



SPORT

WHYS AND OTHERWISE

AS SEEN BY
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A heavy toll of injuries was taken in last week's English football games. The soccer season in the Old Country is well underway.

Bobby Leitham, retired unbeaten bantam champion, has a new occupation. He is now on the promoting end of the fight game. The little fellow expects to get a permit for his first show for the 21st of this month. Before retiring, and as an amateur, Leitham was the flyweight champ, and one year held both the flyweight and bantamweight titles in the amateur ranks.

"Carl Hubbell rates all over Dizzy Dean," said Gus Mancuso, the Giant's catcher, who has them all, including Grover Alexander. "I'll tell you why," says Mancuso in answer to a question. "Both have more than plenty of what it takes, but in a close one Dizzy is apt to throw one careless pitch. Not Hubbell. He's the most errorless human I've ever seen. Out there I often think he is shooting that horsehide with a .22 rifle." Gus says Hubbell has the best head of any pitcher in baseball.

Wrestling often reaches the riot stage. An exhibition the other night at Montreal almost ended in a free-for-all. The contestants, Armand Courville and Bob Birno, were chased by the referee. The main bout started with both men punching and kicking each other. The Montreal Star report of the match says that "Birno injected a touch of comedy to the proceeding when he held Courville helpless and kissed him." Courville enraged, broke the hold and retaliated by punching Birno about the head until he was groggy. From this point on both men put on the most brutal battle ever staged in these parts and the referee was forced to punch and kick the men to make them break illegal holds. Finally he banished both men. Neither men seemed to like being banished and they attacked the referee and he, without further ado, flattened both men with punches to the head. Other wrestlers and cops entered the ring to take charge." Says the Star: "Courville was forcibly ejected from the ring screaming he wanted only Birno."

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SOME ASPECTS INTERNATIONAL LOOP BALL

Canada's Front Not Potent at Present Time — More Hockeyists For England

Canada doesn't present a very solid front against the United States in the International Baseball League at present. With the Leafs finishing fifth and Montreal Royals sixth, the competitive aspect need not be emphasized. Prospects of either club are not calculated to arouse undue optimism, although there is more capital behind the Montreal outfit than is available for the support of the Toronto entry.

Royals' plight is all the more sorry because their drop to sixth place followed the winning of the championship in 1935. There apparently was dissension in the camp, involving both officials and players, and the resignation of Manager Frank Shaughnessy was only one of a number of incidents indicative of lack of harmony.

The Leafs had a working agreement with Cincinnati Reds, but it didn't work out in a manner satisfactory to Toronto. The Royals, with more money to spend, tried to buy players rather than get them on loan from major leagues, but they found that Class AA stars without strings on them just weren't available.

So it may be said Toronto and Montreal tried different systems, and neither worked.

Let's hope both will be more successful in the future, no matter how gloomy the present outlook is.

More Hockeyists

Many were skeptical when the announcement of the agreement between the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and the British Ice Hockey Association was announced. They thought the C.A.H.A. would decide that the exodus of players was too great when it became known how many of the Dominion's hockeyists were planning to play overseas.

That the C.A.H.A. officials had every intention of adhering to the terms of the past was shown yesterday with the statement by the Registrar of the Canadian body, W. A. Hewitt, that transfers had been granted to forty more Canadians to play their hockey in the Old Country. These, coupled with the men already members of English teams from previous seasons, give Britain a veritable army of puckchasers.

When will it end?

The growing popularity of hockey in England wasn't taken seriously by Canadians for a long time, but now it will have to be. Scouts from overseas have made serious inroads on the available talent in Canada already, and new arenas will be built and new teams formed in the home of soccer.

British agents can't outbid the National League teams for the leading stars, but they can get almost any player they desire if he hasn't prospects of becoming a major leaguer. That means that they can beat the minor league professional clubs and the amateur organizations in "negotiating" with the hockeyists.

They still call it amateur hockey in England, but, with the growth of the game over there and the obvious methods of completing the rosters, the scribes who last year deplored the subterfuge doubtless will be more insistent than ever that the thinly veiled "simon pure" disguise be removed.

