



SPORT

WHYS AND OTHERWISE

AS SEEN BY
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The race in the National League is the closest and most exciting this season than for the past several years. With virtually only one consistent pitcher, the Cardinals are putting up an awful scrap with the Giants and Cubs for the hunting. And the pace is getting hotter daily.

Value of Good Pitching
The wide-open race for National League honors bears out the oft-repeated claim that a team is as strong as its pitchers. The Giants have been getting some excellent hurling, likewise the Cubs, as Bill Lee and Larry French recorded their fourteenth and sixteenth victories, respectively.

The Cardinals, after enjoying a long sojourn at the top of the heap, have suddenly collapsed, and the reason is easily found.

One feature of the series with the Bees that wouldn't appeal to Messrs. Rickey, Breadon and Frisch is the play of Eugene Moore, rookie outfielder, who was disposed of by the Cards this season. In the three games against St. Louis, Moore, whose brother Terry is in the Cardinal outfield, pounded out two homers, a triple, three doubles and four singles, for a pretty fair batting average.

Percy Williams' Theory
Bill Forst of the Vancouver Daily Province interviewed Percy Williams the other day, and obtained from the Canadian Olympic sprint sensation of 1928 the following interesting theory of failure of "Howie" McPhee at the recent Olympiad.

"There is no question," said Percy, "but that 'Howie' did not run his best at Berlin. It seemed to me he did just what I feared he would do—tighten up when the going got tough."

"Howie" made world record time when he ran at Hastings Park, even though the competition was mediocre. That was because he was completely relaxed, and he ran a smooth race without straining or tying himself up. At Berlin it was another matter because there, as soon as he got into the semi-finals, he faced competition from sprinters the class of which he had never come up against before.

"Harry Warren (another 1928 Olympic runner) and I talked over McPhee's chances before the meet, and we agreed on the point that he would have a hard time making the grade in the semi-finals. We reasoned that if his opponents moved away a bit at the start 'Howie' would start digging in, his head would come up, and he'd be straining to get out in front long before he really should have made his bid. Consequently, he would lose rhythm and the smooth, flowing motion so essential to sprinting. I've seen 'Howie' do that, and I've seen Bert Pearson, another highly rated sprinter, do exactly the same thing. It's a fault that can be overcome only through wide experience against other fine sprinters. 'Howie' should improve rapidly from now on, and he'll be a real threat at the next Olympics."

BIG LEAGUE STARS IMITATE CABALLEROS

John Kieran Reports Players On Holdout — Stars and Managers at Odds Over Salary.

(By John Kieran)
NEW YORK, Aug. 29—These are strange days in an odd world and perhaps the Red Dawn is breaking over the big league diamond. Comrade Van Lingle Mungo threw down his tools in Pittsburgh, snapped his fingers at Capitalist Casey Stengel and abandoned his fellow-workers under the Brooklyn banner. He couldn't get away fast enough afoot, on horseback or by mail. He hopped into an airplane and flew to freedom.

Comrade Mungo came back again, to be sure. But his magnificent gesture remains on the record. More recently Comrade Folyd Caves Herman, called Babe, strolled out of the ranks of the Cincinnati Reds, announcing a one-man rebellion against the constituted authority vested in Laughing Larry MacPhail, who was interpreting Herman's contract in a way that was causing Babe not only social but financial embarrassment.

Comrade Herman came back, too. The latest walkout was staged by Comrade Wesley Cheek Ferrell of the Fenway Millionaires. He walked off the mound at the Yankee Stadium and Boss Cronin, representing the capitalistic interests of Uncle Tom Yawkey, was so incensed that he assessed a fine of \$1,000 on the stroller and said that the further away Comrade Ferrell walked the better it would suit him, Boss Cronin.

The Picket Line.
They say that the proletarian rebellion may break out in volume in the Pacific Coast League, but so far in the majors the Red shift has been confined to these individual walkouts. But if the movement continues there may be sympathetic strikes and the picket line may be transferred from the soft turf of the outfields to the hard pavements and sidewalks that surround the ball parks.

The causes of the big league walkouts were varied. Comrade Herman claimed that Capitalist MacPhail was not living up to the contract that existed between he capitalist and the worker. Comrade Mungo complained of horrible working conditions. He said he was surrounded by fellow-workers who were more of a hindrance than a help to him, thus causing him great mental pain and anguish as well as heavy loss in social prestige and professional standing. Comrade Ferrell said nothing at the moment of departure. He simply walked out. Possibly he didn't like the way the Yankees were hitting him. Probably he didn't like the weather, either. It looked like rain.

The three notable rebels had signed contracts to play ball for their respective capitalistic owners, which makes the case of Comrade Herman stand out from the others. He was clamoring for enforcement of his contract. Comrades Ferrell and Mungo apparently forgot about their contracts or were prepared to ignore them.

Article II, Section 2
There is a major league rule that contracts between clubs and players shall be uniform except for allowable

Mrs. Dolan Wins Quebec Title

SECURITY OF RACING HOPED BY OPERATORS

Standardization Object Says Racing Commissioners

DETROIT, Aug. 29—The National Association of State Racing Commissioners adopted a resolution today urging formation of an organization of track operators "through which the problems of racing may be approached and its security maintained."

