

Tris Speaker Honor Guest

CLEVELAND, July 8.—Tris Speaker, former manager of the Cleveland Indians and one of the greatest baseball players of all time when a member of the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress.

Speaker recently accepted the invitation to be the guest of honor at the opening of the Kansas tournament.

"I believe the National Semi-Pro Congress programme is the best thing that has occurred in baseball recently," Speaker said, "and I'm for the

NEW YORK, July 8.—The New York Yankees today were quoted as 1 to 4 favorites to win the American League pennant race.

The price was set by Jack Doyle, Broadway betting commissioner. Doyle said the Yankees are the shortest odds-on mid-season favorites in many years as he announced his annual mid-season prices on the major league races. He made the Chicago Cubs an even money bet to repeat in the National League.

movement 100 per cent."

The Congress has established 32 state and district tournaments and the winners—official state champions—will compete for the national title in Wichita, Kas., August 14 to 26.

N. B. LADIES' GOLF TOURNEY HERE IN 1937

DALLAS LASKEY UNABLE TO BE IN RING TRIALS

Father, W. W. Laskey, Says Featherweight Amateur Champ Injured Self While Training.

SAINT JOHN, July 9.—After application had been made and he had been accepted to compete in the Canadian Olympic boxing trials which open in Montreal next Monday, Dallas Laskey, featherweight amateur champ of the Maritimes, had the misfortune to meet with a painful accident outside his home yesterday which will prevent him competing.

While working out on the lawn in preparation for the Canadian bouts he slipped on the grass and fell. The weight came down on his left forearm and tore the ligament. He is now under a physician's care and the arm will be kept in a sling for two or three weeks.

W. W. Laskey, boxing instructor at U. N. B., announced last night that he had received word that Dallas had been accepted by the M. P. B. and that his entry had been sent to Montreal yesterday.

Mr. Laskey stated that a public subscription here was raised for the youthful boxer's expenses and that he was to proceed to Montreal under the care of W. J. Farren of West Saint John, one of the trainers for the Maritime boxing team.

Mr. Laskey wishes to thank admirers of Dallas who gave personal aid to the young boxer to make the trip and that he was sorry that it was now impossible for his son to compete in the big trials.

CANADA LOSES ONE OF GREAT HOCKEY REFS.

One Great Referee Calls "Gene" Out—Diamond Skulls Championship

NEW YORK, July 8.—Another blow has been felt by Canadian sport with the news of the death of "Gene" Fraser of Niagara Falls, great as a hockey coach, equally great as a man, and admired by all who knew him. "Genial Gene" he might well have been called, for his personality was an engaging one. The illness which preceded his death was a short one, and word of his untimely demise comes as a distinct shock.

To Gene Fraser's personal ability and efforts can be attributed the reputation Niagara Falls has earned as a hockey centre. Formerly a player of ability, he combined organizing ability with the faculty of imparting his knowledge of the sport to his players. This, plus indefatigable efforts in the application of his talents, made his coaching record a brilliant one.

Under his coaching Niagara Falls teams won junior, intermediate and senior championships in the Ontario Hockey Association, in addition to which he was interested in the Falls professional team. Included among the many players who were coached by him are "Babe" Siebert, "Hobey" Kitchen, Steve Rice, Scotty Bowman, Jeff Kalbfleisch, Jerry Shannon, Lloyd Andrews, Max Kaminsky, "Obs" and "Pan" Heximer and "Butch" Kelterbourne.

Championship Event

Edward Devey writes to point out, quite correctly, that English cables, in referring to the Diamond Skulls races as emblematic of the world's sculling championship are erroneous. The English aquatic classic is, in a sense, a closed event, and cannot be regarded as open to all genuinely amateur scullers. Artisans are barred and a number of outstanding athletes, strictly amateur in the ordinary sense of the word, have been ruled ineligible because of the nature of their employment.

The Olympic singles provides a quadrennial event far more entitled to the "world championship" label than any annual race. The world's best sculler will this year be the man who wins in Germany.

British Win Four

Great Britain's current supremacy in the tennis world was established more firmly than ever when the finals of the Wimbledon tournament were completed on Saturday afternoon. Representatives of the nation holding the Davis Cup triumphed in four of the five championship matches, with the men's doubles, for some years apparently beyond British reach, being contested by two Old Country pairs.

It cannot be argued that it was because of interest stimulated by Britain's Davis Cup successes that her players do so well, for not to new talent did any of the titles go. However, C. E. Hare and Frank Wilde, who lost to C. R. Tuckey and G. P. Hughes in the men's doubles final, are among the younger players and may be future champions.

Helen Hull Jacobs, the persistent Californian, provided the exception that prevented a clean sweep by Britain's netters. No English players passed the ladies singles' semi-final round, and Miss Jacobs took the final rather easily from Frau Hilda Krahwinkel of Germany. It was the first Wimbledon title won by the United States star, a fitting reward for her perseverance in the quest of that elusive honor.

Richardson Sets Record

One record per meet was the story provided by the results of the Ontario track and field championship competitions for women on June 27 and for men last Saturday. In the latter event it was Sammy Richardson, lanky Toronto colored youth, who provided a new mark, but it was in the running hop, step and jump, and not in the running broad jump, his best event, that he did so. Richardson, though it is said he is not fond of training, looks to be one of Canada's best Olympic prospects, and there seems to be little doubt as to his ability to qualify for the on-to-Berlin team.