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BOB FELLER AT 17 IS THE LATEST PITCHING SENSATION

Blinding Speed Reminiscent of Johnston — Nervousness Gone, Feller Turned in 15 Strikeout Record Recently

NEW YORK, Sept. 11—About a month ago Clarence (Brick) Owens, American League umpire, was reported as having said he had seen a seventeen-year-old pitcher who had more stuff than any other pitcher in baseball. Owens was said to have made that statement after working behind the plate in an exhibition game between the Indians and the Cardinals.

The young man's name was Bob Feller and he had pitched three innings for the Indians during which he had struck out eight of the nine Cardinal batters to face him.

Still, no one paid much attention to Feller's feat or the report by Owens. The Cards must have been swinging with their eyes shut, and the American League arbiter probably was misquoted. Who among the smart students of the diamond could believe a seventeen-year-old kid with no experience in organized baseball was half as good as the record would have it? Certainly there must have been some mistake.

Last Sunday Feller proved that there was no mistake; that Umpire Owens must have meant what he said. In striking out fifteen of the Browns while limiting them to six hits and one run, Feller made one of the most sensational debuts as a starting pitcher ever recorded in the annals of the national pastime.

Near Strikeout Record

Robert, as he calls himself, came closer to equalling or breaking the American League strikeout record of sixteen made by Rube Waddell, than is generally known. Going into the eighth inning he had fanned fourteen batters, at least one in each round. If he could have claimed two more victims on strikes in the next two innings he would have equalled a twenty-eight-year-old mark. But he failed by one, and those who observed the contest had to be content with the thought that no other right-hander in the history of the junior circuit had ever fanned more batters in a single game.

In Cleveland today they are hailing Feller's fast ball as the fastest since Walter Johnston sent his blinder whistling down the middle. They do not say whether the young man has much of a curve or a change of pace delivery or spot control. But if his fast ball is as good as they say it is, he may not need much else to become a standout.

Manager Steve O'Neill indicated that he will start Feller again next Sunday against the Red Sox in Boston and then give him another starting chance the following Sunday in Chicago. The Cleveland pilot realizes the youth must be slightly bewildered by the sudden climb to fame, and except for these

FRESH FRUITS

Imports of fresh fruits in July were of the value of \$1,797,641, an increase of \$486,910 over July last year. The total from the United States was \$1,487,398 and Jamaica \$236,335. And there were 3,226,555 lbs. of apricots, quinces, etc.; 581,779 of bananas, 99,199 of cherries; 1,883,078 of grape fruit, 511,823 of grapes, 35,808 boxes of lemons, 4,525,151 lbs. of muskmelons and cantaloupes, 409,291 of oranges, etc., 2,006,650 of peaches, 1,699,286 of pears, 2,448,841 of plums and prunes and 18,358 of strawberries.

Domestic exports of fresh fruits were valued at \$74,883 compared with \$78,957, shipments to United States totalling \$56,569 and United Kingdom \$17,182. Fresh strawberries was the leading item, the amount being 362,100 lbs. at \$67,843.

Cohen, small merchant in a small town, visited a friend in a distant city. The friend noticed that Cohen's suit was much too big for him, and asked him where he had bought it.

"A tailor in my home town made it for me," replied Cohen.

"But it would fit a man twice your size."

"Well," Cohen remarked, with an air of importance, "I'm a much bigger man in my own town."

Sunday starting appearances, Feller's pitching will be limited to brief relief roles.

Before undertaking his first start Feller had eight innings of relief pitching under his belt. He was hit rather freely in that time, but it may be his nervousness had not worn off. The young right-hander is a shade under six feet tall and he weighs 175 pounds. It makes one dizzy to think how fast his fast ball will be when he attains his full stature and weight. He is the son of an Iowa rancher, and he started his career as a shortstop on a sandlot team managed by his father.

Luck of the Indians

Bob soon took to the mound and he attracted the attention of big league scouts when he struck out eighteen in an amateur tournament at Dayton last summer. He signed with New Orleans and then decided to finish high school, where he still has another year. He went to Cleveland this summer for a vacation job with an insurance company, and when he was allowed to show his wares against the Cardinals, he impressed sufficiently to be signed by the Indians, who, incidentally, own the New Orleans club.

Feller is the third sensational freshman to join the Cleveland fold this year. Roy Weatherly and Dinty Galehouse being the others. It is significant that all three are young and powerful and have displayed enough skill to brand the Indians the luckiest team in the majors, even though they will not win the pennant.