"Such an organization appears imperative, in order to bring definite standardization in the operation of tracks of the country," said Walter H. Donovan, St. Petersburg, Fla., president of the association, "and to maintain racing definitely as a sport."

The association put off definite action on a plan to form a national examining board for trainers and jockeys and named a committee to make a further study.

Recognizing the need for insuring riders against injury, the association recommended that all State commissions require each track under their jurisdiction to carry some form of insurance unless provisions already have been made in another form, as in Michigan, where a relief society has been incorporated.

Following a recommendation of the Thoroughbred Club of America, the commissioners placed themselves on record as favoring more opportunity in racing for owners of fillies and mares 3 years old and upward.

differences in the plain or fancy salary figures written therein. This seems to be a rule more honored in the breach than in the observance. There are plenty of contracts with special clauses and conditional payments scattered through them.

Those who claim to know something of L'Affaire Herman say that his contract is tied up with more red tape than went into the binding of the Treaty of Versailles. The report is that it would take three Philadelphia lawyers to say where it begins, where it ends and what in the world it means in the middle.

The particular clause that Babe wanted enforced was one calling for additional payment by the club—to him of \$500 a month "if he hustled." What was the straight salary for—not hustling? The ways and means of baseball magnates are a source of mild amazement to onlookers. They tender a play a contract for anything ranging from \$4,000 to \$40,000 for the season, a contract calling for the best efforts of the player, and then clutter it up with special clauses on the apparent theory that the original general agreement was to be taken only in the Pickwickian sense.

Frisch To Pilot Cards in 1937

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 28—Sam Breadon, president of St. Louis Cardinals, announced he had signed Frank Frisch to remain as manager of the baseball team for the 1937 season.

Breadon announced the contract shortly after the Cardinals had suffered their fourth straight defeat at Sportsman's Park, salary terms were not revealed.

"Frisch is a great manager," Breadon said, "and I thought this to be an opportune time to name him as the team's leader for next season. Not only that, but I wish, by this act, to prove my faith in his managerial ability."

"He has done remarkably well, considering the bad breaks against him in the way of injuries, and he has my best wishes for further success."

Is Silent On Olympic Boxing

OTTAWA, Aug. 29—Parrying questions in respect to treatment accorded Canadian boxing entrants at the Olympics by team officials, Harvey Lascelle, sole Ottawa aspirant for boxing honors returned to Ottawa today.

Lascelle declined to comment when his attention was drawn to the fact that not one English-speaking boxer won a championship. His only remark was that the "referee was an Italian." He did not say any discrimination was shown against English-speaking contestants, and he declined to discuss treatment of Canadian boxers.

Gave Brilliant Exhibition to Beat Montreal Star in Quebec Women's Golf Play.

OTTAWA, Aug. 28—With a brilliant exhibition of approaching and putting, Mrs. D. Leo Dolan, Ottawa hunt and golf champion, dethroned Mrs. A. B. Darling, Montreal Whitlock Club player in their 36-hole struggle today by a three and two count to win the Province of Quebec Women's Golf Association title. It was the first time in 10 years that an Ottawa woman won the championship.

Playing over her home course, the former Saint John, N.B. and Halifax N.S. golfer offset the long, consistent driving of the defending champion with magnificent work on the greens.

Excellent putting was the main factor in enabling Mrs. Dolan to capture the provincial honors, last won by an Ottawa woman in 1926 and 1927, when Helen Paget, representing the Royal Ottawa Club, carried off the title two straight years.

Braddock to South For Arthritis Cure

NEW YORK, Aug. 29—James J. Braddock, world heavyweight boxing champion, will depart tonight for Venice, Fla., to undergo treatment for the arthritis in his elbows and hand, which forced postponement of his September title bout with Max Schmeling.

Braddock will be accompanied by Dr. Feed Albee, bone specialist. After his stay in Florida the champion plans to pass a month at Hot Springs, Ark. He will then go into the North Woods for a long training siege to get in condition for defense of his crown next year.

MISS CREIGHTON IS WINNER IN MARITIME GOLF

HALIFAX, Aug. 29—Miss Babs Creighton of Yarmouth, young Nova Scotia champion, won the Maritime women's golf title today, defeating Mrs. D. A. Campbell of Bridgewater surprise packet of the meet in a walkover.

Miss Creighton's six and five victory in the tournament's final match was one of the most decisive ever scored. She won seven of the 13 holes played, lost only one and halved the others. The match lasted little more than an hour.

Open Golf Tourney

CORAL GABLES, Fla., Aug. 29—The annual \$10,000 Miami Biltmore open golf tournament will be played Dec. 4-8, it was announced today. Previous winners of the tourney include Walter Hagen, Henry Clui, Gene Sarazen, Denny Shute, Willie Macfarlane, Olin Dutra and Honton Smith, who took first prize money last year. The Doherty Cup again will go to the low-scoring amateur in the tournament.

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