made that very clear. He'll attend their practices when time permits, and he doesn't expect to miss any of their home games.

Would he take a few holidays and

accompany them on some of their road trips?

"Well, I hadn't thought of that, but I sure would like to. Guess probably I will."

"Perhaps," I suggested, "you'll find the comeback lure too strong, and want to play again before mid-season arrives."

It seemed that a wistful note crept into his voice.

"I wouldn't like to answer 'no' definitely until I've been on the sidelines for a while—but I'm not counting on it."

"I told the Leafs last season I was going to retire, and I really meant it. My business keeps me tied up until December, and that doesn't fit in with their plans. It wouldn't be fair to suggest any different arrangement to that they have with their other players. I thought the matter over carefully before I decided that my business prospects would make it necessary to quit hockey."

Won't Be a Player

There was something else about which Joe spoke, and he volunteered the information of his own accord.

"I'm going to stay pretty close to hockey. I hope to coach an amateur team. I'll get a kick out of that, and if I have some success I'll feel that I still am contributing something to sport. Anyway, it will keep me hooked up with the sport in everything but playing, and I'll be able to get on the ice at the practices."

Hockey's opening night in Toronto always is something of a ceremonious occasion, and a spot has been reserved on tonight's programme for Primeau. The Maple Leaf Hockey Club, regretting his departure and recognizing his past services, will present him with a set of dishes.

Then, if he wishes, he can look at Conn Smythe and Dick Irvin and laugh.

No longer will they tell him to adhere to a training diet. He can pile the richest foods as high as he likes on the new dishes, and no manager will reprimand him for it.

YORK MADE CLEAN SWEEP

York school made a clean sweep of Charlotte school in the "Y" football league Saturday, beating them 29-0. Charlotte team was under the handicap of playing two men short. Bill Thompson, captain of York, Elmer Wade and John Miller starred for their team. Thompson was responsible for four tries, Wade got two and also converted one of Thompson's tries, while Miller got 3 tries. The one try of Thompson's was the only one to be successfully converted. The line-ups of the teams were as follows: York—Thompson, capt.; Wade, Miller, Thorpe, Larlee, Stewart, Henny, Ferris, Manuel, Brodie, Burden, MacDiarmid, Colter, Smith, Liphshetz; Charlotte—Moore, capt.; K. Manuel, Tedford, Baird, Hough, Watson, Olson, Cornell, Nevys, Stimpson, Bennett, Clark, Humes.

Pat Terry, one time of the Daily Express (London), now of the Vancouver Sun, who does the Radio Corporation's "I Cover the Waterfront" programmes, had a long confab recently with Colin Brooks, editor of the London Sunday Dispatch. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Terry were intimate friends on Fleet Street some years ago. . . .

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Southern N. B. Hockey Loop Opens Dec. 4

Fredericton Capitals at Moncton For Opening Game--36-Game Schedule Announced.

SAINT JOHN, Nov. 9.—The Southern New Brunswick Hockey League will open on Dec. 4. This was decided at a meeting of the executive of the league held at the Royal Hotel over the week-end.

The executive in drawing up the schedule for the season, which will consist of 36 games, set Saint John and Moncton as the centres where the opening games will be played. St. Croix of St. Stephen will play in Saint John and Fredericton at Moncton.

The selection of referees for the circuit was set over to next week-end when the executive is scheduled to meet in Fredericton. It was also pointed out that it was up to the four clubs whether numbers or names will be used on playing sweaters to designate who the players are for the benefit of the fans.

In the absence of the president, Ev Keating of Moncton, E. Royden Colter of Fredericton, vice-president, was in the chair.

It was decided that a copy of the schedule be forwarded to all four clubs of the league for their approval. Those present at the meeting besides Mr. Colter were: "Bud" Steen, representing the Fredericton Club; Abe Prilutsky, secretary-treasurer, who with William T. Whitlock, representing the St. Croix Club and J. Vernon Cunningham, member of the executive, representing the Saint John Seagulls.

The Schedule

Friday, Dec. 4—St. Croix at Saint John, Fredericton at Moncton.

Wednesday, Dec. 9—Fredericton at Saint John; St. Croix at Moncton.

Friday, Dec. 11—Moncton at Saint John.

Tuesday, Dec. 15—Saint John at St. Croix; Moncton at Fredericton.

Thursday, Dec. 17—Saint John at Fredericton.

Friday, Dec. 18—Moncton at St. Croix.

Tuesday, Dec. 22—St. Croix at Fredericton.

Wednesday, Dec. 23—Saint John at Moncton; Fredericton at St. Croix.

Friday, January 1—Fredericton at Saint John; St. Croix at Moncton.

Tuesday, Jan. 5—Saint John at Fredericton; Moncton at St. Croix.

Friday, Jan. 8—Fredericton at Moncton; St. Croix at St. John.

Tuesday, Jan. 12—Fredericton at St. Croix.

Wednesday, Jan. 13—Saint John at Moncton.

Thursday, Jan. 14—St. Croix at Fredericton.

Friday, Jan. 15—Moncton at Saint John.

Tuesday, Jan. 19—Moncton at Fredericton; Saint John at St. Croix.

Wednesday, Jan. 20—Fredericton at Moncton; St. Croix at Saint John.

Friday, Jan. 22—Fredericton at St. John; Moncton at St. Croix.

Monday, Jan. 25—Saint John at Moncton.

Tuesday, Jan. 26—St. Croix at Fredericton.

Thursday, Jan. 28—Saint John at Fredericton.

Friday, Jan. 29—Fredericton at St. Croix; Moncton at Saint John.

Monday, Feb. 1—St. Croix at Moncton.