Some teams consider themselves fortunate when they can come up with one better-than-average rookie. But Cleveland—well, it is loading itself with so much talent that a cry of "Wait 'til next year" from the Forest City next winter will carry more weight than it has in fifteen years heretofore.

CARDINALS AND GIANTS BATTLE IN NATIONAL

Dean's Relief Pitching Brilliant — Bob Feller Strikes Out 17 Hitters For New Record.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13—Amid the tumult and the roar of the mightiest crowd ever to witness a National League baseball game, an overflow crowd of 64,417 that packed the Polo Grounds, the league-leading New York Giants split a spectacular doubleheader today with their foremost challengers, St. Louis Cardinals.

Rushing to the rescue of the faltering Roy Parmalee in the eighth inning of the final game, "Dizzy" Dean saved an even break for the "Gas-house Gang" after the Giants had pinned their ears back with an 8-4 victory in the opener, with the aid of two homers by Mel Ott.

Dean, pitching in his third game in two days, turned back the home team with the tying run on second base in each of the last two innings.

His brilliant relief job protected a one run margin, clinched a 4-3 decision that was due mainly to Johnny Mize's homer with two on, and kept alive what's left of the furious pennant battle.

Feller K.O.'s 17

NEW YORK, Sept. 13—Bob Feller, husky schoolboy rookie from Iowa, wound up under a dark sky at Cleveland today and blazed his fast one past Philadelphia Athletics to strike out 17 batters and allow only two hits, as Cleveland Indians won both games of a doubleheader.

That was one more strikeout than Rube Waddell achieved 28 years ago when he set the American League record which stood until today. It also put Feller's name beside that of Dizzy Dean as co-holder of the Major League record.

Teacher—Yes, go on, Tommy. After the horse comes the motorcar, and (prompting) after the motorcar comes the—

Tommy, (whose father has a car)—Installment man, miss.

Fight Flashes Here . . . There

NEW YORK, Sept. 13—James J. Braddock has left for Venice, Fla., where he will enter a hospital to undergo treatment for the attack of arthritis which has made necessary putting over his match with Max Schmeling until next June. There is a tendency in some quarters to criticize Braddock because two years will have elapsed before he fights in defense of his title. Jack Dempsey, however, previous to his defeat by Gene Tunney, had not risked the crown for three years. Two years elapsed between his contests with Georges Carpentier and Luis Angel Firpo.

Jess Willard was inactive as a champion for three years previous to his annihilation by Dempsey. Jack Johnson took a two year layoff after stopping Jim Jeffries. Another two years went by between his bout with Frank Moran and his affair with Willard. Jeffries was inactive for two years between his contest with Jim Corbett and his return battle with Bob Fitzsimmons. Fitzsimmons, after winning the championship from Corbett, let two years go by before he fought Jeffries. Corbett, who won the title from John L. Sullivan in 1892 did not fight in defence of his title until two years later, when he met Charley Mitchell; then three years elapsed before he gave Bob Fitzsimmons his opportunity. Sullivan became champion in 1882 on the strength of stopping Paddy Ryan and engaged in nothing but exhibition for six years, when he fought his thirty-nine-round draw with Mitchell.

LAWSON LITTLE WON CANADIAN GOLF TITLE

TORONTO, Sept. 13—Back on championship heights again, this time with the professionals as well as the amateurs looking up to him, giant Lawson Little, of San Francisco, wore the Canadian open golf crown tonight and surveyed his business surroundings with what he called "new confidence."

PERRY BEAT BUDGE FOR U. S. TITLE

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Sept. 13—Achieving a great goal in his outstanding career, Fred Perry of England won the United States singles tennis title for the third time Saturday, the first invader ever to gain permanent possession of the championship trophy.

The Briton's triumph came after Alice Marble of San Francisco crowned her comeback campaign by dethroning Helen Jacobs as the women's titleholder, by scores of 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Perry, three-times winner of the all-English championship and backbone of the all-conquering British Davis Cup team the past four years, defeated California's 22-year-old red-headed Don Budge, 2-6, 6-2, 8-6, 1-6, 10-8, in a match that was played partly in rain and before a capacity audience of almost 14,000 spectators.

Miss Marble realized on an ambition she seemed headed to achieve in 1934 when she was stricken ill during the French hard court championships in Paris.

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