Attendance at Saturday's meet, held at Hamilton's Civic Stadium, must have been a crushing blow to Ambitious City pride, for less than a thousand attended. For some years Hamilton has enjoyed the well-earned distinction of being Canada's leading track and field centre, and meets there have been held on a paying basis when they would not attract more than a few hundred in other cities, Toronto included. However, the sports patrons who made the British Empire Games a financial success were not interested Saturday.

TERRYMEN LOSE OPPORTUNITY ON FITZ' FAILURE

Freddie is Still Pitching Puzzle to Polo Grounds

NEW YORK, July 8.—The farther the chase goes the harder it gets to pick up ground. The Giants are discovering this as they try to regain what they lost when they were dropping stitches in the West earlier in the month. They have been two weeks now trying to climb out of fourth place, and haven't made it yet, for keeps.

They did get up to third place for an hour or so yesterday, after winning the opener of the double header, but twilight found them forced back to fourth again, after large Jim Weaver ended their five-game winning streak with a well three-hit job, to gain his Pirates an even split.

The previous time the Giants had faced Weaver it was the other way around, with Weaver defeated to end a Giant five-game losing streak and a Pirate seven-game winning streak.

His performance yesterday was the best the Giants had to look at all month. In fact, only once before this year were they limited to three hits, and the pitcher then was Lefty Ed Brandt of the Dodgers, who shut them out, 3 to 0, in the second half of the May 30 double header.

The Pirates' man-mountain would have had a shutout yesterday but for the fact that the stubby-legged Mel Ott negotiated one of his rare thefts, after having drawn a pass in the fourth inning, and then scored on Jim Rippel's single.

Ninth Win for Big Jim

The big Kentucky school teacher, taking place at last among the top-flight pitchers of the National League, likely would have beaten anyone the way he was pouring 'em through yesterday, which takes some of the sting from Fitzsimmon's failure in a comeback try as a starter.

It was painful to see what happened to Fitz all of a sudden in the sixth, after he had pitched hitless ball for five innings, on top of Hubbell's vic-

FOUR AMERICAN LEAGUE UMPIRES NARROW ESCAPE

ELYRIA, O., July 8.—Four American League ballplayers and two American League umpires had a narrow escape from serious injury today when the second section of the St. Louis-New York Big Four train crashed into the first section.

The ball players are en route to Boston, where they will take part in the star game tomorrow.

None was hurt, however, but 30 of the 75 passengers were shaken up. Four were treated at a Cleveland hospital.

Schoolboy Rowe, Charlie Gehring, and Goose Goslin of the Detroit Tigers and Rollie Hemsley of the Browns are the ball players and the umpires are Brick Owens and Bill Summers.

It was a miraculous escape. The fact that the steel cars resisted the impact saved the passengers from serious injury.

tory in the opener. Fitz probably would have to go back to relief pitching, but double-headers are piling up for the immediate future, and Terry may be forced to try him again as a starter in spite of the fact that this year he hasn't lasted a game he began.

Fitz was knocked out this time, as he had been—and in the very first inning—in each of his other two starts. He disappeared yesterday for a pinch hitter, after the Pirates had tagged him for four hit and four runs in the sixth.

Fitz hasn't won a game this year, in nine appearances, six of which have been in relief, and in that branch of pitching old Freddie has at least been adequate. In fact, prior to his start yesterday he had done four tours of relief, a total of nine innings, with only one run allowed.

The veteran remains one of Terry's most vexing problems, possibly even more so than Castleman, who has at least youth in his favor. If Fitz cannot discover his old winning formula it is only too easy to picture what his lot may be next year.

Mrs. D. A. Lindsay Cap- tures Title as Play Ends at Perth — Mrs. E. A. MacKay of This City Wins Driving Prize — Officers Elected.

PERTH, N. B., July 9.—Mrs. D. A. Lindsay, ace of the Ladies' Association of the Woodstock Golf Club tonight reigns supreme in New Brunswick ladies' golf.

With a flashy display of form over the Armstrong links here today as the two-day provincial meet came to a close Mrs. Lindsay posted a gross 89, the best of the tournament, to take the championship. Her gross for the meet totalled 190.

Runner-up this year was last year's title-holder, Miss Audrey McLeod of the Riverside Golf and Country Club, who was 10 strokes behind Mrs. Lindsay for the two-day total despite a sparkling 43 for the last nine holes today. She finished with a 94 for the day and totalled 200 strokes for the tournament.

The invitation of Miss M. Chestnut of the Fredericton Golf Club to hold the 1937 championship tourney at the Capital was accepted at the annual meeting held this afternoon.

Miss Cosman of the Armstrong Club and Miss L. Fenwick of the Fredericton Club tied for the second division lead with 421 gross and 169 net each.

Individual prizes were won by winners and runners-up in both divisions and by Mrs. E. A. MacKay of the Fredericton Club for driving, the distance being 461 yards; by Mrs. Lindsay for the longest single drive of 203 yards and the approaching and putting by Mrs. MacKay with a par nine and Mrs. J. E. Porter of the Armstrong Club with two over par after a playoff.

BOSTON, July 8.—Herbert B. "Rabbit" Warstler, veteran Philadelphia infielder, was purchased by the Bees for the waiver price of \$7500, Bob Quinn, president of the Bees, announced last night.

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