Tuesday, Feb. 2—Moncton at Fredericton.

Wednesday, Feb. 3—Saint John at St. Croix.

Note—All St. Croix games listed at St. Croix will be played at St. Stephen.

Seats for Igor Gorin's initial concert, November 23, in Santa Barbara marking the beginning of the "Hollywood Hotel" baritone's first American concert tour, have already been sold out to the movie colonists. The tour will not interfere with his broadcasts, however.

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CARDS THINK TWICE
BEFORE TRADING DEAN

Only Hurlers Can Aid Cards in Dean Trade -- Not Likely to Happen.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—For the benefit of those who were not listening or who would not believe him the first time, Branch Rickey, the Cardinals' generalissimo, repeated that Dizzy Dean would be traded "if there is any possibility of strengthening the team through such a deal." He also said that he was not in favor of a deal sending Dean to the Cubs or the Giants.

The question thus revolves around what Rickey believes will make the Cards a better team without the elder Dean. If it is outfielders and infielders that Rickey thinks will help his outfit, there ought to be plenty of outlets for a Dean trade. The Pirates and Reds and Bees may have the equivalent of Dizzy in infielders and outfielders.

Most sound baseball observers realize that St. Louis will have to obtain at least the equivalent of pitchers if it hopes to profit by such a transaction. The Cards have a well-rounded outfield trio right now. Their infield isn't settled yet, but they have enough material to choose from without seeking aid from outside sources. They have more good catchers than they can use. But without Dean, their pitching staff is weak for a team with pennant ambitions.

There is another angle that Messrs. Bredon and Rickey would have to ponder over before reaching a decision on a Dean trade. That is, how would brother Paul react if Dizzy were sent to other parts? Probably he would fret and say his arm would never recover fully. Dizzy now says Paul's arm has come around and will be as strong as ever next year, but no one will make Paul believe it if the "me" in his family is on a different team.

Phils and Reds Mentioned

It is odd that the second division clubs Rickey mentioned as desirable havens for the colorful hurler were the Reds and the Phils—odd, because neither of the two has the pitching strength that the Dodgers could offer in Van Mungo and others.

League officials probably would smile happily if the Cards sent Dean to Philadelphia, provided Dizzy would resign himself to pitching for that team, because such a move would give the circuit better balance besides bolstering the current weak sister tremendously. But what kind of offer could the Phils make for the loquacious right-hander? Cash? That would be strange, indeed, coming from the Phils, especially since the price undoubtedly would be between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Players? One sometimes wonders whether the entire Philly team could compensate for the loss of Dean.

Bredon and Rickey have been known to engineer many startling trades, unpopular to St. Louis fans in the beginning, but which wound up in favor of the Cards. There was the time they shocked the baseball world by shipping their player-manager, Rogers Hornsby, to the Giants in exchange for Frank Frisch and Jimmy Ring after the Rajah had led the Cards to their first pennant and world championship in history.

Cards Ship Favorites Away

The Cards always were known as an unsympathetic organization and have traded many other stars to the amazement of their followers. Jimmy Wilson, Chick Hafey, Jim Bottomley and Taylor Douthitt were dropped from their roster at times when Red Bird fans thought those players were in St. Louis for many years.

N.H.L. GAMES
OVER WEEK-END;
WINGS VICTORS

DETROIT, Nov. 8.—The champion Detroit Red Wings scored their second victory of the young National Hockey League campaign by outclassing New York's Rangers 5-2 before 12,000 spectators here tonight.

Blank Bruins 2-0

MONTREAL, Nov. 8.—Les Canadiens opened Montreal's National Hockey League 1936-37 season Saturday night with a 2-0 upset victory over Boston Bruins. They showed such surprising strength doing so that a bright season was called for the Flying Frenchmen, who last year missed the playoffs for the first time in ten years.

Leads Amerks

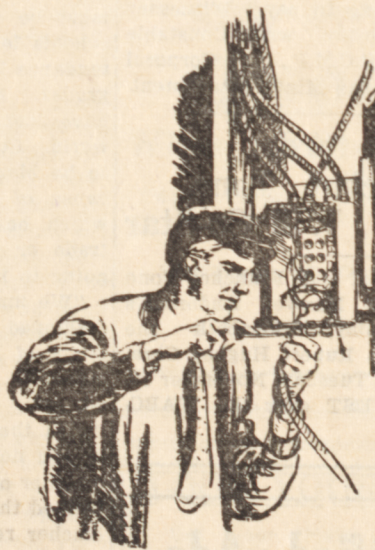
TORONTO, Nov. 8.—Sweeney Schirmer, Calgary's gift to big-time hockey, today gave notice he intends to cling to his National League scoring championship. The slick-haired sniper looked at his best as he led New York Americans to a 3-2 victory over Toronto Maple Leafs here last night to gain undisputed leadership of the Canadian sections.

On that basis, there is no reason to think Dizzy is a fixture in Sportsman's Park. If it is cash the Cards want, Dean perhaps will be dropped from their roster. But if it is the equal in pitching strength they are after, they are unlikely ever to come to an agreement with those clubs that have such an equivalent.

As for the attitude of fans in St. Louis, it can safely be said they are for Dizzy, knothole gangs and all. Many of them are not willing to concede the superiority of Carl Hubbell, even in the 1936 campaign by itself, declaring that the Cards' ace never got his routine rest periods while the Giant left-hander was paced carefully. It is Dizzy's ability to work in and out of turn that makes him the splendid pitcher he is today.

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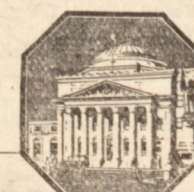


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